

Northwest Region Platte River Accesses

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Fifteen-Year Area Management Plan FY 2017-2031



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OVERVIEW

Area Name	Area Number	Year Acquired	Acreage	County	Administrative Responsibility	Maintenance Responsibility
Agency Access	8909	1988 ¹	1.0	Buchanan	Fisheries	Wildlife
Bridgewater Access	7930	1979	11.15	Nodaway	Fisheries	Wildlife
Bristle Ridge Access	9206	1991 ²	1.86	Nodaway	Fisheries	Wildlife
Burton Bridge Access	8516	1985	15.91	Buchanan	Fisheries	Wildlife
Elrod Mill Access	8120	1980	58.92	Andrew	Fisheries	Wildlife
Hadorn Bridge Access	8122	1980	92.92	Andrew	Wildlife	Wildlife
Keever Bridge Access	6707	1967	6.36	Nodaway	Fisheries	Wildlife
Lathrop Bridge Access	9620	1996	25	Clinton	Fisheries	Wildlife
Midway Access	9207	1991 ³	1.02	Andrew	Fisheries	Wildlife
Rochester Falls Access	6307	1963	13.74	Andrew	Fisheries	Wildlife
Rock Quarry Access	7212	1972	8.57	Andrew	Fisheries	Wildlife
Saxton Access	6619	1966	5.11	Buchanan	Fisheries	Wildlife
Sheridan Access	6708	1967	1.27	Worth	Fisheries	Wildlife

¹Agency Access is owned by the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) and leased to the Missouri Department of Conservation (Department). This area was first leased in 1988. The current lease remains in effect until terminated by either party, with 6 months written notice.

²Bristle Ridge Access is owned by MoDOT and leased to the Department. This area was first leased in 1991. The current lease remains in effect until terminated by either party, with 6 months written notice.

³Midway Access is owned by MoDOT and leased to the Department. This area was first leased in 1991. The current lease remains in effect until terminated by either party, with 6 months written notice.

Statements of Purpose:

A. Strategic Direction

The Platte River Accesses are managed to provide bank and boat access to the Platte River; protect stream bank integrity and riparian forests; protect aquatic habitat and species; and provide compatible recreational opportunities for the public.

B. Desired Future Condition

The desired future conditions of the Platte River Accesses are recreational areas containing stable stream banks, healthy riparian corridors, and diverse aquatic habitat.

C. Federal Aid Statement

- Agency, Bridgewater, Bristle Ridge, Burton Bridge, Elrod Mill, Hadorn Bridge, Lathrop, Midway, Rochester Falls, Sheridan Accesses: N/A
- Rock Quarry Access: This area, or a portion thereof, was acquired with Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration funds to restore and manage sport fish, conserve and restore sport fish habitat (or a buffer to protect that habitat), and provide public access for sport fishing.
- Kever Bridge, Saxton Accesses: These areas, or a portion thereof, were acquired and developed with Land and Water Conservation Fund dollars to provide land or facilities for public outdoor recreation.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

I. Special Considerations

Area Name	Priority Areas	Natural Areas
Agency Access	None	None
Bridgewater Access	None	None
Bristle Ridge Access	None	None
Burton Bridge Access	None	None
Elrod Mill Access	None	None
Hadorn Bridge Access	None	None
Kever Bridge Access	None	None
Lathrop Bridge Access	Little Platte River Fisheries Priority Watershed, Little Platte River Aquatic Conservation Opportunity Area	None
Midway Access	None	None
Rochester Falls Access	None	None
Rock Quarry Access	None	None
Saxton Access	None	None
Sheridan Access	None	None

II. Important Natural Features and Resources

Area Name	Species of Conservation Concern	Caves	Springs
Agency Access	None	None	None
Bridgewater Access	None	None	None
Bristle Ridge Access	None	None	None
Burton Bridge Access	None	None	None
Elrod Mill Access	None	None	None
Hadorn Bridge Access	None	None	None
Keever Bridge Access	None	None	None
Lathrop Bridge Access	None	None	None
Midway Access	None	None	None
Rochester Falls Access	None	None	None
Rock Quarry Access	None	None	None
Saxton Access	None	None	None
Sheridan Access	None	None	None

III. Existing Infrastructure

Area Name	Concrete Ramp	Privy	Parking Area #	Other
Agency Access			1	
Bridgewater Access			1	1 camping area
Bristle Ridge Access			1	
Burton Bridge Access			1	
Elrod Mill Access		1	1	
Hadorn Bridge Access			2	1 camping area, 2 (0.5-acre) fishless ponds
Keever Bridge Access			1	1 camping area
Lathrop Bridge Access	1	1 ^a	1 ^a	
Midway Access			1	
Rochester Falls Access		1 ^a	2 ^a	1 camping area (11 campsites)
Rock Quarry Access	1		1	
Saxton Access			1	
Sheridan Access			1	

^aAmericans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible

IV. Area Restrictions or Limitations

Area Name	Deed Restrictions	Federal Interest	Ease-ments	Cultural Resources	Hazards	Endangered Species	Boundary Issues
Agency Access	Yes ¹	Yes ²	None	None known	None observed	None observed	None
Bridgewater Access	None	Yes ²	None	None known	None observed	None observed	None
Bristle Ridge Access	Yes ¹	Yes ²	None	None known	None observed	None observed	None
Burton Bridge Access	None	Yes ²	None	None known	None observed	None observed	None
Elrod Mill Access	None	Yes ²	None	None known	None observed	None observed	None
Hadorn Bridge Access	None	Yes ²	None	None known	None observed	None observed	None
Keever Bridge Access	None	Yes ³	None	None known	None observed	None observed	None
Lathrop Bridge Access	None	Yes ²	Yes ⁵	None known	None observed	None observed	None
Midway Access	Yes ¹	Yes ²	None	None known	None observed	None observed	None
Rochester Falls Access	None	Yes ²	None	None known	None observed	None observed	None
Rock Quarry Access	None	Yes ⁴	None	None known	None observed	None observed	None
Saxton Access	None	Yes ³	None	None known	None observed	None observed	None
Sheridan Access	None	Yes ²	None	None known	None observed	None observed	None

¹These areas are owned by the Missouri Department of Transportation and leased to the Missouri Department of Conservation.

²Federal 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.

³Federal funds (Land and Water Conservation Fund) were used in the development and acquisition of this land. This land must provide land/facilities for public outdoor recreation in perpetuity. Federal funds may also 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.

⁴Federal funds (Sports Fish Restoration) were used in the development and acquisition of this land. Uses of land acquired with federal funds may not interfere with the purpose for which it was acquired. Closures to sport fishing must be based on the recommendations of the state fish and wildlife agency for fish and wildlife management purposes. Federal funds may also 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.

⁵Utilities – Lathrop Telephone Company Telephone easement (Appendix - 20)

MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

V. Terrestrial Resource Management Considerations

Elrod Mill and Hadorn Bridge Accesses are large enough areas to intensively manage for upland game and nongame populations. These areas provide examples of sound stewardship and management of a diverse ecosystem containing cropland management, recreational opportunity development, public use, and natural resource management.

For the remainder of the areas within this plan, management centers on providing bank and boat access to the Platte River and preventing activities from compromising stream bank integrity. The riparian forests represented on these areas, while limited, provide important ecosystem functions while also providing recreational opportunities (wildlife viewing, etc.) for area users. These forests need to be monitored and sustainably managed to ensure continued benefits.

Challenges and Opportunities for Elrod Mill and Hadorn Bridge Accesses:

- 1) Provide quality upland game and grassland populations on the area.
- 2) Provide quality deer and turkey populations on the area.
- 3) Provide a diverse mixture of quality native and agricultural vegetation.
- 4) Provide healthy and sustainable woodland and forest habitat on the area.

Management Objective 1: Manage for quality upland game and nongame populations on these areas (Elrod Mill and Hadorn Bridge Accesses).

Strategy 1: Increase and maintain quality woodland and open land habitat using prescribed fire, herbicides, native plantings, disking, food plots, and the Missouri Department of Conservation's (the Department's) Agricultural Crop Permit Program. (Wildlife)

Strategy 2: Create and maintain edge habitat that transitions from forest to open lands using herbicides, mechanical treatments, and prescribed fire. (Wildlife)

Management Objective 2: Manage for quality deer and turkey populations on these areas (Elrod Mill and Hadron Bridge Accesses).

Strategy 1: Provide diverse habitat including agricultural and native food types, using including but not limited to prescribed fire, the Agricultural Crop Permit Program and food plots for optimum deer and turkey habitat. (Wildlife)

Management Objective 3: Manage for a diverse mixture of native vegetation and agricultural food sources on these areas (Elrod Mill and Hadron Bridge Accesses).

Strategy 1: Implement annual disturbances to establish and maintain native vegetation. (Wildlife)

Strategy 2: Implement agricultural practices for disturbance and quality forage. (Wildlife)

Strategy 3: Annually treat exotic and noxious vegetation with herbicides, mechanical treatments, and prescribed fire. (Wildlife)

Management Objective 4: Maintain trees in highly erodible areas to prevent further soil erosion on these areas (Elrod Mill and Hadron Bridge Accesses).

