

SUBJECT: LAND DONATION - STATEWIDE NATURAL AREA – DOOR COUNTY

FOR: DECEMBER 2009 BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Richard Steffes

SUMMARY: Door County Land Trust (DCLT) has offered to donate 15.44 acres of land to the Department for the Mud Lake Wildlife Area in Door County. DCLT is purchasing the land using state Stewardship grant funds and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Coastal Wetland Federal funds and desires to donate it to the Department.

The parcel adjoins state-owned lands to the north and is located a few miles north of Baileys Harbor. The parcel is a groundwater recharge area for critical wetlands that host the Hine’s emerald dragonfly larvae in the Ridges Sanctuary and Mud Lake State Natural Area. Protection of these uplands is critical to maintain the breeding and foraging habitat of this endangered species. The uplands on the property provide foraging habitat for adult Hine’s emerald dragonflies and they also host dwarf lake iris. The property will protect the natural values, consolidate state ownership, provide opportunities for public recreation and will allow wildlife and natural community management.

Mud Lake Wildlife Area was established in 1966 to protect and manage the large wetland ecosystem surrounding Mud Lake and Reibolt's Creek in northeastern Door County. Mud Lake is a shallow, natural lake that provides habitat for waterfowl and other water-dependent species. Reibolt's Creek runs from Mud Lake to Moonlight Bay, a part of Lake Michigan. The property is managed to provide wildlife habitat for deer, upland small game, waterfowl, and nongame species. The public uses the property for hunting, trapping, fishing, cross-country skiing, and wildlife observation. Reibolt's Creek provides an exceptional fishery with seasonal runs of trout and salmon from Lake Michigan.

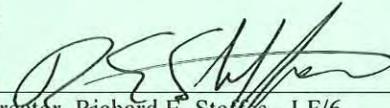
Accepting this donation from Door County Land Trust will consolidate state ownership and protect and restore natural values of this site

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board accept the donation of 15.44 acres of land for the Mud Lake State Wildlife Area, that a certificate of appreciation be sent to Door County Land Trust and that an expression of appreciation be made a part of the official records of the Natural Resources Board.

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

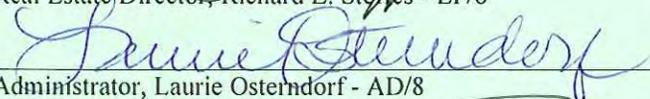
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| No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Fiscal Estimate Required | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Environmental Assessment of Impact Statement Required | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No <input type="checkbox"/> | Background Memo | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Attached |

APPROVED:



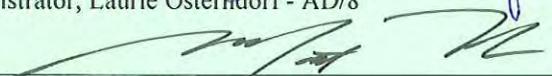
Real Estate Director, Richard E. Steffes - LF/6

11-4-09
Date



Administrator, Laurie Osterndorf - AD/8

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Date



Secretary, Matthew J. Frank - AD/8

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Date

- cc: S. Miller – LF/6
R. Steffes – LF/6
L. Ross – AD/8
S. Holtz – ER/6
R. Kazmierczak – NER/Green Bay

CORRESPONDENCE/ME40RANDUM

DATE: November 4, 2009
 TO: Natural Resources Board
 FROM: Matthew J. Frank 
 SUBJECT: Proposed Land Donation, Door County Land Trust
 Tract, Files # WM-60070
 Option Expires December 24, 2009

FILE REF: WM-60070

1. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

Mud Lake Wildlife Area
 Door County

Grantor:

Door County Land Trust
 c/o Terrie Cooper
 P.O. Box 345
 Ephraim, WI 54211

Acres: 15.44Price: N/AInterest: Fee title donationImprovements: None

Location: The tract is located in Door County a few miles north of Baileys Harbor on the east side of Highway 57.

Land Description: The subject land consists of wooded uplands and wetlands.

