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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Item No. 3.C.7

SUBJECT: EASEMENT DONATIONS – NORTH COUNTRY NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL – DOUGLAS COUNTY

FOR: SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Richard Steffes

SUMMARY: The Department proposes to accept 0.6-acre conservation easements each from the Village of Solon Springs and the Town of Solon Springs for North Country National Scenic Trail program in Douglas County. Additionally, the Department proposes to accept a .77-acre conservation easement from the Solon Spring Recycling and Solid Waste Department. This item is being submitted because all three are gifts of land rights.

The Department proposes to accept a 0.6-acre easement donation from the Village of Solon Springs in Douglas County that is 20 feet in width for the North Country National Scenic Trail and a similar easement from the Town of Solon Springs, as well as a .77-acre easement from the Solon Spring Recycling and Solid Waste Department. All three easements would link up to existing trail and are about ¼-mile long. The topography of the parcels is relatively flat and is upland with a mixture of northern hardwoods and aspen. The easements will provide a corridor for the North Country National Scenic Trail.

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The Department recommends the acceptance of these gifts from the Village and Town of Solon Springs and the Solon Springs Recycling and Solid Waste Department to conserve the natural and scenic values of the parcel and to provide opportunities for outdoor recreation on the North Country National Scenic Trail.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board accept the donation of a 0.6-acre conservation easement from Village of Solon Springs, a 0.6-acre conservation easement from the Town of Solon Springs and a .77-acre easement from the Solon Springs Recycling and Solid Waste Department for the North Country National Scenic Trail in Douglas County; that certificates of appreciation be sent to the donors, and that an expression of appreciation be made part of the official records of the Natural Resources Board.

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

No ☒	Fiscal Estimate Required	Yes ☐	Attached
No ☒	Environmental Assessment of Impact Statement Required	Yes ☐	Attached
No ☐	Background Memo	Yes ☒	Attached

APPROVED:

Real Estate Director, Richard E. Steffes - LF/6 — Date

Administrator, Laurie Osterndorf - AD/8 — Date

Secretary, Matthew J. Frank - AD/8 — Date 9/4/08

cc: S. Miller – LF/6
R. Steffes – LF/6
L. Ross – AD/8
D. Schuller – PR/6
J. Godzialski – NOR/Spooner

State of Wisconsin

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 18, 2008 FILE REF: PR 40003

TO: Natural Resources Board

FROM: Matthew J. Frank

SUBJECT: Proposed Easement on the Town of Solon Springs Tract, File # PR 40003

1. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

North Country National Scenic Trail
Douglas County

Grantor:

Town of Solon Springs
P.O. Box 275
Solon Springs, WI 548736

Acres: 0.6
Price: Gift
Interest: Easement
Improvements: None

Location: The tract is located in Douglas County in the Town of Solon Springs about 10 miles northwest of the City of Solon Springs.

Land Description: The subject land is generally level.

Covertype Breakdown:	Type:	Acreage:
	Wooded Uplands	0.6

Zoning: Forestry
Present Use: Vacant
Proposed Use: Resource Protection and Recreation
Tenure: 53 years
Easement Date: July 31, 2008

Stewardship Land Access: This land will be open for hiking, cross-country skiing, and walking.

JUSTIFICATION:

The Department proposes to accept a 0.6-acre easement donation from the Town of Solon Springs in Douglas County that is 20 feet in width and about 1/4-mile in length for the North Country National Scenic Trail. The easement would link up to the existing trail. The topography of the parcel is relatively flat with some roll and is upland with a mixture of northern hardwoods and aspen. The parcel will provide a corridor for the North Country National Scenic Trail providing an important link to other trail segments.

The North Country National Scenic Trail, established as a state project in October of 2000, has an acquisition goal of 2,050 acres. One of the goals of the North Country National Scenic Trail is to link public lands across the northwestern part of Wisconsin to the segments of the trail located in Minnesota and Michigan. The trail corridor will pass through Iron, Ashland, Bayfield and Douglas Counties. Currently, the trail utilizes 170 miles of land within existing public projects, including the Chequamegon National Forest, the Bayfield County Forest, Brule River State Forest, Pattison State Park, Copper Falls State Park, the Douglas County Forest and many others.

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The Department recommends the acceptance of this gift from the Town of Solon Springs to conserve the natural and scenic values of the parcel and to provide opportunities for outdoor recreation on the North Country National Scenic Trail.

3. FINANCING:

No state Stewardship bond funds are anticipated.

