

Form 1100-1
Rev. 5-91

NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Item No. 2.C.

SUBJECT:

1. Land Donation – Big Swamp Wildlife Area – Buffalo County
2. Land Donation – New Munster Wildlife Area – Kenosha County
3. Land Donation – Rush Creek Natural Area – Crawford County
4. Land Donation – Rush Creek Natural Area and Rush Creek Streambank Protection Area – Crawford County

FOR: AUGUST 2021 BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY: James W. Lemke, Real Estate Section Chief

SUMMARY:

The following four donations located within project boundaries will provide opportunities for public recreation and will be open to the public for all five nature-based outdoor recreational activities to include hunting, fishing, trapping, hiking and cross-country skiing.

1. Big Swamp Wildlife Area

The department is requesting approval to accept a donation of 1.5 acres of land from Thomas Ancis Jatnieks for the Big Swamp Wildlife Area in Buffalo County, under authority provided in s. 23.09(2)(d)15., Wis. Stats., and s. NR 1.41(1)(e), Wis. Admin. Code. The subject parcel consists of sedge/wet meadow wetlands and road ditch uplands with approximately 207 feet of two-bank frontage along Bear Creek, a class III trout stream. This parcel also has the potential to provide additional roadside parking for Big Swamp Wildlife Area, a significant need for this property.

2. New Munster Wildlife Area

The department is requesting approval to accept a donation of 1.5 acres of land (tax delinquent lot) from Kenosha County for the New Munster Wildlife Area in Kenosha County, under authority provided in s. 23.09(2)(d)15., Wis. Stats., and s. NR 1.41(1)(e), Wis. Admin. Code. The parcel habitat includes oak-hickory woodland, dry prairie, and emergent marsh. The department maintains a mowed trail that crosses the county-owned parcel. The trail is important for management and access, serving as a firebreak, a pheasant stocking road, and providing hunter access.

3. Rush Creek Natural Area

The department is requesting approval to accept a donation of 28.61 acres of land from Mycelium LLC, a Wisconsin Limited Liability Company, for the Rush Creek Natural Area in Crawford County, under authority provided in s. 23.09(2)(d)8., Wis. Stats., and s. NR 1.41(1)(e), Wis. Admin. Code. The subject tract consists of a ridgetop parcel that is irregular in shape and is mostly oak forest which provides additional habitat for rare plants and animals found on the adjacent SNA.

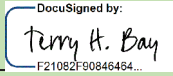
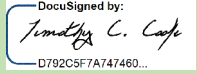
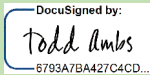
4. Rush Creek Natural Area and Rush Creek Streambank Protection Area

The department is requesting approval to accept a donation of 222.95 acres of land from Mycelium LLC, a Wisconsin Limited Liability Company, for the Rush Creek Natural Area and the Rush Creek Streambank Protection Area (RCSPA) in Crawford County, under authority provided in s. 23.09(2)(d)8., Wis. Stats., and s. NR 1.41(1)(e), Wis. Admin. Code. The subject is mostly oak forest and includes 2,700 feet of two-bank frontage on Rush Creek, a Class II trout stream, and 1,127 feet of two-bank frontage on Cooley Creek, a Class I trout stream. The portion of the parcel within RCSPA will be designated as a state natural area and will be managed together with the Rush Creek Natural Area. This large contiguous block of oak forest provides critical habitat and will provide additional recreational opportunities for the public.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board accept the four donations: (1) 1.5 acres of land for the Big Swamp Wildlife Area; (2) 1.5 acres of land for the New Munster Wildlife Area; (3) 28.61 acres of land for the Rush Creek Natural Area; and (4) 222.95 acres of land for the Rush Creek Natural Area and the Rush Creek Streambank Protection Area. For all four donations, that a certificate of appreciation be sent to the landowners, and that an expression of appreciation be made a part of the official records of the Natural Resources Board.

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS (Check all that are applicable):

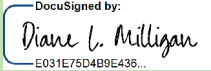
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Approved By	Signature	Date
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Timothy C. Cooke Internal Services Division Administrator		7/23/2021 9:10 AM CDT
Preston D. Cole, Secretary		7/26/2021 11:05 AM CDT

By: Todd L. Ambs

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Natural Resources Board Agenda Item

Program and reviewer	Signature	Date	Comments
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Other reviewers N/A			

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CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 13, 2021 FILE REF: WM 60745

TO: Natural Resources Board

FROM: Secretary Preston D. Cole
Department of Natural Resources

SUBJECT: Proposed Land Donation, Mr. Thomas Ancis Jatnieks Tract, File # WM 60745

PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

Big Swamp Wildlife Area
Buffalo County

Grantor:

Thomas AncisJatnieks
5805 Quentin St.
Weston- WI 54476

Acres: 1.50Price: GiftAssessed Value: \$800Interest: Fee simpleImprovements: NoneLocation: The tract is located six miles west of the Village of Mondovi in Buffalo County.Land Description: The subject land is basically level.Covertyp e Breakdown:

Type	Acreage
Wetland	1.00
Urban / Developed	0.50
Total:	1.50

Zoning: ANR-20 – Agriculture/Natural Resource - 20Present Use: RecreationProposed Use: Public recreationTenure: 12 yearsOption Date: June 8, 20212. JUSTIFICATION:

The department is requesting approval to accept a donation of 1.5 acres of land from Thomas Ancis Jatnieks for the Big Swamp Wildlife Area in Buffalo County, under authority provided in s. 23.09(2)(d)15., Wis. Stats., and s. NR 1.41(1)(e), Wis. Admin. Code. The subject parcel consists of sedge/wet meadow wetlands and road ditch uplands with approximately 207 feet of two-bank frontage along Bear Creek, a class III trout stream. This parcel has frontage on County Highway A and has the potential to provide additional roadside parking for the Big Swamp Wildlife Area, a significant need for this property.

Acquisition for the Big Swamp Wildlife Area began in 1956 with the goal of protecting winter cover for pheasants. It is currently a 796-acre property in Buffalo County with its only access

being from County Highway A on the south side of the property. The property consists of a mix of upland hardwoods and marsh, including tamarack swamp and lowlands.

The department recommends acceptance of this donation to consolidate department ownership, to provide a location for a potential parking area, and to provide additional opportunities for public recreation.

3. LAND MANAGEMENT:

The parcel will be managed in conjunction with the adjacent Big Swamp Wildlife Area. The management of this parcel will be mostly passive. This site has the potential of providing additional parking for property users. Management and funding of a parking lot would be completed by wildlife management.

4. FINANCING:

No funding is required for this transaction.

5. ACQUISITION STATUS OF THE BIG SWAMP WILDLIFE AREA:

Established: 1956

Acres Purchased to Date: 800.16

Acquisition Goal: 2,714.40

Percent Complete: 29.48 %

Cost to Date: \$227,089.00

RECOMMENDED:

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Terry H. Bay, Bureau Director, Bureau of Facilities and Lands

Date

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Diane L. Milligan, Bureau of Legal Services

Date

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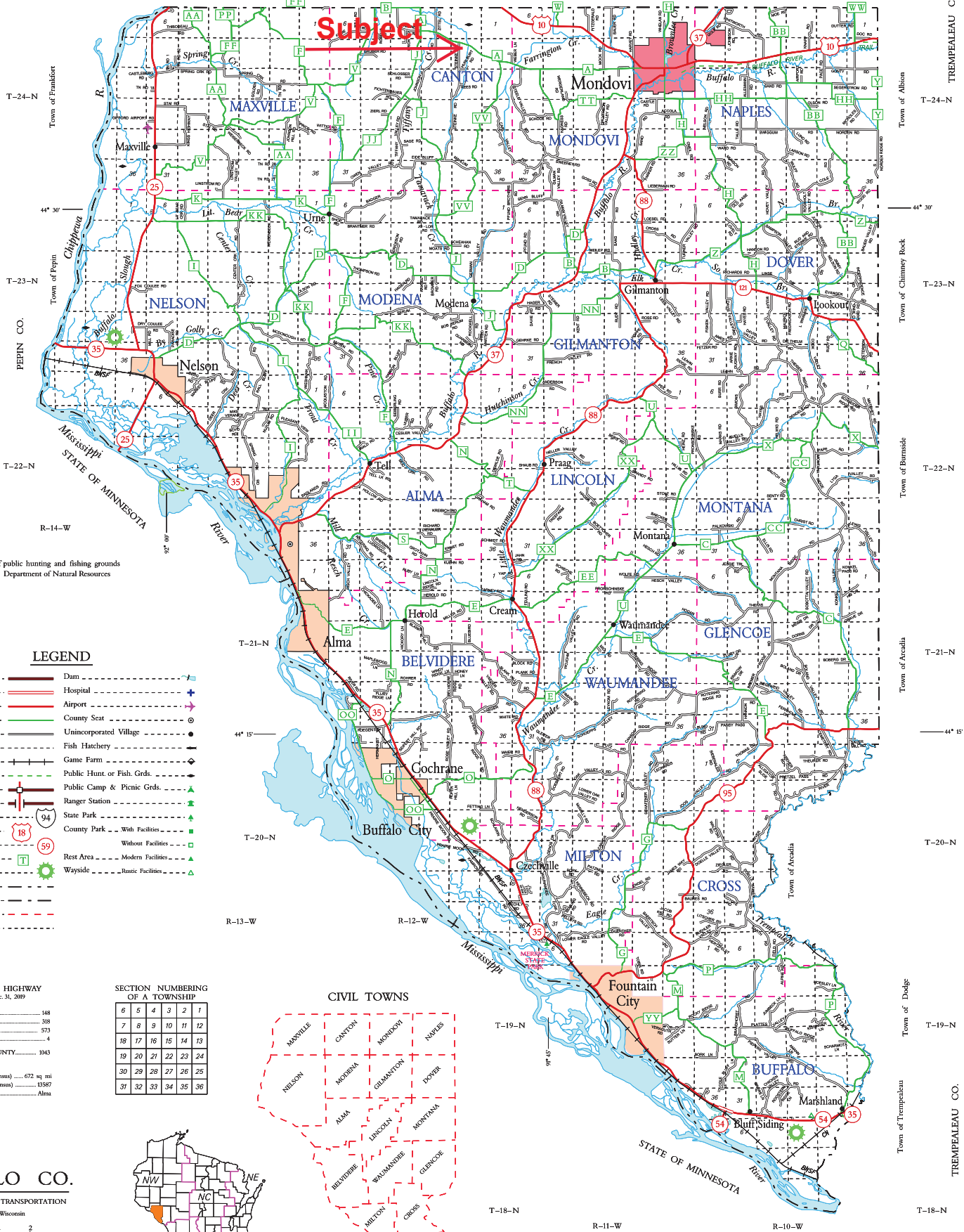
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Timothy C. Cooke, Internal Services Division Administrator