Strategy 1: Evaluate all riparian corridors to be sure they're of required width and to prioritize area where trees are needed. (Wildlife)

Strategy 2: Conduct native tree and native vegetation plantings, as needed, to prevent soil erosion. (Wildlife)

Challenges and Opportunities for Midway, Rochester Falls, Rock Quarry, Agency, Burton Bridge, Saxton, Bridgewater, Bristle Ridge, Keever, and Sheridan Accesses:

- 1) Maintain adequate riparian corridors.
- 2) Prevent soil erosion.

Management Objective 5: Maintain a riparian corridor that is at least 50 feet in width.

Strategy 1: Partner with Stream Teams and Master Naturalists to assist with planting seedlings where needed. (Wildlife, Fisheries)

Strategy 2: Reduce mowing to allow succession to progress. (Wildlife)

Strategy 3: Reduce or relocate parking area at the Sheridan Access. (Wildlife, Fisheries, and Design & Development)

Management Objective 6: Prevent soil erosion due to infrastructure.

Strategy 1: Ensure roads and road-side drainages are managed to reduce runoff, sedimentation and erosion. (Wildlife, Fisheries and Design & Development)

VI. Aquatic Resource Management Considerations

Challenges and Opportunities:

- 1) Conserve aquatic habitat.
- 2) Conserve aquatic species.

Management Objective 1: Create and enhance aquatic habitat diversity for fish and wildlife along the Platte River.

Strategy 1: Maintain or establish 50-foot minimum riparian buffers along waterways on Department Platte River accesses. When appropriate or necessary, re-vegetate disturbed ground with native trees and shrubs. (Wildlife, Fisheries)

Strategy 2: When appropriate, maintain the area stream banks and facilities (i.e., boat ramps) by using best management practices (rip-rap, revetment, hard points, dikes, gradient structures, etc.). (Wildlife, Fisheries and Design & Development)

Strategy 3: Follow *the Watershed and Stream Management Guidelines for Lands and Waters Managed by the Missouri Department of Conservation* (Missouri Department of Conservation, 2009) for all management activities. (Fisheries)

Management Objective 2: Promote the conservation and management of all native aquatic species along the Platte River.

Strategy 1: Perform opportunistic monitoring of native aquatic species to determine statuses. (Fisheries)

Strategy 2: Based on the aquatic species' statuses or health, implement appropriate management strategies to restore, enhance, or sustain the populations. (Fisheries)

VII. Public Use Management Considerations

Challenges and Opportunities:

- 1) Provide quality infrastructure and regulations to access terrestrial & aquatic resources including, camping, hunting (Elrod Mill and Hadorn Bridge Accesses), fishing hiking and viewing opportunities associated with the area's forest, fish, and wildlife resources.

- 2) Maintain clean, safe, and user-friendly accesses for public use.
- 3) Maintain quality public area experiences.

Management Objective 1: Improve and/or expand Northwest Region Platte River access areas infrastructure, where appropriate. Improvements should be considered primarily where topography, and necessary roads provide protection during routine flood events.

Strategy 1: Where needed, appropriate and/or practicable, improve, maintain, and/or expand interior roads and parking lots in Northwest Region access areas. (Wildlife, Fisheries)

Strategy 2: As the need arises and where practicable, consider the addition of trails, privies, camp sites, ADA-accessible facilities, etc. at the Northwest Region accesses. (Wildlife, Fisheries)

Management Objective 2: Consider a reduction in the Northwest Region Platte River access areas infrastructure, where appropriate. Reductions in infrastructure should be considered when infrastructure does not receive adequate protection during routine flood events. Reductions may be deemed necessary for efficiency and financial sake.

Strategy 1: Where needed, appropriate and/or practicable, reduce and/or remove infrastructure in Northwest Region access areas. (Wildlife, Fisheries)

Management Objective 3: Foster good public natural resource stewardship by maintaining clean, safe, and inviting areas.

Strategy 1: Maintain boat ramps, parking/camping areas, facilities, roads, and road sides through cleaning, mowing, trash removal, and gravel maintenance, as needed. (Wildlife)

Strategy 2: Maintain a flexible area maintenance schedule. Conduct weekly maintenance during high use periods and, as needed, during low use periods. (Wildlife)

Strategy 3: Install and/or maintain area property boundary signs as needed. (Wildlife)

Strategy 4: Install and/or maintain signs on roadways leading to the area as needed. (Wildlife)

Strategy 5: Promote Adopt-an-Access. It is an excellent way to invite the public to become strong stakeholders and cooperators with the Department. (Fisheries and Wildlife)

Strategy 6: Maintain or repair flood-related damage, e.g., remove silt/debris from roads, parking lots, privies, and boat ramps; re-gravel roads and parking lots; reinforce boat ramps with rip-rap; repair/replace concrete boat ramps; repair/replace signs; fill-in scoured areas, etc. All the accesses lie outside of flood protection levees and are subject to periodic flooding and associated maintenance

problems. Depending on flood severity and frequency, maintenance of these accesses can become very expensive and labor intensive which may result in reduction of facilities or infrastructure.(Wildlife and D&D as needed)

Management Objective 4: Establish regulations for multiple uses while ensuring quality experiences, public safety, resource protection, and acceptable user impact.

Strategy 1: Modify area regulations as appropriate and provide consistency, when possible, for hunting and fishing methods as well as other area uses. (Wildlife, Fisheries)

Strategy 2: Provide clear and appropriate signage and information to communicate and enforce area regulations, permitted activities, opportunities, and limitations. (Wildlife, Fisheries, Protection)

Strategy 3: Provide adequate enforcement for unauthorized activities, i.e., vandalism, littering, fish and wildlife code violations, off- road vehicle use, etc. (Wildlife, Fisheries, Protection)

Strategy 4: Promote multiple-use opportunities available at the accesses. (Wildlife, Fisheries)

Strategy 5: Provide the public with area brochures, the Department website address, and other area-related information upon request. (Wildlife, Fisheries)

VIII. Administrative Considerations

Challenges and Opportunities:

- 1) Reduce vandalism and user conflicts.
- 2) Acquire new areas to expand the Platte River accesses.

Management Objective 1: Reduce vandalism and user conflicts at area accesses.

Strategy 1: Encourage open and timely communication of area infractions or user conflicts between Department staffs (i.e., between resource division and Conservation Agent staffs). Discuss occurrences to determine commonalities such as the time period when damage takes place. (Protection, Fisheries, Wildlife)

Strategy 2: Determine and implement best methods to deter vandalism. If necessary, conduct patrol operations with Protection, Forestry, Wildlife, and Fisheries Division staffs. Discuss effectiveness of methods to deter vandalism at District Coordination Team meetings. (Protection, Fisheries, Wildlife)

Strategy 3: Maintain attractive infrastructure to facilitate good public stewardship. Maintain a flexible annual area maintenance schedule. Increase maintenance efforts during times or seasons of high public use and use appropriate maintenance efforts (as needed) during times or seasons of low public use. (Fisheries, Wildlife)

Lands Proposed for Acquisition:

- Look for opportunities to acquire and expand Platte River accesses. When available, inholdings and/or adjacent land may be considered for acquisition from willing sellers. Tracts that improve area access, provide public use opportunities, contain unique natural communities and/or species of conservation concern, or meet other Department priorities, as identified in the annual Department land acquisition priorities, may be considered.
- Recommend appropriate areas for acquisition, improvement, or expansion to Department administration when the need arises.

MANAGEMENT TIMETABLE

All strategies for this management plan are considered ongoing.

APPENDICES

Public Input Summary:

The draft Northwest Region Platte River Accesses Management Plan was available for a public comment period November 1–30, 2015. The Missouri Department of Conservation received comments from two respondents (Appendix A). The Northwest Region Platte River Accesses Planning Team carefully reviewed and considered these ideas as they finalized this document. A brief summary of public input themes, including how they were incorporated or why they were not, can be found below. Rather than respond to each individual comment, comments are grouped into general themes and are addressed collectively.

Department responses to themes and issues identified through Northwest Region Platte River Accesses public comment period

Supports any improvements to Sheridan Access.

Improvements to the Sheridan Access will be commensurate with the level of use by anglers and floaters, and the potential for recreational uses. In recent years, these uses have been very limited and often concentrated during very short periods when river conditions are favorable. Potential for increased use is restricted by the small size of the area. Given the limited acreage and low use level, further development of the site is not warranted at this time.

Suggests better access for boats and canoes on the Platte and 102 Rivers.

Better access for boats and canoes on the Platte and 102 Rivers will be commensurate with the level of use by anglers and floaters, and the potential for recreational uses. In recent years, these uses have been very limited and often concentrated during very short periods when river conditions are favorable. Potential for increased use is restricted by the small size of these river accesses. Given the amount of maintenance required on these highly fluctuating rivers accesses and relatively low public use levels, further development of these accesses is not warranted at this time.

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Appendix 1. Northwest Region Platte River Accesses



Appendix 2. Agency Access Area Background

Agency Access is located 0.6 miles east of Agency on Route H. This area provides access to the Platte River. Access for anglers is limited to a steep bank that many anglers drop small boats down to gain access. The access provides bank anglers with a small length of bank that provides access to some rocky areas and root wads that hold large catfish throughout the year. The area was developed under the Route H bridge in the Missouri Department of Transportation right of way.

