

LA 302 E. Marsh Field Work
2/21/03

We'll use today to familiarize ourselves with the site and its setting.

Monday we will begin mitigation design at Engeldinger Marsh. Everyone will use the same project limits-the limits of Polk County Conservation Board land. We'll point these out today in the field. Our final designs must reduce impact to the marsh (because this is a mitigation design)... but you will determine your specific program beyond this point. For example, you can choose to create habitat for a specific set of wildlife species... or focus on improving water quality.... or represent historic vegetation communities... or integrate environmental art into the site.... You have many options. Use today's visit to explore your own interests relative to the site.

As per Jim Miller's presentation on Wednesday, remember to look for (and record) information about the site's components. This goes beyond the information we collected from maps and books. What components you focus on rely somewhat on your individual design interests. However, you should walk all parts of the site and get ideas for your program. Consider the vegetation species present, present conditions after the road has been closed, adjacent land uses, etc. Also evaluate the connection corridors present and decide if they represent disturbances or opportunities.

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR PROGRAM FOR THE MITIGATION DESIGN ON THE LOWER HALF OF THIS SHEET AND RETURN IT TO YOUR INSTRUCTOR BEFORE LEAVING CLASS TODAY. Include details about the goals of your design (what you will try to accomplish), who the users will be, and the assumptions you are making.