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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Item No. 3.B.7

SUBJECT: LAND DONATION AND PROJECT BOUNDARY MODIFICATION – WILLOW CREEK FISHERY AREA - WAUSHARA COUNTY

FOR: SEPTEMBER 2007 BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Richard Steffes

SUMMARY: The Department proposes to accept a 0.26-acre donation from Gohlke Realty for the Willow Creek Fishery Area in Waushara Country to provide public access to state-owned lands to the north.

The parcel is located in the Village of Red Granite in the Town of Warren in southeast Waushara County. It is situated just outside the southern border of the project boundary with 112 acres of state-owned lands to the north that fall within the Willow Creek Fishery Area. This small rectangular shaped property is important since it would provide public road access to the existing state lands to the north.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board accept the 0.26-acre donation, that a certificate of appreciation be sent to the donor and that an expression of appreciation be made part of the official records of the Natural Resources Board. Additionally, the project boundary for the Willow Creek Fishery Area be modified to include this parcel.

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 8-7-07

Administrator, Laurie Osterndorf - AD/5 — Date 8/13/07

Secretary, Scott Hassett - AD/5 — Date 8/20/07

cc: S. Miller – LF/6
R. Steffes – LF/6
L. Ross – AD/5
M. Staggs - FH/4
R. Kazmierczak – NER/Green Bay

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

State of Wisconsin

DATE: August 7, 2007 FILE REF: FI-2881

TO: Natural Resources Board

FROM: Scott Hassett

SUBJECT: Proposed Land Donation, Gohlke Realty Inc Tract, File # FI-2881

1. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

Willow Creek Fishery Area
Waushara County

Grantor:

Gohlke Realty Inc
126 South Main Street
P. O. Box 120
Neshkoro, WI 54960

Acres: 0.26
Price: N/A
Interest: Donation of fee simple title.
Improvements: None

Location: The tract is located in the Village of Red Granite in the Town of Warren, which is located in southeast Waushara County.

Land Description: The subject area is level and gently rolling.

Covertype Breakdown:	Type	Acreage
	Low, marshy land	0.26

Zoning: Residential, village zoning would not allow development
Present Use: Vacant
Proposed Use: Resource Protection and Public Recreation
Tenure: 9 years

2. JUSTIFICATION:

Gohlke Realty has offered to donate a 0.26 acre strip of land as a means for public road access to existing department ownership in the Willow Creek Fishery Area. There are 112 acres of state-owned lands to the north of this small rectangular shaped property that is 30 feet in width by 382 feet in length. Gohlke Realty Company sold the land to the west of this parcel for residential development.

The parcel is located within the Village of Red Granite about 10 miles east of Wautoma in southeast Waushara County. Acceptance of this gift would provide public access to existing state ownership to the north.

The Willow Creek Fishery Area in Waushara County was established in 1953. Willow Creek originates from springs and the outlet of Silver Lake. In addition to unnamed tributaries, Rattlesnake Creek, Cedar Springs Creek and Bruce Creek also flow into Willow Creek, which outlets into Lake Poygan. Stretches of Willow Creek and its tributaries are Class 1 and 2, with natural production of brook and brown trout. Lower stretches include cool and warm water species as well. In addition to protecting the streams, a variety of upland habitat is managed, including forests, savanna and prairie. Beyond fishing opportunities,

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the project provides other public recreation such as hunting, trapping, hiking, bird watching and berry picking.

The Department recommends the acceptance of this gift to provide public access to state-owned lands to the north, to assure public recreation and to consolidate state ownership. Additionally, the Department recommends modifying the project boundary for the Willow Creek Fishery Area to include this parcel.

3. FINANCING:

No funding is required for this transaction.