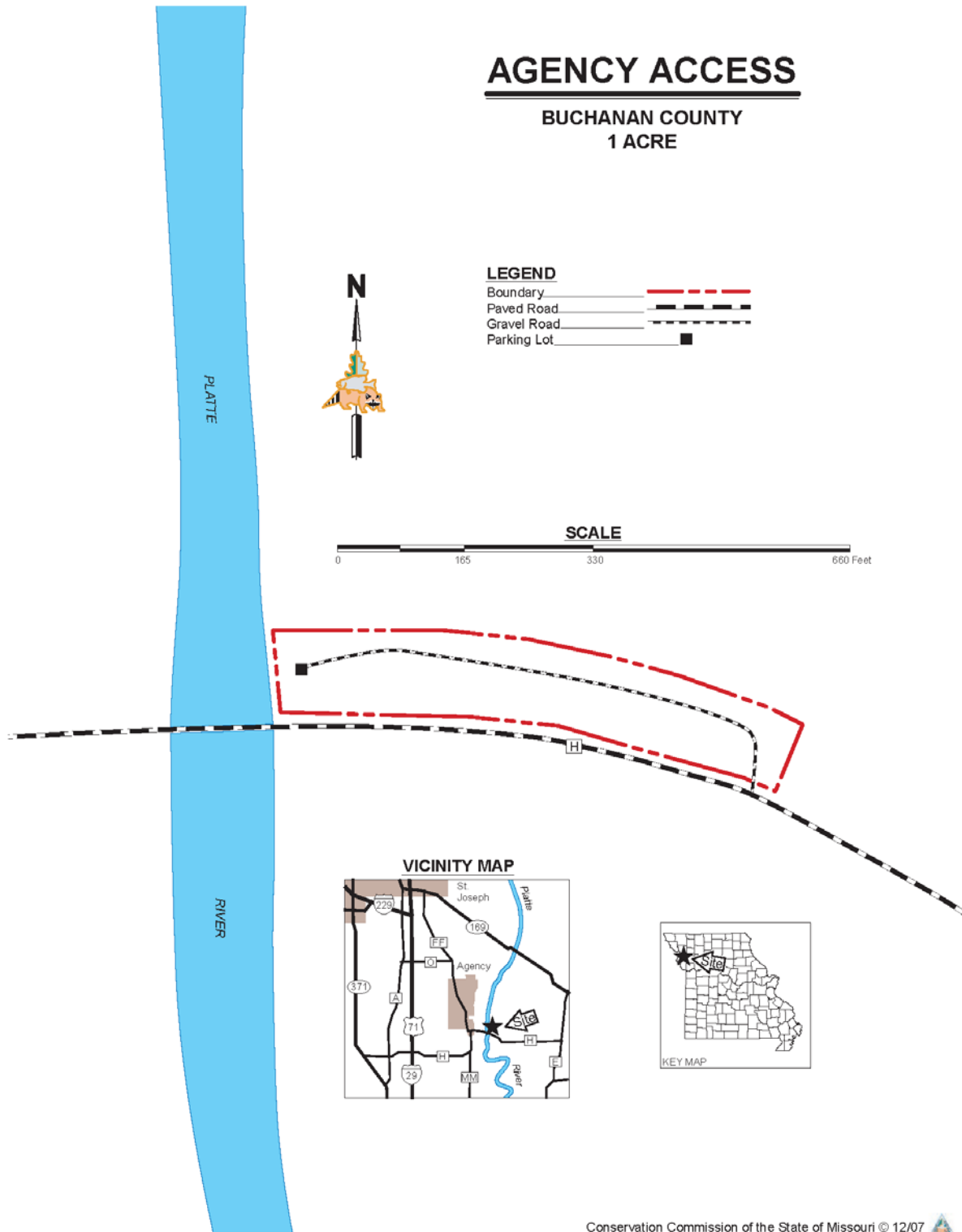
Legal Description: Township 56 North, Range 34 W, Section 28.

Area Location: Agency Access is located 1 mile east of Agency on Highway H.

Current Land and Water Types:

Land/Water Type	Acres	Miles	% of Area
Grassland (Non–Prairie)	1		100
Stream Frontage		0.10	

Appendix 3. Map of Agency Access



Appendix 4. Bridgewater Access Area Background

Bridgewater Access, previously known as Black Oak Access, was purchased from Mr. and Mrs. W. R. O’Riley and Mr. Charles Puckett in 1979. Prior to 1979, the area was the site of a mill known for rock and gravel mining, and was a favorite local fishing and swimming hole on the 102 River. Upon acquisition by the Department, the name of the area was changed to Bridgewater Access, a name used by locals.

Legal Description: Township 63 North, Range 35 W, Section 27.

Area Location: Bridgewater Access is located approximately 4 miles south of Maryville on Highway 71, then east 1.50 miles on Route U, then south 0.75 mile on Jet Road to the access.

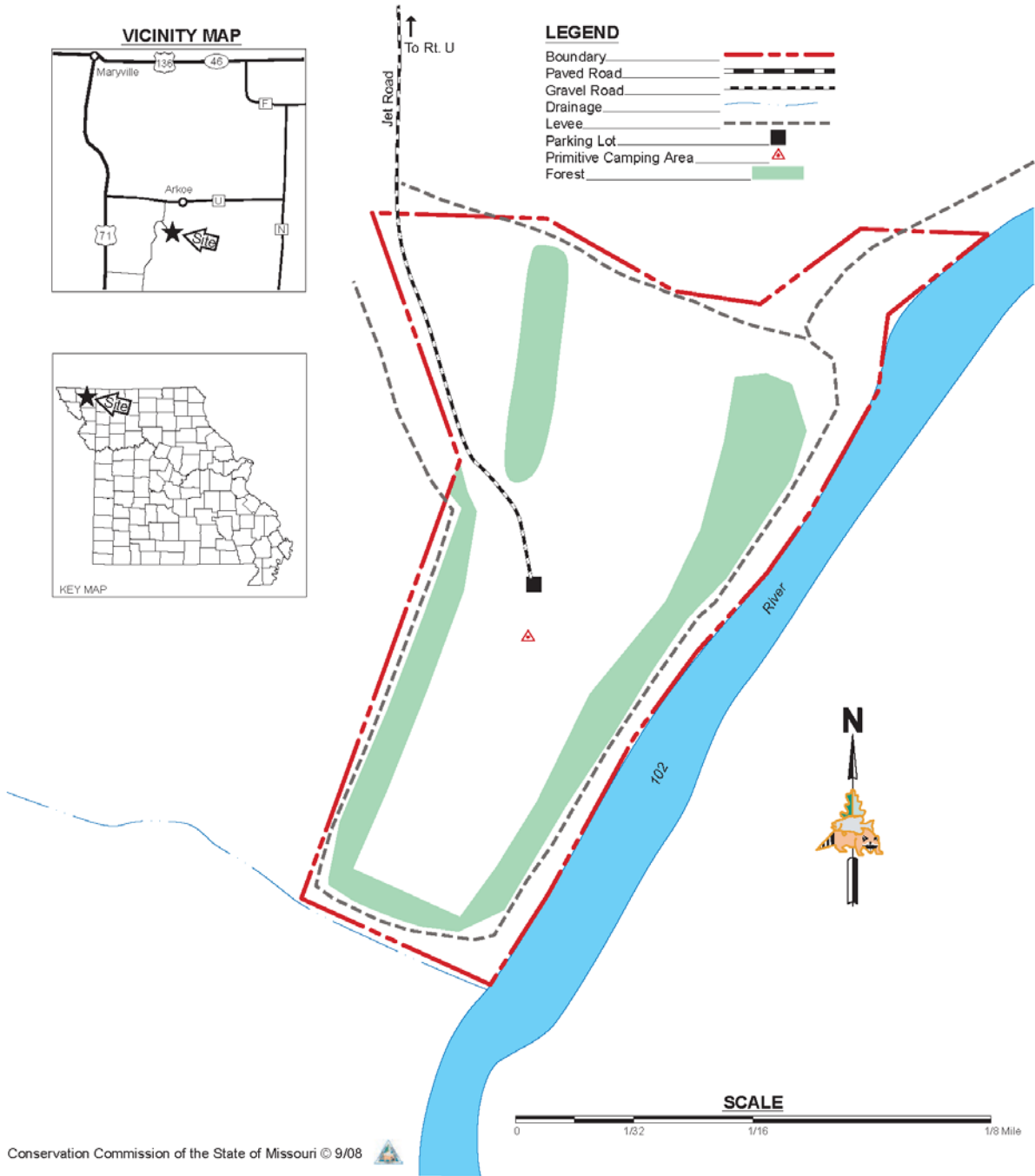
Current Land and Water Types:

Land/Water Type	Acres	Miles	% of Area
Forest/Woodland	8		59
Other (Parking Lot, Fishing Access)	5.5		41
Total	13.5		100
Stream Frontage		0.25	

Appendix 5. Map of Bridgewater Access

BRIDGEWATER ACCESS

NODAWAY COUNTY
14 ACRES



Appendix 6. Bristle Ridge Access Area Background

Bristle Ridge Access was created along a right of way agreement with the Missouri Department of Transportation. The agreement was established in 1991 and a gravel parking lot is the only improvement on the site. Access for anglers is limited to a steep bank that many anglers drop small boats down to gain access.

