

Parent File W 339/Sale File WM 60451–Waukesha County 87.05 Acres

The Department acquired this parcel for \$48,300 in 1981. It is a Statewide Extensive Wildlife Habitat parcel and is located in the Town of Oconomowoc in Waukesha County. The parcel has a 6 acre historical site identified, through the State Historic Preservation Office, in the Southeast portion.

The Department has made investments in the parcel, including warm season prairie planting (which failed) and management of encroaching trees on the upland portion of the parcel. There is a long term sharecropping agreement with a neighboring landowner on about 20 acres of this parcel, which expires in December 2017. There have been previous negotiations with this landowner for a possible exchange of land.

Public uses of the property include deer and turkey hunting. The property is accessible to the public through an access easement from O'Neil Road. Commonly, the access easement is cropped with corn, which makes it difficult for the public and Department staff to access this parcel.

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

Recommendation by the Natural Resources Board at the October 26, 2016 meeting directs the Department to hold this parcel, review and clarify the easement to this property and bring the parcel back to the Natural Resources Board.

