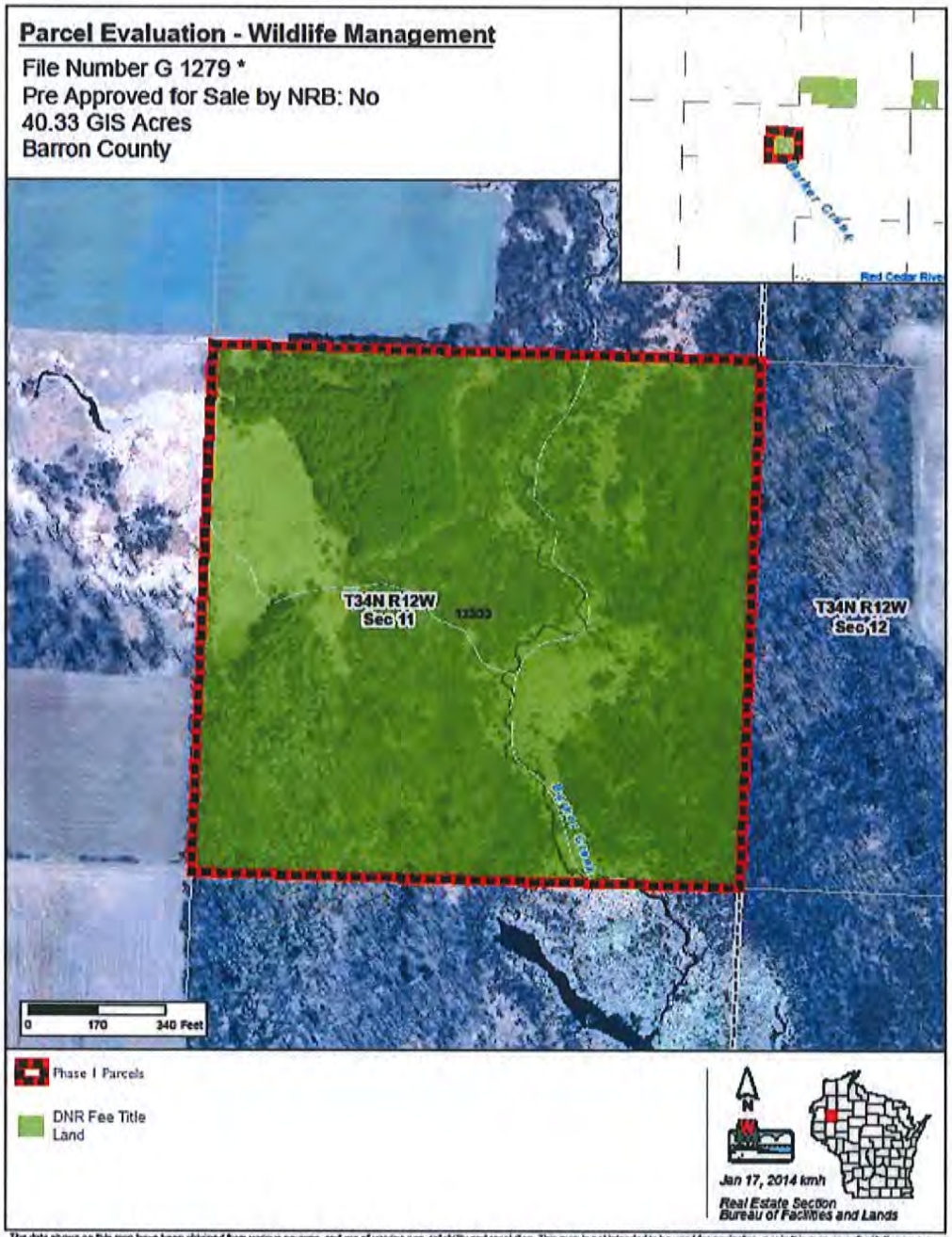
## File# G-1279 – Barron County 40.33 acres

The Department purchased this property from in 1962 for $430. Property features include 1,700 feet of two-bank frontage on Barker Creek along with an additional 1,000 feet of two-bank frontage along an unnamed tributary. The property was acquired for waterfowl management, being located ¼ mile southwest of a 74 acre tract the Wildlife Program hoped to eventually adjoin. Because the property connection was never made, the subject tract remains a landlocked parcel, accessible only from the creek. The Department has not invested in infrastructure or habitat improvements to this property. The Forestry Program has recently planned a timber sale for this property and has invested time to negotiate access from the neighboring property. The sale will be bid within the upcoming months and the Department will retain the parcel until after the timber harvest is complete. The Town of Barron has expressed possible township interest in the purchase of this tract. The Town understands current access is provided only from the creek and would like to explore easement access from one of the adjacent landowners. The timeline for completing the cutting will provide opportunity for Barron Township to evaluate the town's interest in purchasing the property.

The Department recommends that the Natural Resources Board offer this land for sale under the authority granted by s. 23.145 Stats.

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