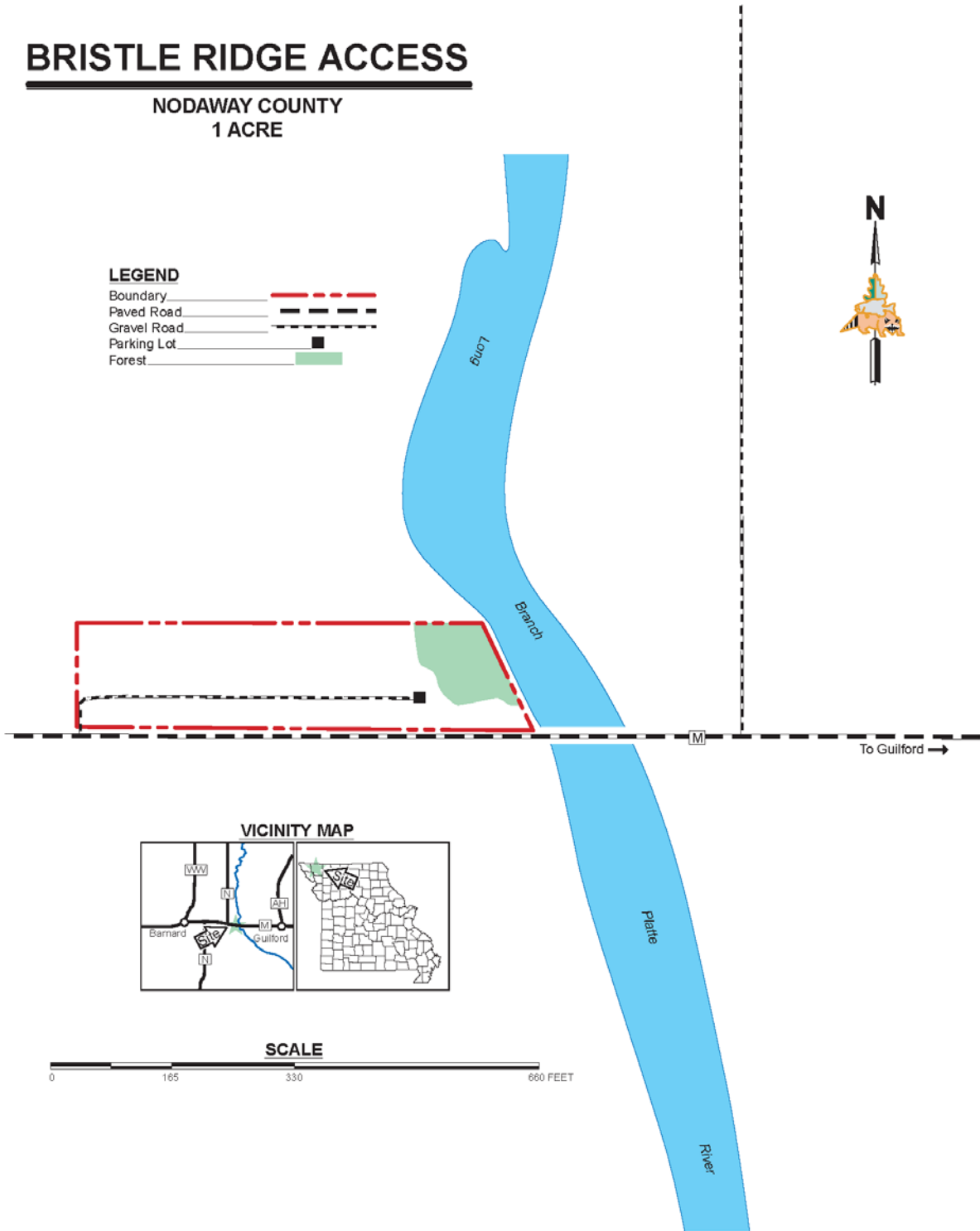
Legal Description: Township 62 North, Range 34 W, Sections 17 and 20.

Area Location: Bristle Ridge Access is 1 mile west of Guilford on Route M.

Current Land and Water Types:

Land/Water Type	Acres	Miles	% of Area
Parking Lot	1		100
Stream Frontage		0.03	

Appendix 7. Map of Bristle Ridge Access



Appendix 8. Burton Bridge Access Area Background

Burton Bridge Access is located on the Platte River 12 miles southeast of St. Joseph, Missouri in Buchanan County. Burton Bridge Access was purchased in 1985 from a Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stanton. The area supplies access to the heavily used Platte River. Access for anglers is limited to a steep bank that many anglers drop small boats down to gain access.

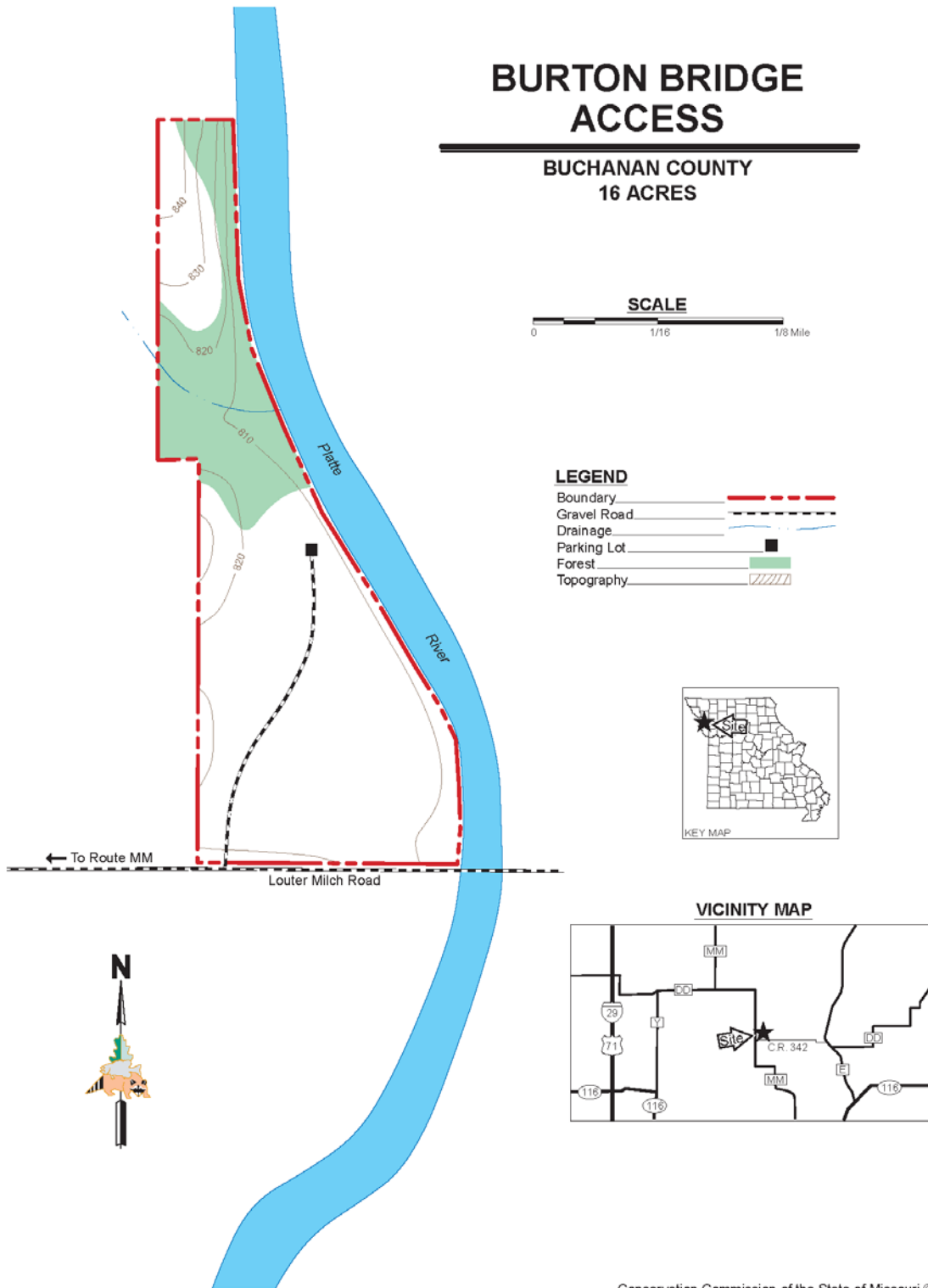
Legal Description: Township 56 North, Range 34 W, Section 16.

Area Location: Burton Bridge Access is located 1.5 miles east of Highway DD on Highway MM near Faucett, then east on County Road 342.

Current Land and Water Types:

Land/Water Type	Acres	Miles	% of Area
Forest	10		63
Other	5.91		37
Total	15.91		100
Stream Frontage		0.4	

Appendix 9. Map of Burton Bridge Access



Appendix 10. Elrod Mill Access Area Background

Elrod Mill Access was purchased in 1980 from Ms. Loula T. Meek and provides access to the Platte River. In the late 1800s this site contained a mill owned and operated by the Elrod family that ground flour for local residents. The grinding mill, which was located upriver near the ramp, was powered by the flowing waters of the Platte River. This relatively small area is managed for a wide range of game and non-game wildlife species and is available to the public for a variety of outdoor activities compatible with resource management.

