NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Item No. 4.G.

Form 1100-1 Rev. 5-91

SUBJECT:

cross-country skiing.

- 1. Land Donation Theresa Wildlife Area Washington and Dodge Counties
- 2. Land Donation and Expansion of Project Boundary Hank Aaron State Trail Milwaukee County
- 3. Land Donation White River State Trail Racine and Walworth Counties
- 4. Land Donation and Official Naming Statewide Habitat Area Dane County

FOR: OCTOBER 2021 BOARD MEETING

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

SUMMARY: The department is requesting approval to accept the following four donations under authority provided in s. 23.09(2)(d), Wis. Stats., and s. NR 1.41(1)(e), Wis. Admin. Code.

1. Theresa Wildlife Area: A donation of 101.62 acres of land from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation within the project boundary of the Theresa Wildlife Area, to complete a land exchange initiated in 2013, in Dodge and Washington Counties with 37.59 acres lying in Dodge County and the remaining 64.03 acres lying in Washington County. Finalization of the WisDOT USH 41 expansion project left 101.62 remnant acres, with 33.6 acres subject to a conservation easement owned by the department since 1965. The parcel will be open to the public for all five naturebased outdoor recreational activities to include hunting, fishing, trapping, hiking and cross-country skiing. 2. Hank Aaron State Trail: A donation of 0.03 acres of land from the City of Milwaukee, for the Hank Aaron State Trail (HAST) in Milwaukee County. The parcel is located at the north terminus of S. 72nd Street and will allow the City of West Allis to construct a trail connector that will serve the City of West Allis residents for the HAST and will provide a safe entrance to a redeveloping area. The property lies outside of the project boundary and abuts department-owned land to the west and north. A trail connection for West Allis will be constructed on the property by the City of West Allis, upon plan approval by and a construction easement from the department, in accordance with an existing agreement between the two municipalities. The department will be responsible for maintaining the connection consistent with the adjacent, existing Hank Aaron State Trail. This property will be open to the public for nature based outdoor recreational activities consistent with existing uses as approved by the NRB through the Act 168 implementation process and following the NRB requirements for hunting and trapping in state parks. 3. White River State Trail: A donation of approximately 16.98 acres of land from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation within the project boundary of the White River State Trail in Racine and Walworth Counties, for the White River State Trail, which is adjacent to the City of Burlington. The subject parcel was purchased by WisDOT as part of the Highway 11/36 bypass project. This property will be open to the public for nature based outdoor recreational activities in accordance with the seasons established by the NRB through the Act 168 implementation

process and following the NRB requirements for hunting and trapping in state parks.

4. Statewide Habitat Area: A donation of 41.06 acres of land from Whitehouse Associates, a Wisconsin limited liability company, on behalf of the William Towell Family, for the Statewide Habitat Area in Dane County. If accepted, the parcel under the authority of MC 2281.1 shall have the official name of the Towell Family State Habitat Area. The primary goal for the property is to restore the ditches, ponds, and degraded wetlands into a high functioning wetland complex suitable for northern pike spawning migration and recruitment into Lake Mendota. The adjacent department-owned land contains wetlands with spring ponds, and ditched tributaries to Lake Mendota. The parcel will be open to the public for all five nature-based outdoor recreational activities to include hunting, fishing, trapping, hiking and

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board accept the four donations: 1. 101.62 acres of land for the Theresa Wildlife Area; 2. .03 acres for the Hank Aaron State Trail; 3. 16.98 acres of land for the White River State Trail; and 4. 41.06 acres of land for the Statewide Habitat Area. That the board approve the project boundary expansion of the Hank Aaron State Trail to include the City of Milwaukee parcel. That the board approve the official name of Towell Family State Habitat Area for the donation for the Statewide Habitat Area in Dane County. 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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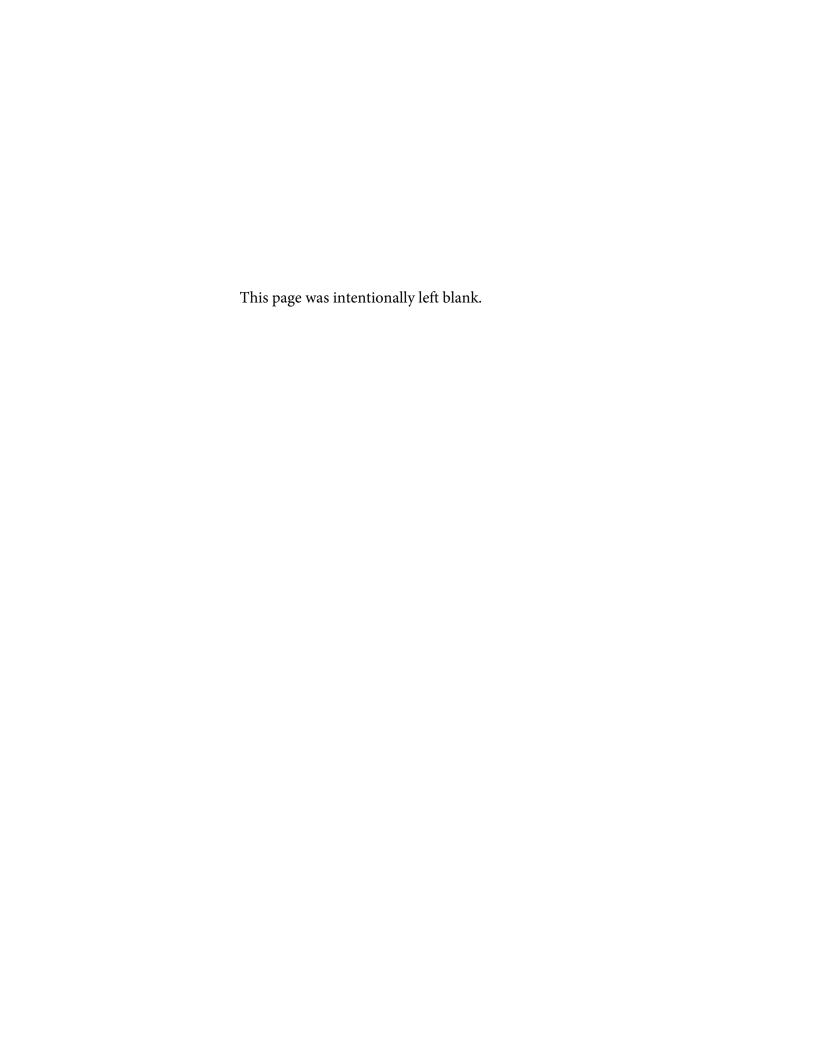
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CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 20, 2021 FILE REF: WM 60748

