

File W 542– Dane County 53.38 Acres

The Department acquired this property for \$28,057.30 in 1984 for waterfowl habitat management. The property is a part of the Extensive Wildlife Habitat project and is located in the Town of Christiana in Dane County.

Mud Creek runs along the southern edge of the parcel providing approximately 355 feet of one bank frontage. There are also two small ponds on the parcel with a combined total of approximately 1.1 acres.

This parcel contains some open emergent marsh of moderate to high value and is in a priority wetland township in the Upper Mississippi River and Great Lakes Region Joint Venture – Wisconsin Plan. Much of the shallow marsh is highly invaded by reed canary and cattail, similar to many wetlands in southern Wisconsin. However, there is some diverse marsh in the deeper portion of the basin that provides good brood habitat for waterfowl.

The Department has not made significant investments in infrastructure or habitat on the parcel.

The public can access the parcel from Bosben Road, which runs along the southwestern portion of the property. Primary public use includes duck hunters in the fall.

The Department recommends retaining this parcel.