Date

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Town of Durand Town of Lima Town of Albany Town of Drammen



Town of Frankfort T-24-N
Town of Pepin T-23-N
Town of Burdette T-22-N
Town of Arcadia T-21-N
Town of Dodge T-19-N
Town of Trempealeau T-18-N

Town of Albany T-24-N
Town of Chimney Rock T-23-N
Town of Burdette T-22-N
Town of Arcadia T-21-N
Town of Dodge T-19-N
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LEGEND

- Freeway
- Multilane Divided
- U.S. or State Hwy
- County Trunk Hwy
- Town Road
- Firelane
- Railroad
- State Trail
- Interchange
- Highway Separation
- Interstate Highway No.
- U.S. Highway No.
- State Highway No.
- County Highway Letter
- Great River Road
- State Boundary
- County Boundary
- Civil Town Boundary
- Section Line
- Dam
- Hospital
- Airport
- County Seat
- Unincorporated Village
- Fish Hatchery
- Game Farm
- Public Hunt or Fish Grds.
- Public Camp & Picnic Grds.
- Ranger Station
- State Park
- County Park - With Facilities
- County Park - Without Facilities
- Rest Area
- Wayside
- Modern Facilities
- Rustic Facilities

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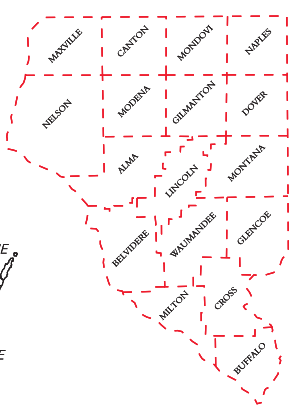
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COUNTY	388
LOCAL ROADS	573
OTHER ROADS	4
TOTAL FOR COUNTY	1043

Land Area (2000 Census) 672 sq. mi
Population (2010 Census) 13587
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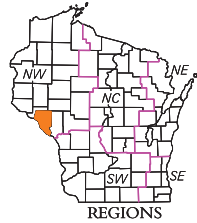
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Madison, Wisconsin

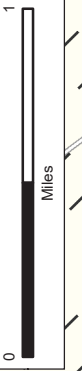
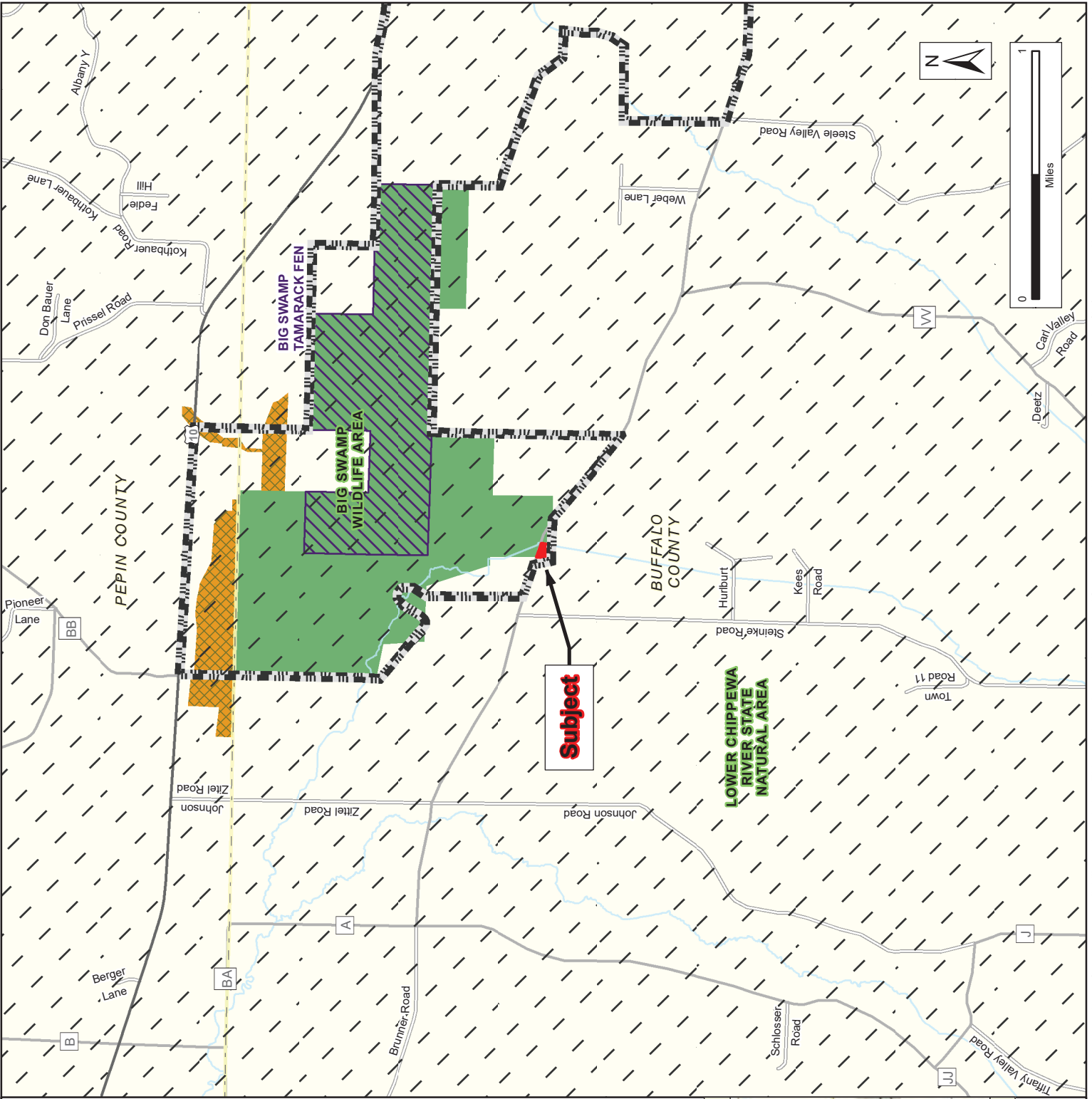
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**NRB Item: Thomas Ancis
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*Big Swamp
Wildlife Area*

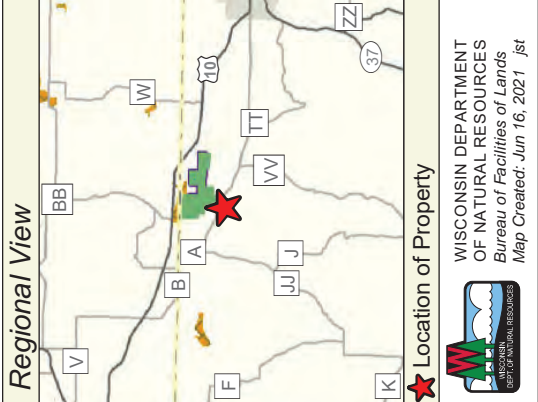
**T24N R12W, Sec. 11, NWNE
Town of Canton
Buffalo County**



Subject


WM 60745

-  Current DNR Project Boundary
-  State Natural Area
-  County Boundary
-  DNR Fee Title
-  NRCS - WRP (Wetland Reserve Program - Closed to public access)



Regional View

★ Location of Property



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NRB Item: Thomas Ancis Jatnieks -- Fee

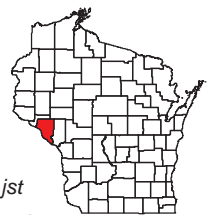
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**Big Swamp
Wildlife Area**

 **Subject**

-  Original Pre-2013 Project Boundary - Not Subject to JFC Review
-  DNR Fee Title
-  Streambank Eligible Stream
-  Section Boundary
-  QQ Section Boundary



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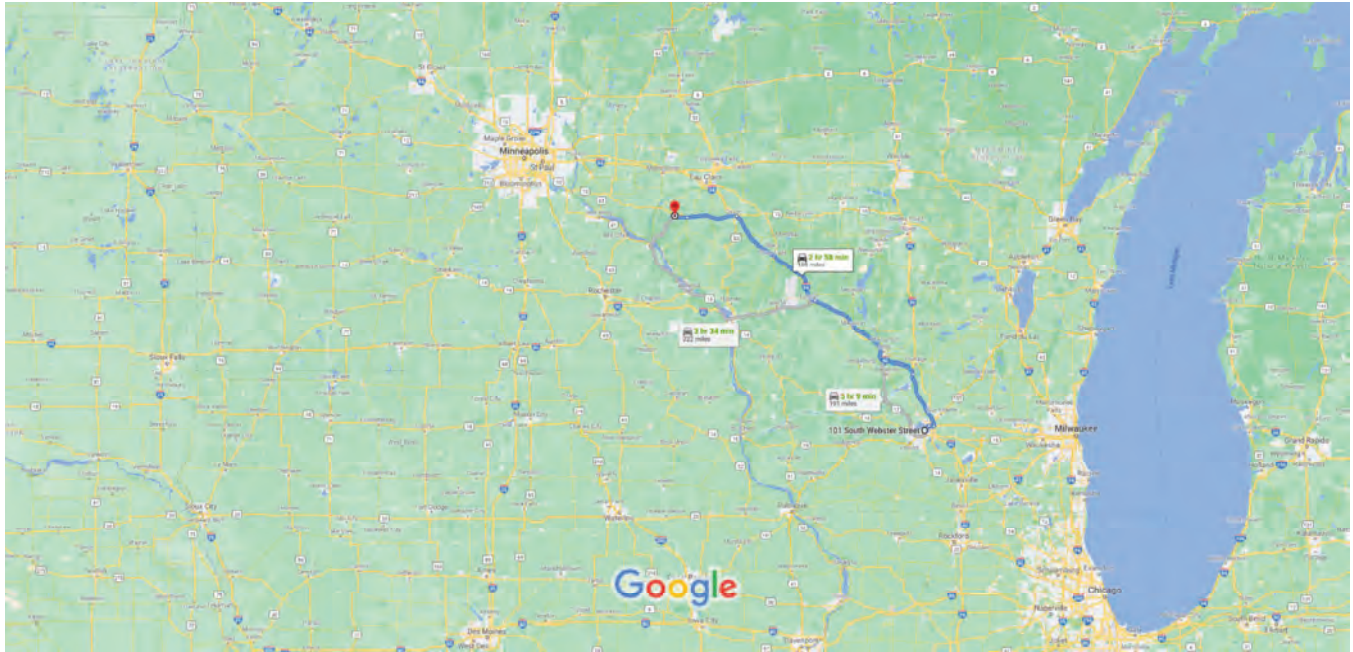
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Madison, WI 53703