4. ACQUISITION STATUS OF THE NORTH COUNTRY NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL:

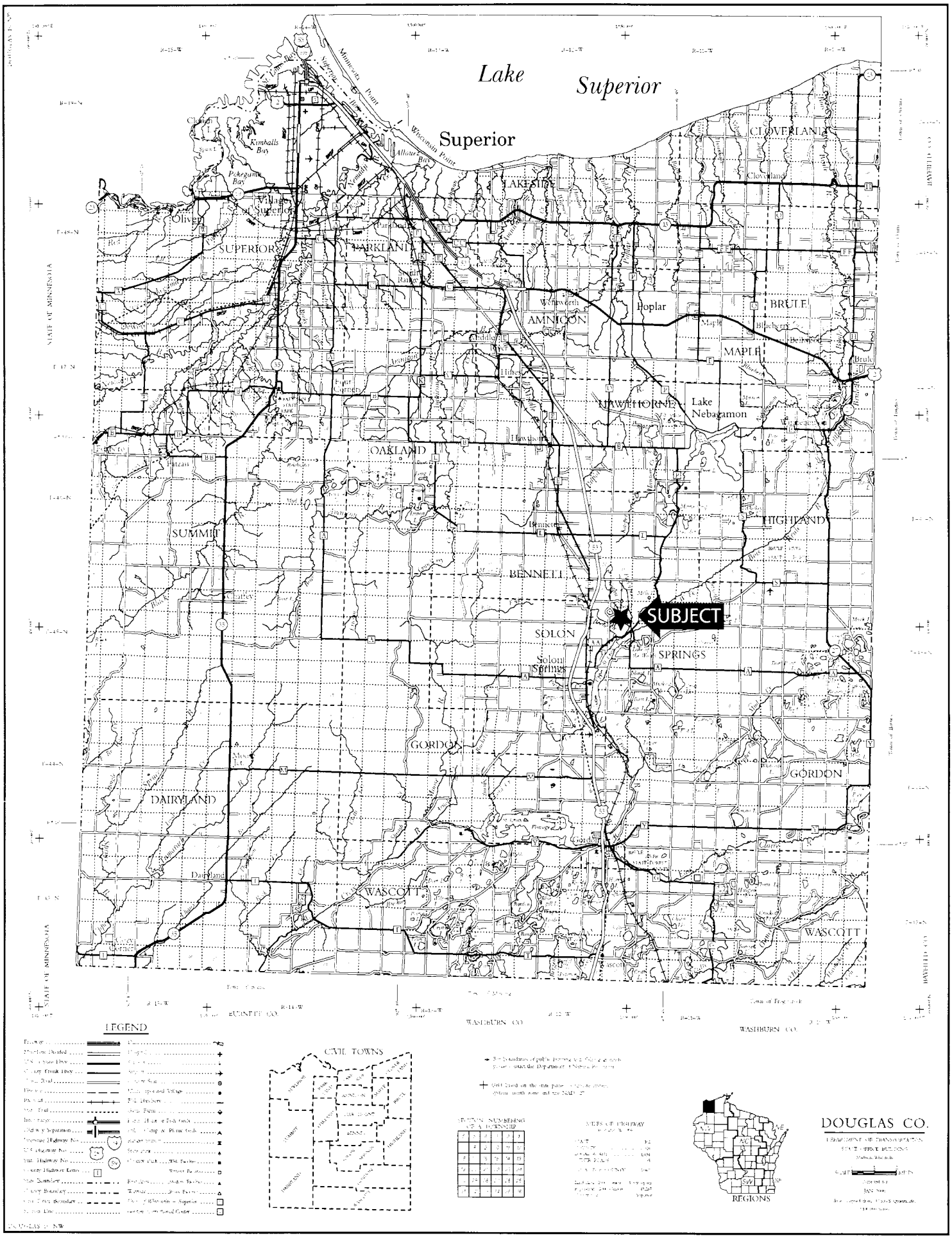
Established: 2001
Acres Purchased to Date: 651.42
Acquisition Goal: 2,050.00
Percent Complete: 31.78
Cost to Date: $413,400.00

RECOMMENDED:

Richard E. Steffes — Date

Legal Services — Date 8/19/08

Laurie Osterndorf — Date 8/20/08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Town & Village of Solon Springs Property

North Country Trail

- Subject Property
- NCT Potential Route
- Solon Springs Property
- WDNR Owned
- WNDR Eased
- WDNR Leased
- Project Boundary