TO: Natural Resources Board

FROM: Secretary Preston D. Cole

Department of Natural Resources

SUBJECT: Proposed Land Donation, Wisconsin Department of Transportation Tract, File # WM

60748

1. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

Theresa Wildlife Area Dodge County

This memo describes the 37.59 acres of the 101.62-acre donation lying in Dodge County. The memo for file FM 60749 describes the 64.03 acres lying in Washington County.

Grantor:

Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Attn: DeniseWaheed 141 NW Barstow St. Waukesha WI 53187

Acres: 37.59 Price: Gift

Assessed Value: N/A - Exempt

Interest: Fee simple Improvements: None

<u>Location</u>: The tract is located two miles south of the Village of Lomira in Dodge County.

Land Description: The subject land is slightly sloping.

Covertype Breakdown:

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Туре		Acreage
Cropland		8.00
Wetland		29.59
	Total:	37.59

Zoning: A-1 – Prime Agricultural Present Use: Vacant/Right-of-way Proposed Use: Public recreation

Tenure: 27 years

2. JUSTIFICATION:

The department is requesting approval to accept a donation of 101.62 acres from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the Theresa Wildlife Area pursuant to s. 23.09(2)(d), Wis. Stats., and s. NR 1.41(1)(e), Wis. Admin. Code. All of the parcels lie within the project boundary of the Theresa Wildlife Area. The donation transfer will finalize a land exchange completed in 2013 including land in both Dodge and Washington Counties, with 37.59 acres lying in Dodge County and the remaining 64.03 acres lying in Washington County. Completion of the DOT USH 41



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expansion project left 101.62 remnant acres, with 33.6 acres subject to a conservation easement owned by the department since 1965.

The 37.59-acre parcel lying in Dodge County is irregular in shape with frontage on the west side of USH 41. This parcel is comprised of primarily farmland and emergent wetland. Acquisition of these parcels will straighten and simplify the property boundary, thereby reducing trespassing and access concerns. Simplified boundaries will also improve staff access for habitat management and boundary line posting. These parcels will be accessible from an existing access road with a large gravel parking lot at the end.

Theresa Marsh Wildlife Area is one of the state's premiere wildlife areas, located along State Highway 41 about 20 miles northwest of Milwaukee. Due to the proximity of the heavily populated metropolitan area, the property receives a substantial amount of use for hunting and other recreational activities State acquisition on Theresa Marsh began in 1948. Primary recreational uses are waterfowl hunting, bow and gun deer hunting, pheasant, small game and turkey hunting, fishing, and trapping. Two 1,000-acre waterfowl refuges and a 1,500-acre main flowage provide habitat for thousands of nesting and migrating geese and ducks.

The parcel will be open to the public for all five nature-based outdoor recreational activities to include hunting, fishing, trapping, hiking and cross-country skiing. The department recommends acceptance of this donation to increase public opportunities for recreation for the Theresa Wildlife Area.

3. LAND MANAGEMENT:

The donation parcels will be managed in conjunction with the Theresa Wildlife Area by Wildlife staff based at Pike Lake. Wetland area will be maintained and potentially enhanced through excavation of a pothole or wildlife scrape or by restoring a natural meander to Lomira Creek. The single crop field on the parcel will be converted to a mix of native prairie grasses and wildflowers.

4. <u>FINANCING</u>:

No funding is required for this transaction.