4. ACQUISITION STATUS OF THE WILLOW CREEK FISHERY AREA:

Established: 1953
Acres Purchased to Date: 2,263
Acquisition Goal: 2,007
Percent Complete: 112.8%
Cost to Date: $298,775

RECOMMENDED:

Richard E. Steffes — Date: 8-7-08

Bureau of Legal Services — Date: 8/9/08

Laurie Osterndorf — Date: 8/13/07

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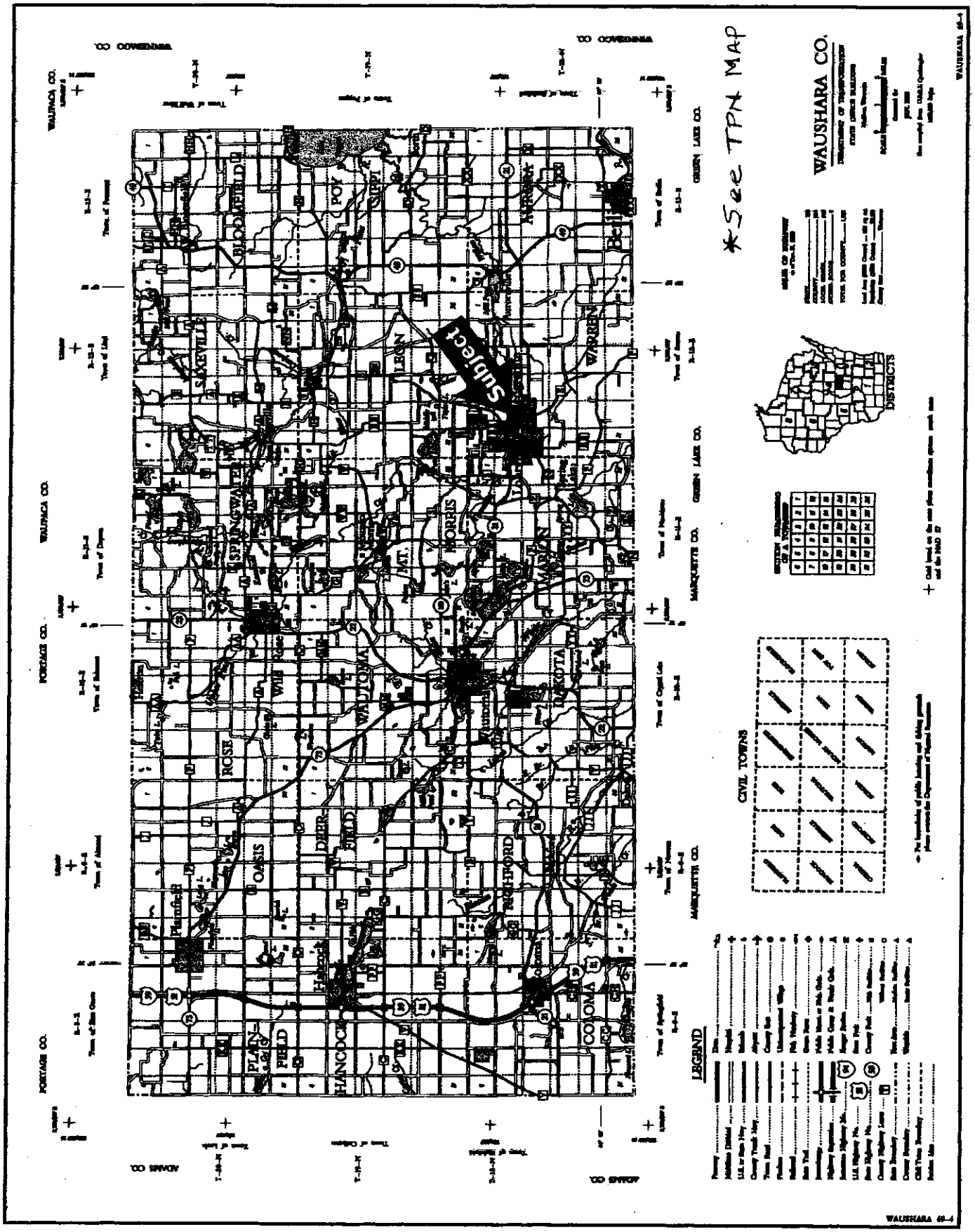
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Gohlke Gift

Willow Creek Fishery Area

- Subject Property
- WDNR Owned
- WNDR Eased
- WDNR Leased
- Ice Age Trail
- Project Boundary
- Open Water

