

Parent File FI 2840/Sale File FM 10386 – Dane County 36.8 Acres

The Department acquired this parcel for \$400,000, with a partial donation of \$370,000 in 2006. The parcel is part of the Statewide Habitat Area project and is located in the Town of Westport in Dane County.

There is a Conservation Easement with Dane County on this parcel. The easement states this parcel is to remain in its natural, scenic and open space condition and to prevent any use of the parcel that will significantly impair or interfere with the conservation values of the parcel.

Willow Tavern has a land use agreement to allow placement of a sign for their business on the small triangular piece south of HWY M.

This parcel does offer spawning habitat for northern pike, as it is a wetland parcel near Lake Mendota. There are several ditched streams running through the parcel.

The parcel is accessible to the public via County Highway M (HWY M) which runs through the southern boundary of the parcel however public use is limited due to the nature of the parcel. A club operated snowmobile trail runs through the western portion of the parcel.

The Department has not made significant investments in infrastructure or habitat improvements to the parcel.

The Department recommends that the Natural Resources Board offer this land for sale under the authority granted by s. 23.145 Wis. Stats., and the land be only offered to The Town of Westport or Dane County, subject to the conservation easement held by Dane County, the land use agreement with Willow Tavern, snowmobile easement and subject to deed restrictions requiring the land be open to the general public for all five NBOA's in perpetuity.



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