

SUBJECT: LAND DONATION - STATEWIDE WILDLIFE HABITAT- POLK COUNTY

FOR: OCTOBER 2011 BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Richard Steffes

SUMMARY: Pheasants Forever has offered to donate 40 acres of land for the Statewide Wildlife Habitat program in Polk County.

This parcel consists mostly of grassland with scattered woodlots. The Indianhead Chapter of Pheasants Forever had leased the subject land for several years to provide public access for hunting and outdoor recreation. Earlier this summer, Pheasants Forever purchased the parcel and they wish to donate the property to the Department. The property serves as existing wildlife habitat and would be a good addition to the Department's Statewide Wildlife Habitat project.

The tract is located in an area that is fallow farm fields, scattered woods, prairie and wetland. The drainages on the property have the potential for some great wetland restorations. Many wildlife species including pheasants, waterfowl, grassland songbirds, and upland mammals would benefit from permanently protected habitat. In addition, the parcel lies within a mile of the extensive Joel Marsh Wildlife area, making it a compatible addition to that resource. It will provide opportunities for hunting, hiking, bird watching, and cross county skiing.

Pheasants Forever would assist in restoring the property to wetland, and planting warm season grasses in the upland areas, under the supervision of Department wildlife managers.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board accept the donation of 40 acres of land for the Statewide Wildlife Habitat program, that a certificate of appreciation be sent to Pheasants Forever 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:

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

9-19-11
Date

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Administrator, Kurt Thiede - AD/8

9-22-11
Date

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Secretary, Cathy Stepp - AD/8

10/5/11
Date

- cc: S. Miller - LF/6 T. Hauge - WM/6
R. Steffes - LF/6 J. Gozdziwski - NOR/Spooner
L. Ross - AD/8



CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 19, 2011
 TO: Natural Resources Board
 FROM: Cathy Stepp
 SUBJECT: Proposed Land Donation, Pheasants Forever, A Minnesota Noprofit Corporation
 Tract, File # WM 60152

FILE REF: WM 60152

I. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

Statewide Wildlife Habitat
 Polk County

Grantor:

Pheasants Forever, Inc.
 Mr. Kevin Wallenfang
 5102 Sunrise Ridge Trail
 Middleton, WI 53562

Acres: 40Price: GiftAppraised Value: \$60,000Interest: Fee Title DonationImprovements: NoneLocation: The tract is located 4 miles northwest of Clayton in Polk County.Land Description: The subject land is fairly level.Covertypes Breakdown:

| Type | Acreage |
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| Grassland | 20 |
| Wetland | 20 |

Total: 40

Zoning: AgriculturalPresent Use: Outdoor Recreation and Wildlife HabitatProposed Use: Public Outdoor Recreation and Wildlife HabitatTenure: 2 months

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:

This 40 acre parcel consists mostly of grassland with scattered woodlots. More than half of the property is wetland with a mix of grass and forbs. The Indianhead Chapter of Pheasants Forever, Inc. had leased the subject land for several years to provide public access for hunting and outdoor recreation. Earlier this

summer, Pheasants Forever, completed a fee title purchase of the property. Because they are unable to retain title, it is their desire to donate the property to the DNR. The property serves as existing wildlife habitat and would be a nice addition to the Department's Statewide Wildlife Habitat project. It nicely complements the Joel Marsh Wildlife Area located just 1 mile north of the subject tract.

The tract is located in an area that is fallow farm fields, scattered woods, prairie and wetland. The drainages on the property have the potential for some great wetland restorations. Many wildlife species including pheasants, waterfowl, grassland songbirds, and upland mammals will benefit from permanently protected habitat should the Department accept this donation. In addition, the property lies within a mile of the extensive Joel Marsh Wildlife area, making it a great addition to that public land resource. The parcel will provide recreational opportunities for hunting, hiking, bird watching, and cross county skiing.