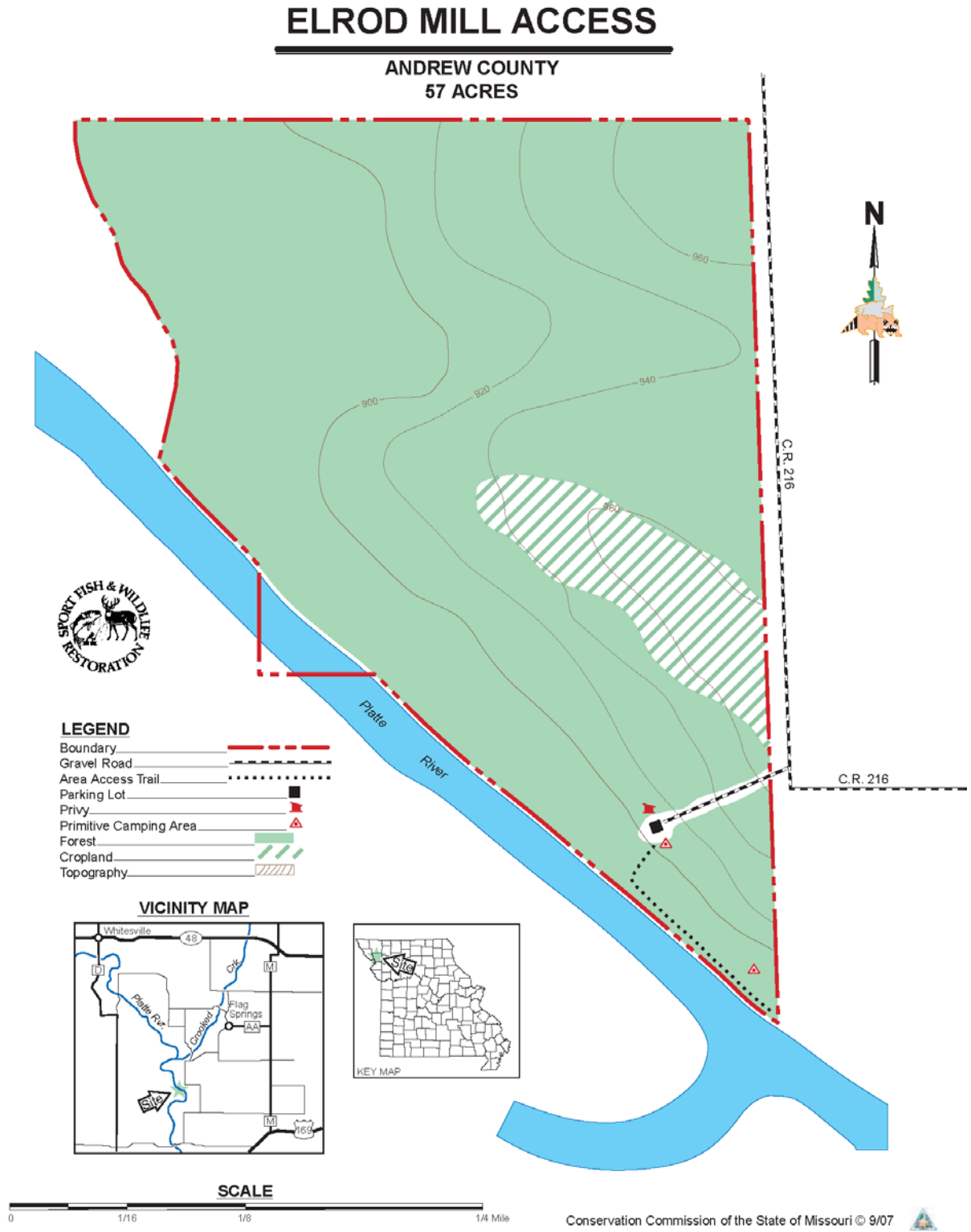
Legal Description: Township 60 North, Range 34 W, Section 22.

Area Location: Elrod Mill Access is located 1.5 miles west of Union Star on Highway 169, then north 0.50 mile on Route M, west 2 miles on County Road 221, north on County Road 216 and 1 mile to the area entrance.

Current Land and Water Types:

Land/Water Type	Acres	Miles	% of Area
Forest/Woodland	42		74
Old Field	10		17.5
Cropland	4.92		8.5
Total	56.92		100
Stream Frontage		0.4	

Appendix 11. Map of Elrod Mill Access



Appendix 12. Elrod Mill Access Land Cover



Appendix 13. Hadorn Bridge Access Area Background

Hadorn Bridge Access was purchased in 1980 from James and Charla Campbell and R. Steven and Marcia Campbell. It provides access to the 102 River. This relatively small area is managed for a wide range of game and non-game wildlife species and is available to the public for a variety of outdoor activities compatible with resource management.

Legal Description: Township 60 North, Range 35 W, Sections 14, 15 and 23

Area Location: Hadorn Bridge Access is 5 miles north of Savannah off Route C, east on County Road 182.

Current Land and Water Types:

Land/Water Type	Acres	Miles	% of Area
Wetland	15		16
Forest/Woodland	30		32
Old Field	26		28
Crop Land	21		22
Other	2		2
Total	94		100
Stream Frontage (102 River)		1.25	

Appendix 15. Hadorn Bridge Access Land Use Map



Appendix 16. Keever Bridge Access Area Background

This area offers access to the Platte River. There is no boat ramp on this area. Small boats can be loaded by hand into the river, but this is very difficult due to the steep river bank. Camping is allowed.

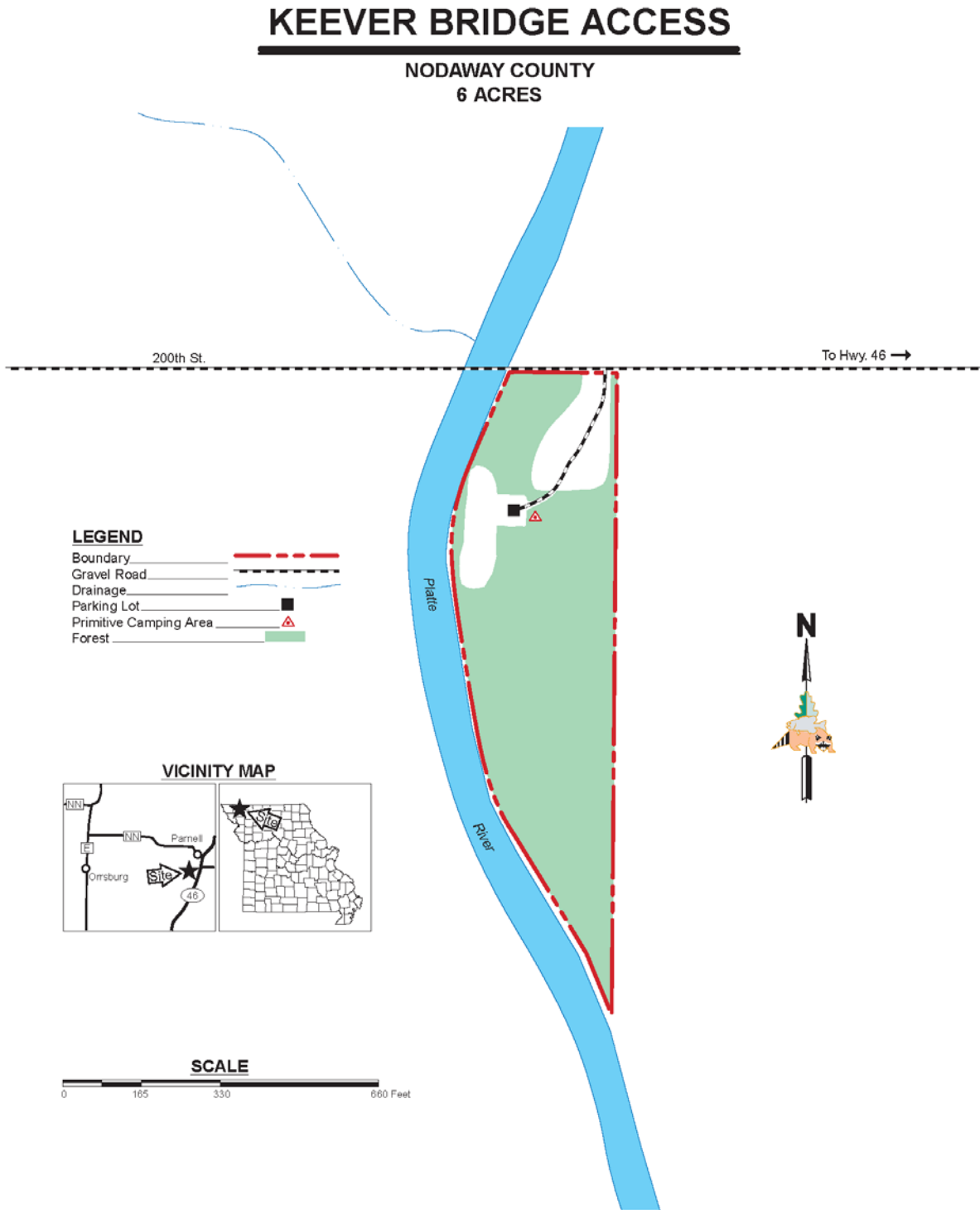
Legal Description: Township 65 North, Range 33 West, Section 20.

Area Location: Keever Bridge Access is located south and west of Parnell off Highway 46 where 200 Street crosses the Platte River.

Current Land and Water Types:

Land/Water Type	Acres	Miles	% of Area
Other (Fishing Access)	3.36		53
Forest/Woodland	3		47
Total	6.36		100
Stream Frontage		0.25	

Appendix 17. Map of Keever Bridge Access



Appendix 18. Lathrop Bridge Access Area Background

Lathrop Bridge Access is located 2 miles east of Plattsburg at the Highway 116 crossing of the Little Platte River, approximately 2 miles above the Army Corps of Engineers’ property at Smithville Lake. The area was purchased from Mr. Kevin Nugent for use as a public fishing access. The river is used primarily for catfishing, but is known locally for its seasonal white bass and crappie runs.

