

File# WR 500 C (1) - Iron County - 122.6 acres

The Department acquired this property in 1999 as a part of a larger acquisition from Packaging Corporation of America. The transaction included 31,890 acres of land in fee and 924 acres in easement for \$25,000,000. At the time of approval, the Natural Resources Board directed the Department to enter into discussions regarding resale or exchanges of up to 7,000 acres of land to County governments and/or Tribal governments.

The property consists primarily of second-growth hardwoods, a type that is not uncommon. The property has road access and is adjacent to The Nature Conservancy lands. The Department has not invested in infrastructure or habitat improvements to this property. There is a possible garage encroachment in the SWSW. This parcel provides excellent wildlife habitat and can offer timber to local markets if properly managed. Given its road access it also offers good recreational opportunities primarily for hunters and hikers.

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

