

The Andosciaville Greenspace Preserve

In 1988 activists from the Andosciaville Growth and Development (AGD) organization lobbied the city council to create a designated green space. The Andosciaville City Council incorporated 1500 acres of undeveloped land at its southern borders and named it the Andosciaville Greenspace Preserve. The purpose of the preserve is multifaceted. It is to provide outdoor recreation for enthusiasts including camping, fishing, hiking and bird watching. The preserve is to be maintained as a protected habitat for such species as the Wally-Eyed Floogle Frog, wood storks, gopher tortoise and blue indigo. Panther tracks have been recorded in the preserve, though no known panthers make a permanent home in the preserve. Finally, the Preserve is to serve as a groundwater recharge area free of impermeable surface.

Located in the drain basin of the Winding Ben River, the creation of the preserve has been credited for reducing pollutants in the river to the point where the Winding Ben was removed from the State Impaired Waters list in 1999. Since then the AGD has been considered one of Andosciaville's most valuable green resources. It has been the subject of numerous studies on effective sustainable management of natural resources for the entire state.

The Preserve includes a variety of habitats ranging from pine highlands to wetlands and slough. It is a delicate ecosystem.

