

SUBJECT: LAND DONATION - STATEWIDE HABITAT AREAS- COLUMBIA COUNTY

FOR: APRIL 2011 BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Richard Steffes

SUMMARY: The Iwinski family has offered to donate 4.6 acres of land for the Statewide Habitat Areas Program in Columbia.

The property is about 1.5 miles south of Portage in the Town of Shelby and consists of three contiguous small lots in Blackhawk Park with 310 feet of Wisconsin River frontage. Blackhawk Park is subject to seasonal flooding being within the floodplain of the Wisconsin River. The cabin on the property will be razed since it incurred flooding damage from floodwaters in 2010. The property will provide for additional opportunities for public recreation and access for small boats and canoes.

The Statewide Habitat Areas Program was established in 1969 and the focus is to protect critical fishery habitat. This portion of the Wisconsin River is home to fishable populations of walleye, sauger, northern pike, smallmouth bass, white bass, channel catfish and several panfish species. Riverine species need connection and access to flooded river riparian areas to provide spawning habitat, refuge from high water velocities, and foraging opportunities when the river seasonally inundates the floodplain. Protecting floodplain vegetation and riparian habitat will benefit fish species adapted to this life history strategy like; channel catfish, lake sturgeon, and northern pike.

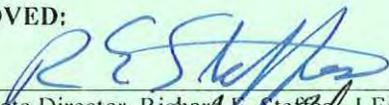
Acceptance of this donation will provide additional opportunities for public outdoor recreation. This parcel will provide opportunities for shoreline angling as well as carry in access for small boats.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board accept the donation of 4.6 acres of land for the Statewide Habitat Areas program, that a certificate of appreciation be sent to the donors 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 |

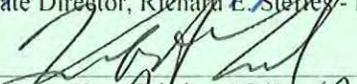
APPROVED:



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

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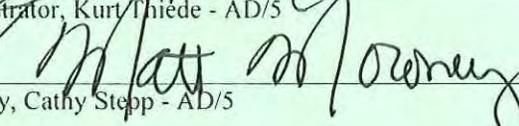
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Administrator, Kurt Thiiede - AD/5

3-25-11

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Secretary, Cathy Stepp - AD/5

4-1-11

Date

- cc: S. Miller – LF/6
 R. Steffes – LF/6
 L. Ross – AD/5
 M. Staggs – FM/4
 L. Eagan – SCR



CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 21, 2011
 TO: Natural Resources Board
 FROM: Cathy Stepp
 SUBJECT: Proposed Land Donation, Iwinski et. al.
 Tract, File FM 10119

FILE REF: FM 10119

1. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

Statewide Habitat Areas
 Columbia County

Grantor:

Ronald Iwinski
 Gerald Iwinski
 Susan Knapper
 421 N. Moreland Blvd Apt 4
 Waukesha, WI 53188

Acres: 4.6

Price: Gift

Interest: Fee title gift of land

Improvements: Cabin (no value)

Location: The tract is located in Columbia County about 1.5 miles south of Portage in the Town of Shelby.

Land Description: The subject land is level and has 310 feet on the Wisconsin River

Covertypes Breakdown:

| Type | Acreage |
|------------------|---------|
| Lowland Woodland | 4.0 |
| Building Site | 0.6 |

Total: 4.6

Zoning: Recreational

Present Use: Recreation

Proposed Use: Resource protection and public outdoor recreation

Tenure: 40 years

Option Date: March 1, 2011

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:

Ronald Iwinski and his siblings have offered to donate approximately 4.6 acres of land in the Town of Caledonia in Columbia County about 1.5 miles south of Portage in the Town of Shelby for the Statewide Habitat Area Program. The property consists of three contiguous small lots in Blackhawk Park that include 310 feet of Wisconsin River frontage. Blackhawk Park is subject to seasonal flooding being within the floodplain of the Wisconsin River. The one cabin on the property will be razed since it incurred flooding damage from floodwaters in 2010. The property will provide for additional opportunities for public recreation and access for small boats and canoes. There have been discussions with Columbia County to try and coordinate a buy out of the lands located within Blackhawk Park due to the regular flooding of the area. Columbia County does not plan to buy out these landowners anytime soon.

Statewide Habitat Areas was established in 1969 with an acreage goal of 10,172 acres. Current ownership is 6,995 acres. The focus of the Statewide Habitat Program is to protect critical fishery habitat. This portion of the Wisconsin River is home to fishable populations of walleye, sauger, northern pike, smallmouth bass, white bass, channel catfish and several panfish species. Riverine species need connection and access to flooded river riparian areas to provide spawning habitat, refuge from high water velocities, and foraging opportunities when the river seasonally inundates the floodplain. Protecting floodplain vegetation and riparian habitat will benefit fish species adapted to this life history strategy like; channel catfish, lake sturgeon, and northern pike.

The Department recommends the acceptance of this donation to provide additional opportunities for public outdoor recreation. This parcel will provide opportunities for shoreline angling as well as carry in access for small boats.

3. FINANCING:

No funding is required for this transaction.