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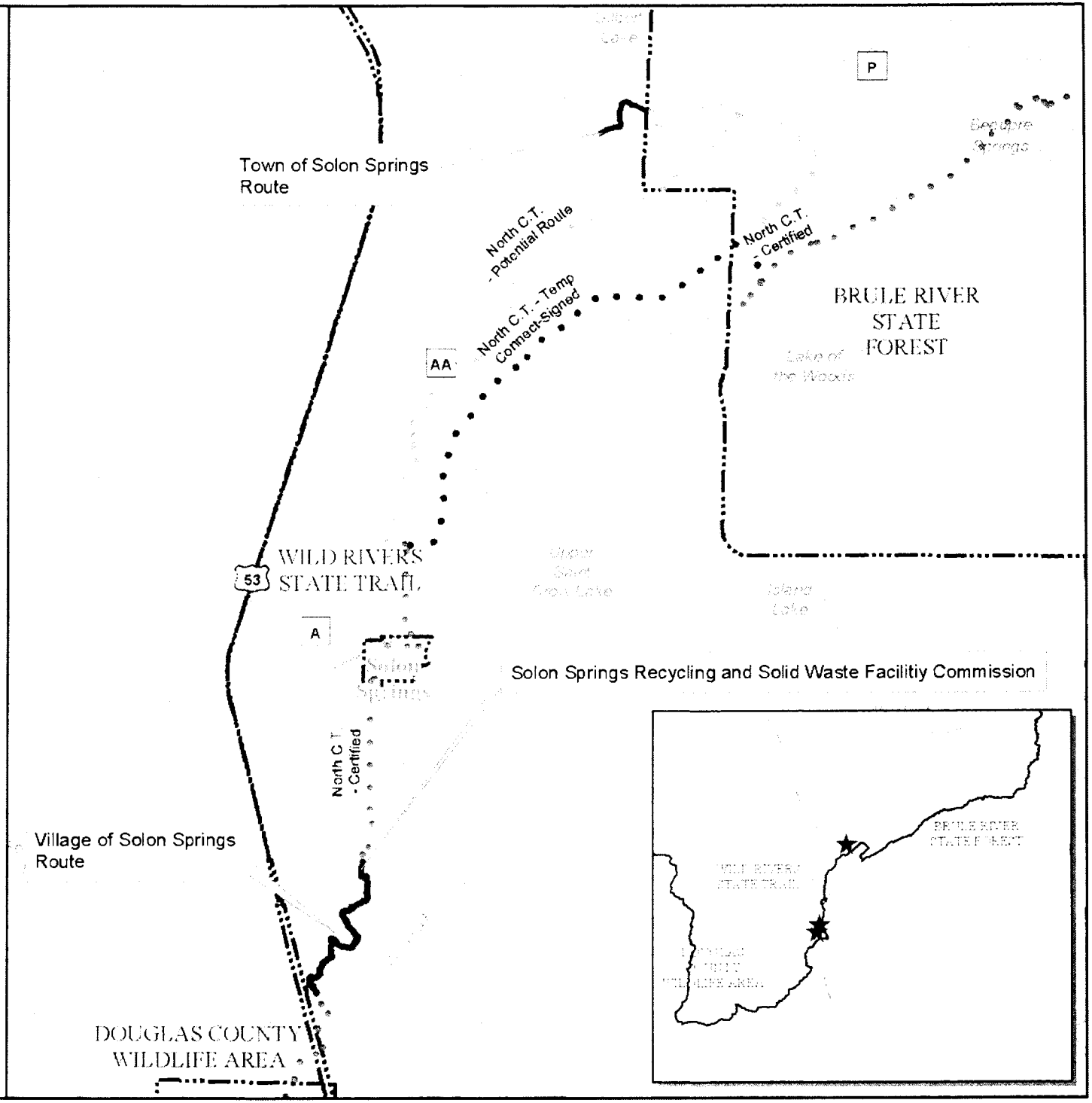

