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now designated
as the Southern
Indiana Sentinel
Landscape.

While the
program's
primary objective
is to preserve and
protect military
mission
readiness,
operations,
testing and
training, it will
also support
agricultural and
forest lands,
promote
watershed
protections and
ensure
protections of
threatened
species.

Up until now
Indiana groups,
including land
trusts, have
worked with the
U.S. Forest
Service and the
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Department of
Natural
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announced
Tuesday, will
combine the
efforts of federal
agencies, regional
organizations,
state officials and
communities to
educate farmers
on soil
conservation, and
aid landowners in
repairing eroding
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“It’s no
exaggeration that
the Sentinel
Landscape is one
of the biggest
conservation
projects in
Indiana’s
history,”
Christian Freitag,
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director of the
Conservation
Law Center and a
professor of law
at Indiana
University, told



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U.S., will help add
land in public
parks and forests
across southern
Indiana, and
provide natural
buffers around
military
installations.

That includes the
Naval Support
Activity Crane,
which is near
Bloomington and
is the third-
largest U.S. Navy
installation in the
world, and Camp
Atterbury, an
Indiana National
Guard training
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