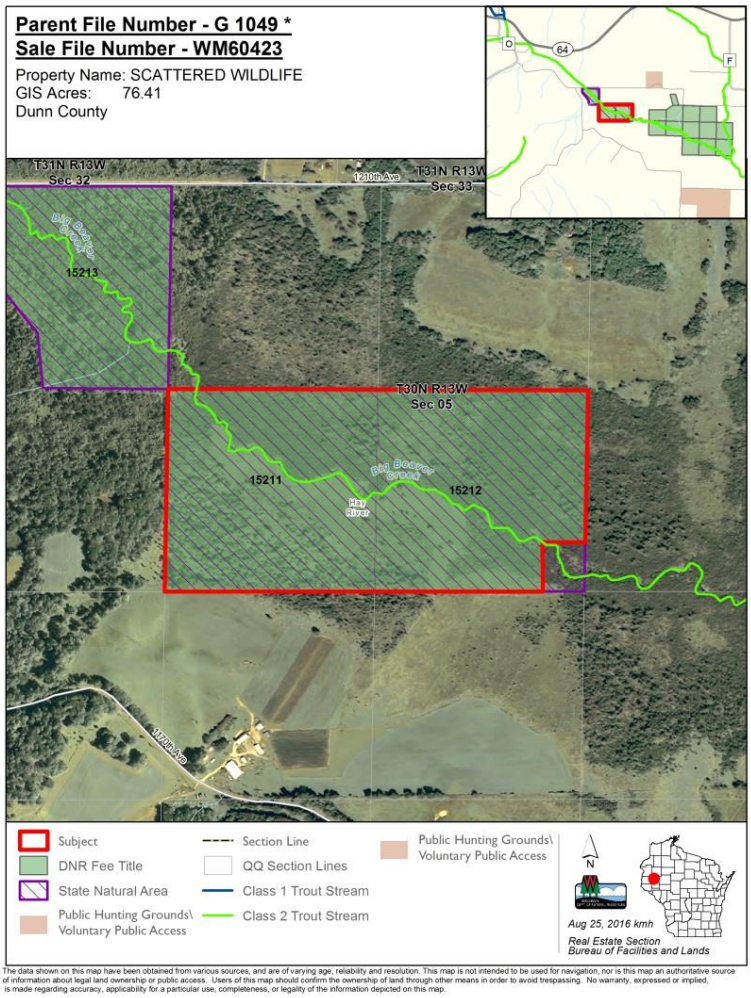
**Parent File G 1049/Sale File WM 60423 – Dunn County 76.41 Acres**

The Department acquired this parcel for $780 as part of a 78 acre acquisition in 1960. The parcel is located in the Town of Hay River in northwestern Dunn County. It was acquired for the Statewide Scattered Wildlife project.

The parcel has approximately 3,021 feet of two-bank frontage along Big Beaver Creek, a class two trout stream, which runs west-east through the middle of the parcel. Review of the Natural Heritage Inventory (NHI) indicates the presence of a species special concern for Sioux (Sand) Snaketail dragonfly. In addition, there are element occurrences of the following community types: Shrub-carr, southern sedge meadow, and tamarack (rich) swamp.

The property was designated as a State Natural Area in 2008 because of the unique sedge meadow characteristics possessed. The site contains a unique wet meadow with nearly equal elements of wet prairie and southern sedge meadow. Most wet prairie/sedge meadow indicator species, including several species of greatest conservation need are found in excellent numbers on this site.

The Department invested in a fence on the western boundary at the request of the adjoining land owner, although the cost of such is unknown. There is no timber value on this parcel as it is comprised mostly of wet prairie, sedge meadow, tag alder marsh, and scattered tamaracks.

Because the parcel lacks legal road access, use is limited to those that have private adjoining land.

The Department recommends that the Natural Resources Board offer this land for sale to adjoining landowners under the authority granted by s. 23.145 Wis. Stats., subject to a conservation easement and with the provision that the Department retain a streambank easement from the buyer as part of the sale agreement. The Department will attempt to gain access to the easement from a public road during negotiations.