Town of Solon Springs Property

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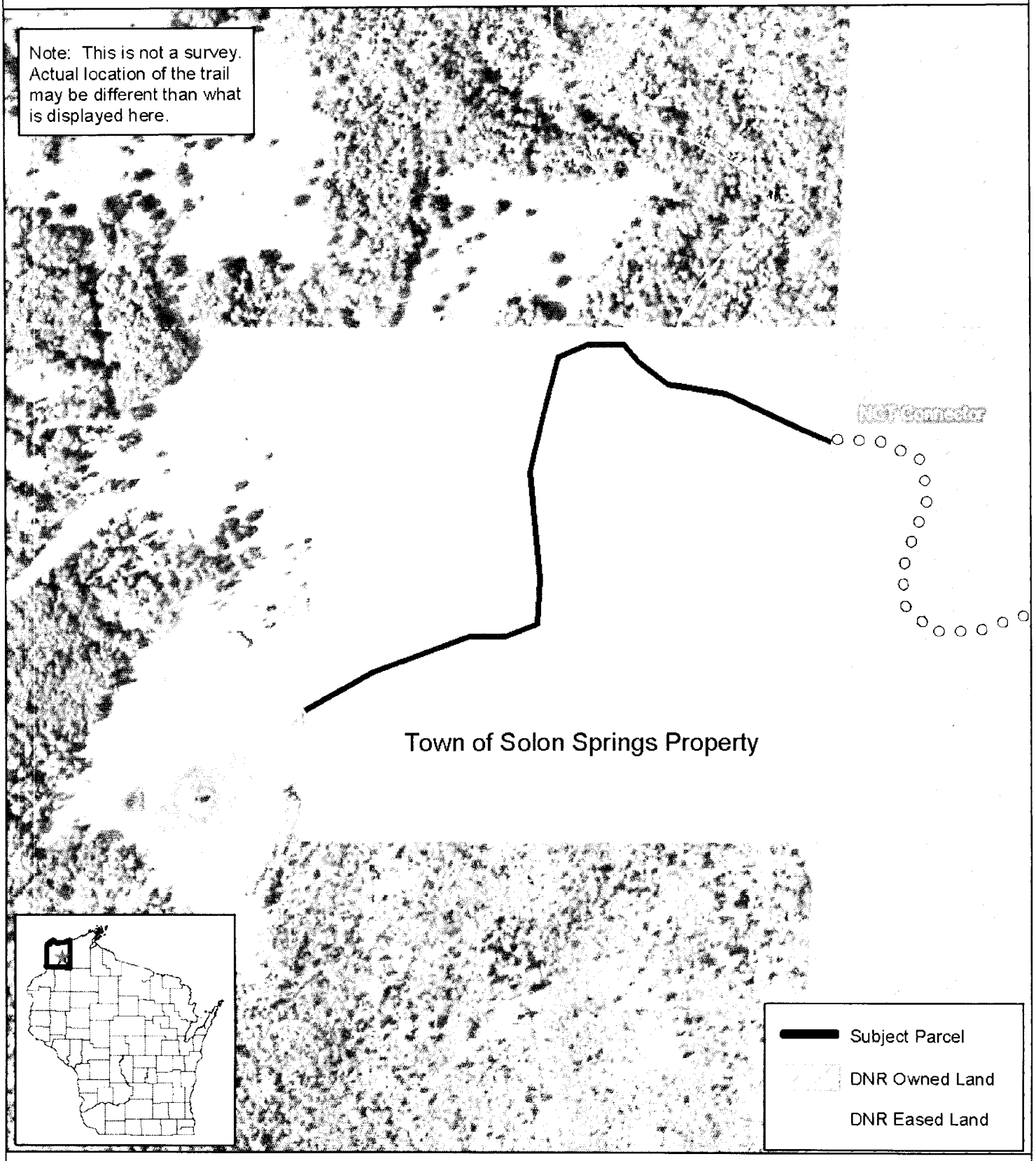