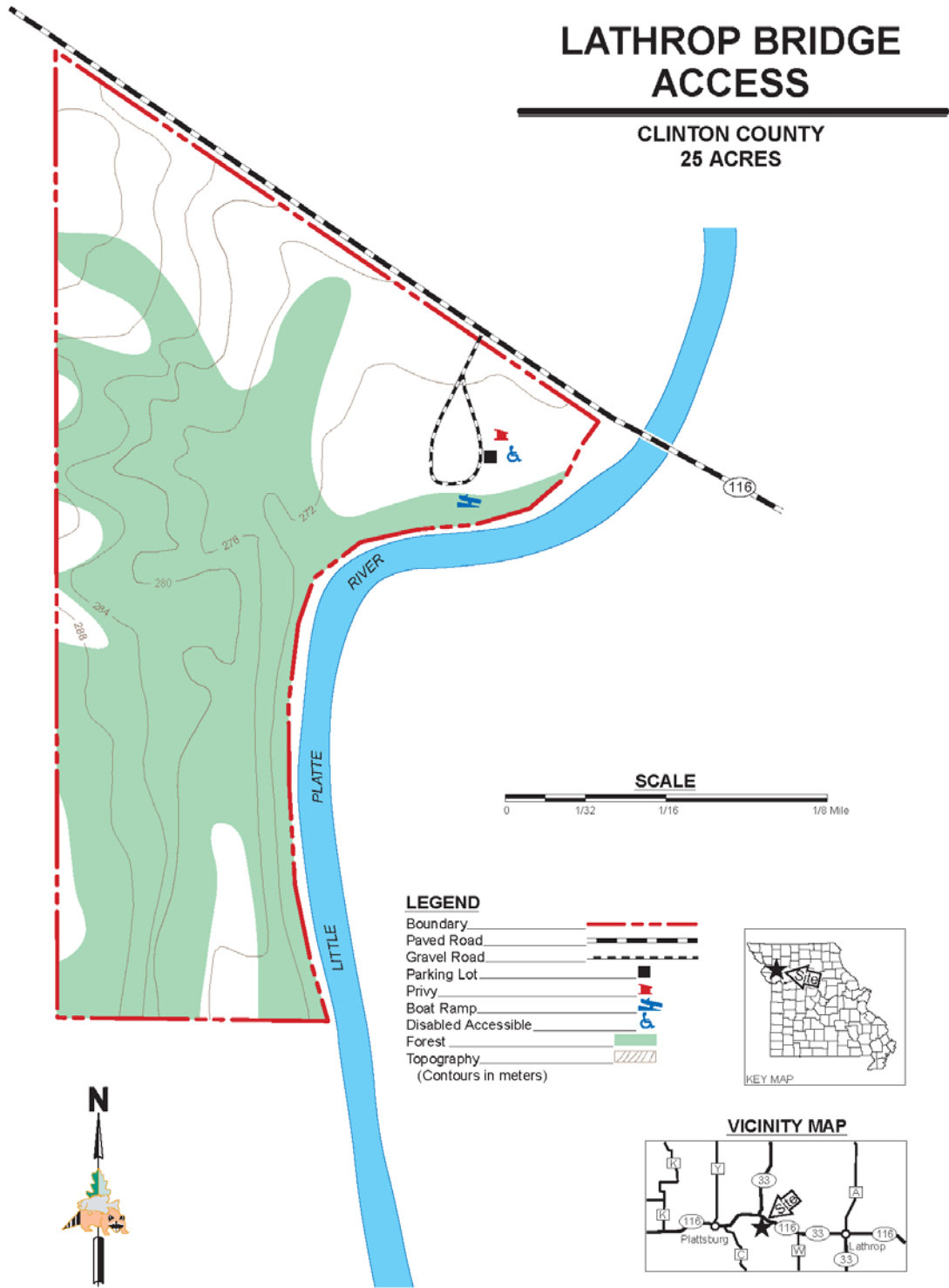
Legal Description: Township 55 North, Range 31 W, Section 20.

Area Location: Lathrop Bridge Access is located on the Little Platte River 2 miles east of Plattsburg on Highway 116.

Current Land and Water Types:

Land/Water Type	Acres	Miles	% of Area
Old Field	13		52
Grassland (Non-Prairie)	10		40
Wetland	2		8
Total	25		100
Stream Frontage		0.20	

Appendix 19. Map of Lathrop Bridge Access



Appendix 20. Lathrop Bridge Access Telephone Easement



Appendix 21. Midway Access Area Background

Midway Access is a small right of way area that provides access to the 102 River off Highway B in Andrew County. Access for anglers is limited to a steep bank that many anglers drop small boats down to gain access.

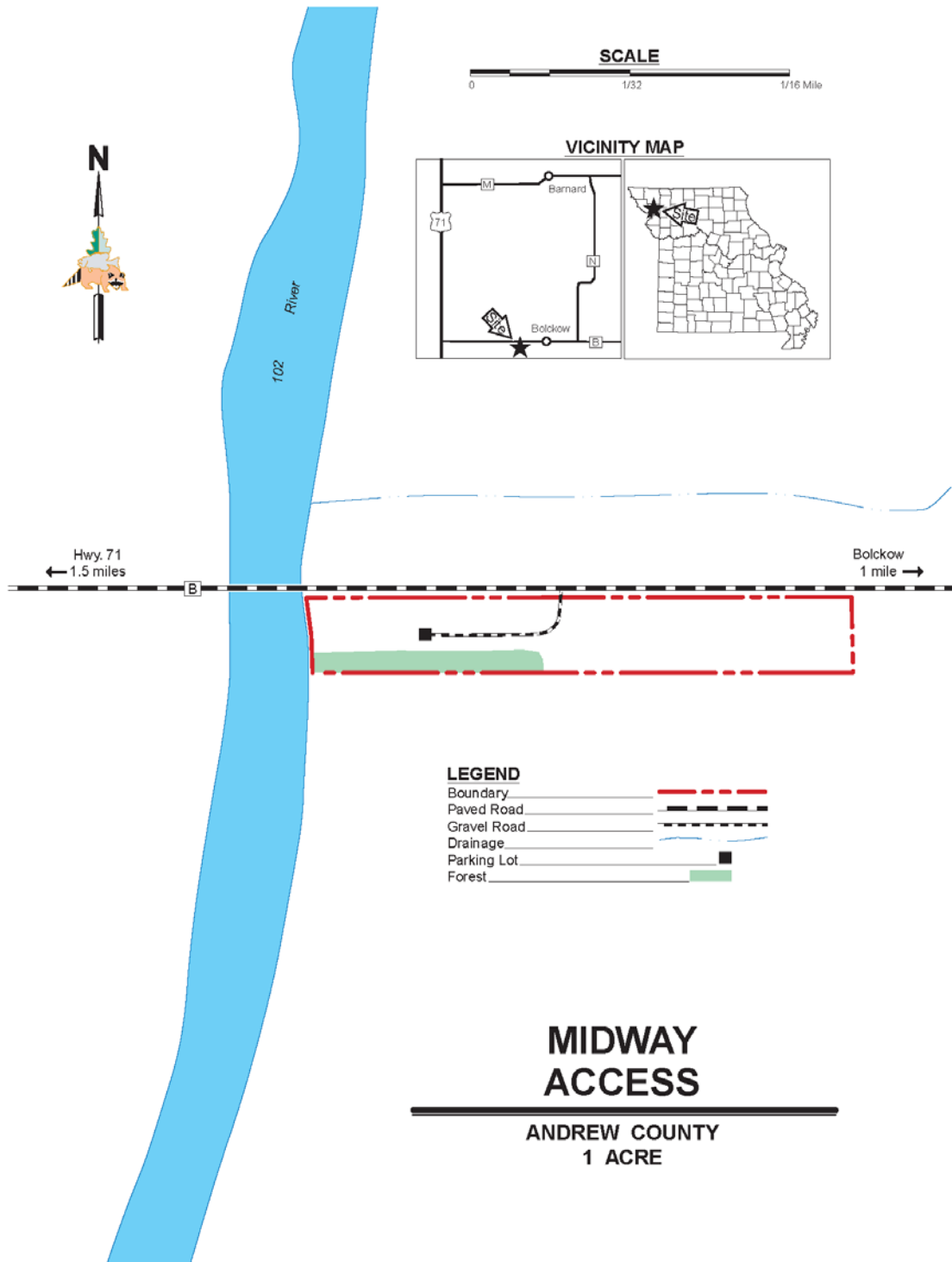
Legal Description: Township 61 North, Range 35 West, Section 10.

Area Location: Midway Access is located 1 mile west of Bolckow on Route B

Current Land and Water Types:

Land/Water Type	Acres	Miles	% of Area
Other	1		100
Stream Frontage		0.10	

Appendix 22. Map of Midway Access



Appendix 23. Rochester Falls Access Area Background

Rochester Falls is located 10 miles North of St. Joseph along Highway 169. It provides bank angling opportunities along the Platte River. Rochester Falls gets its name from a small set of water falls in the Platte River. There is a small length of bank that provides bank anglers access to some rocky areas and root wads that hold large catfish throughout the year. The area is a popular camping site and has 11 designated camping sites.

