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### Bald eagles born on BASF's Fighting Island

Birth of chicks another milestone in former industrial site's environmental revitalization

WYANDOTTE, Mich., June 14, 2004 – BASF's Fighting Island, a three-square-mile ec undergone several projects over the past several years, including tree reforestation, w Now, the island is home for two adult bald eagles and their two recently hatched chick:

Since last fall, BASF employees have quietly watched as the pair of eagles built a nes at the northern end of the island. Once hatched, the employees were quick to name th Wyandotte site manager Ed Nuernberg and Fighting Island facility manager Fred De L

The newborn birds are thought to be the first bald eagles born on Fighting Island in de Wildlife Refuge established in 2001 as a result of legislation introduced by U.S. Rep. J

"The eagles left this winter for a couple of weeks, and we were worried that they might when the ice started moving out, the eagles returned," said De Lisle. "The nests becon add new nesting materials year after year, so we are hopeful these chicks will not be tl

Fighting Island, once an industrial site located offshore from LaSalle, Ontario, has bee The now lush, habitable environment is home to a variety of wild animals, including de

The Fighting Island rehabilitation effort, which started in the mid-1980s, represents an improving the organic composition of the soil to planting approximately 140,000 trees.

Approximately 780 people are employed at BASF's Wyandotte site, which produces a products for the automotive, industrial, and electronic industries.

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