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- 9 min (3.3 mi)
- ↑ 1. Head northwest on S Webster St toward E Main St
0.1 mi
- ↗ 2. Turn right at the 2nd cross street onto E Washington Ave
Pass by Burger King (on the right in 2.5 mi)
2.9 mi
- ↑ 3. Use the right lane to take the WI-30 E ramp to I-90/I-94
0.2 mi


Follow I-94 W to US-10 W/10th St in Osseo. Take exit 88 from I-94 W

- 2 hr 13 min (154 mi)
- ↑ 4. Continue onto WI-30 E
2.5 mi

-  5. Use the left lane to take exit 3 B to merge onto I-39 N/I-90 W/I-94 W toward I-94 W/Wis Dells

 29.0 mi
-  6. Keep left to continue on I-90 W/I-94 W




 63.7 mi
-  7. Keep right at the fork to continue on I-94 W



 58.5 mi
-  8. Take exit 88 for US-10 W toward Osseo

 0.3 mi

Continue on US-10 W. Drive to Co Rd A in Canton

 37 min (30.5 mi)

-  9. Use any lane to turn left onto US-10 W/10th St
 -  Continue to follow US-10 W
 -  Pass by Subway (on the right in 0.4 mi)

 24.6 mi
-  10. Turn left onto Co Rd A/W Main St
 -  Continue to follow Co Rd A

 5.9 mi

Canton

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CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 13, 2021 FILE REF: WM 60746

TO: Natural Resources Board

FROM: Secretary Preston D. Cole
Department of Natural Resources

SUBJECT: Proposed Land Donation, Kenosha County Tract, File # WM 60746

1. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

New Munster Wildlife Area
Kenosha County

Grantor:

Kenosha County
Attn: Regi Bachochin
1010 56th St.
Kenosha- WI 53140

Acres: 1.50Price: GiftAssessed Value: N/A – Tax exemptInterest: Fee simpleImprovements: NoneLocation: The tract is located one mile south of New Munster in Kenosha County.Land Description: The subject land is sloping.Covertyping Breakdown:

Type	Acreage
Upland Woodland	0.60
Wetland	0.30
Brush	0.60
Total:	1.50

Zoning: Lowland Resource Conservancy District, Park – Recreational DistrictPresent Use: Public recreationProposed Use: Public recreationTenure: 23 years2. JUSTIFICATION:

The department is requesting approval to accept a donation of 1.5 acres of land (tax delinquent lot) from Kenosha County for the New Munster Wildlife Area in Kenosha County, under authority provided in s. 23.09(2)(d)15., Wis. Stats., and s. NR 1.41(1)(e), Wis. Admin. Code. The parcel is a landlocked inholding and the habitat includes oak-hickory woodland, dry prairie, and emergent marsh. The department maintains a mowed trail that crosses the parcel. The trail is important for management and access, serving as a firebreak, a pheasant stocking road, and providing hunter access. Public access will be through the surrounding department-owned land.

The New Munster Wildlife Area is a 1,524-acre heavily-used property located in western Kenosha County that was established in 1947 by the Wisconsin Conservation Commission to provide important pheasant and upland game habitat in a rapidly developing area of Wisconsin. The project protects water quality, improves fish habitat, and provides public access for fishing, hunting and trapping. The New Munster Bog Island State Natural Area, an early state natural area designated in 1967, is found within the project boundary of the wildlife area. A 177-acre Department of Transportation (DOT) wetland mitigation site was added to the property in 2008, including 3,050 feet of two bank frontage on the Fox River. The addition of the DOT property to the wildlife area added riverine and emergent/open water wetland habitat to an area that was predominately oak woodland, lowland woodland, shallow marsh, grassland and agricultural fields to create a larger contiguous block of habitat. Two perennial streams, Palmer Creek, a class III trout stream stocked with brown and rainbow trout, and New Munster Creek, flow through this property into the Fox River.

The department recommends acquisition of the subject parcel to enhance and protect the resource values of the New Munster Wildlife Area, to improve public access and to provide much needed outdoor recreation lands near our largest population centers of the state.

3. LAND MANAGEMENT:

The property is a small land-locked inholding and will be managed in conjunction with the surrounding New Munster Wildlife Area at no additional cost to the wildlife program. The department currently maintains a mowed trail across the property. Acquisition of the inholding will allow for easier management of the dry prairie with prescribed burning and developing firebreaks. Acquisition of this parcel will provide consistent management and consolidated ownership.

4. FINANCING:

No funding is required for this transaction.

5. ACQUISITION STATUS OF THE NEW MUNSTER WILDLIFE AREA:

Established: 1947
Acres Purchased to Date: 1,495.04
Acquisition Goal: 1,892.13
Percent Complete: 79.01 %
Cost to Date: \$1,157,334.26

RECOMMENDED:

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Terry H. Bay, Bureau Director, Bureau of Facilities and Lands

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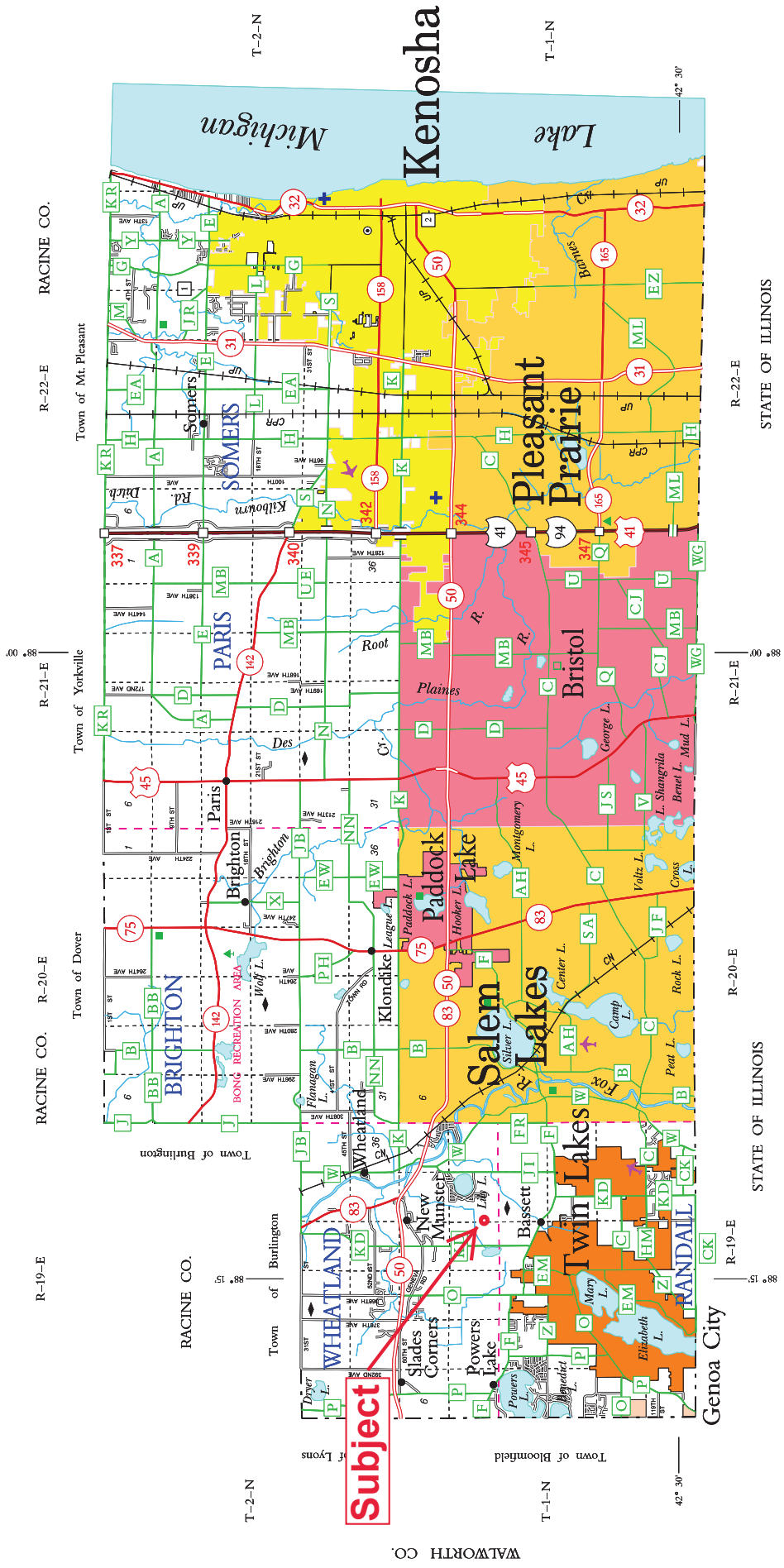
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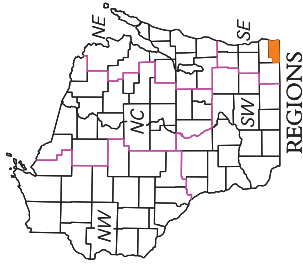


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Multilane Divided	Hospital
U.S. or State Hwy	Airport
County Trunk Hwy	County Seat
Town Road	Unincorporated Village
Firelane	Fish Hatchery
Railroad	Game Farm
State Trail	Public Hunt or Fish Grds.
Interchange	Public Camp & Picnic Grds.
Highway Separation	Ranger Station
Interstate Highway No.	State Park
U.S. Highway No.	County Park
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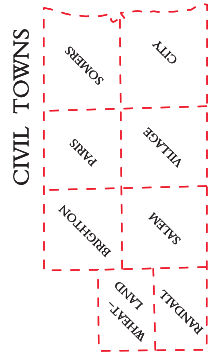
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MILES OF HIGHWAY as of Dec. 31, 2019

STATE	117
COUNTY	289
LOCAL ROADS	739
OTHER ROADS	0
TOTAL FOR COUNTY	1105

Land Area (2010 Census) 272 sq. mi
 Population (2010 Census) 166,426
 County Seat Kenosha