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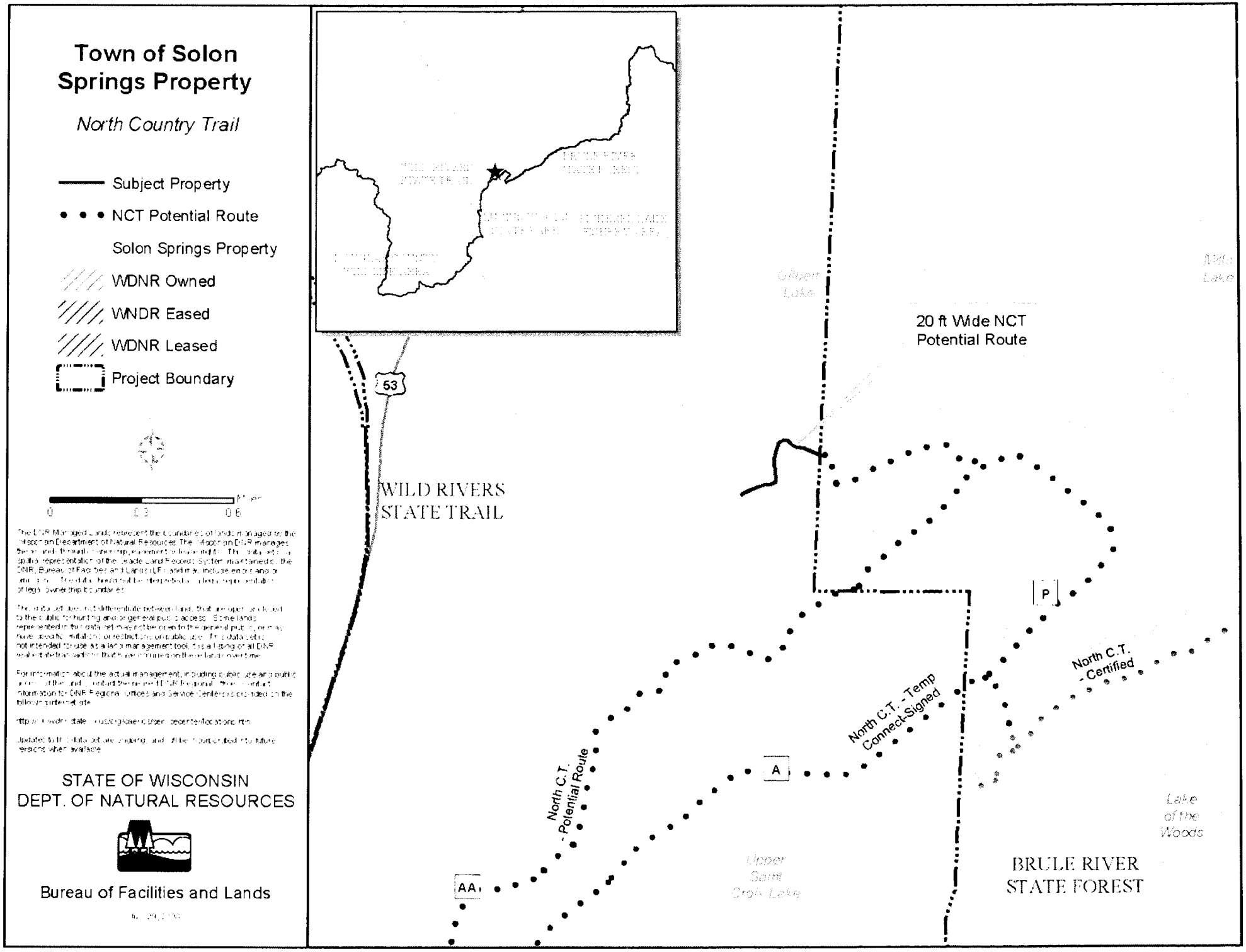
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Bureau of Facilities and Lands
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WILD RIVERS
STATE TRAIL
20 ft Wide NCT
Potential Route
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STATE FOREST

State of Wisconsin

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 18, 2008 FILE REF: PR 40006

TO: Natural Resources Board

FROM: Matthew J. Frank

SUBJECT: Proposed Easement on the Village of Solon Springs Tract, File # PR 40006

1. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

North Country National Scenic Trail
Douglas County

Grantor:

Village of Solon Springs
P.O. Box 275
Solon Springs, WI 548736

Acres: 0.6
Price: Gift
Interest: Easement
Improvements: None

Location: The tract is located in Douglas County in the Village of Solon Springs about 10 miles northwest of the City of Solon Springs.

Land Description: The subject land is generally level.

Covertype Breakdown:	Type:	Acreage:
	Wooded Uplands	0.6

Zoning: Forestry
Present Use: Vacant
Proposed Use: Resource Protection and Recreation
Tenure: NENE since 1977 and the SENE since 1964
Easement Date: August 12, 2008

Stewardship Land Access: This land will be open for hiking, cross-country skiing, and walking.

JUSTIFICATION:

The Department proposes to accept a 0.6-acre easement donation from the Village of Solon Springs in Douglas County that is 20 feet in width and about 1/4-mile in length for the North Country National Scenic Trail. The easement would link up to the existing trail. The topography of the parcel is relatively flat with some roll and is upland with a mixture of northern hardwoods and aspen. The parcel will provide a corridor for the North Country National Scenic Trail providing an important link to other trail segments.

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The Department recommends the acceptance of this gift from the Village of Solon Springs to conserve the natural and scenic values of the parcel and to provide opportunities for outdoor recreation on the North Country National Scenic Trail.

3. FINANCING:

No state Stewardship bond funds are anticipated.