5. <u>ACQUISITION STATUS OF THE THERESA WILDLIFE AREA:</u>

Established: 1954

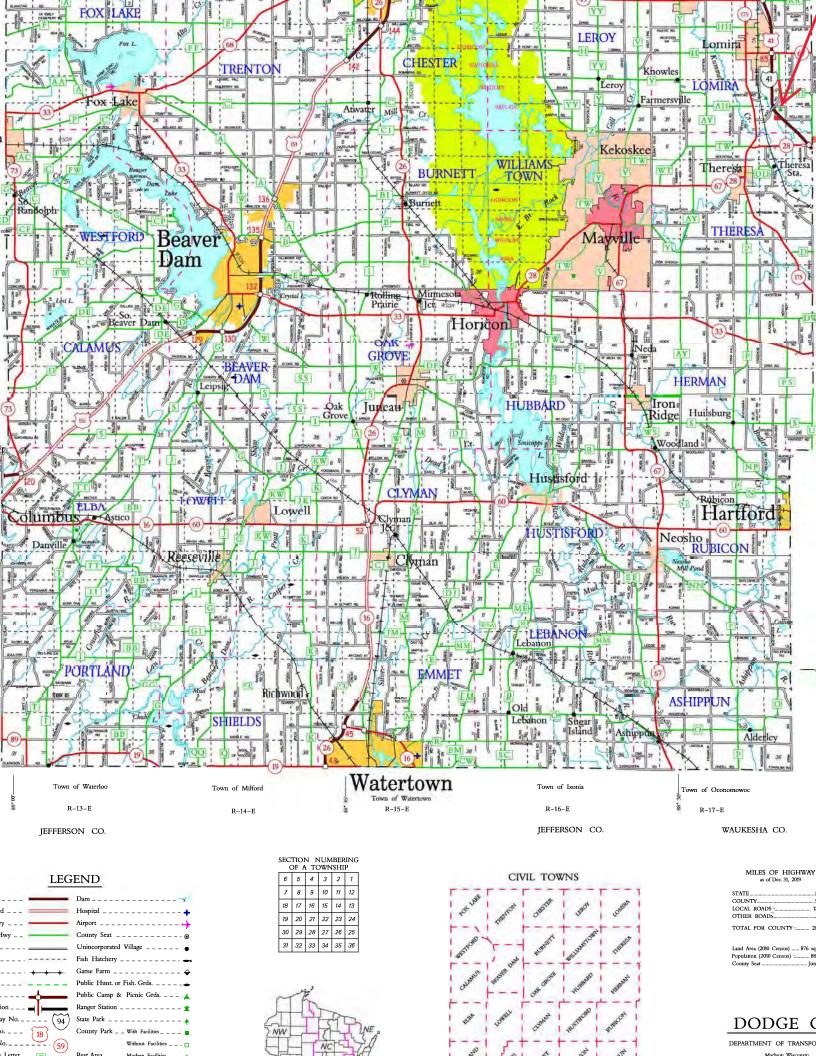
Acres Purchased to Date: 5,288.37

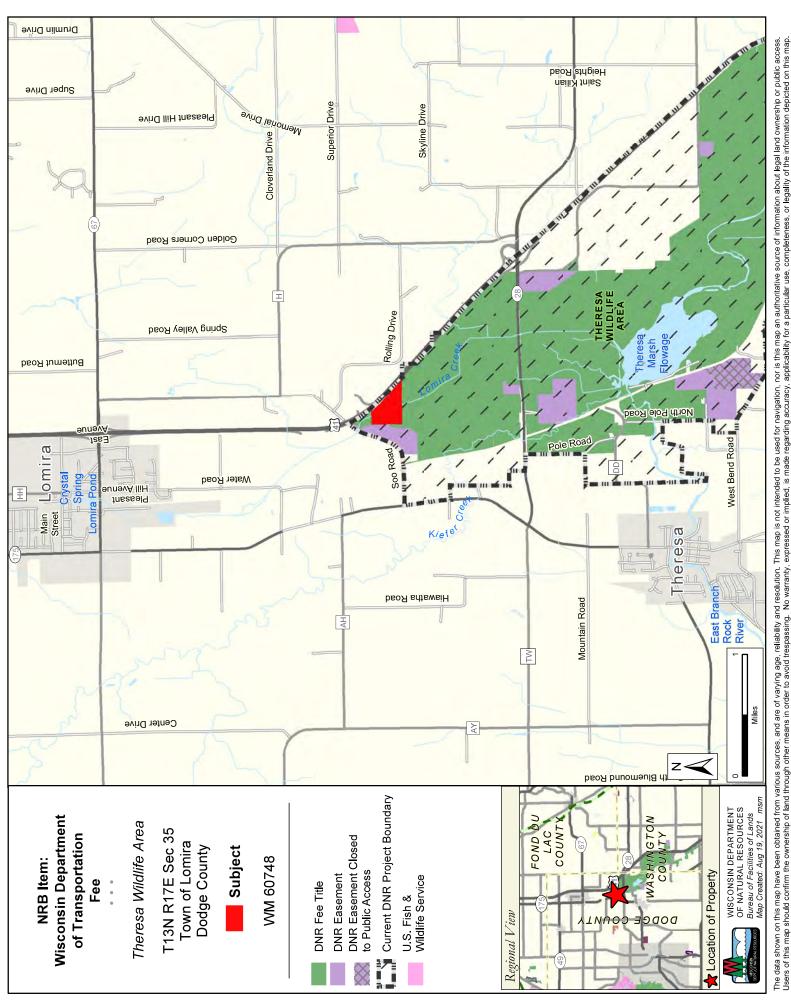
Acquisition Goal: 6,490.13
Percent Complete: 81.48 %
Cost to Date: \$1,862,818.63

RECOMMENDED:

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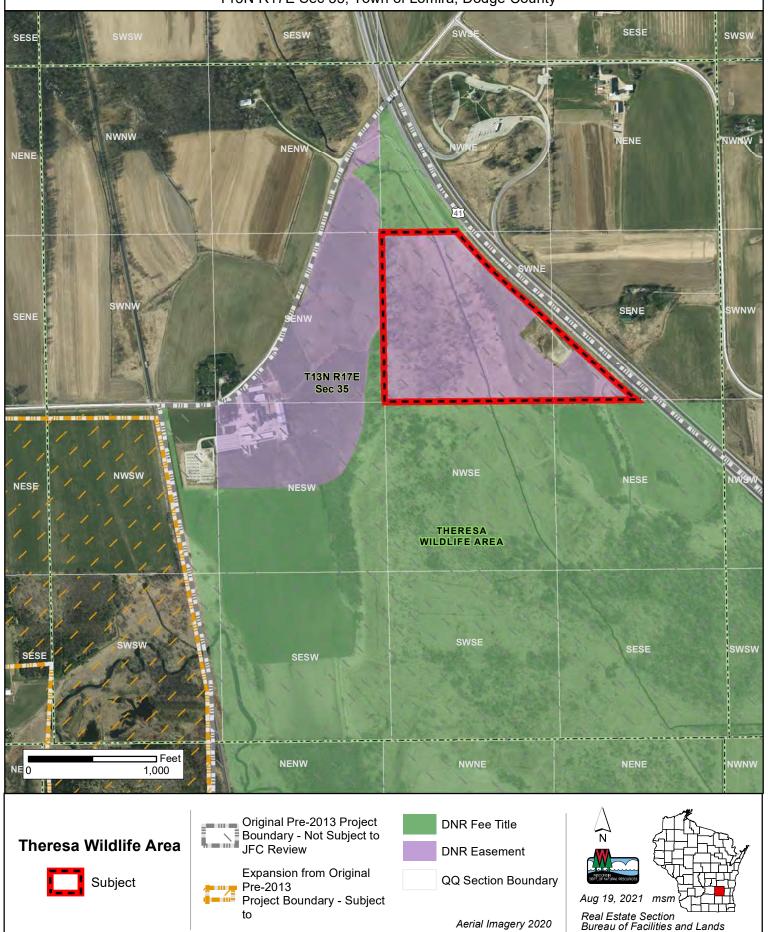






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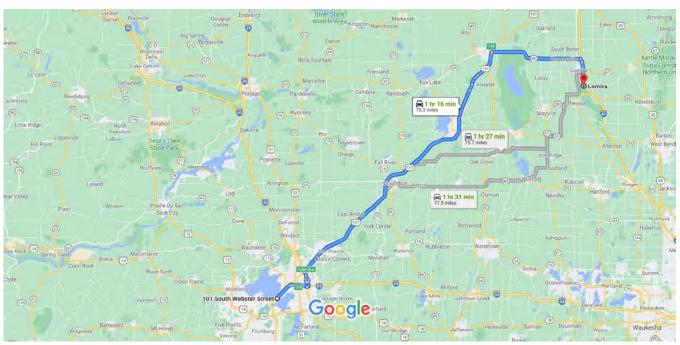
T13N R17E Sec 35, Town of Lomira, Dodge County





101 South Webster Street, Madison, WI to Lomira, Wisconsin

Drive 75.3 miles, 1 hr 16 min



101 S Webster St

Madison, WI 53703

Get on WI-30 E

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 I90/I-94

Take US-151 N to WI-49 S/I-41 ALT in Chester. Take exit 146 from US-151 N

47 min (53.5 mi)

4. Continue onto WI-30 E

2.5 mi

٦	5.	Use the left lane to take exit 3 B to merge on N/I-90 W/I-94 W toward I-94 W/Wis Dells	
۲	6.	Use the right 2 lanes to take exit 135C-B-A to merge onto US-151 N toward Sun Prairie	
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1	9.	Continue straight to stay on US-151 N	-1.2 mi
1	10.	Continue straight to stay on US-151 N	0.5 mi
r	11.	Take exit 146 for WI-49 toward Waupun/Brownsville	—4.3 mi
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L →	12.	Turn right onto WI-49 S/I-41 ALT	
*	13.	Turn right onto the ramp to Milwaukee	14.3 mi
*	14.	Merge onto I-41 Destination will be on the left	
		3 min	(3.7 mi)

Lomira

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CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 20, 2021 FILE REF: WM 60749

TO: Natural Resources Board

FROM: Secretary Preston D. Cole

Department of Natural Resources

SUBJECT: Proposed Land Donation, Wisconsin Department of Transportation Tract, File # WM

60749

1. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

Theresa Wildlife Area Washington County

This memo describes the 64.03 acres of the 101.62-acre donation lying in Washington County. The memo for file FM 60748 describes the 37.59 acres lying in Dodge County.

Grantor:

Wisconsin Department of Transportation Attn: DeniseWaheed

140 NW Barstow St Waukesha- WI 53186.

Acres: 64.03 Price: Gift

Assessed Value: N/A - Tax Exempt

<u>Interest</u>: Fee simple <u>Improvements</u>: None

<u>Location</u>: The tract is located 2.4 miles southwest of the town of Wayne in Washington County.

<u>Land Description</u>: The subject land is mostly low, level land. The parcel in the northeast portion of the site is somewhat sloping.

Covertype Breakdown:

Туре	Acreage
Lowland Woodland	14.00
Wetland	50.03
Total:	64.03

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Zoning: A-1 – Agricultural; B-2- Business

<u>Present Use</u>: Vacant/Right-of-way <u>Proposed Use</u>: Public recreation

Tenure: 34 years

2. <u>JUSTIFICATION</u>:

The department is requesting approval to accept a donation of 101.62 acres from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the Theresa Wildlife Area pursuant to s. 23.09(2)(d), Wis. Stats., and s. NR 1.41(1)(e), Wis. Admin. Code. All of the parcels lie within the project boundary of the Theresa Wildlife Area. The donation transfer will finalize a land exchange completed in 2013 including land in both Dodge and Washington Counties, with 37.59 acres lying in Dodge County



and the remaining 64.03 acres lying in Washington County. Completion of the DOT USH 41 expansion project left 101.62 remnant acres, with 33.6 acres subject to a conservation easement owned by the department since 1965.

