

File# W 778 - Vernon County - 0.57 acres

The Department acquired this property in 1988 from the Bad Axe Lutheran Church in an exchange.

The Department has not made investments in infrastructure or habitat improvements. Small investments have been made to inspect property boundaries. Because this is such a small acreage, loss of public recreational opportunities via its sale would be negligible.

The Department has been contacted by Bad Axe Lutheran Church with concerns that grave stones could be damaged by trees and tree limbs on Department property falling onto adjacent church cemetery. A timber sale on this property was included with another timber sale on the larger Department property. However, due to steep slopes on which the trees behind the cemetery were located, the logger did not have proper equipment to safely harvest the trees. Falling limbs/trees have not been an issue since, but likely will at some time.

This parcel is accessible through adjacent Department lands, but does not have road access.

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 land be offered for sale to The Bad Axe Lutheran Church at the price of \$1.00.