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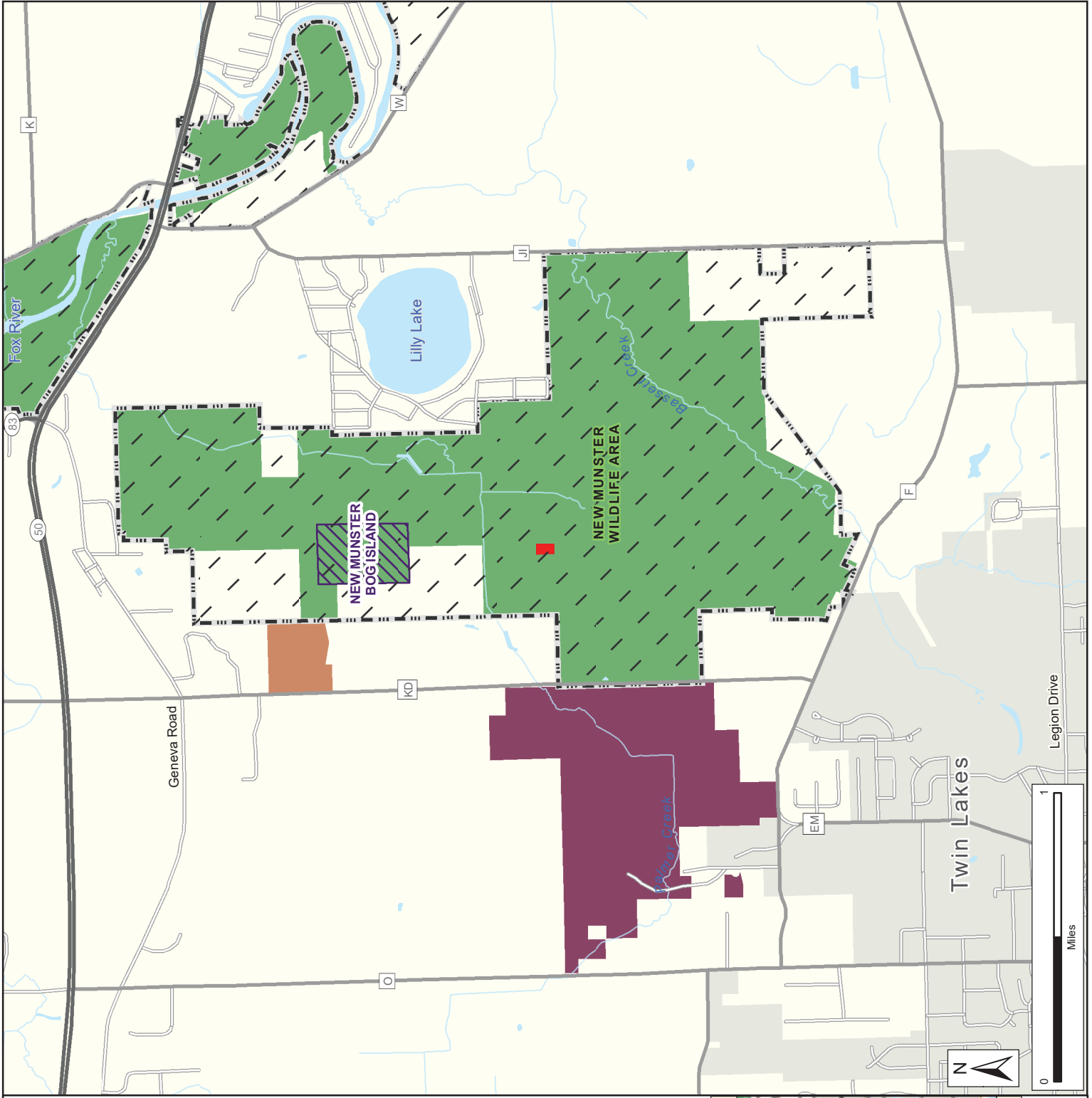
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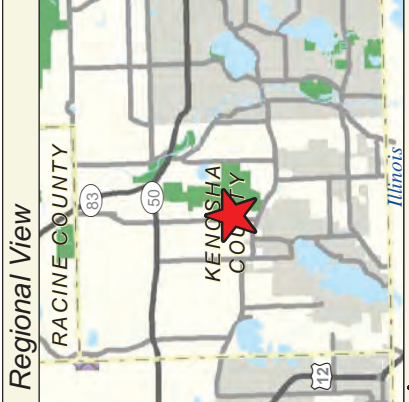
Fee - Acquisition

New Munster Wildlife Area
T1N R19E Sec 10
Town of Wheatland
Kenosha County

Subject

WM 60746

- DNR Fee Title**
- Current DNR Project Boundary
 - Stewardship Grant Lands (Open to Public Access)
 - Voluntary Public Access Land
 - State Natural Area



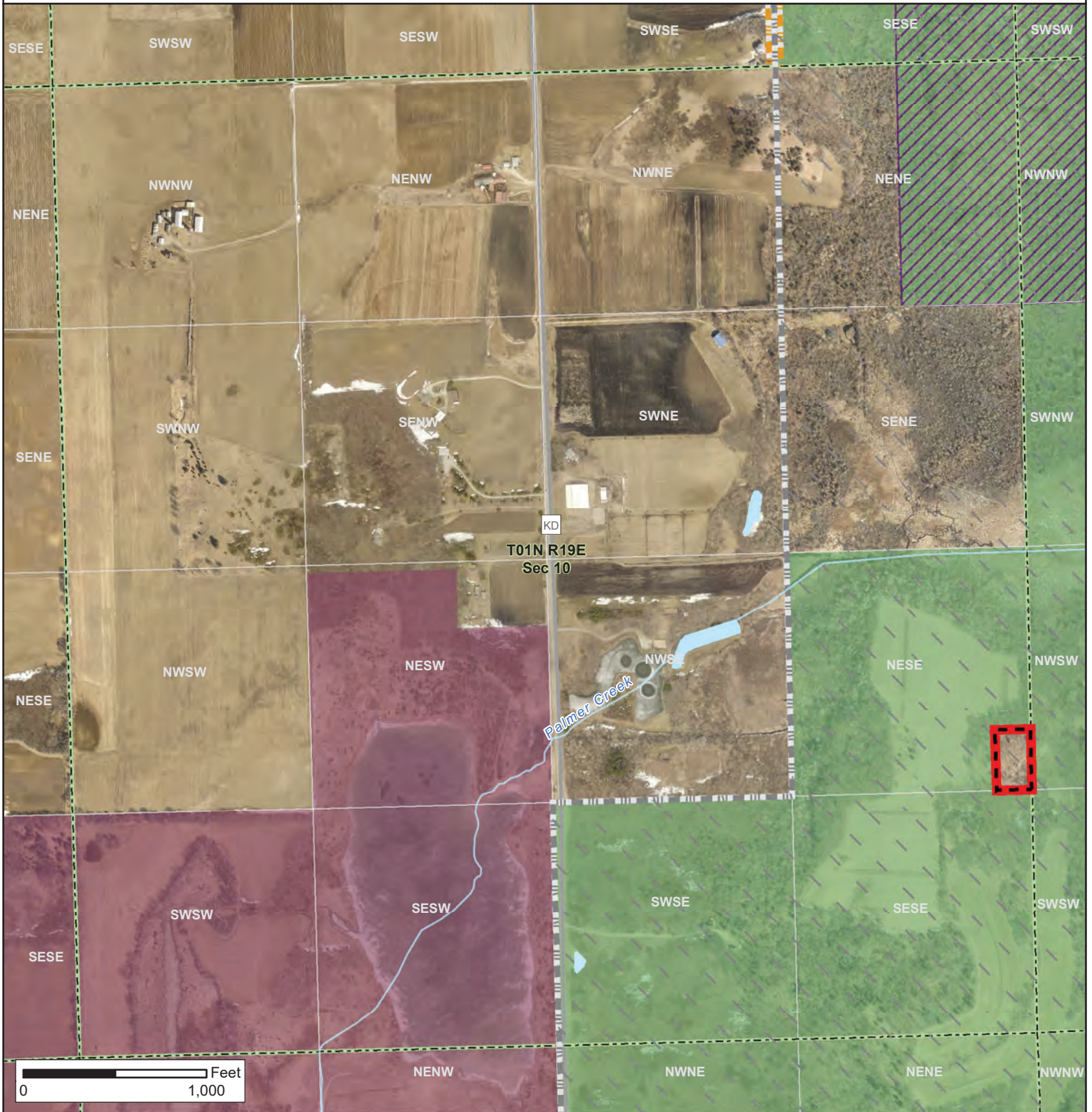
Location of Property

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NRB Item: Kenosha County Fee - Acquisition

T1N R19E Section 10, Town of Wheatland, Kenosha County



New Munster Wildlife Area



Subject



Original Pre-2013 Project Boundary - Not Subject to JFC Review



Expansion from Original Pre-2013 Project Boundary - Subject to JFC Review



DNR Fee Title

Stewardship Grant Lands (Open to Public Access)

State Natural Area

Section Boundary

QQ Section Boundary



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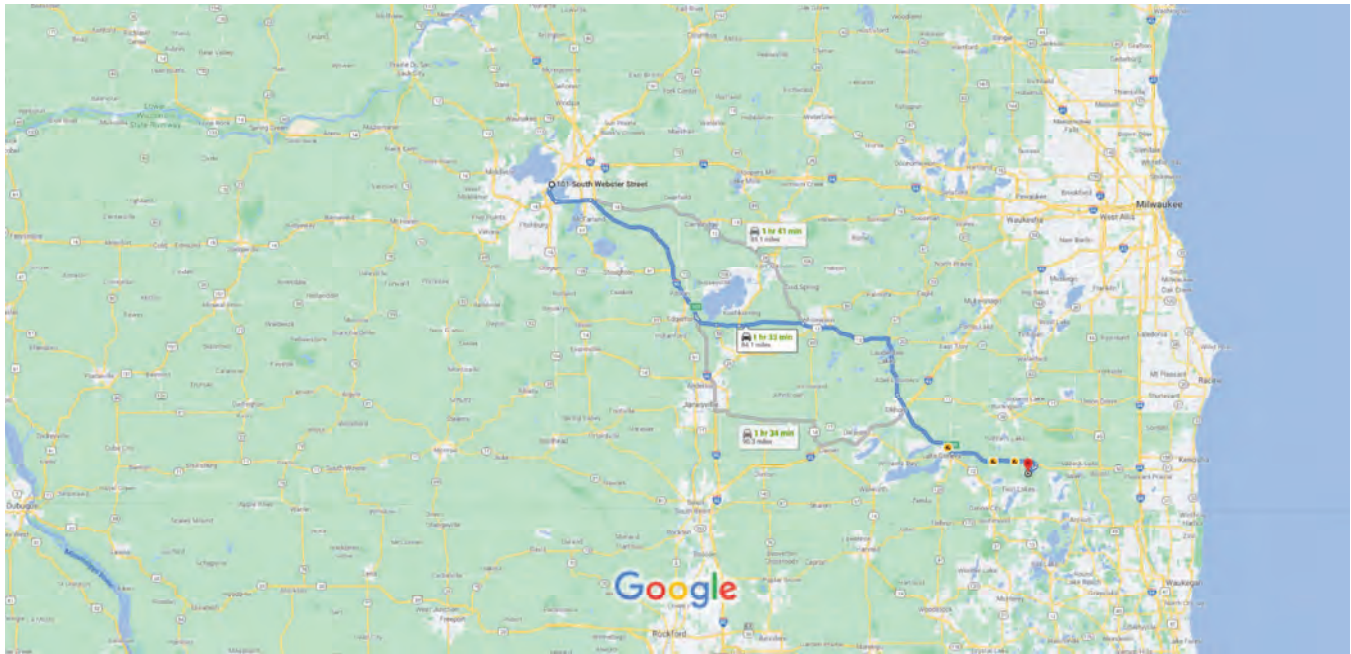
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Drive 84.1 miles, 1 hr 33 min

