

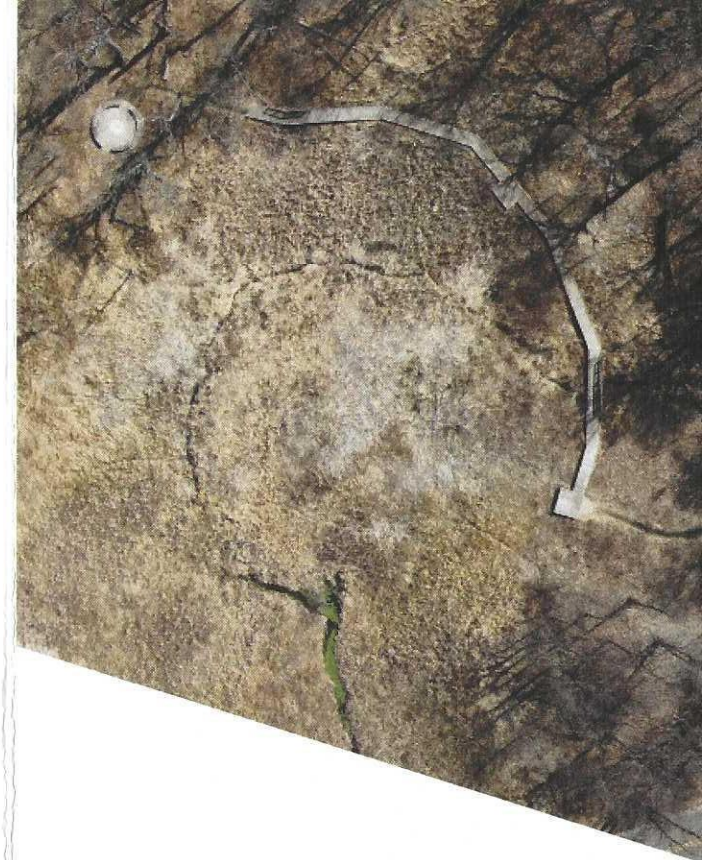
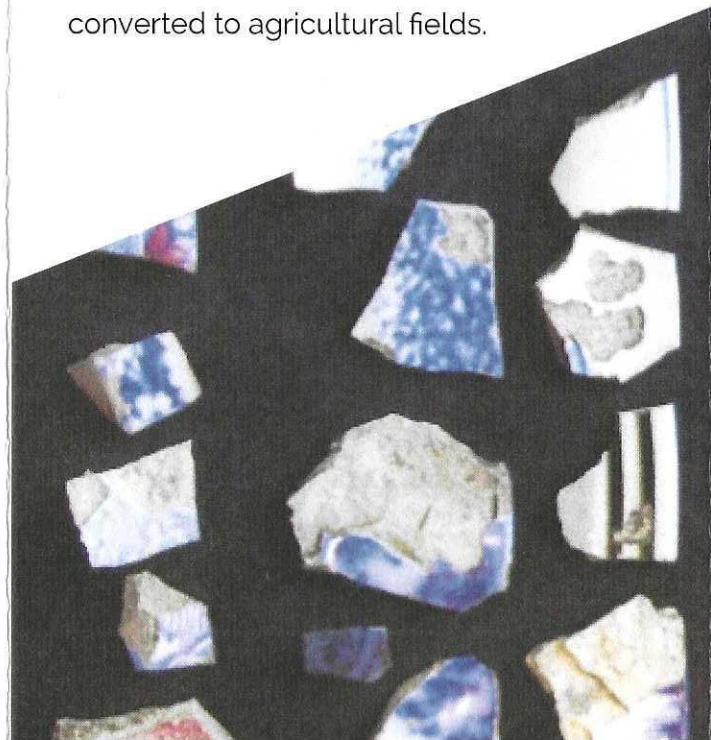
GLACIAL TOPOGRAPHY

The topography of McHenry County was heavily impacted by glacial activity during the last ice age. The retreat of the glaciers between 10,000-16,000 years ago left hills formed by glacial deposits (kames) and depressions where glacial lakes once existed (kettles). Boger Bog, just south and west of the Stickney Farmstead, is an example of one of these kettles. Water drainage from glacial melt carved out a vast network of streams and waterways, including nearby Boone Creek, approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile due north of the Stickney site. Numerous fresh water springs dot the landscape near the farmstead.

STICKNEY TRAIL

ARCHAEOLOGY

In 1989 an archaeological survey identified the location of the historic Norton Homestead, just northeast of the Stickney Farmstead. Some 277 artifacts were identified at the site including ceramics, container glass, tableware and personal items. One prehistoric artifact was found, but is considered an isolated find. These findings confirmed that the site was occupied by early settlers from the mid-19th through early 20th century - first by the Norton Family from 1846-1866 and later by the Jacobs family who occupied the site until approximately 1908. By 1927 the homestead was razed and the lands converted to agricultural fields.



