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# Our Mission

Kendall County Partnership for Parks promotes preservation of our natural heritage and development of recreational opportunities.

Through our stewardship, KCPP works to help continually improve and care for our parks.

Your gift of time or tax-deductible donation helps us

- meet current needs,
- serve residents of Kendall and surrounding counties,
- achieve our mission, and
- make great parks!

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## How to Create WILDLIFE HABITAT BRUSH PILES



for cover, nesting, feeding, and observation



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## Make a Plan

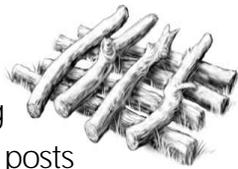
- Decide on a location for your brush piles. Good locations include: along woodland edges; in woodland openings; along field edges and corners; and near water sources.
- Keep brush piles away from buildings and lawns.
- Make several medium-sized piles, rather than one large pile. A good size is about 10 feet wide x 6 feet tall.

## Gather Materials

- Wear gloves, long pants, and closed-toe shoes to protect from cuts and scratches.
- Four to six inch or larger diameter limbs, old fence posts, old pallets, discarded Christmas trees without tinsel, or old woven wire fencing rolled up to an inner diameter of one to two feet.
- Medium-sized brushy limbs, branch trimmings, trimmings from firewood cutting or fencerow clearing - any type of limbs or branches will do.
- Small limbs, branches, and trimmings.

## Build the Pile

1. Form the base by placing larger limbs or old fence posts parallel on the ground about four inches apart. Place another layer of large limbs at right angles on top of the first layer.

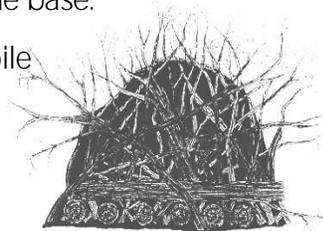


Continue placing criss-crossed layers until the base is approximately three feet tall. (If you do not have enough large limbs to reach three feet - **it's o.k.**) Use Christmas trees, pallets, or rolled up fencing to help create the base - even old cinder blocks, large pipe, or loose piles of large rocks will work.

2. Place medium-sized limbs and branches around the base in a tee-pee fashion. Continue until you can no longer see the center of the base and the base is well covered. Avoid placing branches too densely along the bottom - leave spaces for wildlife to enter the base.



3. Top the tee-pee pile with small limbs and branches.
4. Stand back and admire your new critter condo.



KCPP created this condo at James Kiehl River Bend Park.

## A Good Thing

Don't worry if your brush pile is a thing of beauty to you, but only a pile of sticks to your friends. You have done a good thing and helped myriad species of wildlife survive by creating homes and food sources.



Plant native vines or shrubs, or seed native grasses and wildflowers around the pile. The tangled arrangement of branches will eventually be intertwined by grasses and forbs.

Use your imagination and what you have on hand to create brush piles and habitat.

Brush piles are not permanent structures. They are living, dynamic habitats, and will rot and decay. Inspect piles regularly to see if more brush is needed, or if a new brush pile should be constructed. Construct your new critter condo on or near the old one to preserve homes for lingering tenants.



Adding to the pile.