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101 S Webster St
Madison, WI 53703

Take S Butler St and E Wilson St to John Nolen Dr




- 2 min (0.3 mi)
↑ 1. Head northwest on S Webster St toward E Main St
112 ft
- ↗ 2. Turn right at the 1st cross street onto E Main St
335 ft
- ↗ 3. Turn right at the 1st cross street onto S Butler St
0.1 mi
- ↖ 4. Turn left onto E Wilson St
0.1 mi

Take US-12 E/US-18 E and I-39 S/I-90 E to County Hwy N in Milton





- 32 min (31.1 mi)
↘ 5. Sharp right onto John Nolen Dr
0.8 mi
- ↑ 6. Continue straight to stay on John Nolen Dr
1.8 mi

-  7. Keep left at the fork, follow signs for US-12 E/US-18 E/I-90 and merge onto US-12 E/US-18 E
----- 4.4 mi
-  8. Take exit 267 A to merge onto I-39 S/I-90 E toward Janesville/Chicago
----- 20.9 mi
-  9. Take exit 163 toward WI-59 E
----- 0.3 mi
-  10. Keep left, follow signs for WI-59 E/Milton
----- 289 ft
-  11. At the traffic circle, take the 3rd exit onto WI-59 E
----- 0.3 mi
-  12. At the traffic circle, take the 2nd exit and stay on WI-59 E
----- 2.5 mi


Follow County Hwy N to US-12 E in Whitewater


- 12 min (10.9 mi)
-  13. Turn left onto County Hwy N
----- 2.9 mi
 -  14. Continue straight to stay on County Hwy N
----- 0.1 mi
 -  15. Continue straight to stay on County Hwy N
----- 7.9 mi

Follow US-12 E to WI-50 E in Lake Geneva. Take exit 330B from US-12 E

- 32 min (29.5 mi)
-  16. Turn right onto US-12 E
----- 18.5 mi
 -  17. Use the right lane to take the US-12 E ramp to Lake Geneva/Delaven/Chicago
----- 0.5 mi
 -  18. Continue onto US-12 E
----- 10.0 mi
 -  19. Take exit 330B to merge onto WI-50 E
----- 0.5 mi


Continue on WI-50 E. Drive to Lilly Lake Rd in Lily Lake

- 15 min (12.3 mi)
-  20. Merge onto WI-50 E
----- 10.8 mi

-  21. Turn right onto County Hwy W/County Hwy Ji/Fox River Rd

0.3 mi
-  22. Turn right onto 73rd St/County Hwy Ji

0.2 mi
-  23. Turn right onto 73rd St

0.3 mi
-  24. Continue onto Lilly Lake Rd

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Kenosha County

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CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 13, 2021 FILE REF: NA 20181

TO: Natural Resources Board

FROM: Secretary Preston D. Cole
Department of Natural Resources

SUBJECT: Proposed Land Donation, Mycelium LLC, a Wisconsin Limited Liability Company
Tract, File # NA 20181

1. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

Rush Creek Natural Area
Crawford County

Grantor:

Mycelium LLC, a Wisconsin Limited Liability Company
Attn: Joe Rupke
150 E Gilman St, Suite 5000
Madison- WI 53703

Acres: 28.61Price: GiftAssessed Value: \$25,600Interest: Fee simpleImprovements: None

Location: The tract is located three miles northwest of the Village of Ferryville in Crawford County.

Land Description: The subject land is a ridgetop with steep slopes.

Covertyping Breakdown:

Type	Acreage
Upland Woodland	20.07
Grass / Pasture	8.54
Total:	28.61

Zoning: Agricultural/ResidentialPresent Use: RecreationProposed Use: Public recreationTenure: Two years2. JUSTIFICATION:

The department is requesting approval to accept a donation of 28.61 acres of land from Mycelium LLC, a Wisconsin Limited Liability Company, for the Rush Creek Natural Area in Crawford County, under authority provided in s. 23.09(2)(d)8., Wis. Stats., and s. NR 1.41(1)(e), Wis. Admin. Code. The subject tract consists of a ridgetop parcel that is irregular in shape and is mostly oak forest which provides additional habitat for rare plants and animals found on the adjacent SNA. This parcel adds to the large contiguous block of oak forest that provides critical habitat for forest interior birds and stopover habitat within the Upper Mississippi River Flyway bird

migration corridor. It is also adjacent to the Upper Mississippi River National Fish and Wildlife Refuge. The parcel has frontage on two sides on Lawrence Ridge Road, a town road, and the northern boundary is Schmitz Lane, a private road. The site will be accessible to the public from these roads.

The Rush Creek Natural Area, which is located 30 miles south of La Crosse in Crawford County, was established in 1980 with the purchase of a 1,100-acre tract from The Nature Conservancy. The goals of the Rush Creek project are to protect and manage native plant and animal communities and provide opportunities for public recreation and natural history education. The project contains a series of dry and dry mesic prairies surrounded by upland forest on the bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River and lowland forests on the valley floors. Several state-threatened species are protected within the project, and several forest-interior bird species nest at the site. Turkey, deer, squirrel, and ruffed grouse are also found on the property. The area is used by school groups and the general public for nature study, for scientific purposes by researchers, and for recreational activities such as hunting, fishing, bird watching and hiking.

The department recommends acceptance of this donation to consolidate department ownership and provide opportunities for public recreation.

3. LAND MANAGEMENT:

The parcel would be managed with the surrounding Rush Creek Natural Area. Management goals for the parcel would include management for natural communities that may exist on the property, maintaining the oak forest with an occasional prescribed burn to maintain oak and stimulate rare understory plant species, and sweeping the area to find, locate, and control invasive plant species. Maintenance and overall property management activities will be overseen by Natural Heritage Conservation (NHC) staff. Funding for management is anticipated to come from both gifts and grants obtained by the Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation.

4. FINANCING:

No funding is required for this transaction.

5. ACQUISITION STATUS OF THE RUSH CREEK NATURAL AREA:

Established: 1980

Acres Purchased to Date: 2,652.98

Acquisition Goal: 7,775.00

Percent Complete: 34.12 %

Cost to Date: \$3,599,338.80

RECOMMENDED:

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Terry H. Bay, Bureau Director, Bureau of Facilities and Lands Date

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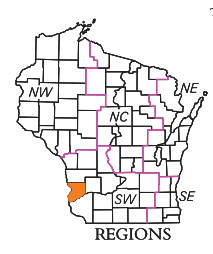
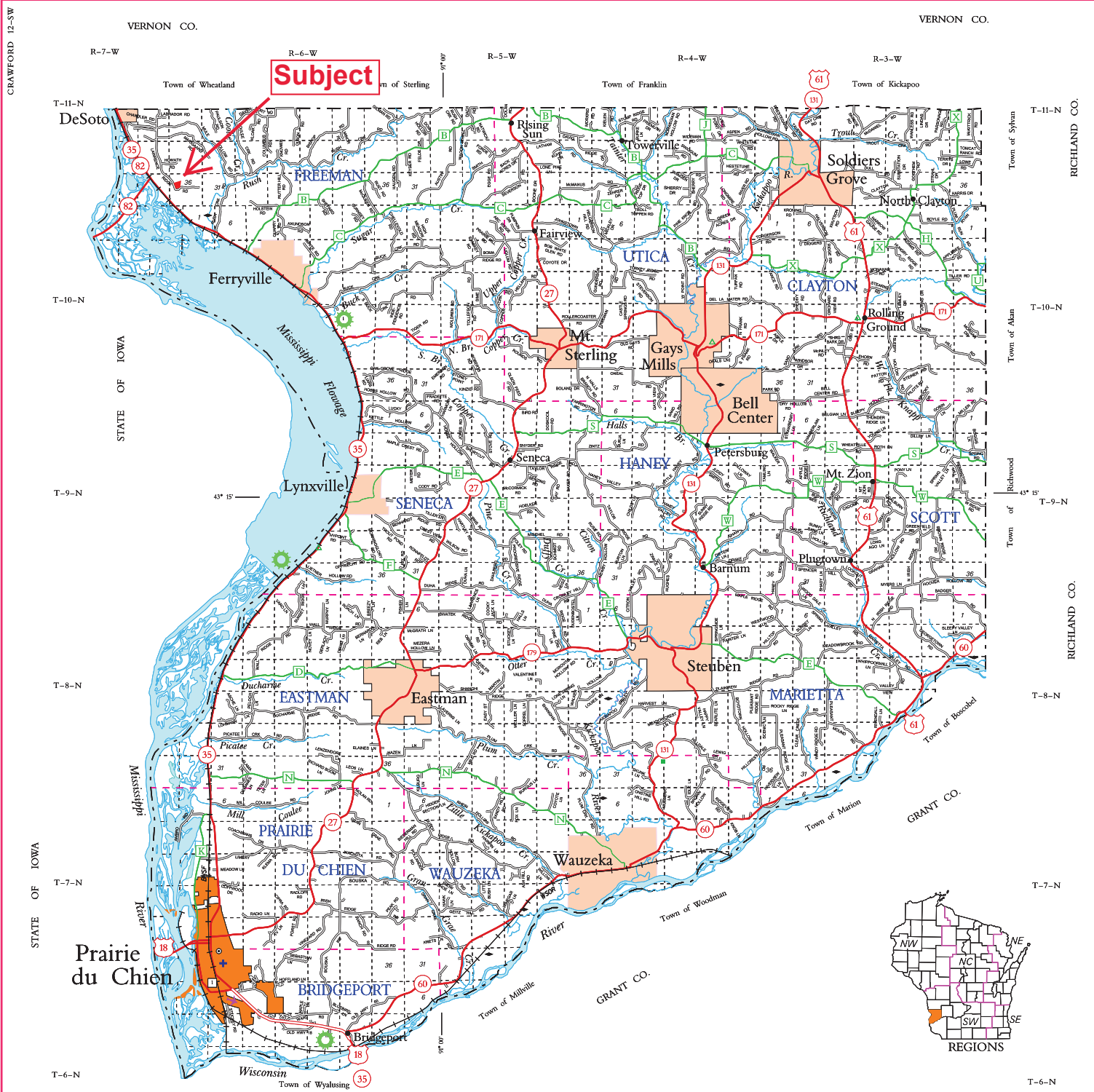
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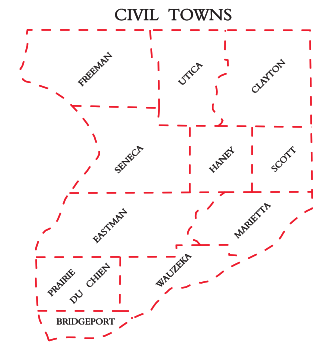
MILES OF HIGHWAY
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STATE	183
COUNTY	132
LOCAL ROADS	768
OTHER ROADS	6
TOTAL FOR COUNTY	1089