4. ACQUISITION STATUS OF THE NORTH COUNTRY NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL:

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Richard E. Steffes — Date

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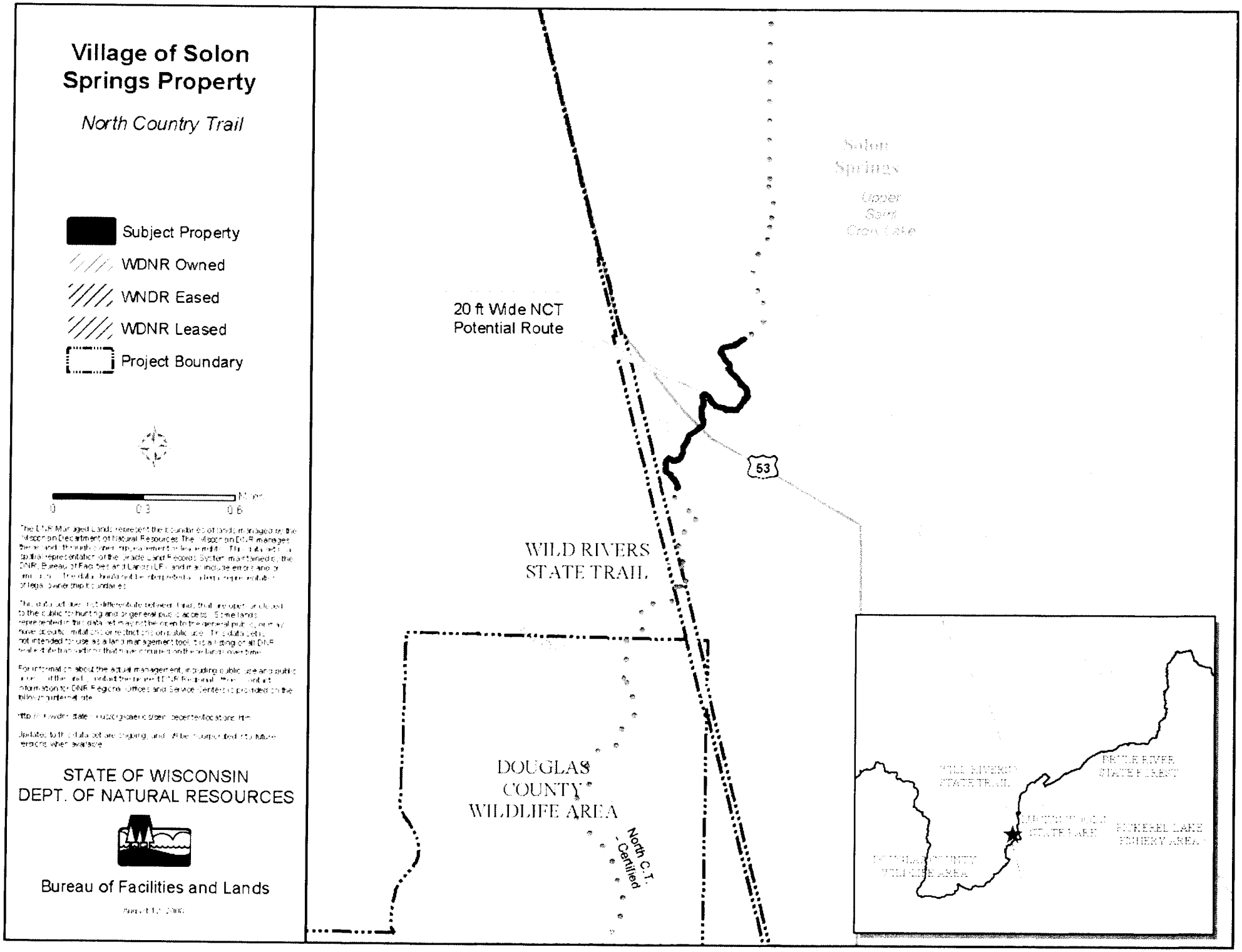
Laurie Osterndorf — Date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Project Boundary
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DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Bureau of Facilities and Lands
Solon Springs
Upper Saint Croix Lake
20 ft Wide NCT Potential Route
53
WILD RIVERS STATE TRAIL
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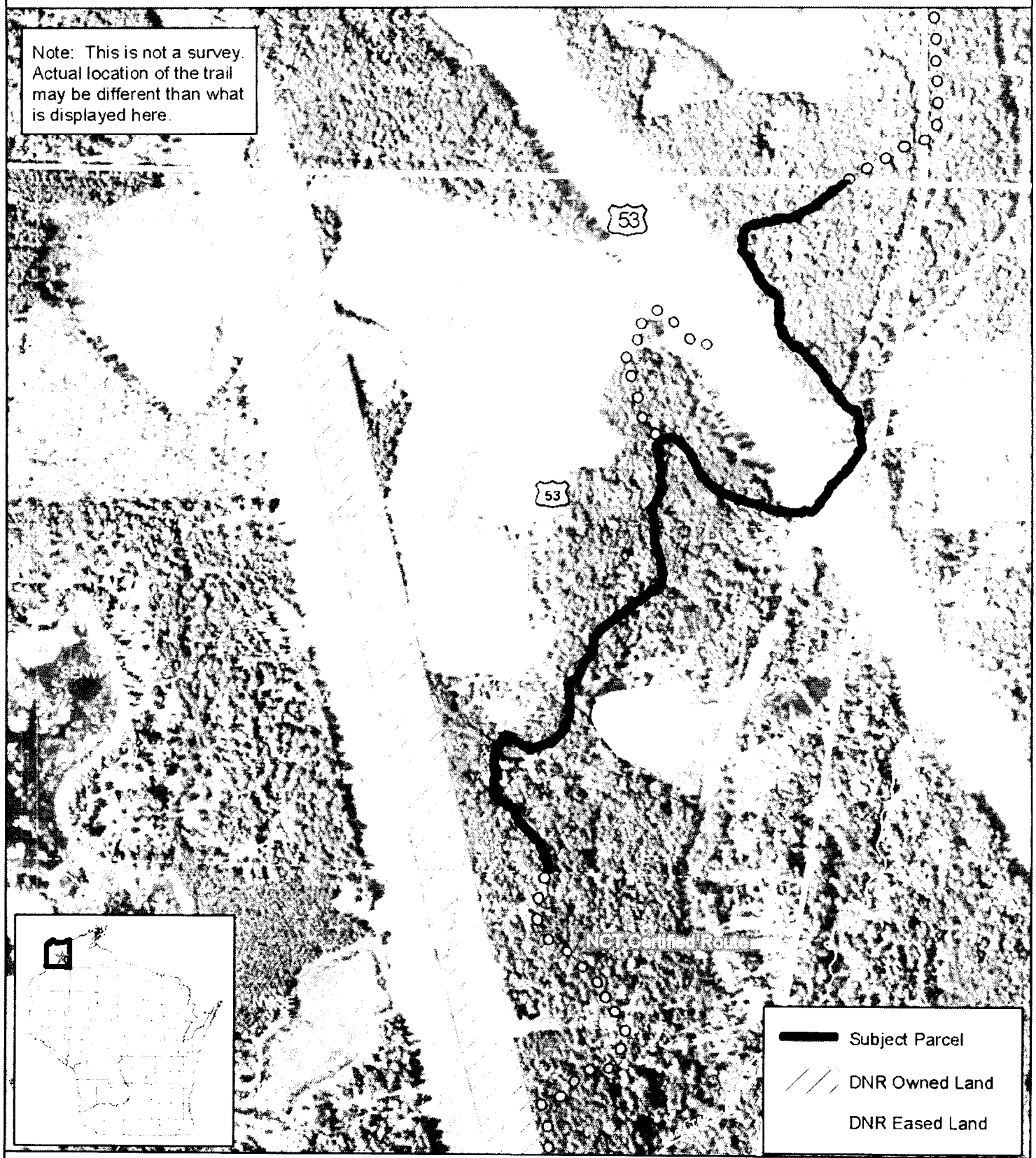
Village of Solon Springs Property

