

Parent File G 2534/Sale File WM 60460– Jefferson County 40.17 Acres

The Department acquired this parcel by donation in 1969. The parcel was acquired to protect the inlet to lake Ripley as part of the Scattered Wildlife project and is located in the Town of Oakland in Jefferson County. The donor intent was that this property would remain in wetlands for better conservation and reproduction of fish and wildlife in the Lake Ripley area.

Partnerships have been formed with Friends of the Glacial Heritage Area, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Cambridge School District and the Severson Educational Center, Oakland Conservation Club, Lake Ripley Management District, and the local community to promote, enhance and protect this parcel as well as others around the area. Lake Ripley Management District (LRMD) staff is interested in acquiring this parcel as an addition to LRMD's adjacent 165 acre preserve.

The parcel has approximately 2,200 feet of two-bank frontage along an unnamed stream.

The parcel can be accessed via Ripley Road and through adjacent LRMD lands on the eastern side of the parcel. This parcel is hunted and used heavily by the public.

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

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 offered only to LRMD, the Town of Oakland or Jefferson County. Sale would be subject to deed restrictions requiring the land managed for conservation and be open to the general public for all five NBOA's in perpetuity.

