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Ms Jane Powell
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RE: Request for Cost to Restore “Triangle Area” at the Fernald Preserve

Ms. Powell:

Section 1.5 of the Natural Resources Restoration Plan (NRRP) states, in reference to the Settlement Restoration Account that, “funds from this restoration account may be used for habitat enhancements on site at the Preserve”. As a result of the required site “walk downs” recently conducted by the Natural Resources Trustees, it was agreed between the Trustees that certain areas on site that have no current DOE NRD restoration liability could be enhanced. One such area is the “Triangle Area”, located along the former rail spur, northwest of the main portion of the Fernald Preserve. (See Figure 1.)

The Natural Resource Trustees (NRTs) for the Fernald Preserve respectfully request a cost estimate/proposal for the potential restoration of this approximately 6.61 acre area. The enhancement of this area would be paid for with funds from the Settlement Restoration Account.

The estimate should include the cost, time and materials to provide for the following natural resource improvements:

- Eradication of existing non-native and/or invasive flora.
- Preparation of the area for seeding and planting of flora consistent with past site practices.
- Seed and plant the area consistent with a native prairie/savanna restoration.

The estimate/proposal should include the plan for the overall restoration of the area including methods for clearing the area; quantity and type of seed mix; quantity, type, and location for the planting of any woody plants; and, associated costs for each.

As previously stated, the request for this estimate is a result of observations from the NRT walk downs performed in July 2009 and the subsequent NRT meeting on September 16, 2009. The NRTs would appreciate the estimate within 45 days from receipt of this letter if possible.

Sincerely,



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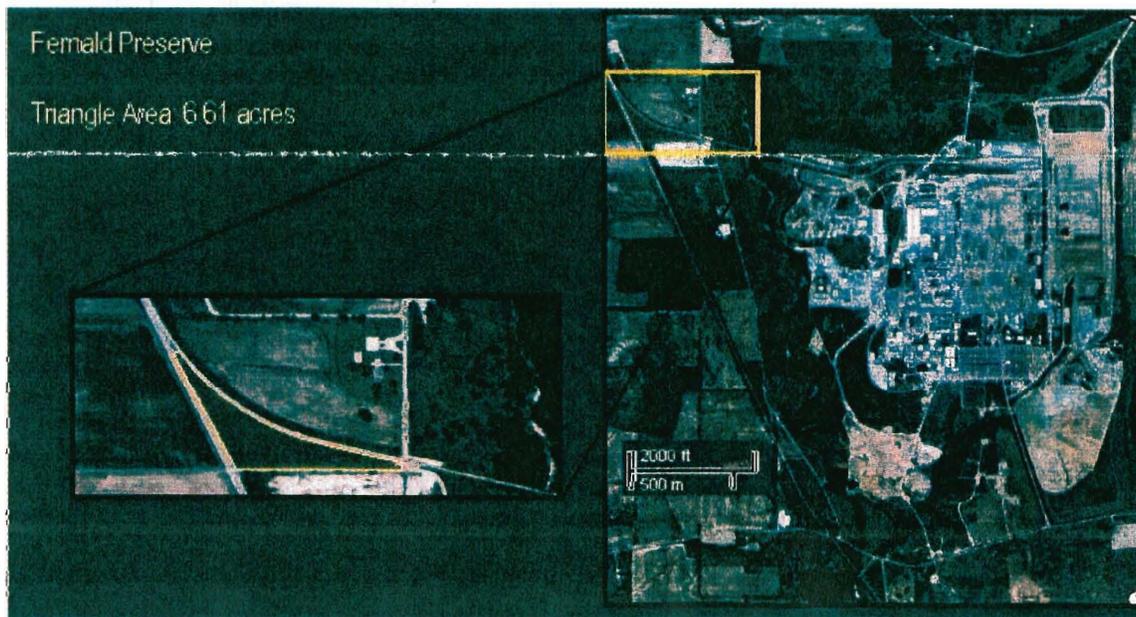


Figure 1. Fernald Preserve, Triangle Area