

SUBJECT: LAND DONATION AND PROJECT BOUNDARY MODIFICATION - GREEN BAY WEST SHORES WILDLIFE AREA - MARINETTE COUNTY

FOR: APRIL 2010 BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Richard Steffes

SUMMARY: The Peshtigo Harbor Development Company has offered to donate 0.24-acre of land for the Green Bay West Shores Wildlife Area in Marinette County.

The parcel is located in the Town of Peshtigo in eastern Marinette County about nine miles south of the City of Marinette. The parcel adjoins state-owned lands to the north and south. The property is outside the project boundary and is one of many small parcels that the project boundary excluded due to planned development. Acquisition of the Peshtigo Harbor Development Company property would provide a connection from a narrow waterfront department ownership to Harbor Road. Additionally, acquisition of this tract would protect fish and wildlife habitat, allow for wildlife and fishery management, provide opportunities for public recreation and consolidate state ownership.

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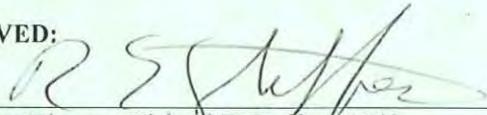
Acceptance of donation of this parcel will enhance recreational opportunities, improve habitat for fish and wildlife and consolidate state ownership. The coastal marshes along this stretch of the Green Bay shoreline provide important forage and nursery habitat for fish and wildlife species and this addition to State ownership will enhance protection of this habitat.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board accept the donation of 0.24-acre of land for the Green Bay West Shores Wildlife Area program, that a certificate of appreciation be sent to the donor and that an expression of appreciation be made a part of the official records of the Natural Resources Board. In addition, that the Board approve modification of the project boundary to include this and the adjoining state-owned parcel.

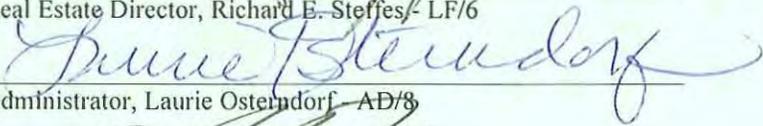
LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

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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 |

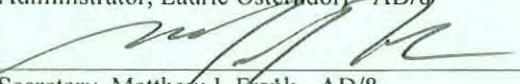
APPROVED:


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

3-23-10
Date


Administrator, Laurie Osterndorf - AD/8

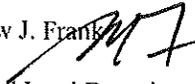
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Secretary, Matthew J. Frank - AD/8

4-7-10
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- cc: S. Miller - LF/6
 R. Steffes - LF/6
 L. Ross - AD/8
 T. Hauge - WM/6
 R. Kazmierczak - NER/Green Bay

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 22, 2010 FILE REF: WM 60082
 TO: Natural Resources Board
 FROM: Matthew J. Frank 
 SUBJECT: Proposed Land Donation, Peshtigo Harbor Development Company Tract, File WM 60082

1. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

Green Bay West Shores Wildlife Area
 Marinette County

Grantor:

Peshtigo Harbor Development Company
 ATTN: Theodore Thompson
 P.O. Box 135
 Homer, NY 13077

Acres: 0.24Price: GiftInterest: Fee title purchaseImprovements: None

Location: The tract is located in the Town of Peshtigo in eastern Marinette County about nine miles south of the City of Marinette.

Land Description: The subject land is level.

<u>Covertyp</u> e Breakdown:	Type:	Acreage:
	Brush	0.24

Present Use: RecreationZoning: Unrestricted districtProposed Use: Resource protection and public recreationTenure: More than 40 yearsOption Date: February 25, 2010

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:

The Department proposes to accept a donation of a 0.24-acre tract of land from the Peshtigo Harbor Development Company for the Green Bay West Shores Wildlife Area. The tract is located in the Town of Peshtigo in eastern Marinette County about nine miles south of the City of Marinette and adjoins state-owned lands to the north and south. The property is outside the project boundary and is one of many small parcels that the project boundary excluded due to planned residential development. Acquisition of the Peshtigo Harbor Development Company property would provide a connection from existing department ownership to Harbor Road. Additionally, acquisition of this tract would protect fish and wildlife habitat, allow for wildlife and fishery management, provide opportunities for public recreation and consolidate state ownership.

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The Department recommends acceptance of this parcel to enhance recreational opportunities, improve habitat for fish and wildlife and consolidate state ownership. The coastal marshes along this stretch of the Green Bay shoreline provide important forage and nursery habitat for fish and wildlife species and this addition to state ownership will enhance protection of this habitat.

3. FINANCING:

No funding is required for this transaction.