4. ACQUISITION STATUS OF THE STATEWIDE HABITAT AREAS:

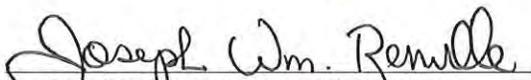
Established: 1969
Acres Purchased to Date: 6,994.79
Acquisition Goal: 10,172.61
Percent Complete: 68.76 %
Cost to Date: \$7,799,933.97

RECOMMENDED:



Richard E. Steffes, Real Estate Director

3-21-11
Date



Joe Renville, Bureau of Legal Services

3-23-11
Date



Kurt Thiede, Division Administrator

3/28/11
Date

Acknowledgment Of Gift

This is to certify that at its April 2011 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted gift of 4.6 acres of land in Columbia County for the Statewide Habitat Areas Program from

**RONALD IWINSKI
GERALD IWINSKI
SUSAN KNAPPER**

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

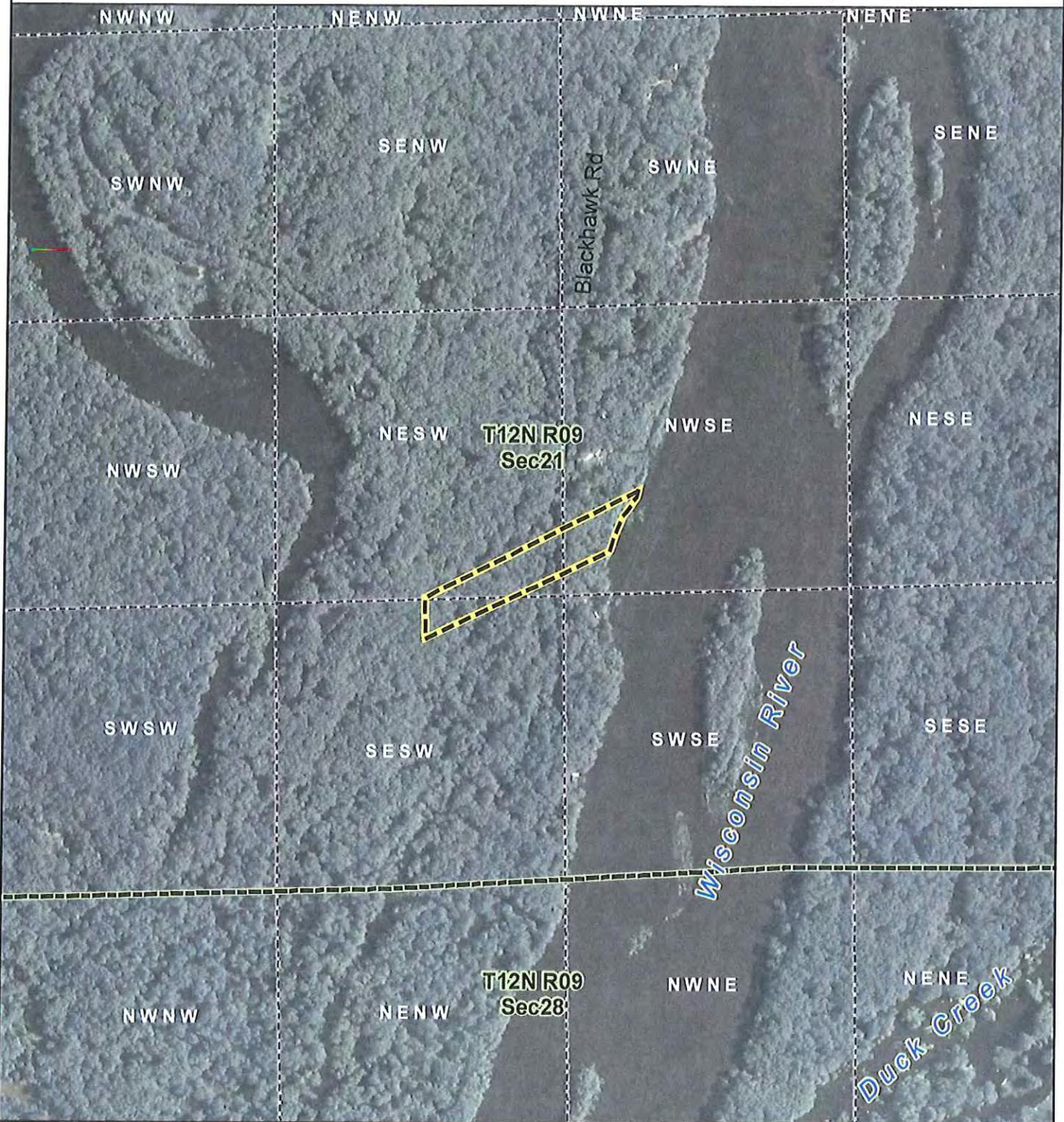
An expression of our appreciation is a part of the official records of the Natural Resources Board. We present this certificate of sincere appreciation on behalf of present and future generations to thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Natural Resources Board

Jonathan P. Ela, CHAIRMAN

Gerard J. Iwinski, Ronald L. Iwinski & Susan M. Knapper Gift Land

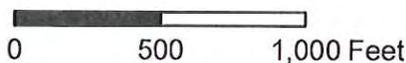
T12N R09E Section 21, Town of Caledonia, Columbia County



Statewide Habitat Area
FM 10119

 Subject Parcel

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March 18, 2011
Real Estate Section
Bureau of Facilities and Lands

**Gerard J. Iwinski,
 Ronald L. Iwinski &
 Susan M. Knapper
 Gift Land**

**Statewide Habitat Area
 FM 10119**

T12N R09E Section 21
 Town of Caledonia
 Portage County
 (4.6 acres—deed)

 Subject Parcel

-  WDNR Owned
-  DNR Project Boundary
-  PLSS Section Line



Columbia County View




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 OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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