

SUBJECT: Land Donation – Extensive Wildlife Habitat– Green County

FOR: MAY 2013 BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Douglas J Haag

SUMMARY: Gene and Alice Fahrney have offered to donate 11.09 acres of land for the Extensive Wildlife Habitat program in Green County to the Department.

The parcel of land is located adjacent to and is completely bounded on the south and west borders by the Green County Extensive Wildlife Habitat Area, one quarter mile east of the City of Monticello. The parcel is encumbered by a Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Emergency Watershed Protection Program—Floodplain Easement. Management of the parcel resides with the NRCS.

The State of Wisconsin parcels adjacent to the Fahrney parcel were originally part of the Albany Wildlife Area of Green County. In 1996, this project became part of the Green County Extensive Wildlife Habitat Area (EWHA). The EWHA is adjacent to and is part of the Little Sugar River floodway.

Round-fruited St. John’s wort, which is in threatened status, has been located on the parcel to be donated. Blanding’s Turtle and American Fever Few, both threatened species, have been located in a one mile radius from the parcel.

The Department recommends accepting the 11.09 acre Fahrney parcel donation to provide opportunities for public recreation, to allow natural resource management, to consolidate state ownership, and to preserve the natural condition of the Little Sugar River.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board accepts the donation of 11.09 acres of land for the Extensive Wildlife Habitat program; that a certificate of appreciation be sent to Gene and Alice Fahrney; and that an expression of appreciation is 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:

Douglas J Haag
Acting Real Estate Director, Douglas J Haag - LF/6

4-19-13
Date

Kurt Thiede
Administrator, Kurt Thiede - AD/8

4-24-13
Date

Cathy Stepp
Secretary, Cathy Stepp - AD/8

4/25/13
Date

- cc: S. Miller - LF/6
D. Haag - LF/6
L. Ross – AD/5
T. Hauge - WM/6
L. Osterndorf – SCR - MADISON

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 18, 2013
 TO: Natural Resources Board
 FROM: Cathy Stepp
 SUBJECT: Proposed Land Donation, Gene and Alice Fahrney
 Tract, File # WM 60217

FILE REF: WM 60217

1. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

Extensive Wildlife Habitat
 Green County

Grantor:

Gene and Alice Fahrney
 W4149 HWY EE
 Monticello, WI 53570

Acres: 11.09Price: GiftAppraised Value: N/AInterest: FeeImprovements: NoneLocation: The tract is located in Green County 0.25 miles east of MonticelloLand Description: The subject land is level.Covertypes Breakdown:

Type	Acreage
Wetland	11.09
Total:	11.09

Present Use: Public recreation and floodplain easementProposed Use: SameTenure: 8 ½ yearsOption Date: February 6, 2013Stewardship 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:

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3. LAND MANAGEMENT:

The parcel is encumbered by a Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Emergency Watershed Protection Program—Floodplain Easement. Management of the parcel resides with the NRCS. SCR Wildlife Management Program Staff from Fitchburg, Newville and Janesville will be responsible for overseeing the NRCS management.

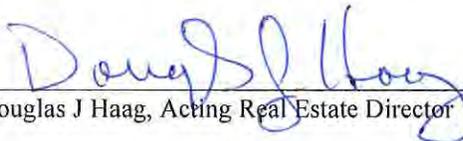
4. FINANCING:

No funding is required for this transaction.

5. ACQUISITION STATUS OF THE EXTENSIVE WL HABITAT:

Established: 1996
Acres Purchased to Date: 11,320.63
Acquisition Goal: 27,064.10
Percent Complete: 41.83 %
Cost to Date: \$4,992,314.16

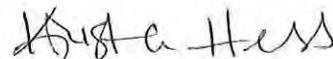
RECOMMENDED:



Douglas J Haag, Acting Real Estate Director

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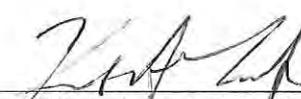
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Kristin A. Hess, Bureau of Legal Services

4/22/13

Date



Kurt Thiede, Land Division Administrator

4/24/13

Date

Acknowledgment of Gift

This is to certify that at its May 2013 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted gift of 11.09 acres of land in Green County for the Extensive Wildlife Habitat Area from

