



Cicero Swamp Wildlife Management Area (WMA), totaling 4,949 acres, dominates the northeastern portion of Onondaga County. Cicero Swamp is easily accessed by using State Route 298 on the east, State Route 31 all across the north and Taft Road from the south. Island Road, off of Northern Boulevard, provides excellent entry from the west.

Cicero Swamp WMA is low and wet with islands of upland scattered throughout. Of particular interest is the presence of the Eastern Massasauga rattlesnake, an endangered species in New York State. There are some upland fields that continue to be farmed through cooperative cropping agreements with local landowners and there are active muck farms to the west of the state ownership. Wildlife associated with upland and water are common and include: white-tailed deer, squirrel, beaver, muskrat, raccoon, mink, fox, coyote, fisher and turkey. A large variety of songbirds as well as ruffed grouse, woodcock and waterfowl are also on the area.

Current objectives for the area are to provide habitat for a variety of wildlife species and to permit wildlife related

recreational uses compatible with wildlife. Management techniques to provide the food, cover and shelter requirements for various wildlife species are carried out with monies derived mainly from hunting license fees and federal taxes on sporting arms and ammunition.

Numerous recreational opportunities associated with wildlife exist. Hunting, trapping and fishing are permitted in accordance with statewide regulations. Birding, nature study, hiking, cross country skiing and wildlife observation are also popular activities.

Since Cicero Swamp is a Wildlife Management Area, activities not compatible with the Area are prohibited. Prohibited activities include (but are not limited to) swimming, overnight storage of personal property, and any use of motorized vehicles (including cars, travel trailers/RVs, snowmobiles, ATVs, etc.) on terrain other than a maintained public road.

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