

## File FI 1675- Waupaca County 33.86 Acres

The Department acquired this parcel for \$38,800 in 1983.

This parcel is located along Pagel Road in the Town of Helvetia, approximately four miles northeast of the Village of Iola in Waupaca County. It was purchased for the Whitcomb Creek Remnant program. It was acquired with the assistance of a Federal Dingell-Johnson grant through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The parcel has approximately 1,720 feet of two-bank frontage along Whitcomb Creek.

In addition to containing the headwaters of Whitcomb Creek, the parcel contains many springs and smaller tributaries. An unnamed stream runs through the parcel that is currently an unclassified cold water trout stream, but the property manager is working on getting the stream classified as a Class I trout stream.

Because the property is passively managed, the Department has not significantly invested in infrastructure or habitat improvements. However, there is substantial public use, particularly hunting and trapping, that occurs on this property. Future timber harvests are scheduled.

Less than 3% of the lands in Waupaca County are open to public hunting, so demand for open lands is high.

The Department recommends retaining this parcel.