Gene and Alice Fahrney

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

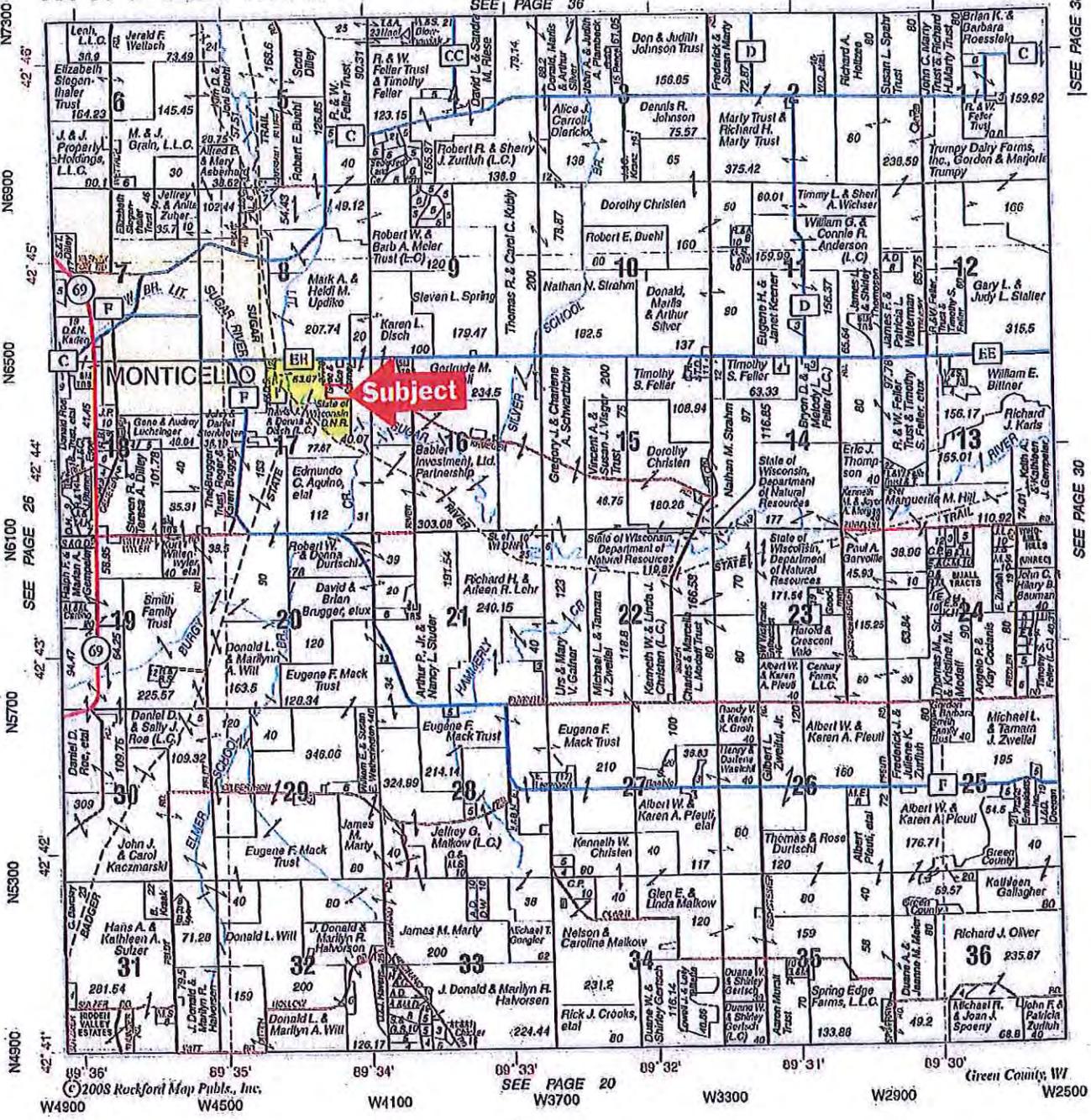
Preston Cole, Chair

MT. PLEASANT

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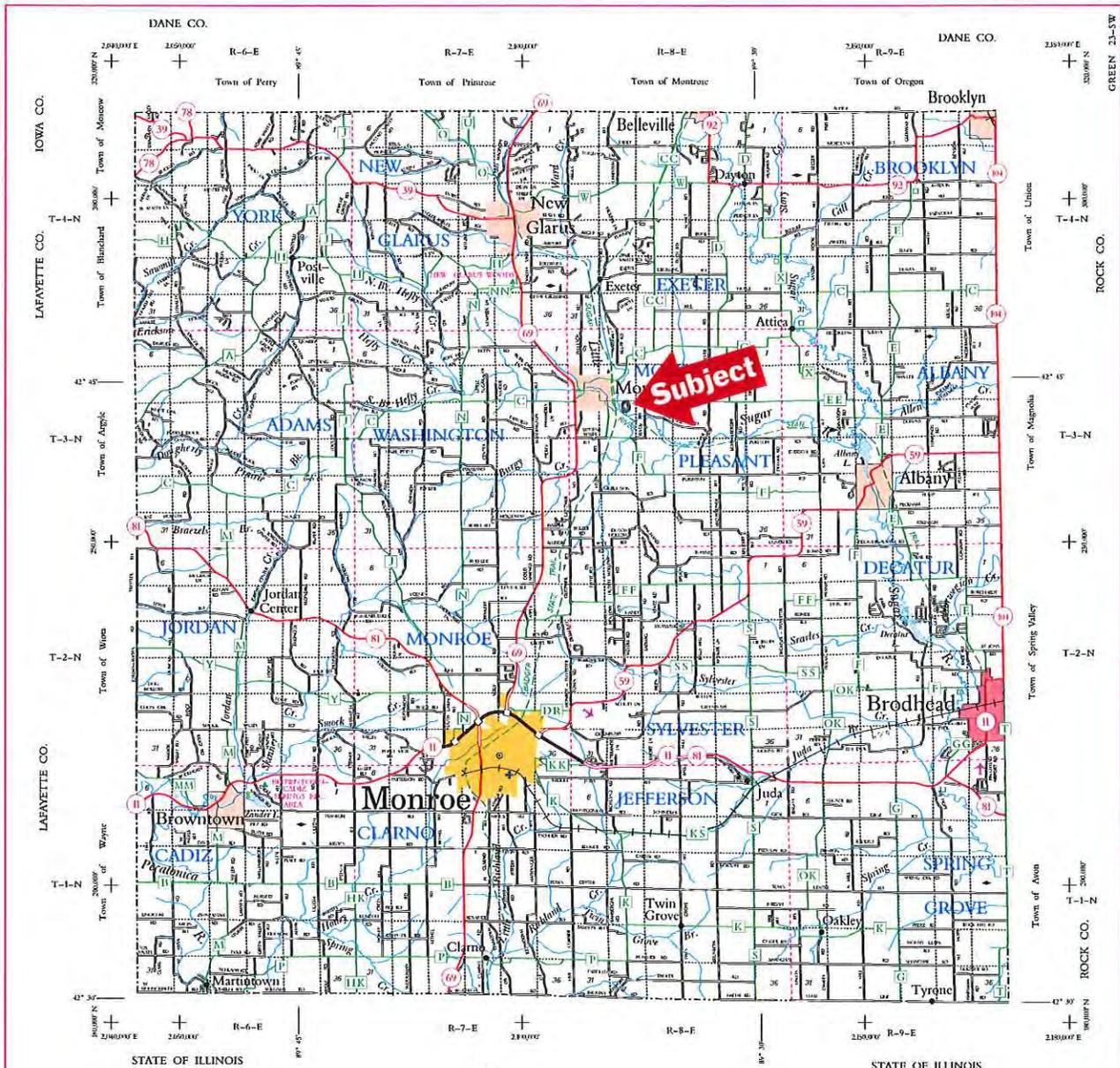


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N6900
42' 45"
N6500
42' 44"
N6100
42' 43"
N5700
42' 42"
N5300
42' 41"
N4900
42' 41"

W4900 W4500 W4100 W3700 W3300 W2900 W2500
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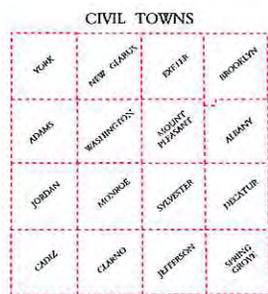


- LEGEND**
- Freeway
 - Multilane Divided
 - U.S. or State Hwy
 - County Trunk Hwy
 - Town Road
 - Firelane
 - Railroad
 - State Trail
 - Interchange
 - Highway Separation
 - Interstate Highway No.
 - U.S. Highway No.
 - State Highway No.
 - County Highway Letter
 - County Boundary
 - Civil Town Boundary
 - Section Line
 - Dam
 - Hospital
 - Schools
 - Airport
 - County Seat
 - Unincorporated Village
 - Fish Hatchery
 - Game Farm
 - Public Hunt or Fish Grds.
 - Public Camp & Picnic Grds.
 - Ranger Station
 - State Park
 - County Park
 - Wild Facilities
 - Rest Area
 - Modern Facilities
 - Wayside
 - Walden Facilities
 - Modern Facilities



SECTION NUMBERING OF A TOWNSHIP

6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	32	33
34	35	36	37	38	39	40



