

Parent File G 1918/Sale File WM 60422– Dunn County 26.72 Acres

The Department acquired this parcel for \$750 in 1965. The parcel is a part of the Statewide Scattered Wildlife project and is located in the Town of Red Cedar in Dunn County. The parcel has approximately 1,290 feet of two-bank frontage along an unnamed stream.

This parcel is predominantly wetland with small areas of mixed hardwoods with a great deal of associated wildlife habitat value for waterfowl, reptiles, and amphibians. In addition, this parcel is located near the Muddy Creek Wildlife Area and adjacent to United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) land. The parcel provides valuable winter cover for pheasants.

The un-named channelized stream that flows through this parcel has been linked to a much larger stream and ditch system that drains nearby agricultural lands. Area landowners, primarily farmers, have requested to have portions of this waterway system dredged to facilitate water flow. Past research by Natural Resource Conservation Service staff has suggested that dredging would not alleviate water problems being experienced and the root cause of any slow drainage issues is more directly related to the high water table in this area in conjunction with the extremely flat landscape.

The Department has not made significant investments in infrastructure or habitat on the parcel. The parcel is accessible to the public through both 730th Street and from the south and west by crossing land currently owned by the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

The Department recommends that the Natural Resources Board offer this land for sale under the authority granted by s. 23.145 Wis. Stats., and that the land be only offered to the US Fish and Wildlife Service, subject to the deed restrictions requiring the land be open to the general public for all five NBOA's in perpetuity.

