

**SUBJECT: LAND DONATION - STATEWIDE FISHERIES HABITAT AREAS- ONEIDA COUNTY**

**FOR: APRIL 2011 BOARD MEETING**

**TO BE PRESENTED BY: Richard Steffes**

**SUMMARY:** Jacqueline Judkins has offered to donate 3.15 acres of land to the Department for the Statewide Fisheries Habitat Areas in Oneida County. Ms. Judkins is acting as representative of the Judkins Revocable Trust. The property includes 238 feet of frontage on Pelican Lake and an additional 700 feet front an unnamed tributary to the lake. Pelican Lake is a 3,585-acre drainage lake, with a maximum depth of 39 feet and a large selection of fish species including muskie, northern pike, walleye, large and small-mouth bass, and panfish. The property consists primarily of lowland woodland and brush with tag alder, black spruce, tamarack, red maple and pine, with upland ridges of larger white and red pines. A tributary stream to Pelican Lake flows along the northern boundary of the property.

The focus of the Statewide Fisheries Habitat Areas Program is to protect critical fish habitat and help maintain it in a natural condition. Northern pike and muskellunge spawn in the shallow, vegetated type of habitat found in the tributary creek within the property. These shallow streams provide sheltered, shallow habitat, which provides fish nursery and promotes fish species diversity. The natural shorelands are also important to water quality because they filter nutrients and sediment from runoff. The undisturbed shoreline of the property and tributary stream also provide an important corridor for resident and migratory birds as well as local furbearers traveling between aquatic and terrestrial environments.

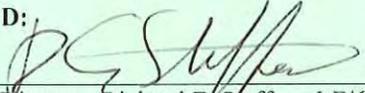
Acceptance of this gift will protect a wetland and lake community and provide protection for adjacent fish spawning and nursery habitat. Acceptance of this gift will allow the Department to provide additional opportunities for public recreation and to better promote the natural and scenic resources of land along a major lake in Oneida County.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board accept the donation of 3.15 acres of land for the Statewide Fisheries Habitat Areas 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.

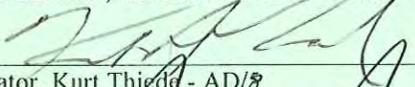
**LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:**

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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 |

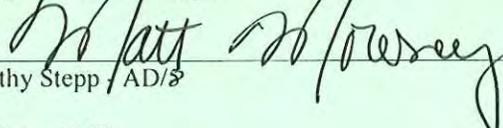
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Real Estate Director, Richard E. Steffes - LF/6

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Administrator, Kurt Thiede - AD/8

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Secretary, Cathy Stepp - AD/8

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- cc: S. Miller - LF/6  
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 L. Ross - AD/8  
 M. Staggs - FM/4  
 J. Gozdziński - NOR Spooner

## CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 24, 2011 FILE REF: FM 10118  
 TO: Natural Resources Board  
 FROM: Cathy Stepp  
 SUBJECT: Proposed Land Donation, Earl & Jacqueline Judkins Revocable Trust Tract  
 File FM 10118

1. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

Statewide Fisheries Habitat Areas  
 Oneida County

Grantor:

Earl & Jacqueline Judkins Revocable Trust  
 c/o Attorney Michael Sanger  
 2741 W. Layton Ave, Suite 106  
 Milwaukee, WI 53221

Acres: 3.15Price: Gift of landInterest: Fee title donationImprovements: NoneLocation: The tract is located about 10 miles southeast of Rhinelander in the Town of Schoepke.Land Description: The subject land is mostly lowland with some uplands on the east side of Highway Q.Covertypes Breakdown:

Type	Acreage
Wetland	2.15
Wooded upland	1.00
Total:	3.15

Present Use: VacantProposed Use: Resource protection and recreationTenure: 45 yearsAgreement Date: January 10, 2011Stewardship 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 has been offered a 3.15-acre parcel of land in fee as a donation by the Earl C. & Jacquelyn Judkins Revocable Trust for the Statewide Fisheries Habitat Areas program in southeastern Oneida County. The property includes 238 feet of frontage on Pelican Lake and an additional 700 feet front an unnamed tributary to the lake. Pelican Lake is a 3,585-acre drainage lake, with a maximum depth of 39 feet and a

large selection of fish species including muskie, northern pike, walleye, large and small-mouth bass, and panfish. The property consists primarily of lowland woodland and brush with tag alder, black spruce, tamarack, red maple and pine, with upland ridges of larger white and red pines. A tributary stream to Pelican Lake flows along the northern boundary of the subject property.