The Department recommends this acquisition to allow for natural resources management, to improve habitat for public recreational opportunities and resource management. Pheasants Forever will assist in restoring the property to wetland, and planting warm season grasses in the upland areas, all under the supervision of DNR wildlife managers.

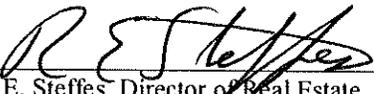
3. FINANCING:

No funding is required for this transaction.

4. ACQUISITION STATUS OF THE Statewide Wildlife Habitat:

Established: 1991
Acres Purchased to Date: 4,733.58
Acquisition Goal: 6,000.00
Percent Complete: 78.89 %
Cost to Date: \$3,407,122.00

RECOMMENDED:


Richard E. Steffes, Director of Real Estate

9-19-11
Date


Kris Hess, Bureau of Legal Services

9-20-11
Date

Kurt Thiede, Land Division Administrator

Date

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Acknowledgment Of Gift

This is to certify that at its October 2011 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of 40 acres of land in Polk County for the Statewide Wildlife Habitat from

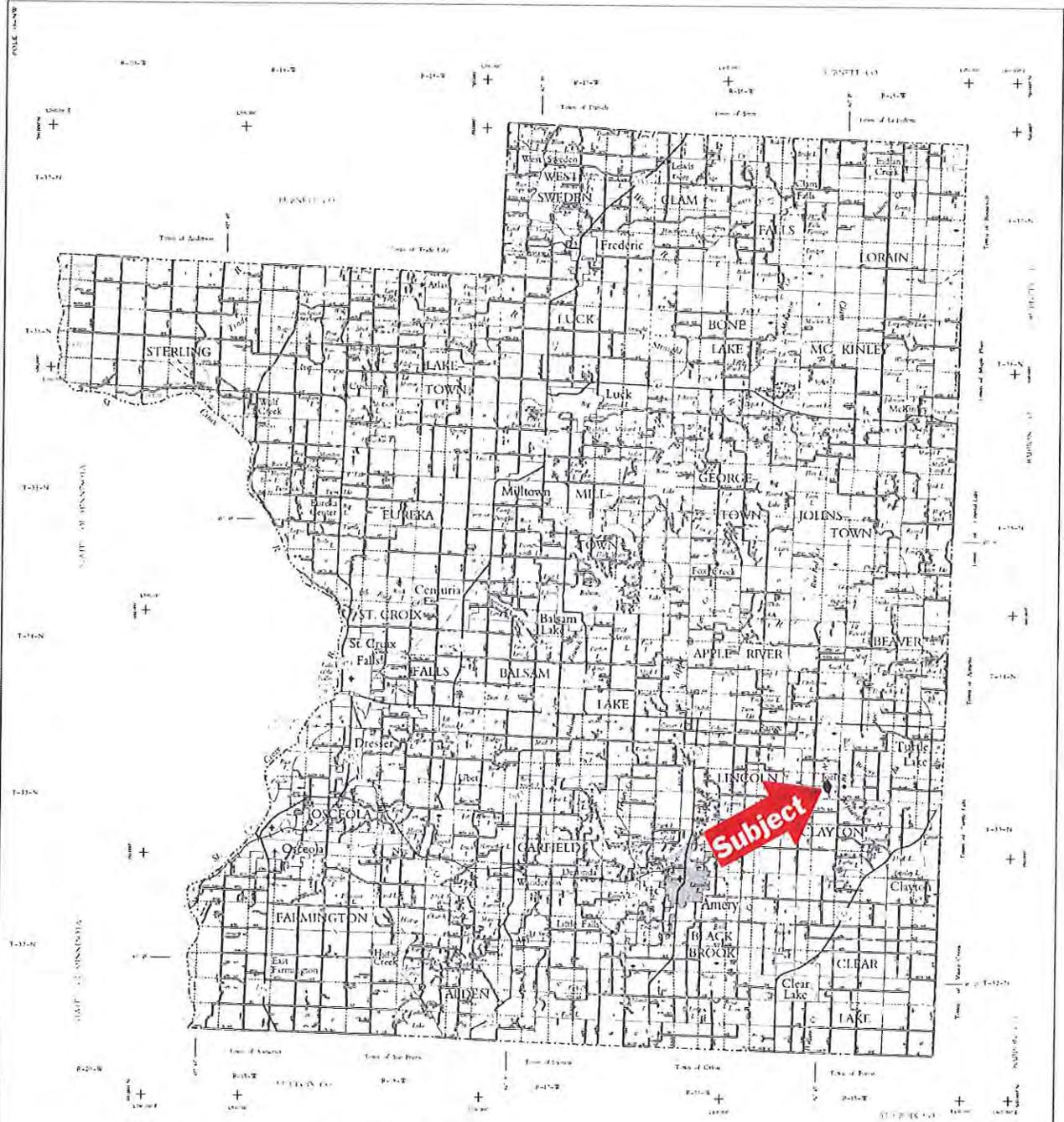
Pheasants Forever, Inc.