BOGER BOG

Boger Bog Conservation Area is just south and across Cherry Valley Road from the Stickney Farmstead. The 38 acre site offers 300 feet of boardwalk through natural wetlands, and incorporates interpretive signage that further describes the natural setting. Technically not a bog, the alkaline fen and adjacent oak woodland provide sanctuary for regional wildlife. The entrance is from 211 Cherry Valley Road.

Left: Pedestrian Survey of the Field Containing the Erastus and Fanny Norton Homestead (11Mh351)

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Pedestrian Trail:

- Construction of hiking trails along the Cherry Valley Road conservation easements connecting the Terwilliger Farm to Holcombville Cemetery and Boger Bog via the Stickney Farmstead.

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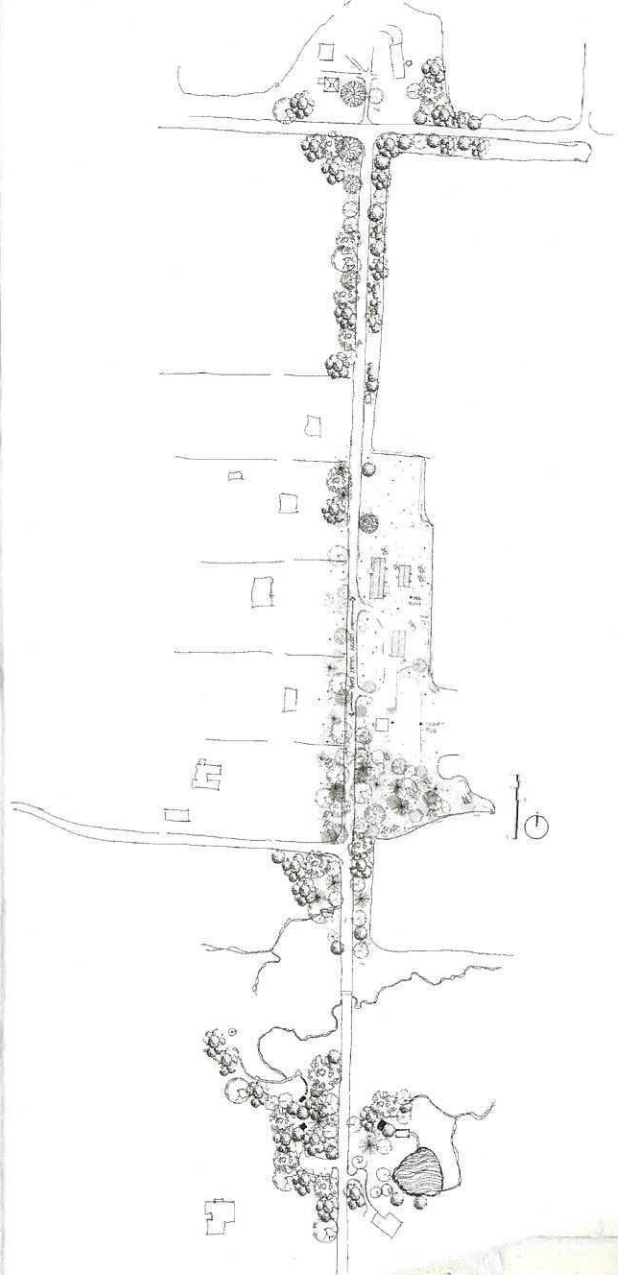
Bicycle Trail:

- Expansion of existing regional trails to accommodate bicycle accessibility and connection to Stickney Farmstead
- Integration into the McHenry County trails proposed by the Regional Planning Commission in the 2030 Plan Future Land Use Map

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Equestrian Trail:

- Addition of equestrian trails, creating a circuit stretching to the northern and southern extents of the Stickney Trail, and culminating at the Stickney Horse Stable
- Integrate fully into local, state, and regional goals of agritourism and ecotourism



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STICKNEY TRAIL

Located in the heart of Bull Valley, the Trail will extend along Cherry Valley Road with the goal of connecting important historic and natural landmarks. Pedestrian, bicycle, and eventually equestrian trails set within the conservation easement areas flanking Cherry Valley Road will center on Stickney House & Farmstead. The proposed Stickney Trail will be fully integrated into the McHenry County trails proposed by the Regional Planning Commission in the 2030 Plan Future Land Use Map. The three-phase plan will support local, state, and regional goals in agritourism and ecotourism, while enhancing the principle interests of the McHenry County Green Infrastructure Plan.