The 64.03-acres lying in Washington County are scattered among four separate parcels, three having frontage on the west side of USH 41. These parcels are comprised of primarily emergent and forested wetlands. Acquisition of these parcels will straighten and simplify the property boundary, thereby reducing trespassing and access concerns. Simplified boundaries will also improve staff access for habitat management and boundary line posting. The parcels include frontage along the East Fork of the Rock River and can also be accessed by boat.

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The parcel will be open to the public for all five nature-based outdoor recreational activities to include hunting, fishing, trapping, hiking and cross-country skiing. The department recommends acceptance of this donation to increase public opportunities for recreation in the Theresa Wildlife Area.

3. LAND MANAGEMENT:

The donation parcels will be managed in conjunction with the Theresa Wildlife Area by Wildlife staff based at Pike Lake. Wetland area will be maintained and potentially enhanced through excavation of a pothole or wildlife scrape or by restoring a natural meander to Lomira Creek. The single crop field on the parcel will be converted to a mix of native prairie grasses and wildflowers.

4. <u>FINANCING</u>:

No funding is required for this transaction.

5. ACQUISITION STATUS OF THE THERESA WILDLIFE AREA:

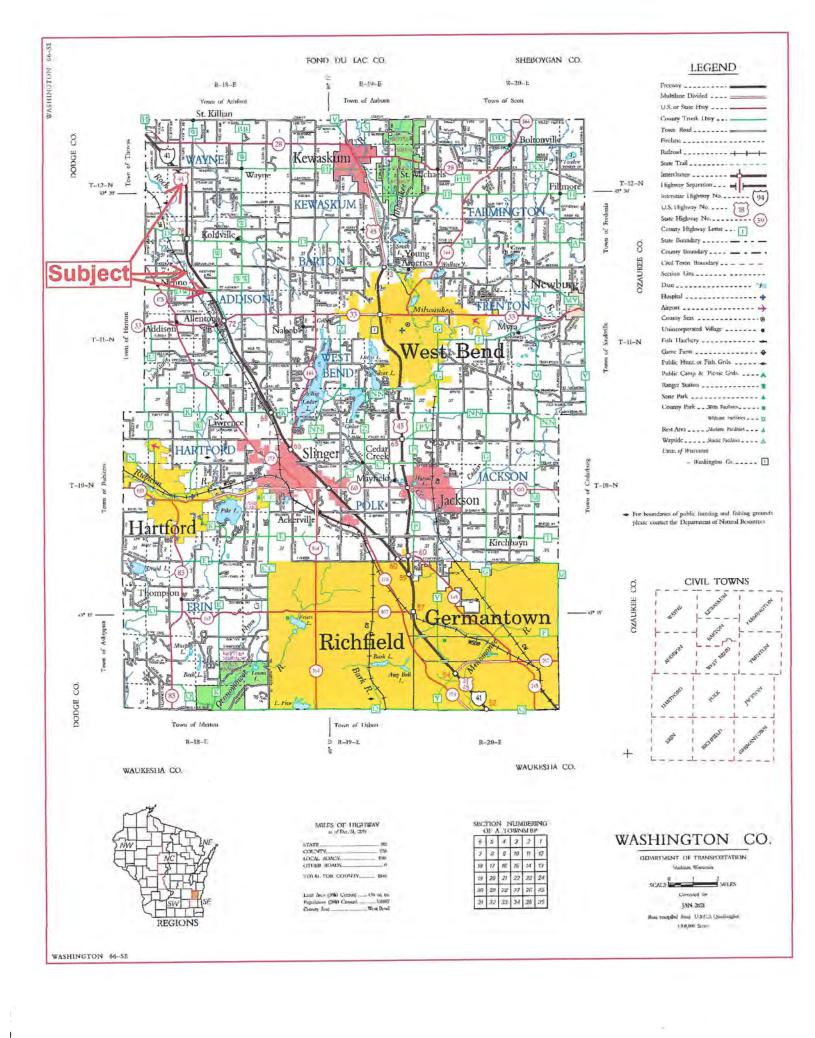
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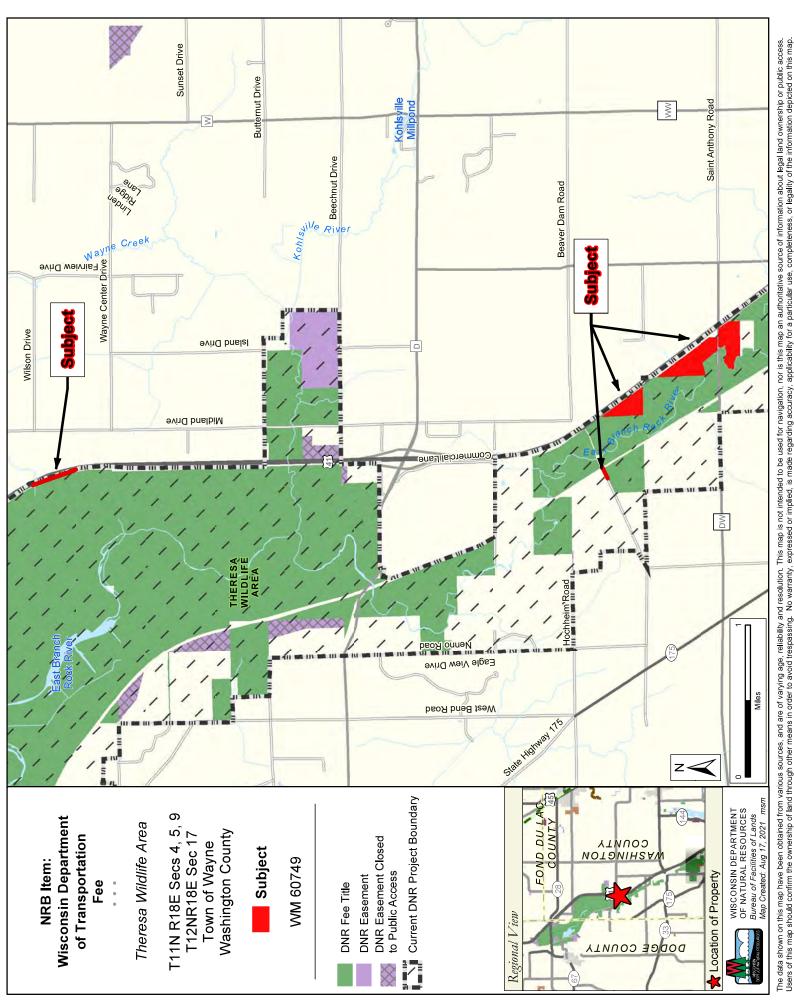
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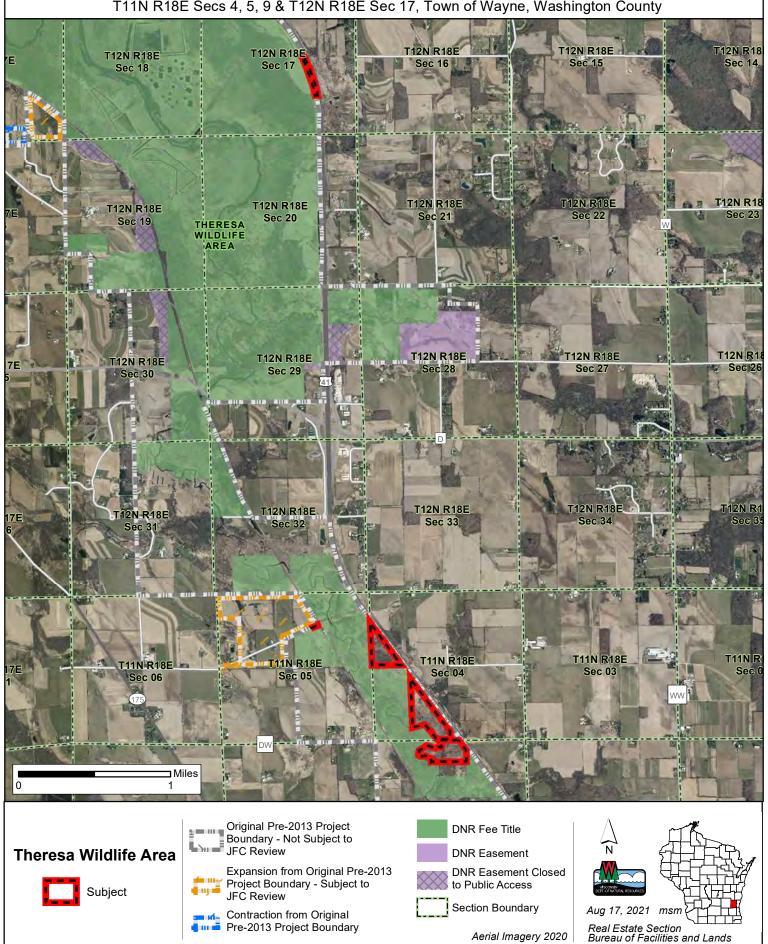