4. ACQUISITION STATUS OF THE GREEN BAY WEST SHORES WILDLIFE AREA:

Established: 1962
Acres Purchased to Date: 8,378.04
Acquisition Goal: 13,933.00 Acres
Percent Complete: 60.13%
Cost to Date: \$3,165,291.75

RECOMMENDED:



Richard E. Steffes

3-23-10
Date



Bureau of Legal Services

3-24-10
Date



Laurie Osterndorf

3/28/10
Date

RES:dv

Acknowledgment Of Gift

This is to certify that at its April 2010 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of 0.24 acres of land in Marinette County for the Green Bay West Shores Wildlife Area from

PESHTIGO HARBOR DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

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

Jonathan P. Ela, CHAIRMAN

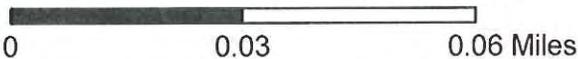
Theodore Thompson Parcel

T29N R23E Section 23, Town of Peshtigo, Marinette County, WI (0.24 Acres)



Legend

- - - PLSS Section Line
- PLSS Quarter-Quarter
- ▨ DNR Project Boundary
- ▧ County Boundary
- DNR Eased
- DNR Owned



Subject Property

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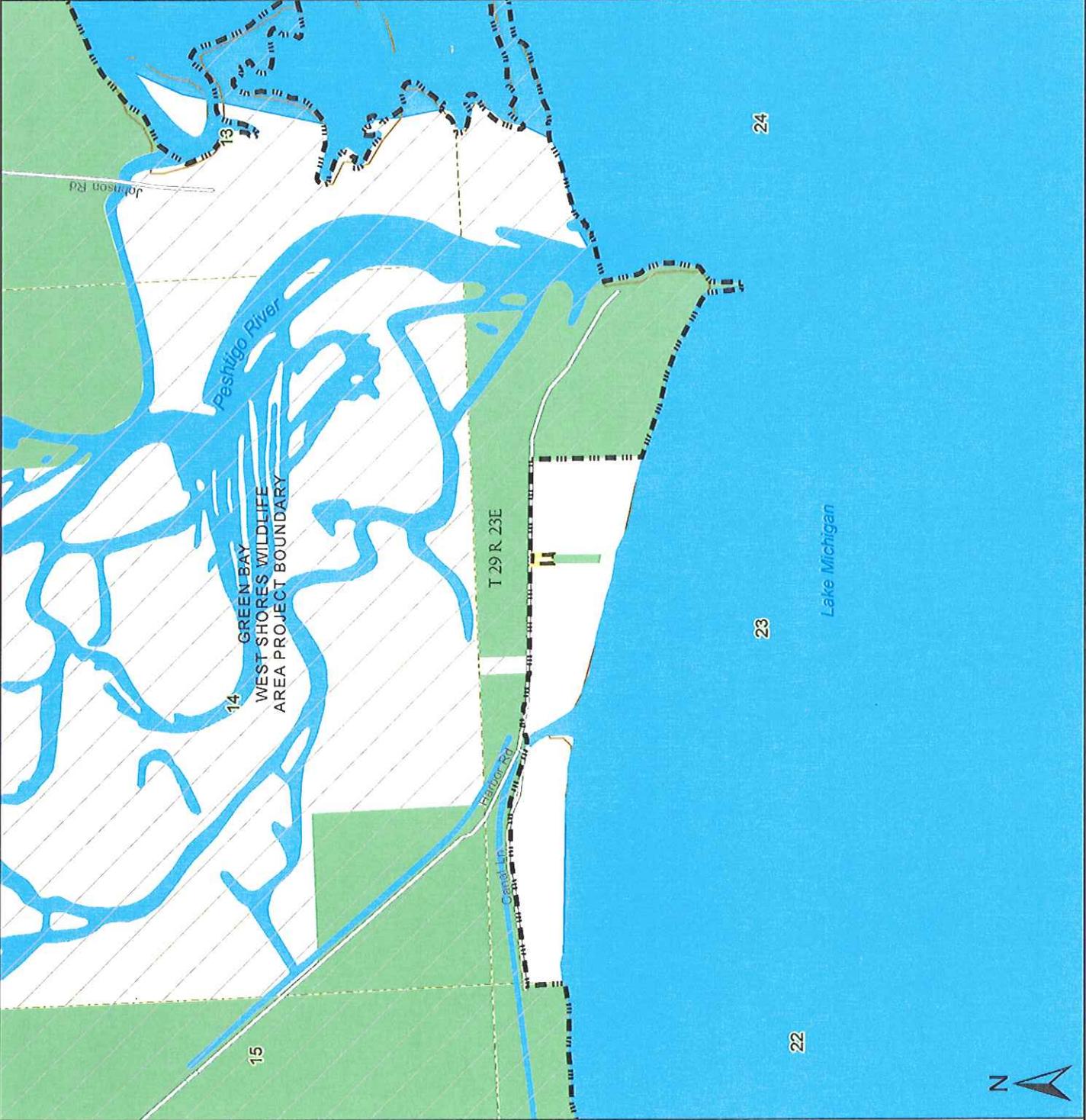
Green Bay West Shores Wildlife Area

- ▨ Fee Simple
- ▧ Easement
- Ingress/Egress

State of Wisconsin

March 9, 2010
Real Estate Section
Bureau of Facilities and Lands

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 Property Full Parcel
 PLSS Section Line
 DNR Project Boundary
 DNR Owned
 DNR Easement
 County Boundary
 State Natural Area



 **Subject Property** County View

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