MILES OF HIGHWAY as of Dec. 31, 2011

STATE	121
COUNTY	276
LOCAL ROADS	859
OTHER ROADS	0
TOTAL FOR COUNTY	1256

Land Area (2000 Census) 581 sq mi
Population (2000 Census) 33,647
County Seat Monroe

GREEN CO.
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
STATE OFFICE BUILDING
Marion, Missouri

SCALE 0 1 2 MILES

For boundaries of public hunting and fishing grounds please contact the Department of Natural Resources
Grid based on the state plane coordinate system south zone and the NAD 27

**Gene & Alice
Fahrney - Fee
Extensive Wildlife
Habitat**

WM 60217

T3N R8E Sec 17

Town of Mt. Pleasant

Green County



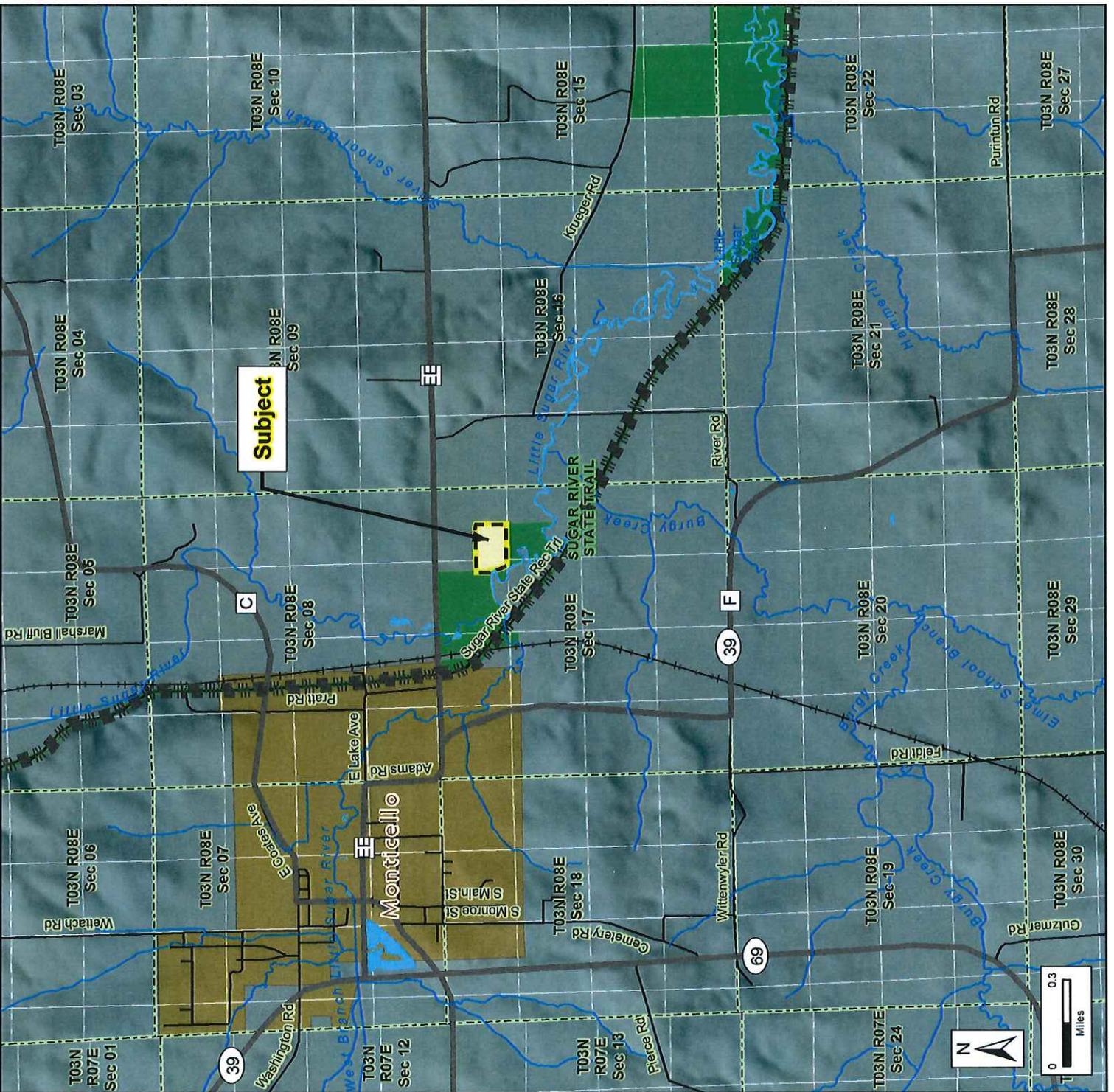
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-  WDNR Easement
-  WDNR Easement (Closed to Public Access)
-  DNR Project Boundary
-  PLSS Section Line
-  QQ Section Boundary



