

# Lois Arlene Boesl Outdoor Education Area

## Fifteen Year Area Management Plan FY 2015-2029



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**Boesl (Lois Arlene) Outdoor Education Area Management Plan**

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## OVERVIEW

- **Official Area Name:** Boesl (Lois Arlene) Outdoor Education Area, #8922
- **Year of Initial Acquisition:** 1989
- **Acreage:** 8.51 acres
- **County:** Texas
- **Division with Administrative Responsibility:** Forestry
- **Division with Maintenance Responsibility:** Forestry
- **Statements of Purpose:**
  - A. Strategic Direction**

This area was donated by George J. and Nancy V. Boesl of Houston, Missouri for the purpose of outdoor educational uses by area schools and organizations.
  - B. Desired Future Condition**

This area will be maintained for safe outdoor educational opportunities.
  - C. Federal Aid Statement**

N/A

## GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

- I. Special Considerations**
  - A. Priority Areas:** None
  - B. Natural Areas:** None
  
- II. Important Natural Features and Resources**
  - A. Species of Conservation Concern:** None observed.
  - B. Caves:** None
  - C. Springs:** None
  
- III. Existing Infrastructure**
  - 1 parking lot
  - 1 fishless pond
  - 1 0.3-mile chat hiking trail
  
- IV. Area Restrictions or Limitations**
  - A. Deed Restrictions or Ownership Considerations:** None
  - B. Federal Interest:** Federal funds may be used in the management of this land. Fish and wildlife agencies may not allow recreational activities and related facilities that would interfere with the purpose for which the State is managing the land. Other uses may be acceptable and must be assessed in each specific situation.

**C. Easements:** None

**D. Cultural Resources Findings:** No known cultural resources.

**E. Hazards and Hazardous Materials:** None observed.

**F. Endangered Species:** None observed.

**G. Boundary Issues:** None

## MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

### V. Terrestrial Resource Management Considerations

**Challenges and Opportunities:**

Maintaining forest health.

**Management Objective 1:** Maintain healthy trees for forest landscape.

**Strategy 1:** Monitor forest for invasive exotic vegetation, diseases and insects. Suppress any infestations that may develop, utilizing chemical or mechanical treatments. (Forestry)

### VI. Public Use Management Considerations

**Challenges and Opportunities:**

- 1) Providing for safe educational purposes.
- 2) Providing for appropriate public use.

**Management Objective 1:** Maintain a safe area for local schools and organizations to use for educational purposes.

**Strategy 1:** Conduct routine maintenance to keep area inviting. (Forestry)

**Strategy 2:** Conduct routine hazardous tree observations to eliminate safety concerns. (Forestry)

**Strategy 3:** Maintain law enforcement presence. (Forestry, Protection)

**Management Objective 2:** Maintain hiking trail for public use.

**Strategy 1:** Conduct routine maintenance to keep trail open and in an inviting shape for appropriate public use.

### VII. Administrative Considerations

**Challenges and Opportunities:**

Maintaining area infrastructure at current levels

**Management Objective 1:** Maintain area infrastructure at current levels.

**Strategy 1:** Maintain area infrastructure in accordance with Missouri Department of Conservation guidelines and at currently identified maintenance level 1.  
(Forestry)

## **MANAGEMENT TIMETABLE**

All strategies are considered ongoing.

## APPENDICES

### Current Land and Water Types:

Land/Water Type	Acres	% of Area
Forest	8	94
Grassland	0.51	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.51</b>	<b>100</b>

### Public Input Summary:

The draft Lois Arlene Boesl Outdoor Education Area Management Plan was available for a public comment January 1-31, 2015. The Missouri Department of Conservation received no comments during this time.

### Maps:

Figure 1: Area Map

Figure 2: Aerial Map

Figure 3: Topographic Map

Figure 1: Area Map

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TEXAS COUNTY  
9 ACRES

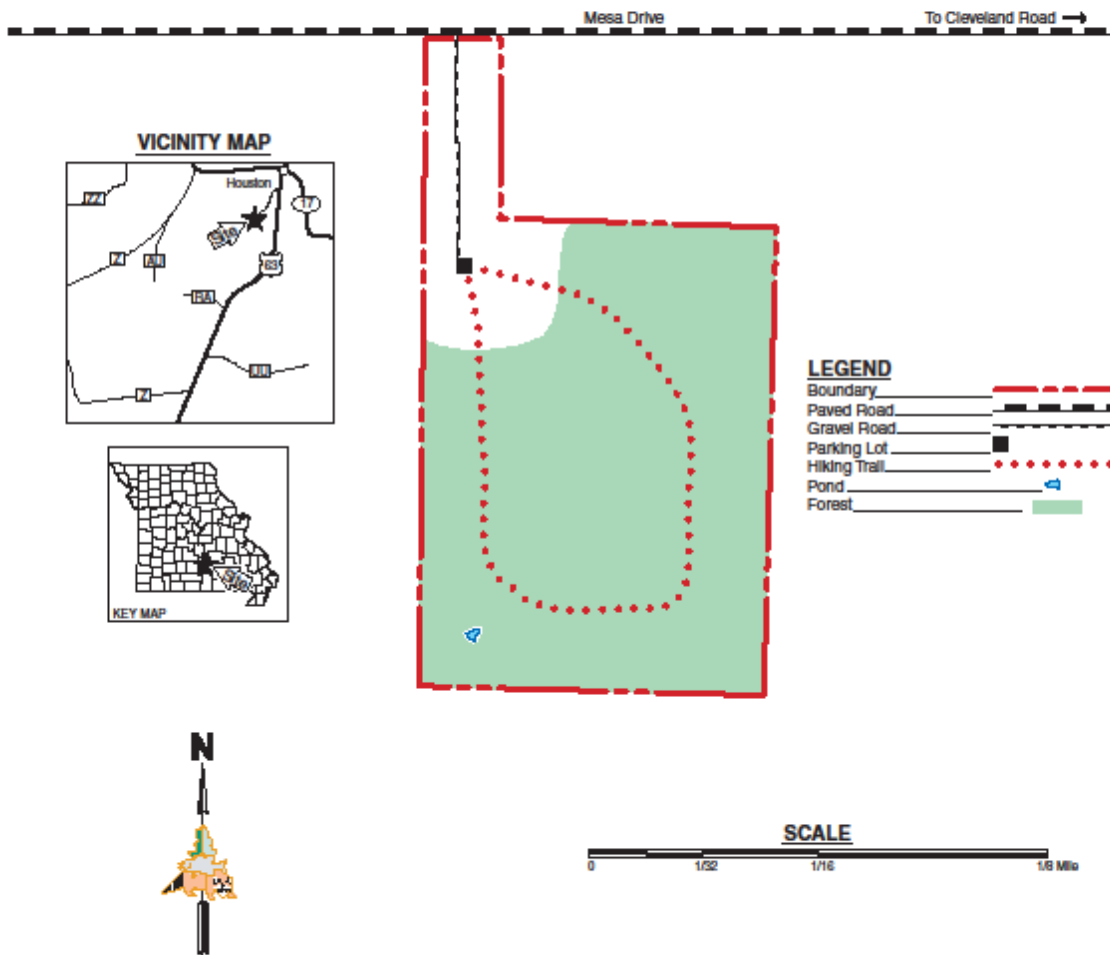


Figure 2: Aerial Map





Figure 3: Topographic Map

