## Cold Spring School Indianapolis Public School System

Prairie Installation

## Marion County, 14 acres

Cold Spring School has about 14 acres of natural area next to the EcoLab of Marian University. This academy focuses on environmental curriculum for grades K-8. The school uses the surrounding acres for hands on learning in an outdoor classroom located in the heart of Indianapolis.

The flood plain forest communities on site were dominated by very dense stands of extremely large and well established Bush Honeysuckle, Buckthorn, Purple Winter Creeper and Oriental Bittersweet. All target species were mowed with a FECON forestry mower in the dormant season. Resprouts were treated with foliar herbicide appropriate for each species. A 250 foot section of highly eroded stream bank along Crooked Creek was also restored as part of the overall site restoration. This project was funded by the White River Advisory Council.







Restoration of a highly eroded and degraded streambank





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