

# 5A

Community Cluster.....5

Landscape Class.....A

## Description

These counties are typically the low demographic advantaged and low demographically stressed areas of the upper Midwest. Agriculture is prominently surrounding urban areas. There is a lower amount of area burned, with a low ignition density and small amounts of Wildland Urban Interface. These counties lie within the rural “corn belt” of the United States, coastal Louisiana and the rice fields around Houston, Texas. There is a small federal presence with little history of prescribed fire. Communities typically maintain the local response capacity to put out fires quickly. If fires occur, they typically happen in areas outside of the WUI. The counties are heavily roaded.

## Example of a Typical County

*Peoria County, Illinois:* The river town of Peoria is surrounded by corn and soybean fields that were once tall-grass prairie.



## Challenges and Opportunities

### Vegetation and Fuels

Local discretion should be used to determine the importance of fuel treatment, which treatment is applicable and what is affordable based on the use of local resources.

### Homes, Communities and Values at Risk

Individual homeowners can be proactive on home defensive actions.

### Human-Caused Ignitions

Reduce human-caused incendiary ignitions by focusing on enforcement programs.

### Effective and Efficient Wildfire Response

Response organizations continue to protect structures, treat fuels and target ignitions as local conditions apply.

## National Priorities

Vegetation and Fuels	Very Low
Homes, Communities and Values at Risk	Very Low
Human-Caused Ignitions	Moderate

Effective and Efficient Response: There is low risk of large wildfires.

## 5A County Names

### Illinois

Adams  
Coles  
Grundy  
Hancock  
Kankakee  
La Salle  
Macon  
Madison  
Monroe  
Morgan  
Moultrie  
Peoria  
Rock Island  
Sangamon  
Scott  
St. Clair  
Tazewell  
Williamson  
Woodford

### Indiana

Allen  
Delaware  
Elkhart  
Howard  
Jasper  
LaGrange  
Madison  
Marion  
St. Joseph  
Steuben

### Iowa

Black Hawk  
Linn  
Scott

### Kansas

Shawnee

### Kentucky

McCracken

### Michigan

Bay  
Berrien  
Branch  
Cass  
Eaton  
Genesee  
Gratiot  
Jackson  
Macomb  
Monroe  
Shiawassee  
St. Joseph  
Wayne

### Missouri

Jackson

### Ohio

Allen  
Clark  
Erie  
Lorain  
Marion  
Miami  
Montgomery  
Ottawa  
Richland  
Sandusky  
Stark  
Wayne  
Wood

### Texas

Van Zandt

### Virginia

Portsmouth  
Staunton

### Wisconsin

Brown  
Jefferson  
Outagamie  
Racine  
Rock  
Sheboygan  
Winnebago