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.

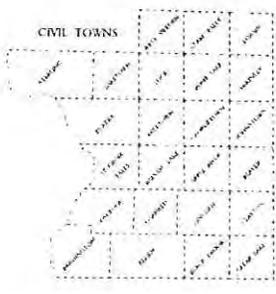
Natural Resources Board

David Clausen, CHAIR



LEGEND

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| Section | City |
| Multiple District | Hospital |
| U.S. of Iowa Dist. | Market |
| County Trunk Road | Acqueduct |
| Trunk Road | County Seat |
| College | Unincorporated Village |
| Railroad | Public Highway |
| State Trail | Game Farm |
| Interchange | Public House or Public Dock |
| Highway Separation | Public Camp or Recreation |
| Business Highway No. | Public Storage |
| U.S. Highway No. | State Fair |
| State Highway No. | County Park |
| County Highway Loop | Water Tower |
| State Academy | Public Park |
| County Boundary | Water Tower |
| City Line | Public Park |
| Section Line | |



For further information on the above please contact the Polk County Auditor's Office.

SECTION NUMBERING OF A TOWNSHIP

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STATES OF IOWA

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| Admission | 1845 |
| Area | 56,273 |
| Population | 3,191,000 |
| Capital | Des Moines |
| State Capital | Des Moines |
| State Seal | 1845 |

POLK CO.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
STATE OFFICE BUILDING
DES MOINES, IOWA

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Pheasants Forever Fee

Statewide Wildlife Habitat

WMI 60152

T33N R15W Sec 8
Town of Clayton,
Polk County
40 acres

 Subject Parcel

 WDNR Owned

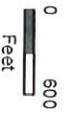
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 WDNR Easement