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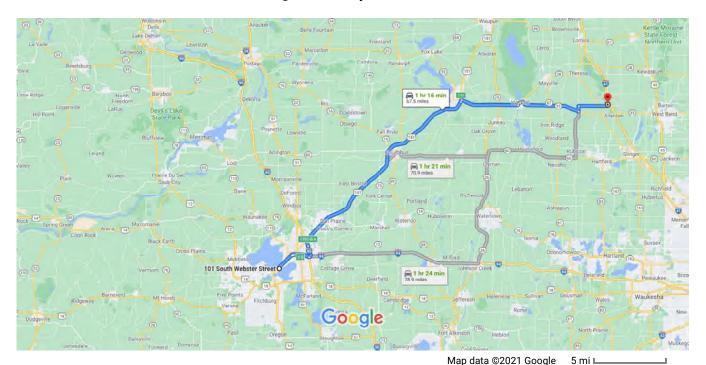
T11N R18E Secs 4, 5, 9 & T12N R18E Sec 17, Town of Wayne, Washington County





101 South Webster Street, Madison, WI to Washington County, WI 53002

Drive 67.5 miles, 1 hr 16 min



101 S Webster St

Madison, WI 53703

Get on WI-30 E

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

Take US-151 N to State Hwy 33 Trunk E/WI-33 E in Beaver Dam. Take exit 132 from US-151 N

35 min (39.7 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
6.	Use the right 2 lanes to take exit 135C-B-A to
	merge onto US-151 N toward Sun Prairie
	34.9 mi
7.	Take exit 132 toward State Hwy 33 Trunk E/WI-33 E
	0.3 mi
8.	Keep right at the fork, follow signs for WI-33 E and merge onto State Hwy 33 Trunk E/WI-33 E
	135 ft
	6.