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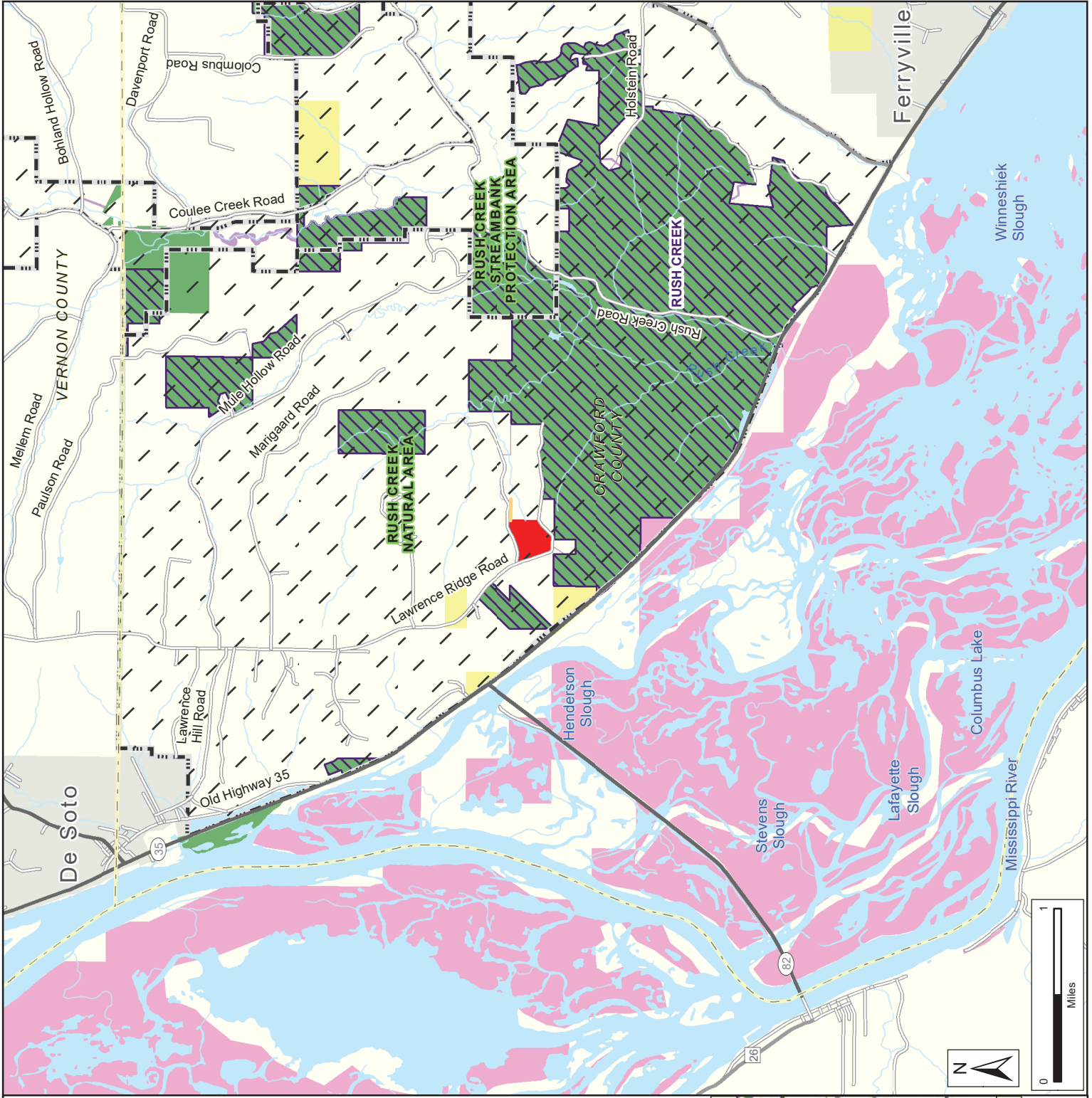
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- Freeway
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- County Trunk Hwy
- Town Road
- Firelane
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- U.S. Highway No. 18
- State Highway No. 59
- County Highway Letter T
- Great River Road
- State Boundary
- County Boundary
- Civil Town Boundary
- Section Line
- Dam
- Hospital
- Airport
- County Seat
- Unincorporated Village
- Fish Hatchery
- Game Farm
- Public Hunt or Fish. Grds.
- Public Camp & Picnic Grds.
- Ranger Station
- State Park
- County Park With Facilities
- Without Facilities
- Rest Area Modern Facilities
- Wayside Rustic Facilities
- Prairie du Chien Correctional Inst.



NRB Item:
Mycelium LLC, a Wisconsin Limited Liability Company

Fee - Acquisition

Rush Creek Natural Area
 T11N R7W Sec 36
 Town of Freeman
 Crawford County

Subject

NA 20181

- DNR Fee Title
- DNR Easement
- DNR Easement Closed to Public Access
- Current DNR Project Boundary
- State Natural Area
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- County Boundary



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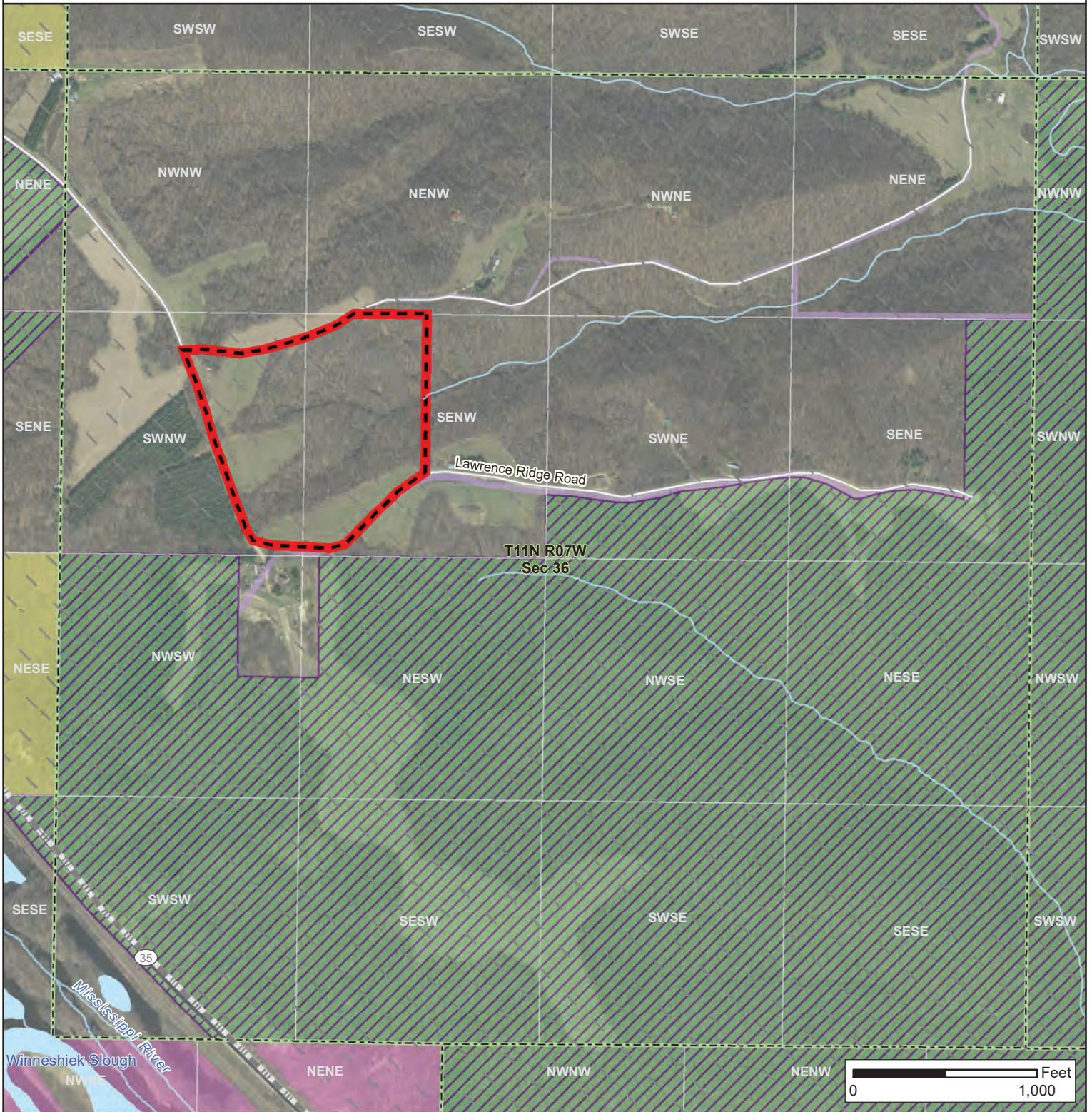
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NRB Item: Mycelium LLC, a Wisconsin Limited Liability Company Fee - Acquisition