<u>Covertypes Breakdown:</u>	<u>Type:</u>	<u>Acreage:</u>
	Upland/Woodland	10.44
	Wetlands	<u>5.00</u>
	TOTAL	15.44

Zoning: Zoned for three, 5-acre building sitesPresent Use: RecreationProposed Use: Natural area protection and public recreation

Tenure: DCLT plans to close the purchase from Mr. Murray in November of 2009. The agreed upon purchase price is \$115,800.

Letter of intent to Donate: October 26, 2009

Stewardship Land Access: This property will be open to the public for all nature-based outdoor recreational activities to include hunting, fishing, trapping, hiking and cross-country skiing.

2. JUSTIFICATION:

Door County Land Trust (DCLT) has offered to donate 15.44 acres of land to the Department for the Statewide Natural Area program for the Mud Lake Wildlife Area in Door County. The parcel that adjoins state-owned lands to the north is located in Door County a few miles north of Baileys Harbor on the east side of Highway 57 in the Town of Baileys Harbor. DCLT is purchasing the land on December 15, 2009 using state Stewardship grant funds and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Coastal Wetland Federal

funds. The parcel is a groundwater recharge area for critical wetlands that host the Hine's emerald dragonfly larvae in the Ridges Sanctuary and Mud Lake State Natural Area. Protection of these uplands is critical to maintain the breeding and foraging habitat of this endangered species. The uplands on the property provide foraging habitat for adult Hine's emerald dragonflies and they also host dwarf lake iris. The property will protect the natural values, consolidate state ownership, provide opportunities for public recreation and will allow wildlife and natural community management.

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The Department recommends accepting this donation from Door County Land Trust to consolidate state and land trust ownership, protect and restore natural values of this site to include the groundwater recharge area and provide access for scientific, educational, and non-intensive recreational use while providing significant educational opportunities through partnership with the University of Wisconsin.

3. FINANCING:

No funding is required for this donation of land. However, the funding for DCLT's purchase of the land is \$57,900 in state Stewardship and \$57,900 in U.S. Coastal Wetlands funds.

4. ACQUISITION STATUS OF THE MUD LAKE WILDLIFE AREA - DOOR COUNTY:

Established: 1966
Acres Purchased to Date: 2,309.66
Acquisition Goal: 1,860.50
Percent Complete: 124.14%
Cost to Date: \$758,250.00

RECOMMENDED:


Richard E. Steffes

11-4-09
Date


Bureau of Legal Services

11/5/09
Date


Laurie Osterndorf

10/6/09
Date

RES:dv

Acknowledgment of Gift

This is to certify that at its December 2009 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of 15.44 acres of land in Door County for the Mud Lake Wildlife Area from

DOOR COUNTY LAND TRUST

It is significant that organizations such as yours are interested in helping protect Wisconsin's natural heritage and contribute materially toward this end.