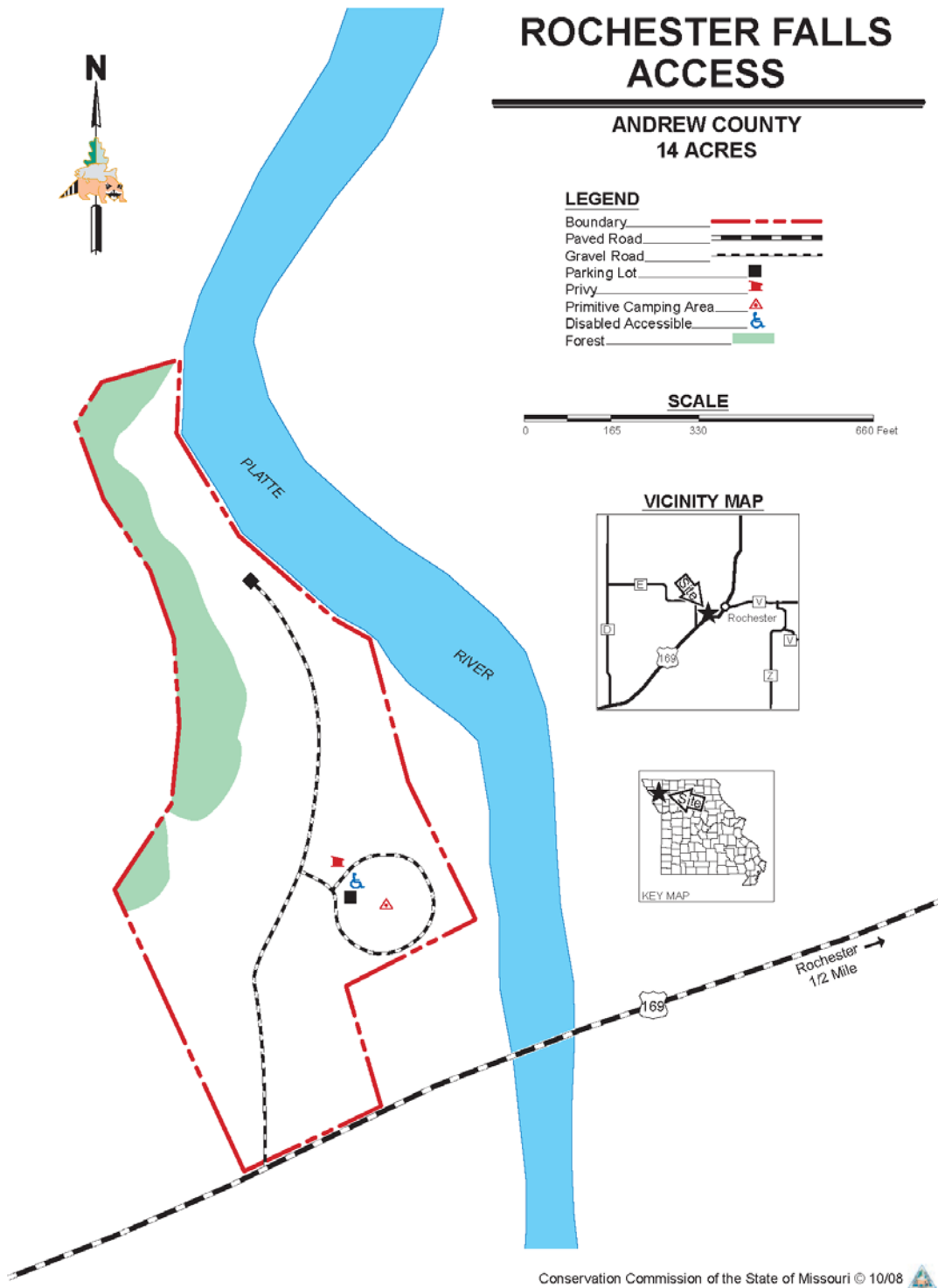
Legal Description: Township 59 North, Range 34 W, Sections 22 and 23.

Area Location: To reach Rochester Falls Access, travel 10 miles north of St. Joseph on Highway 169 to area entrance.

Current Land and Water Types:

Land/Water Type	Acres	Miles	% of Area
Grassland (Non-Prairie)	7		51
Old Field	4.74		34
Forest/Woodland	2		15
Total	13.74		100
Stream Frontage		0.20	

Appendix 24. Map of Rochester Falls Access



Appendix 25. Rock Quarry Access Area Background

Rock Quarry Access is located between Savannah and St. Joseph. It provides boat access and bank angling opportunities along a small portion of the 102 River. The boat ramp, however, is unusable during low river flows due to heavy siltation and the natural river channel switching to the opposite bank. Rock Quarry Access gets its name from the many rock quarries that are in the general area of the access.

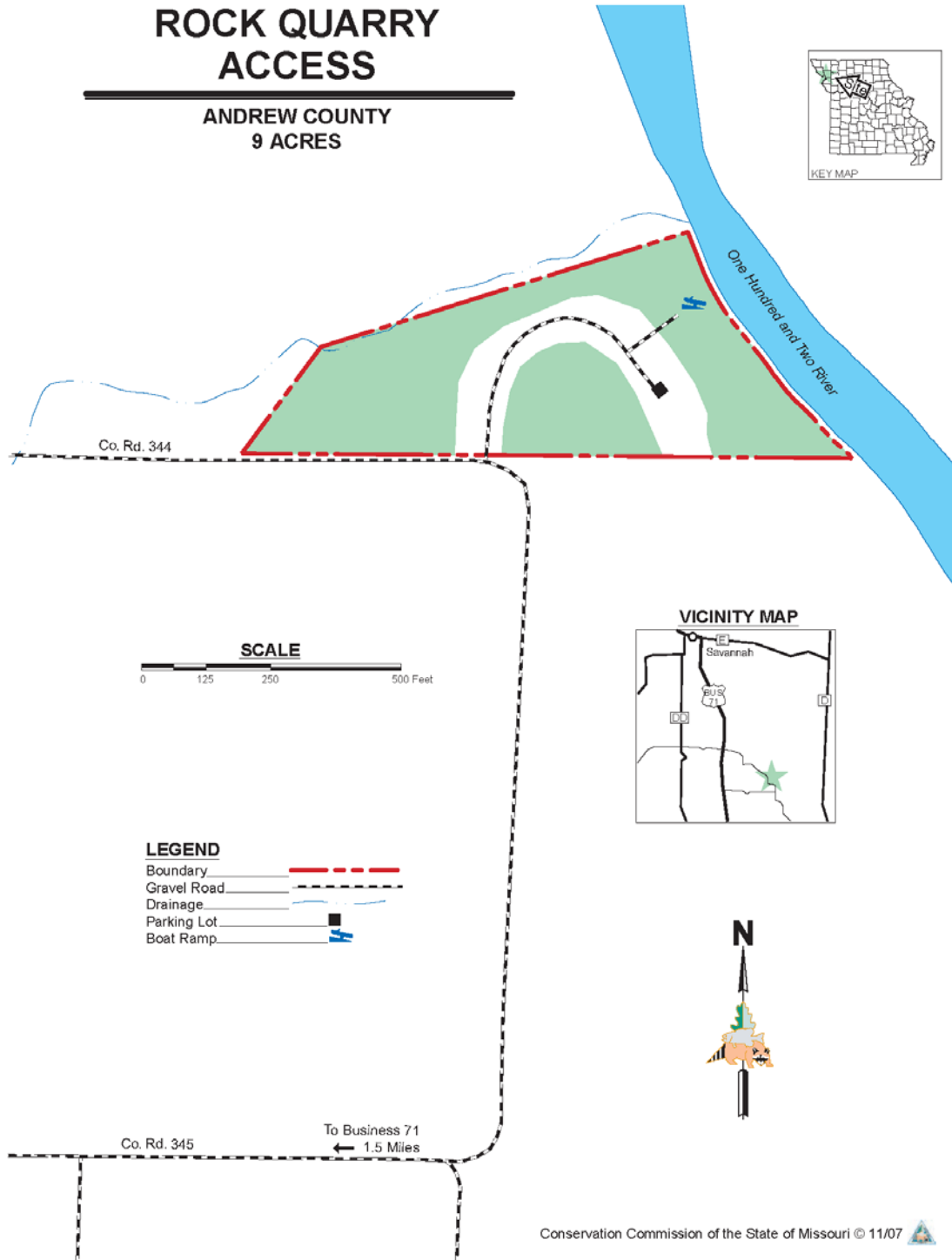
Legal Description: Township 59 North, Range 35 W, Section 36.

Area Location: Rock Quarry Access is 2 miles north of Interstate-29 off Business Highway 71. From Highway 71, take gravel road 345 (which is marked with an area sign) 1.5 miles north. At the three-way intersection, turn north on County Road 344 and proceed 0.25 miles to the area entrance.

Current Land and Water Types:

Land/Water Type	Acres	Miles	% of Area
Old Field	4		46
Grassland (Non-Prairie)	3		35
Forest/Woodland	1.65		19
Total	8.65		100
Stream Frontage		0.10	

Appendix 26. Map of Rock Quarry Access



Appendix 27. Saxton Access Area Background

Saxton Access is located 4 miles from St. Joseph. It provides bank angling opportunities along the Platte River. Bank anglers also have a small length of bank that provides access to some rocky areas and root wads that hold large catfish throughout the year. The area has provided significant public use since the purchase of the land in 1966.