T11N R7W Section 36, Town of Freeman, Crawford County



Rush Creek Natural Area



Subject

 Original Pre-2013 Project Boundary - Not Subject to JFC Review

 DNR Fee Title

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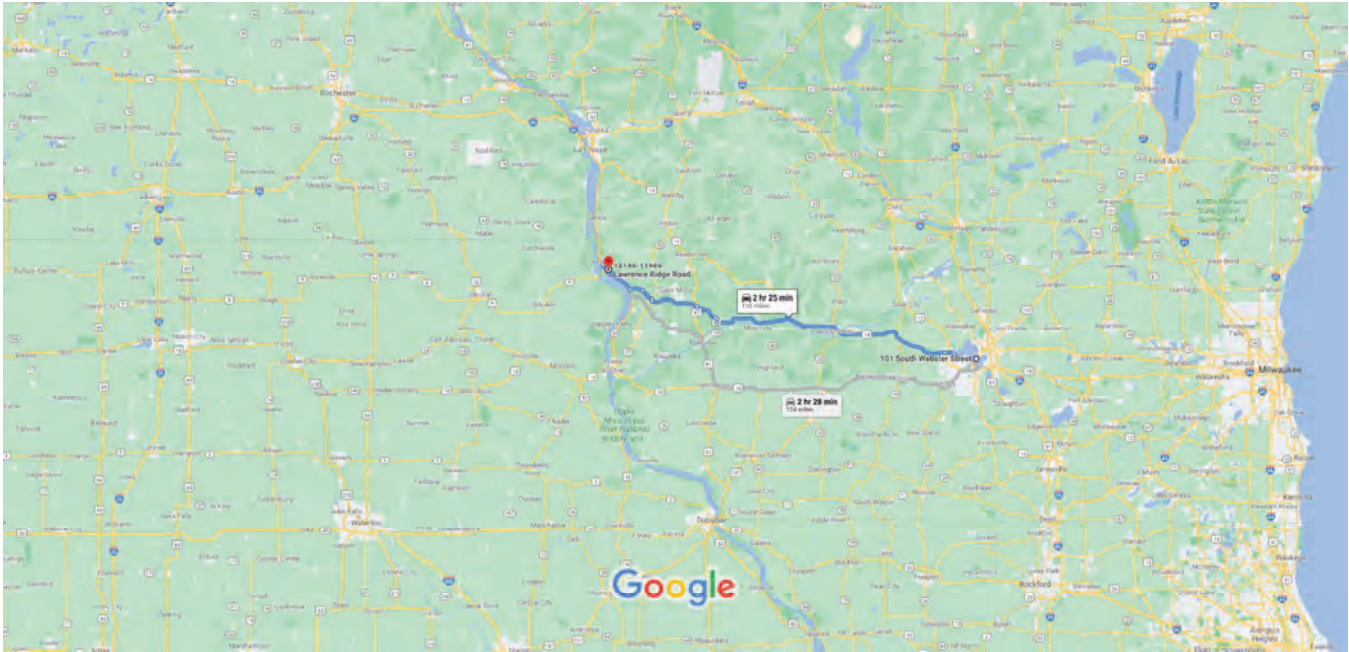
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----- 9.0 mi

Drive to Lawrence Ridge Rd

- 7 min (3.6 mi)
- ↷ 20. Turn right onto S Mill Park Dr
----- 0.6 mi
 - ↷ 21. Slight right onto Lawrence Hill Rd
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DATE: July 13, 2021 FILE REF: NA 20182

TO: Natural Resources Board

FROM: Secretary Preston D. Cole
Department of Natural Resources

SUBJECT: Proposed Land Donation, Mycelium LLC, a Wisconsin Limited Liability Company Tract,
File # NA 20182

1. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

Rush Creek Natural Area
Crawford County

Grantor:

Mycelium LLC, a Wisconsin Limited Liability Company
Attn: Joe Rupke
150 E. Gilman St., Suite 5000
Madison WI 53703

Acres: 222.95Price: GiftAssessed Value: \$401,700Interest: Fee simpleImprovements: NoneLocation: The tract is located three miles northwest of the Village of Ferryville in Crawford County.Land Description: The subject land includes low, level land to the north and steeply sloping land to the south.Covertime Breakdown:

Type	Acreage
Brush	10.00
Grass / Pasture	35.67
Cropland	3.28
Upland Woodland	146.00
Lowland Woodland	28.00
Total:	222.95

Zoning: Agricultural/ResidentialPresent Use: RecreationProposed Use: Public recreationTenure: Three months2. JUSTIFICATION:

The department is requesting approval to accept a donation of 222.95 acres of land from Mycelium LLC, a Wisconsin Limited Liability Company, for the Rush Creek Natural Area and the Rush Creek Streambank Protection Area in Crawford County, under authority provided in s. 23.09(2)(d)8., Wis. Stats., and s. NR 1.41(1)(e), Wis. Admin. Code. The north and west portions of the property lie within the Rush Creek Streambank Protection Area project boundary and the south and east portions lie

within the Rush Creek Natural Area project boundary. The portion of the property within the project boundary of RCSPA will be designated as a state natural area and will be managed as part of the Rush Creek Natural Area.

The subject is mostly oak forest and includes wooded bluffland, some lowland grass, several spring steeps, 2,700 feet of two-bank frontage on Rush Creek, a Class II trout stream, and 1,127 feet of two-bank frontage on Cooley Creek, a Class I trout stream. This large contiguous block of oak forest provides critical habitat for forest-interior birds and stopover habitat within the Upper Mississippi River Flyway bird migration corridor. It is also adjacent to the Upper Mississippi River National Fish and Wildlife Refuge and will provide additional recreational opportunities for the public. The parcel has frontage on Rush Creek Road, which forms a portion of the northern property boundary and will provide public access to the parcel.

The Rush Creek Natural Area, which is located 30 miles south of La Crosse in Crawford County, was established in 1980 with the purchase of a 1,100-acre tract from The Nature Conservancy. The goals of the Rush Creek project are to protect and manage native plant and animal communities and provide opportunities for public recreation and natural history education. The project contains a series of dry and dry mesic prairies surrounded by upland forest on the bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River and lowland forests on the valley floors. Several state-threatened species are protected within the project, and several forest-interior bird species nest at the site. Turkey, deer, squirrel, and ruffed grouse are also found on the property. The area is used by school groups and the general public for nature study, for scientific purposes by researchers, and for recreational activities such as hunting, fishing, bird watching and hiking.

The Statewide Streambank Protection Area program was established in 1991 to protect and improve water resources and fisheries throughout Wisconsin. This project was designed to protect stream bank corridors and secure public fishing access while protecting and improving water quality. The addition of this parcel will provide additional stream frontage for public fishing.

The department recommends acceptance of this donation to consolidate department ownership and provide opportunities for public recreation.

3. LAND MANAGEMENT:

The parcel would be managed with the surrounding Rush Creek Natural Area. Management goals for the parcel would include management for natural communities that may exist on the property, maintaining the oak forest with an occasional prescribed burn to maintain oak and stimulate rare understory plant species, and sweeping the area to find, locate, and control invasive plant species. Currently the parcel adds to the workload of managing adjacent lands because firebreaks need to go around this block rather than just including it within a larger unit using blufftop roads as firebreaks. By including this parcel, management will be more efficient and effective. Maintenance and overall property management activities will be overseen by Natural Heritage Conservation (NHC) staff. Funding for management is anticipated to come from both gifts and grants obtained by the Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation.

4. FINANCING:

No funding is required for this transaction.

5. ACQUISITION STATUS OF THE RUSH CREEK NATURAL AREA:

Established: 1980

Acres Purchased to Date: 2,652.98

Acquisition Goal: 7,775.00

Percent Complete: 34.12 %

Cost to Date: \$3,599,338.80

RECOMMENDED:

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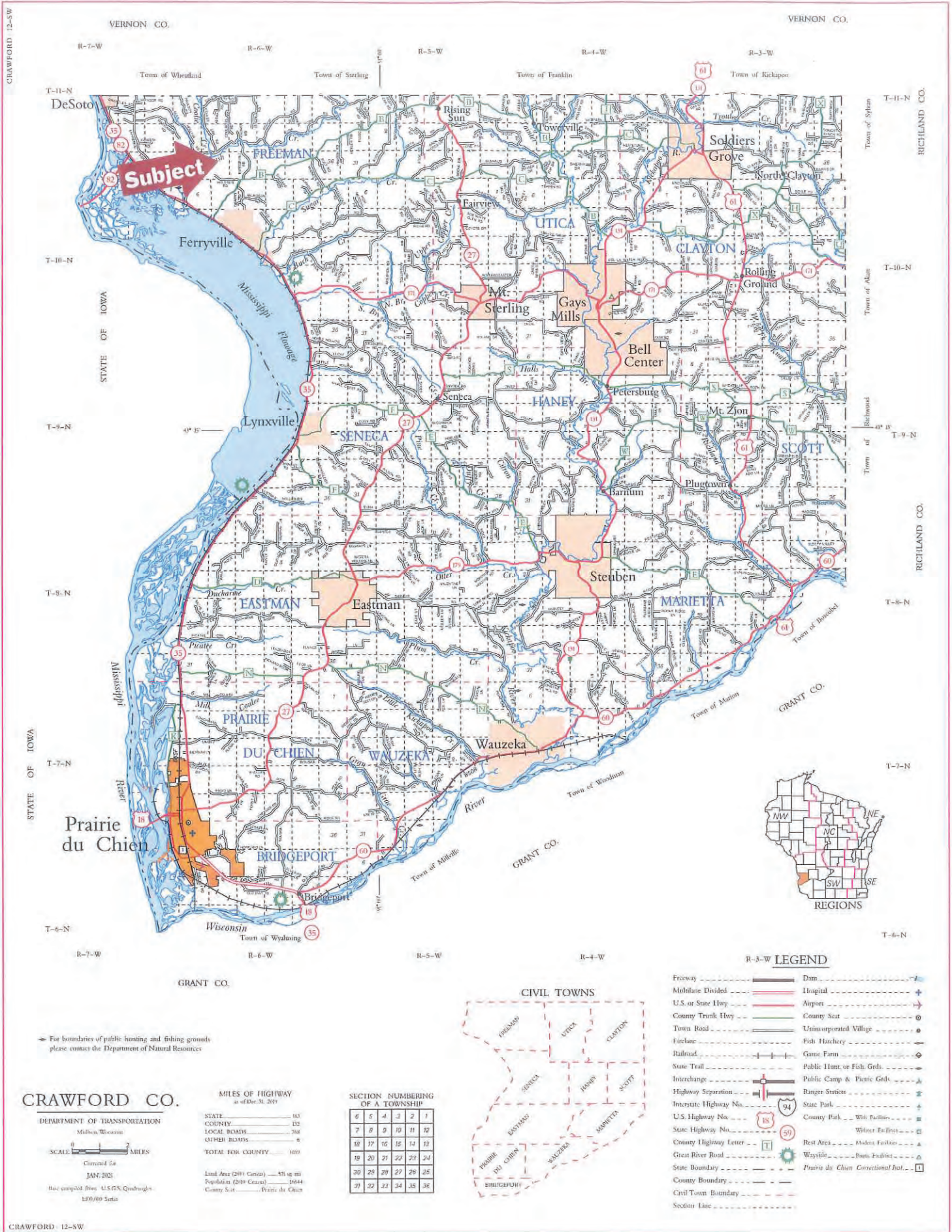
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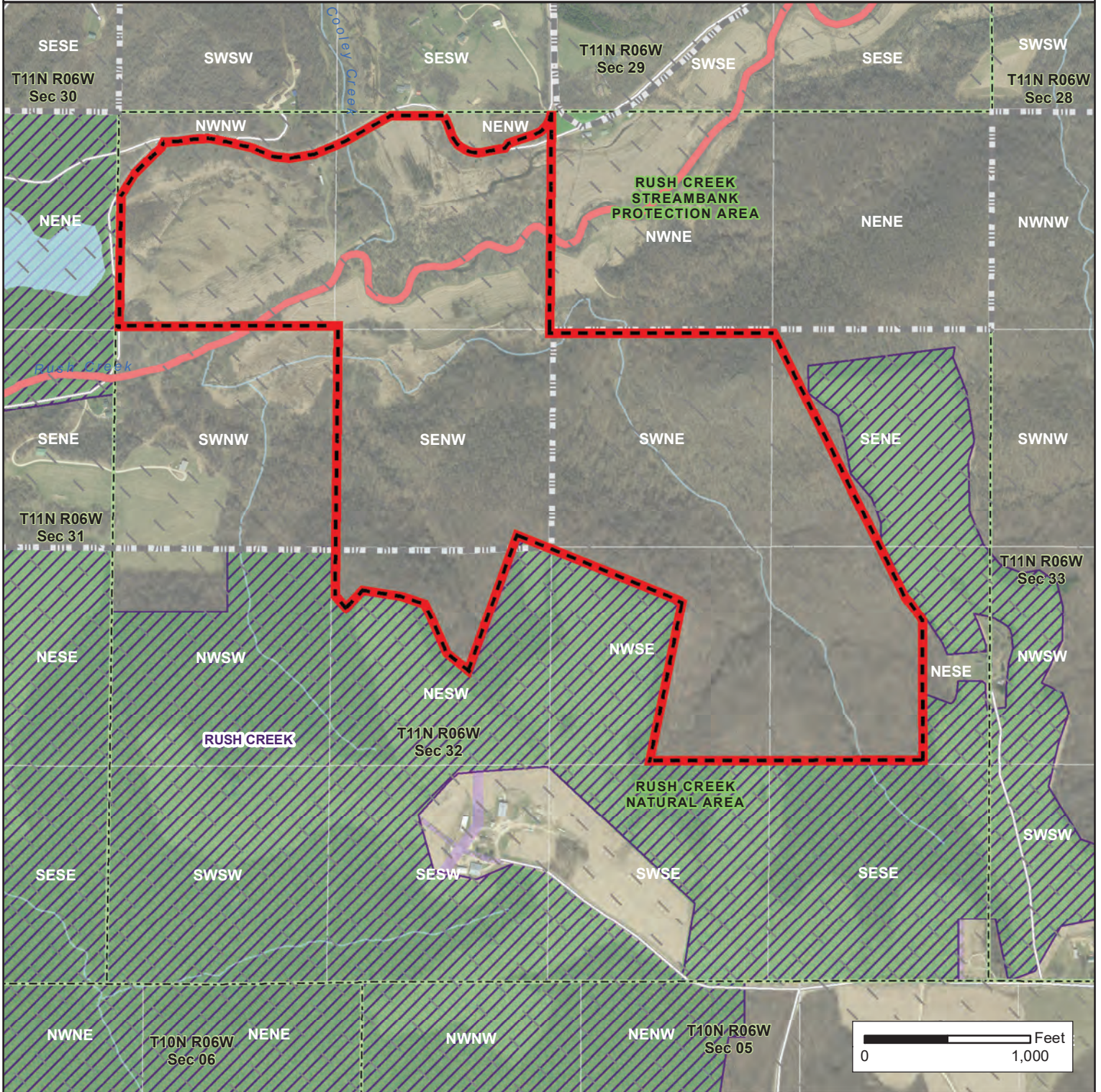
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NRB Item: Mycelium LLC, a Wisconsin Limited Liability Company -- Fee