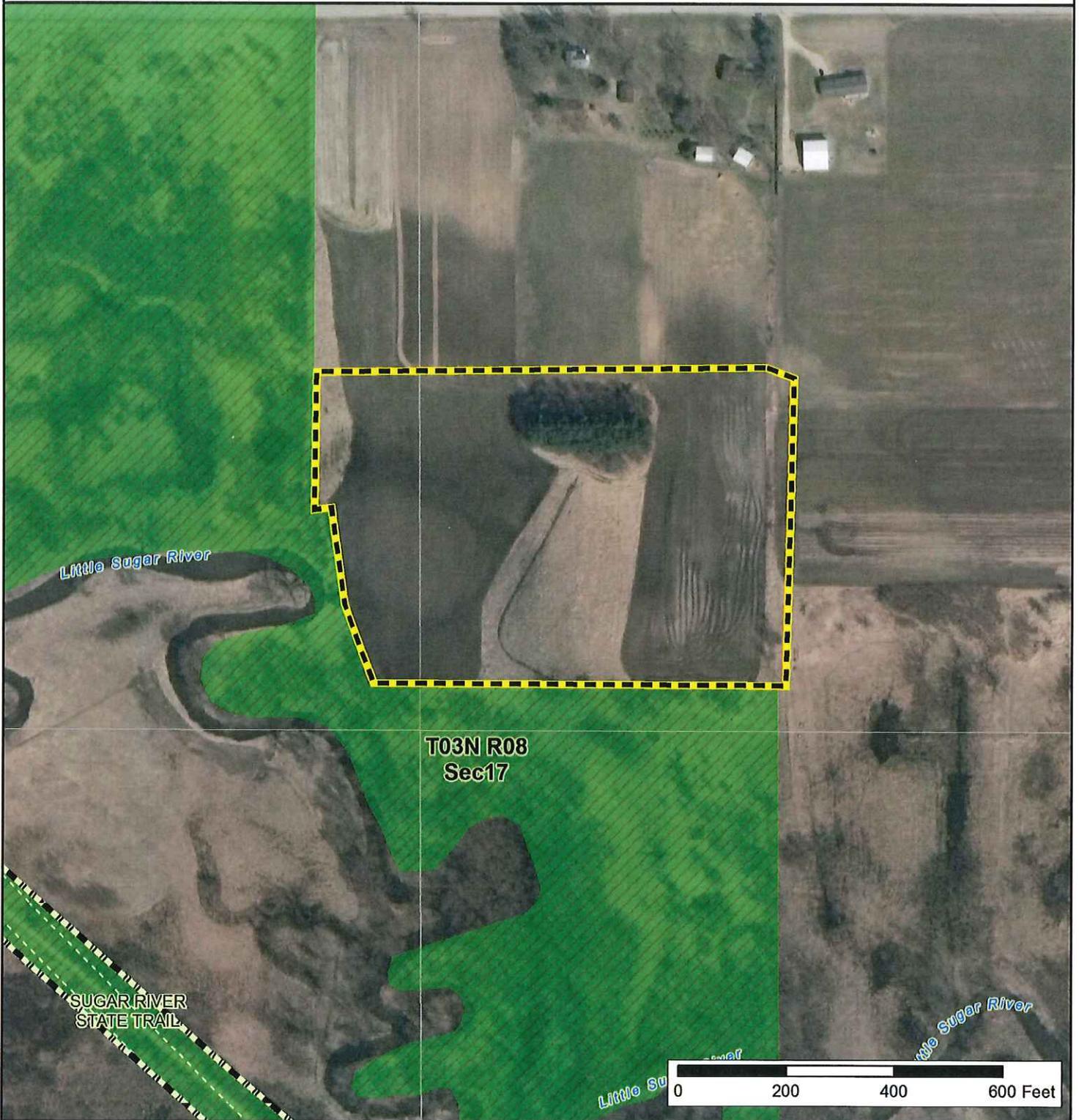
★ Location of Property

**WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT
OF NATURAL RESOURCES**
Bureau of Facilities of Lands
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Gene and Alice Fahrney - Fee

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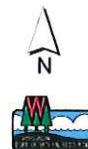
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