

Parent File W 720 – Calumet County 13.57 Acres

The Department was gifted this parcel in 1986 for the Scattered Wildlife project. It is located in the Town of Sherwood in Calumet County. The parcel was donated to the Department to preserve wetlands in memory of the donor's uncle. The donor's intent was that the wetland portion of the property be protected in perpetuity, as this was a condition of his donation. The Natural Resources Board approved the donation with the language that the Department may sell part of the land at some future date, using the proceeds to purchase other wetlands for conservation. The approvals state that the upland/farm field part of the property may be sold, but that the wetland portion would remain in the Department's ownership.

Although the donation was approved with the condition that a portion could be sold, the split parcels will not meet minimum lot size zoning requirements. A variance process would be required to subdivide the parcel.

There is part of a pond and an unnamed stream that intersects the parcel. The parcel is utilized as a migratory bird stop over site. There is currently a sharecropping agreement on the property.

The public can access the parcel from CTH M which bisects the parcel. The Department has not made significant investments in infrastructure or habitat improvements.

The Department recommends retaining this parcel.