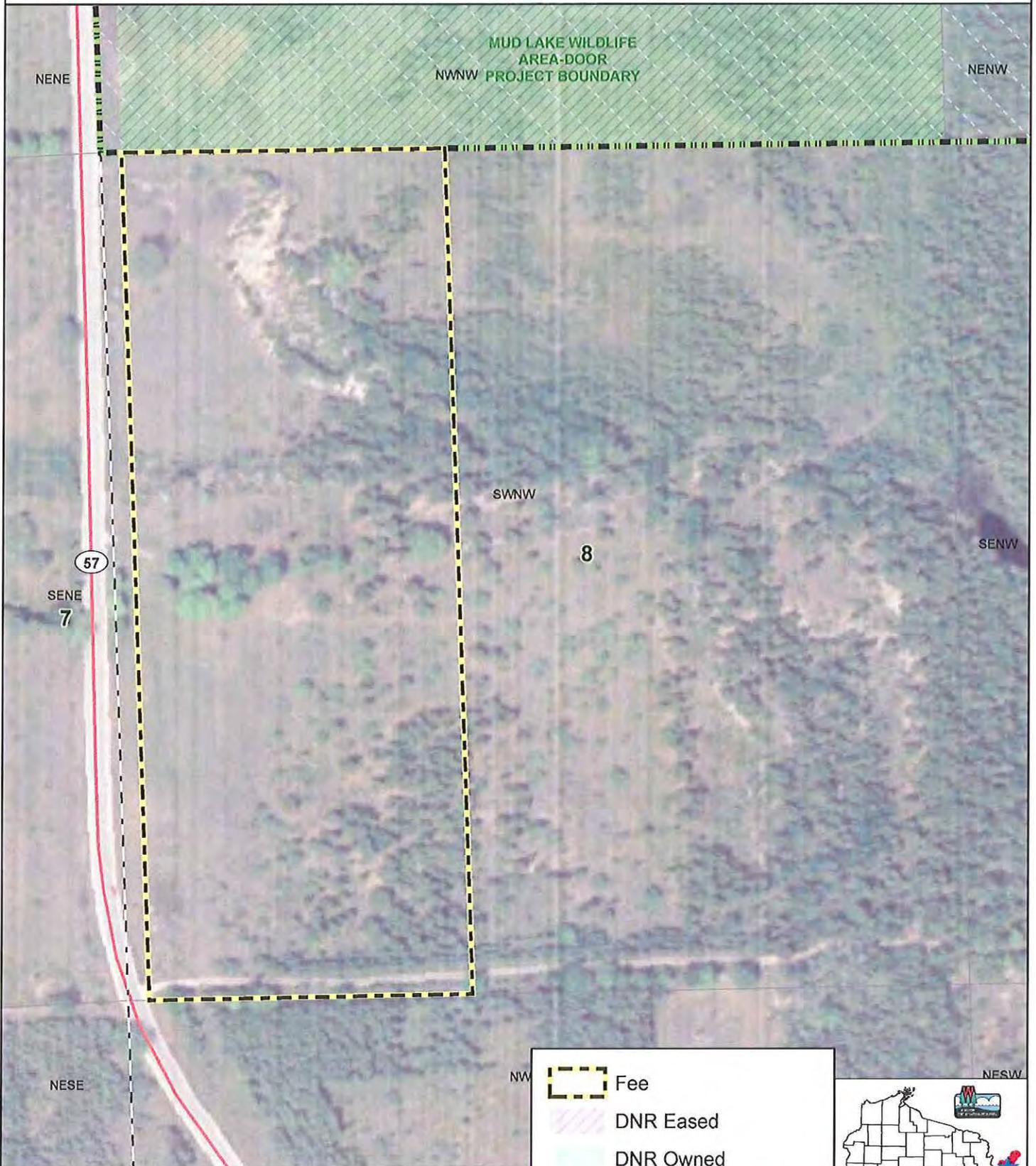
An expression of our appreciation is a part of the official records of the Natural Resources Board. We present this certificate of sincere appreciation on behalf of present and future generations to thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Natural Resources Board

Christine Thomas, CHAIRMAN

Door County Land Trust Fee

T30N R28E Section 8, Town of Baileys Harbor, Door County, WI (15.44 Acres)



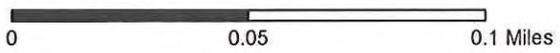
	Fee
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	DNR Project Boundary



WM 60070
Mud Lake Wildlife
Area - Door



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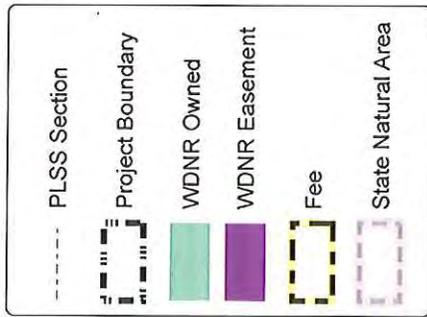


State of Wisconsin

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<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/geoparcels/services/interactions.htm>

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES



Bureau of Facilities and Lands
November 2, 2009