The focus of the Statewide Fisheries Habitat Areas Program is to protect critical fishery habitat and help maintain it in a natural condition. Northern pike and muskellunge spawn in the shallow, vegetated type of habitat found in the tributary creek within the subject property. These shallow streams provide sheltered, shallow habitat, which provides fish nursery and promotes fish species diversity. The subject shorelands are also important to water quality because they filter nutrients and sediment from runoff. The undisturbed shoreline of the subject property and tributary stream also provide an important corridor for resident and migratory birds as well as local furbearers traveling between aquatic and terrestrial environments.

The Department recommends the acceptance of this gift to protect an wetland and lake community and to provide protection for adjacent fish spawning and nursery habitat. Acceptance of this gift will allow the Department to provide additional opportunities for public recreation and to better promote the natural and scenic resources of land along a major lake in Oneida County.

3. FINANCING:

No funding is required for this transaction.

4. ACQUISITION STATUS OF THE STATEWIDE FISHERIES HABITAT AREAS:

Established: 1969

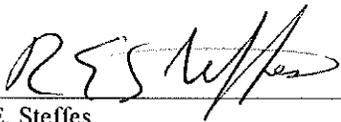
Acres Purchased to Date: 6,994.79

Acquisition Goal: 10,172.61

Percent Complete: 68.76 %

Cost to Date: \$7,799,933.97

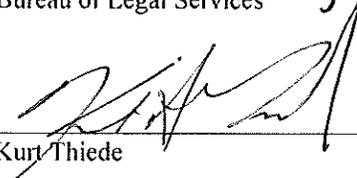
RECOMMENDED:

  
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Richard E. Steffes

2-24-11  
Date

  
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Bureau of Legal Services

2-28-11  
Date

  
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Kurt Thiede

3-1-11  
Date

## *Acknowledgment Of Gift*

This is to certify that at its February 2011 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted gift of 3.15 acres of land in Oneida County for the Statewide Fisheries Habitat Areas from the

### **Earl C. & Jacqueline Judkins Revocable Trust**

It is significant that individuals like you 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



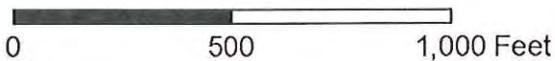
# Earl C. & Jacqueline Judkins Revocable Trust Parcel

T35N R10E Section 14, Town of Schoepke, Oneida County (3.15 acres)



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----- 1/4-1/4  
Section Line



 Subject Parcel

**FM 10118**  
**Statewide Habitat Area**



February 09, 2011  
Real Estate Section  
Bureau of Facilities and Lands



**Earl C. &  
Jacquelyn Judkins**  
**Revocable Trust**  
Statewide Habitat Area

FM-10118

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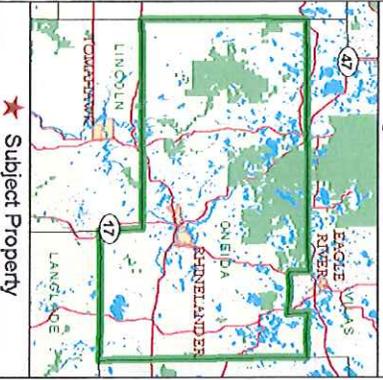
 Subject Parcel

--- QQ Section Boundary

--- PLSS Section Line



*Onida County View*



★ Subject Property  
WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT  
OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
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