

**Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Monitoring the Implementation of Property Master Plans**

Property: Nevin Springs Fish and Wildlife Area

Master Plan Year: 2000

Habitat Management

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES	<p>Aquatic Habitat Management Area One – Nonpoint Storm water Sources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop and implement a plan to limit storm water-caused degradation of Nevin’s wetlands and Nine Springs Creek water quality. Update the plan as additional information is collected.
Accomplishments 2010	<i>No action this year.</i>

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES	<p>Aquatic Habitat Management Area Two – Stream Corridors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Explore the feasibility of restoring stream meanders and recreational fishing with UW researchers, DNR researchers, DNR Fisheries, DNR Wildlife, and DNR operations assistance.
Accomplishments 2010	<i>No action this year.</i>

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES	Aquatic Habitat Management Area Three – Sedge Meadow and Calcareous Fen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Protect and enhance approximately 90 acres of existing and threatened sedge meadows.
Accomplishments 2010	<i>Removed Geocache placement from sensitive spring areas. Investigated illegal cutting of trees to springs. Started collecting information from other states to draft spring conservation guidelines.</i>

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES	Aquatic Habitat Management Area Four – Disturbed Wetlands <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Restore approximately 130 acres of this disturbed wetland plant community.
Accomplishments 2010	<i>No action this year.</i>

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES	Aquatic Habitat Management Area Five – Springs Areas & Groundwater Protection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Protect groundwater so that the Nevin Fish Hatchery can continue to function to its full potential and for the protection of Nine Springs Creek and its surrounding wetlands.
Accomplishments 2010	<i>No action this year.</i>

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES	Aquatic Habitat Management Area Six – Old Fish Raising Pond/Ditch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Restore this area to reclaim its functioning as a part of the wetland ecosystem.
Accomplishments 2010	<i>No action this year.</i>

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES	Upland Habitat Management Area Seven – Open Savanna/Grasslands <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Manage and interpret approximately 278 acres of land to create an open, native, upland, grass/savanna area accessed by a mown grass trail and populated with local native plant species. Current populations of red pine, white cedar, will be removed or burned back over time.
Accomplishments 2010	<i>Volunteer pulled garlic mustard near the spring and at the edge of the locust tree stand, cut honeysuckle and locust, and sprayed honeysuckle,, thistle and burdock in the area cleared by the forestry mower in previous years.</i>

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES	Upland Habitat Management Area Eight – Landfill Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Manage 46 acres of landfill cover to support as diverse as possible range of native grass species.
Accomplishments 2010	<i>No action this year.</i>

Recreation Management Area

<p>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</p>	<p>Capital City Trail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide a 75 foot wide corridor off each side of the centerline of the Capital City Trail that passes through the Nevin property per the intergovernmental agreement to provide primary public access for wildlife viewing and internal emergency access to the Nevin Springs Fish and Wildlife Area.
<p>Accomplishments 2010</p>	<p><i>Trailed mowed by Land & Facilities staff.</i></p>

Wildlife Viewing and Education

<p>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</p>	<p>Provide and enhance opportunities for wildlife viewing by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Creating a 1.5 mile mown wildlife viewing and firebreak trail in the savanna area to provide visual access. ▪ Creating an accessible boardwalk and viewing deck at the Nursery Springs. ▪ Constructing a gravel lot off Syene Road for hunter and trail user access. ▪ Creating a trail/boardwalk/deck to connect the Center to the Office/Service Area's wetlands for environmental study purposes. ▪ Providing kiosks to familiarize visitors with the Nevin Springs Fish and Wildlife Area.
<p>Accomplishments 2010</p>	<p><i>Volunteers mowed an access path to pine trees through the prairie bordering Big Bluestem Parkway.</i></p>

<p>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</p>	<p>Provide opportunities for environmental education. This would be accomplished primarily by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rehabilitating the Stone Building on the Office/Service Area as a DNR History and Environmental Education Center. ▪ Developing exhibits and visitor programs with a primary focus on water resource topics and DNR history; and, secondarily, on ecological stewardship, ecological restoration, and native ecosystem health. ▪
<p>Accomplishments 2010</p>	<p><i>No action.</i></p>

Real Estate Management

<p>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</p>	<p>Protect through acquisition an additional 208.88 acres within the property boundary.</p>
<p>Accomplishments 2010</p>	<p><i>No acquisition opportunities.</i></p>