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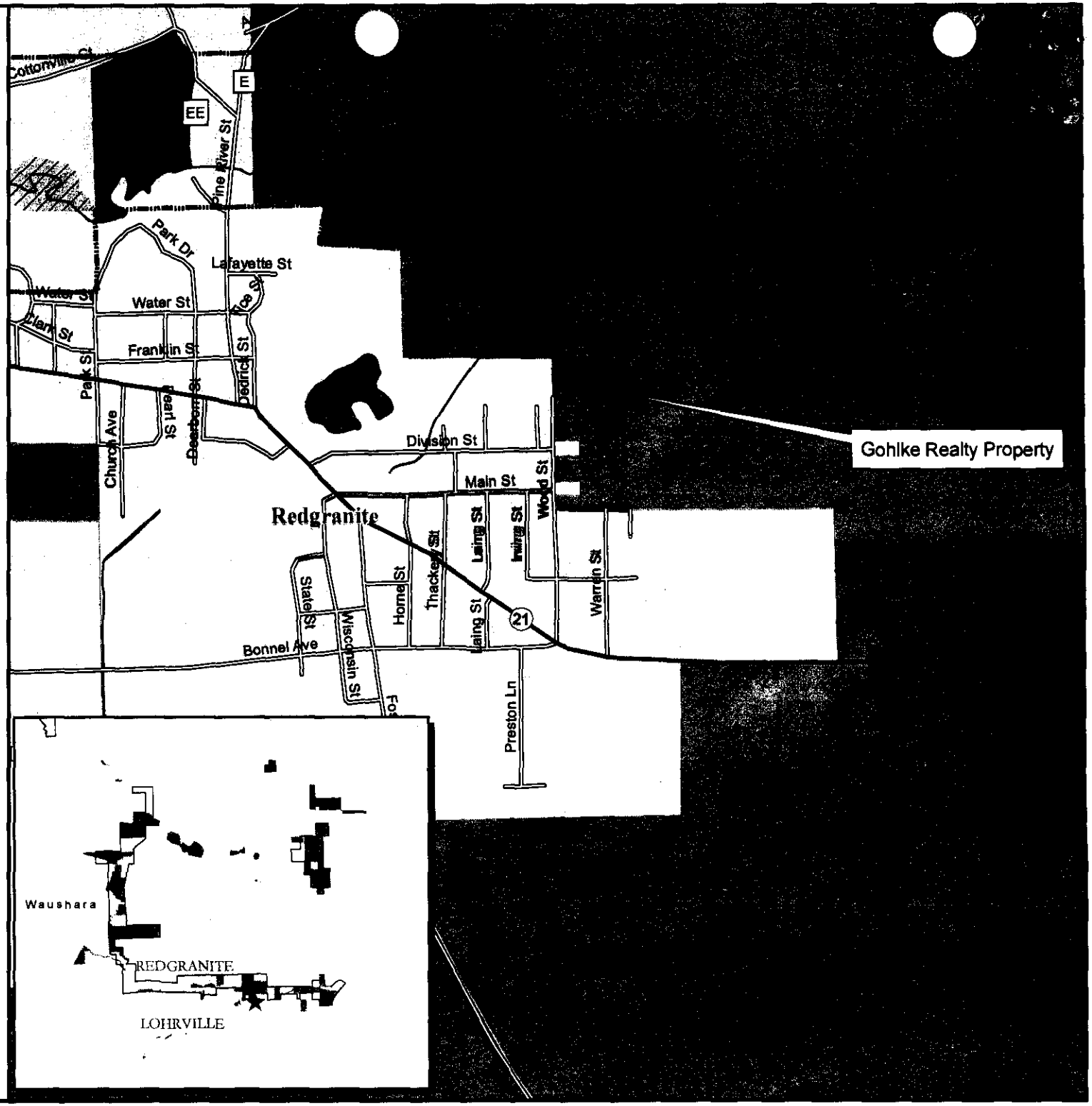
July 26, 2007



Acknowledgment Of Gift

This is to certify that at its September 2007 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of 0.26-acre strip of land from

GOHLKE REALTY, INC.

The donation will be used as a means for public road access to existing department ownership in the Willow Creek Fishery Area in Waushara County. It is significant that people like you are interested in helping protect Wisconsin's natural heritage and contribute 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 L. Thomas, CHAIR