T 44N, R 12W, Section 2, Village of Solon Springs, Douglas County



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CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 26, 2008 FILE REF: PR 40007

TO: Natural Resources Board

FROM: Matthew J. Frank

SUBJECT: Proposed Easement on the Solon Spring Recycling and Solid Waste Department Tract, File # PR 40007

1. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

North Country National Scenic Trail
Douglas County

Grantor:

Solon Springs Recycling and Solid Waste Department
P.O. Box 2273
Solon Springs, WI 54873

Acres: Solon Springs Recycling and Solid Waste Department
Price: Gift
Interest: Easement
Improvements: None

Location: The tract is located in Douglas County in the Village of Solon Springs about 10 miles northwest of the City of Solon Springs.

Land Description: The subject land is generally level.

Covertype Breakdown:	Type:	Acreage:
	Wooded Uplands	.77

Zoning: Forestry
Present Use: Vacant
Proposed Use: Resource Protection and Recreation
Easement Date: August 18, 2008

Stewardship Land Access: This land will be open for hiking, cross-country skiing, and walking.

2. JUSTIFICATION:

The Department proposes to accept a .77-acre easement donation from the Solon Springs Recycling and Solid Waste Department in Douglas County that is 20 feet in width and about ¼-mile in length for the North Country National Scenic Trail. The easement would link up to the existing trail. The topography of the parcel is relatively flat with some roll and is upland with a mixture of northern hardwoods and aspen. The parcel will provide a corridor for the North Country National Scenic Trail providing an important link to other trail segments.

