

Parent File W 114/Sale File WM 60479–Racine County 13.29 Acres

The Department was gifted this parcel in 1978. It is a Statewide Scattered Wildlife parcel and is located in the Town of Norway in Racine County. There is approximately 300 feet of two bank frontage on an unnamed stream running through the western portion of the parcel. Wind Lake Canal runs along the eastern edge providing approximately 337 feet of one bank frontage.

There is a known archaeology site on the parcel. The main public uses of the parcel are for archery deer hunting.

Because of its proximity to the neighboring subdivision, recreational users have experienced negative encounters on this parcel and management has been a challenge. There are some encroachments along the northern border, neighbors are mowing over the property line.

The Department has not made substantial investments in infrastructure or habitat improvements on the parcel. Much of the parcel is dominated by invasive vegetation. Minor investments have been made for property posting, mowing and invasive work.

The public can access the parcel through Palmer Drive and through a 20 foot wide walkway from the corner of Crescent Way and Legend Lane. There is no parking area on the property, as it is wetland. One 20 foot wide strip of fee title access goes in-between two homes that have not been developed by the Department. The area is manicured lawn and has mature trees on it. This parcel provides public access to another parcel to the south that is also being recommended for sale.

Due to the known archaeological site on the property, it is recommended that this parcel only be sold to the County.

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 Racine County subject to a deed restriction requiring the land be open to the general public for all five NBOA's in perpetuity.