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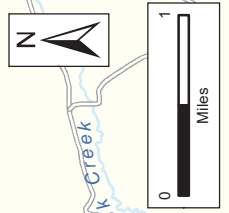
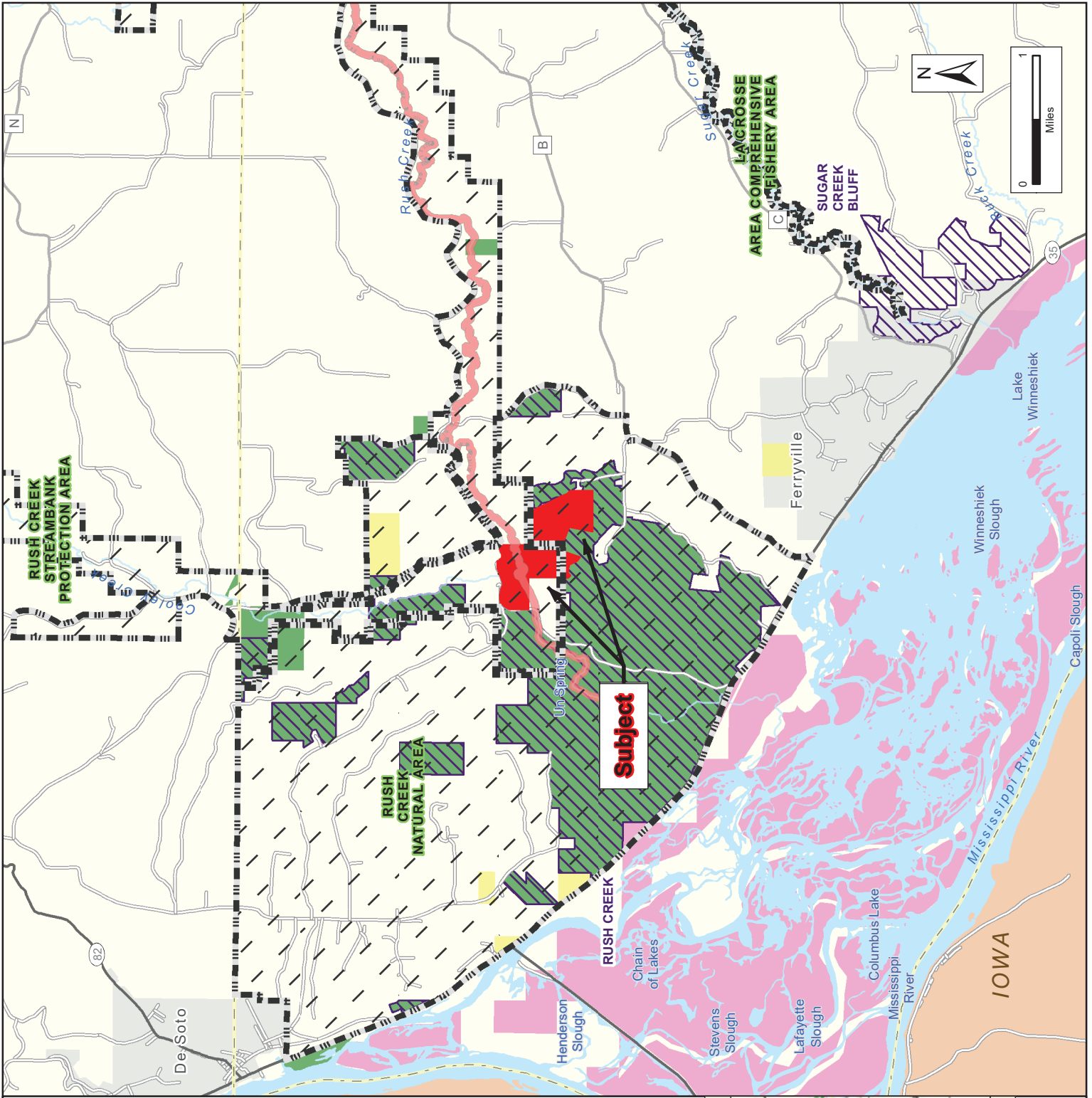
Rush Creek Natural Area and Rush Creek Streambank Protection Area

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-  Original Pre-2013 Project Boundary - Not Subject to JFC Review
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-  State Natural Area
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T11N R6W, Sec. 32
Town of Freeman
Crawford County

Subject

NA 20182

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Regional View



Location of Property

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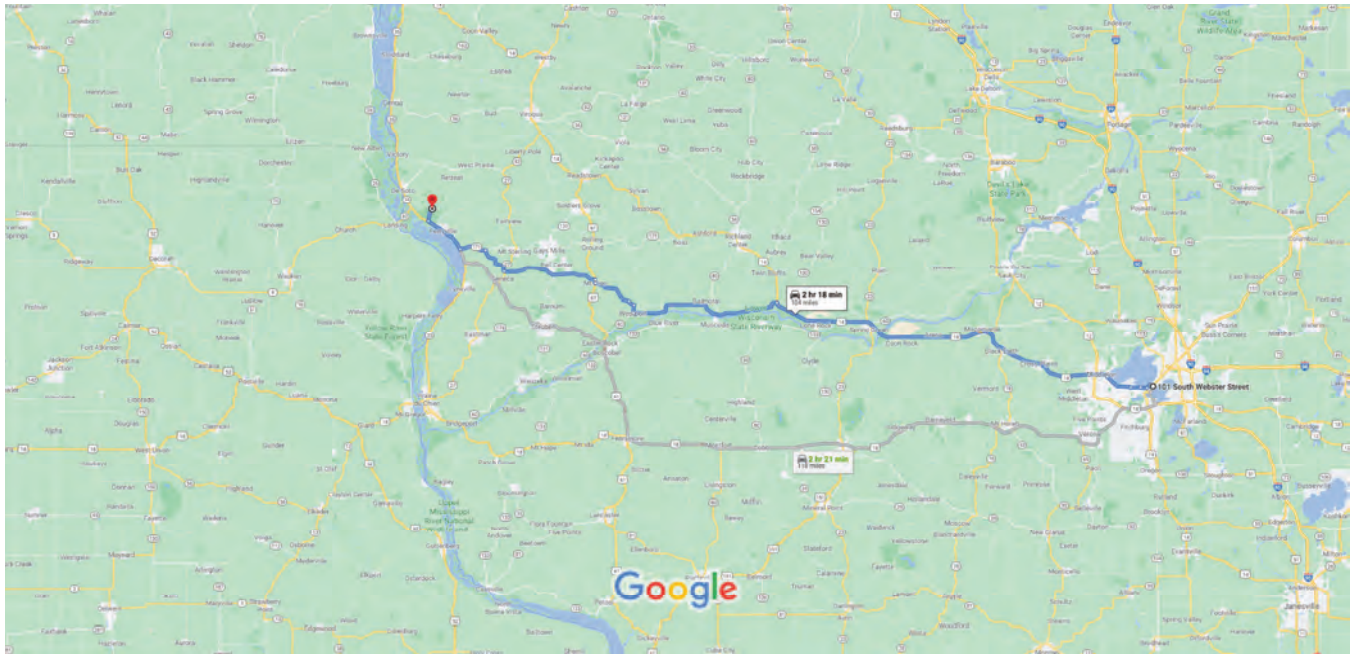
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