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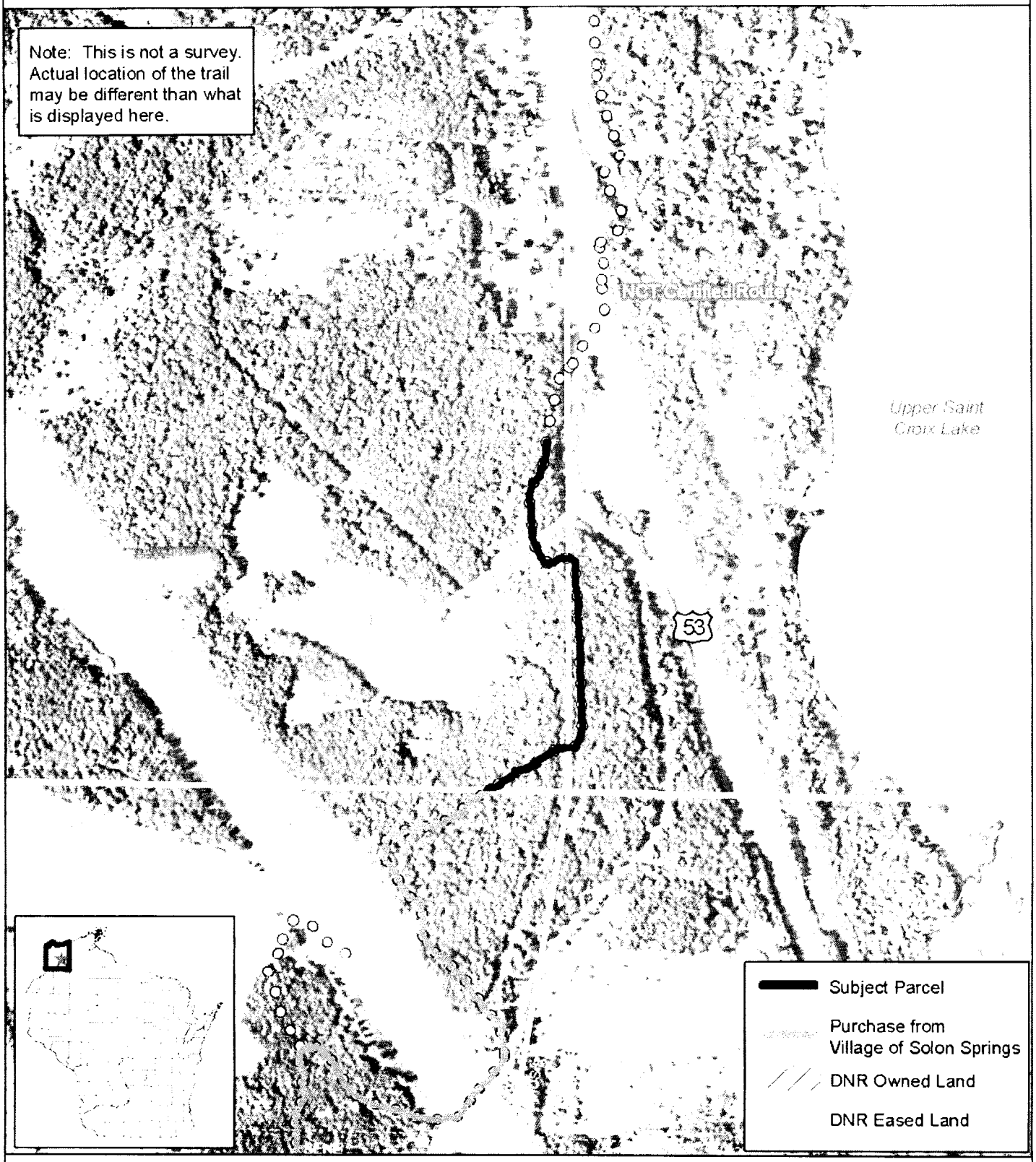
RECOMMENDED:

Richard E. Steffes	Date
Legal Services	Date
Laurie Osterndorf	Date

Solon Springs Recycling & Solid Waste Facility Commission Property

T 45N, R 12W, Sections 35 & 36, Village of Solon Springs, Douglas County



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Acknowledgment Of Gift

This is to certify that at its September 2008 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of a 0.6-acre easement from the

VILLAGE OF SOLON SPRINGS

The easement will be used for the North Country National Scenic Trail in Douglas County. It is significant that units of government such as yours are interested in helping protect Wisconsin's natural heritage and contribute materially toward this end.

An expression of our appreciation is a part of the official records of the Natural Resources Board. We present this certificate of sincere appreciation on behalf of present and future generations to thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

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Christine L. Thomas, CHAIR

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