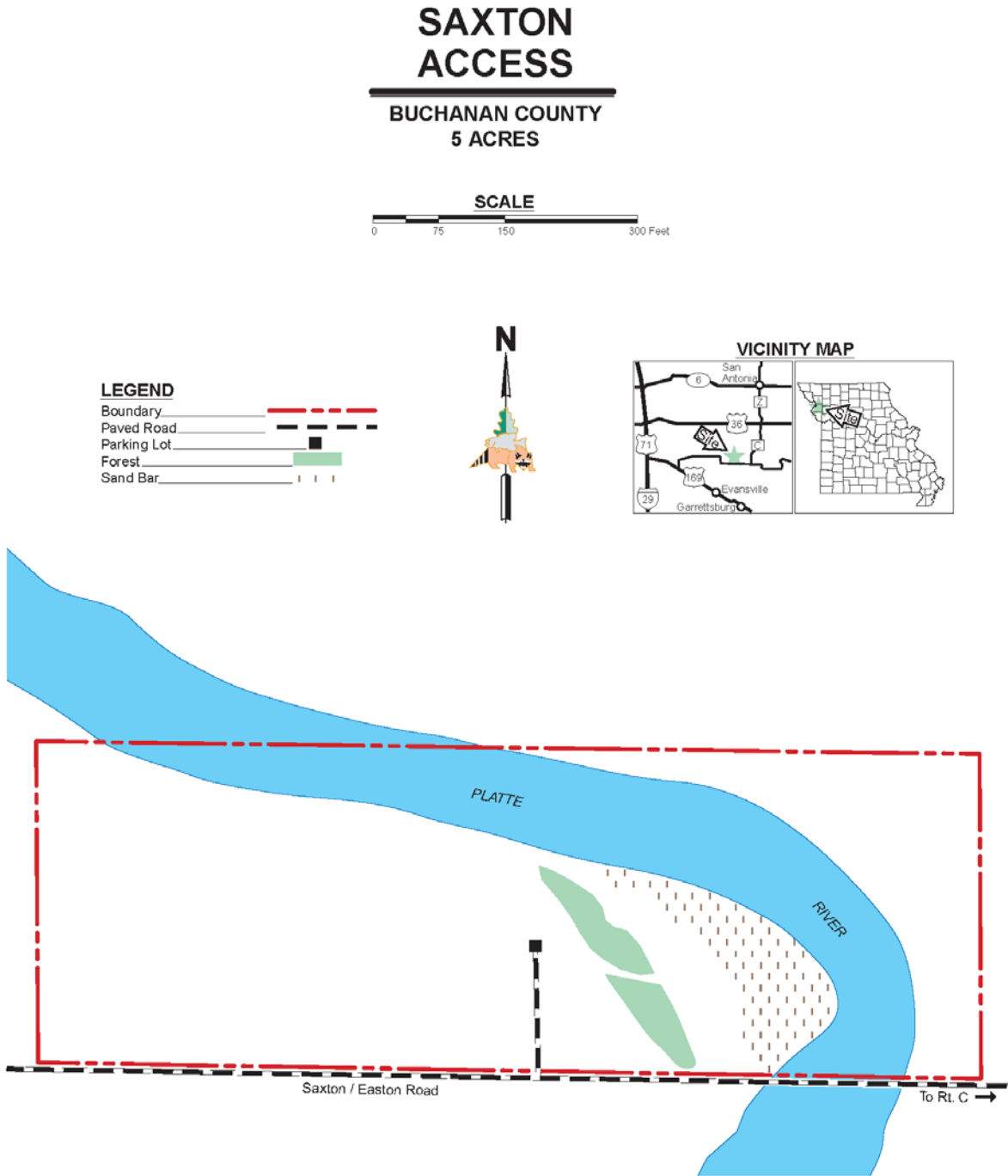
Legal Description: Township 57 North, Range 34 W, Section 34.

Area Location: Saxton Access is located 4 miles east of St. Joseph on Highway 36, 2 miles south on Route C, then 0.5 miles west on Saxton/Easton Road.

Current Land and Water Types:

Land/Water Type	Acres	Miles	% of Area
Old Field	5		98
Other	0.11		2
Total	5.11		100
Stream Frontage		0.20	

Appendix 28. Map of Saxton Access



Appendix 29. Sheridan Access Area Background

Sheridan Access is the northern-most public access on the Platte River in Missouri, just 4 miles south of the Iowa border. The area is small, but it offers a gravel parking area that provides access to the Platte River for fishing or, when flows are sufficient, for floating. There is no boat ramp on the area. Access to the river is gained by crossing a rip-rapped riverbank next to the highway bridge. The small wooded riparian buffer promotes bank stability and reduces threats to flood damage on the bridge just downstream.

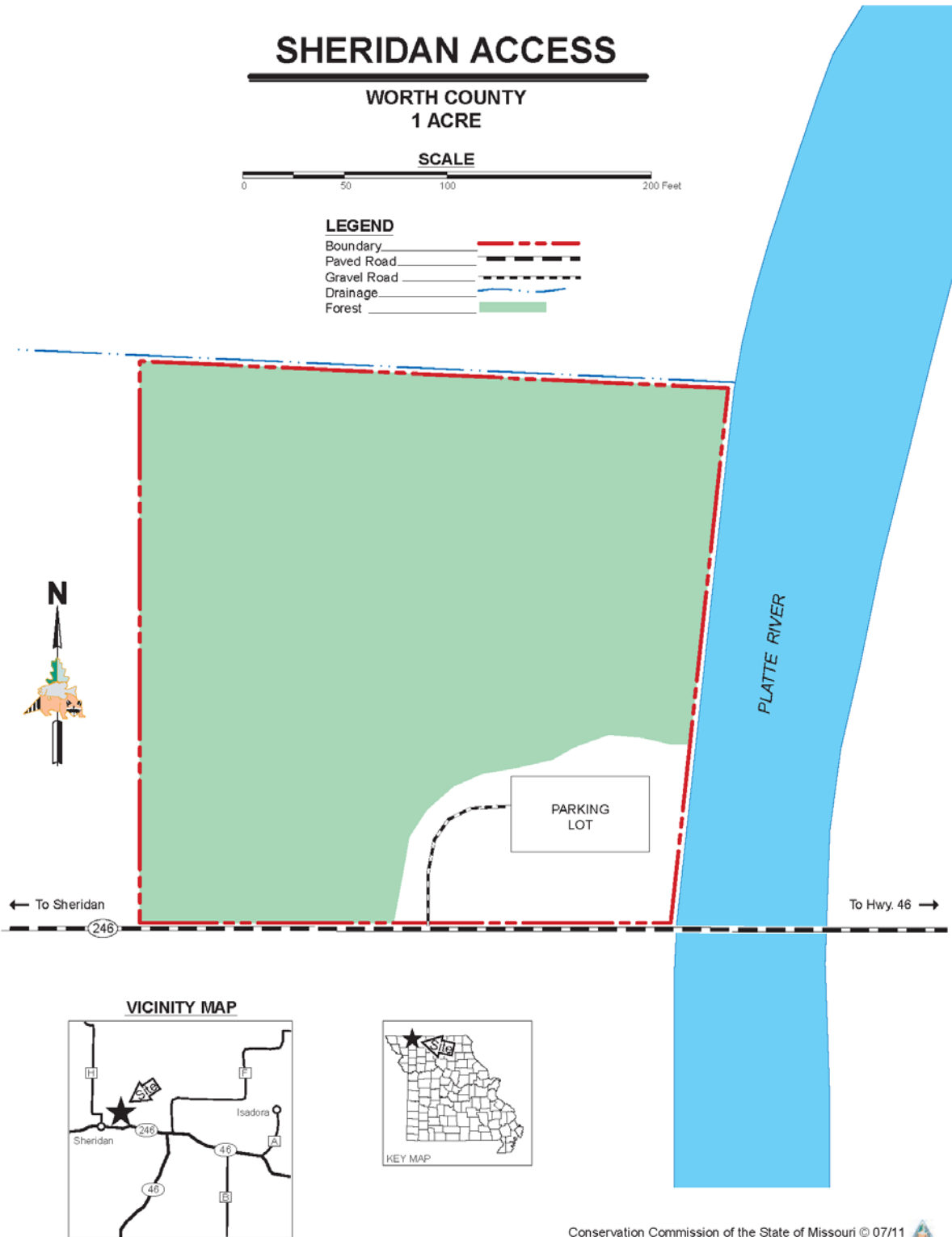
Legal Description: Township 66 North, Range 33 W, Section 14.

Area Location: Sheridan Access is located in northwest Worth County, about 0.5 miles east of the town of Sheridan on State Highway 246.

Current Land and Water Types:

Land/Water Type	Acres	Miles	% of Area
Woodland	1.27		91
Open Sedge/Wet Meadow	0.13		9
Total	1.40		100
Stream Frontage		0.05	

Appendix 30. Map of Sheridan Access



Appendix A. Northwest Region Platte River Accesses Management Plan Public Comments

Received during public comment period (November 1-30, 2015):

Provide better access for boat and canoe usage on the Platte and 102.
Yes, that would be great to see better access and or improvements at the Sheridan Access in Worth County.