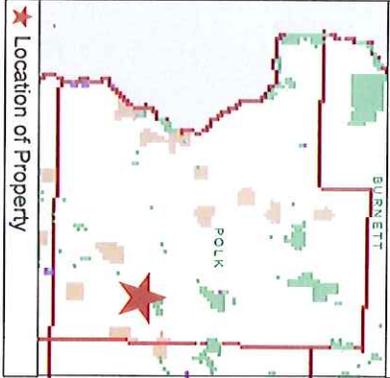
 DNR Project Boundary

 QQ Section Boundary

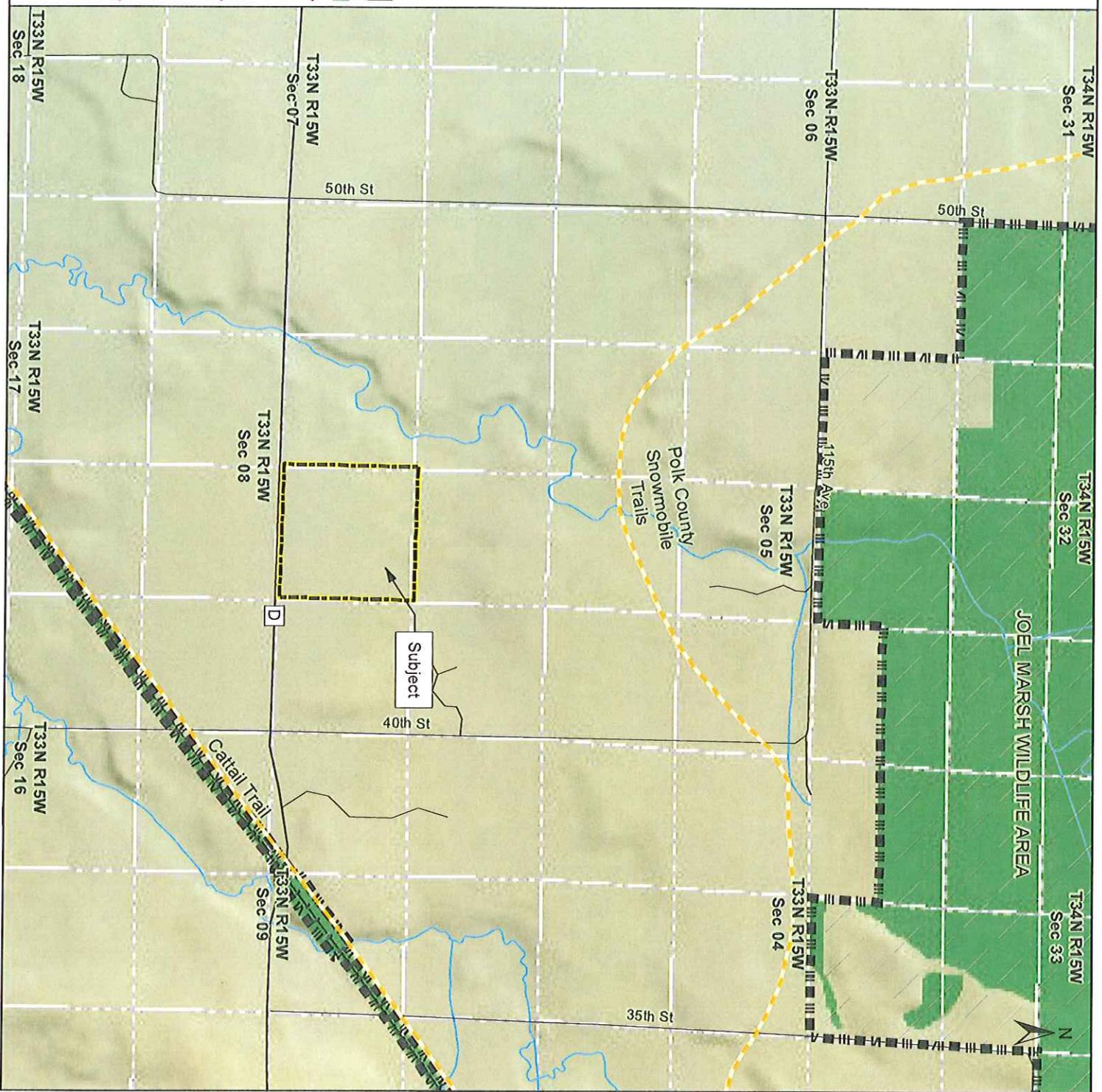
 State Recreation Trail



Polk County View

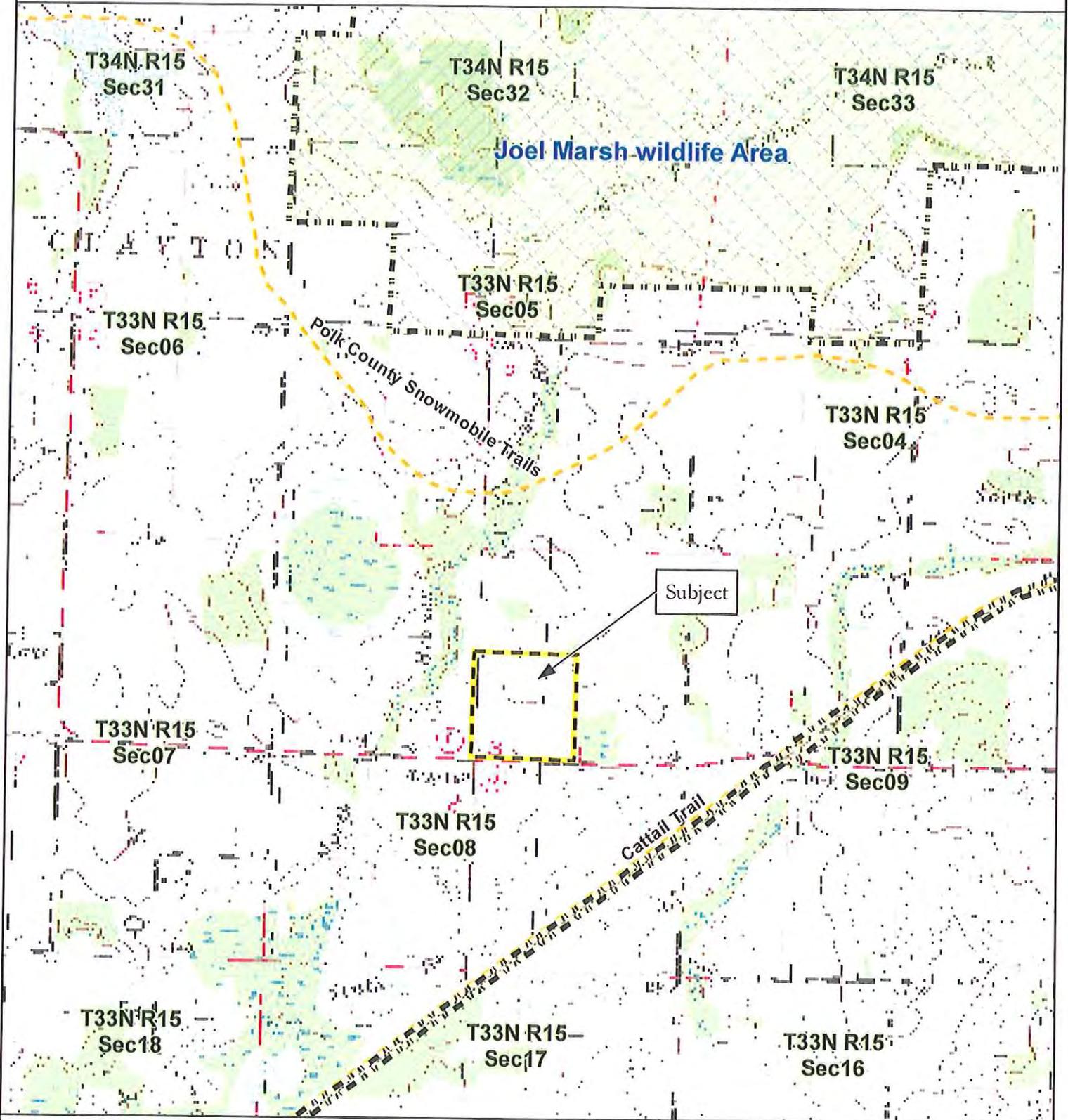


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T33N R15W Sec 8, Town of Clayton, Polk County



Statewide Wildlife Habitat

 Subject Parcel

 DNR Owned

 DNR Project Boundary

 State Recreation Trail


0 650 1,300 1,950 Feet



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Real Estate Section
Bureau of Facilities and Lands

Pheasants Forever Fee

T33N R15W Sec 8, Town of Clayton, Polk County



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