Follow State Hwy 33 Trunk E/WI-33 E to County Rd DW in Addison

*	9.	32 min (Merge onto State Hwy 33 Trunk E/WI-33 E	24.6 mi)
₽	10.	Turn left onto Main St	8.9 mi
1	11.	Continue onto Hwy St	0.3 mi
†	12.	Continue onto Barstow St	466 ft
1	13.	Continue onto Vine St	-0.2 mi
₽	14.	Turn right onto State Hwy 33 Trunk E/WI-33 Lake St	0.1 mi
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Q	15.	At the traffic circle, take the 3rd exit onto Co	9.5 mi Rd P
Ļ	16.	Turn right onto County Rd DW	0.9 mi
			-4.5 mi

Washington County

Wisconsin 53002

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Acknowledgment of Gift

This is to certify that at its September 2021 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of land for the Theresa Wildlife Area in Dodge and Washington Counties from:

Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Our expression of appreciation on behalf of Wisconsin's citizens is hereby recorded in the official records of the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board. We acknowledge this generous contribution.

Wisconsin Natural Resources Board

Dr. Frederick C. Prehn, Chair

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 20, 2021 FILE REF: PR 40264

TO: Natural Resources Board

FROM: Secretary Preston D. Cole

Department of Natural Resources

SUBJECT: Proposed Land Donation, City of Milwaukee Tract, File # PR 40264

1. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

Hank Aaron State Trail Milwaukee County

Grantor:

City of Milwaukee Attn: Chad Chrisbaum 200 E Wells St, Rm 800 Milwaukee WI 53202

Acres: 0.03 Price: Gift

Assessed Value: N/A – Tax exempt

<u>Interest</u>: Fee simple <u>Improvements</u>: None

Location: The tract is located three miles west of downtown Milwaukee in Milwaukee County.

<u>Land Description</u>: The subject land is basically level.

Covertype Breakdown:

Туре	Acreage
Urban	0.03
Tota	al: 0.03

Zoning: IL1 – Light industrial

Present Use: Vacant/road right-of-way

Proposed Use: Public recreation - trail connector

Tenure: 11 years

2. <u>JUSTIFICATION</u>:

The department is requesting approval to accept a donation of 0.03 acres of land from the City of Milwaukee for the Hank Aaron State Trail (HAST) in Milwaukee County, under authority provided in s. 23.09(2)(d)12., Wis. Stats., and s. NR 1.41(1)(e), Wis. Admin. Code. The parcel is located at the north terminus of S. 72nd Street and will allow the City of West Allis to construct a pedestrian and bike trail connector that will serve the City of West Allis residents for the HAST. The parcel lies outside of the project boundary of the HAST; the department is requesting a project boundary expansion to include the parcel. A trail connection for West Allis will be constructed on the property by the City of West Allis, upon plan approval and execution of a construction easement from the department, in accordance with a cost sharing agreement between the two municipalities. The department will be responsible for maintaining the connection consistent with the adjacent Hank Aaron State Trail. This property will be open to the public for nature based



outdoor recreational activities consistent with existing uses as approved by the NRB through the Act 168 implementation process and following the NRB requirements for hunting and trapping in state parks.

The Hank Aaron State Trail is a 14-mile paved continuous east-to-west connection from the shores of Lake Michigan to the Milwaukee/Waukesha county line. Named in honor of baseball legend Hank Aaron, this trail provides a continuous connection between American Family Field, home of the Milwaukee Brewers, and the Lake Michigan lakefront. The HAST also links to famous Milwaukee landmarks such as the Ward Theatre on the grounds of the Historic Soldiers Home, the Wisconsin State Fair Park and the Pettit National Ice Center.

The department recommends acceptance of this donation to provide a trail connector for the Hank Aaron State Trail in West Allis and expansion of the project boundary to include the parcel.

3. <u>LAND MANAGEMENT</u>:

The parcel will be managed in conjunction with the Hank Aaron State Trail pursuant to a Trail Easement between the City of West Allis and the department.

4. <u>FINANCING</u>:

No funding is required for this transaction.

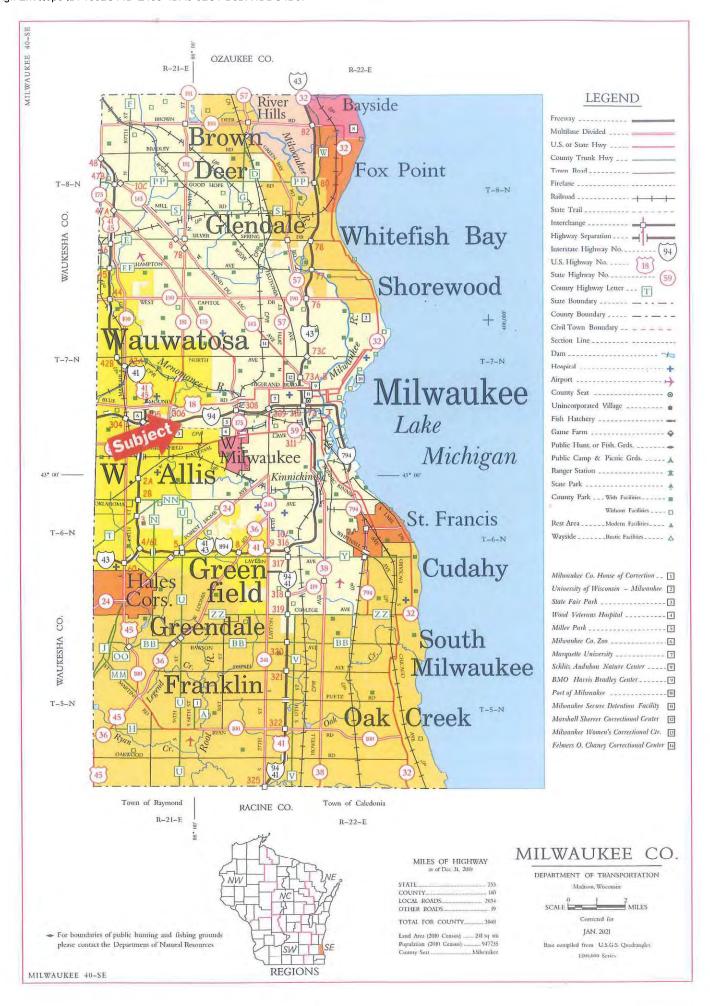
5. ACQUISITION STATUS OF THE HANK AARON STATE TRAIL:

Established: 1996

Acres Purchased to Date: 55.84 Acquisition Goal: 110.00 Percent Complete: 50.76 % Cost to Date: \$9,449,086.27

RECOMMENDED:

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NRB Item: City of Milwaukee -- Fee

T7N R21E, Sec. 34, City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County



Hank Aaron State Trail



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

DNR Fee Title

Section Boundary

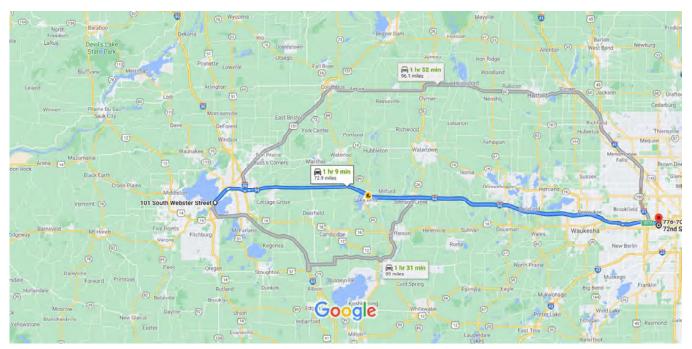
QQ Section Boundary



State Recreation Trail



101 South Webster Street, Madison, WI Drive 72.9 miles, 1 hr 9 min to 776-700 S 72nd St, West Allis, WI 53214



101 S Webster St

Madison, WI 53703

Get on WI-30 E

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

Follow I-94 E to W Kearney St in Milwaukee. Take exit 307A from I-94 E

59 min (69.0 mi)

4. Continue onto WI-30 E

2.5 mi

5. Keep right to stay on WI-30 E

*	6.	Merge onto I-94 E	
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r	8.	Take exit 307A toward 68th St/70th St	5.7 mi
			0.2 mi
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*	9.	Merge onto W Kearney St	2 min (0.6 mi)
Ļ	10.	Turn right onto S 70th St	144 ft
L >	11.	Turn right onto W Walker St	0.4 mi
Ļ		Turn right onto S 72nd St	0.1 mi
	U	Destination will be on the right	167 ft

776-700 S 72nd St

West Allis, WI 53214

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Acknowledgment of Gift

This is to certify that at its September 2021 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of land for the Hank Aaron State Trail in Milwaukee County from:

City of Milwaukee

Our expression of appreciation on behalf of Wisconsin's citizens is hereby recorded in the official records of the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board. We acknowledge this generous contribution.

Wisconsin Natural Resources Board

Dr. Frederick C. Prehn, Chair

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 20, 2021 FILE REF: PR 40265

TO: Natural Resources Board

FROM: Secretary Preston D. Cole

Department of Natural Resources

SUBJECT: Proposed Land Donation, Wisconsin Department of Transportation Tract, File # PR

40265

1. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

White River State Trail Racine and Walworth Counties

Grantor:

Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Attn: DeniseWaheed 141 NW Barstow Ave Waukesha- WI 53186

Acres: 16.98 approx.

Price: Gift

Assessed Value: N/A – Tax Exempt

Interest: Fee simple

Improvements: Cell tower easement prior to acquisition

Location: The tract is located one mile west of the City of Burlington in Racine and Walworth

Counties.

Land Description: The subject land is gently rolling.

Covertype Breakdown:

Туре	Acreage
Water	0.30
Grass / Pasture	1.09
Wetland	1.00
Upland Woodland	12.00
Total:	16.98

Zoning: A-2 – Agricultural
Present Use: Vacant/right-of-way
Proposed Use: Public recreation

Tenure: 19 years

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2. <u>JUSTIFICATION</u>:

The department is requesting approval to accept a donation of approximately 16.98 acres of land from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) for the White River State Trail (Trail) in Walworth and Racine Counties, under authority provided in s. 23.09(2)(d)12., Wis. Stats., and s. NR 1.41(1)(e), Wis. Admin. Code. The subject parcel was purchased by WisDOT to provide an alternate route for the reconnection of the trail corridor due to the Highway 11/36 bypass



project. A survey will be completed prior to closing to determine the exact acreage to be conveyed.

The White River State Trail is currently a 19-mile trail that follows a former rail corridor as it travels between Elkhorn in Walworth County and Dover in Racine County, with a short gap in Burlington. The trail passes by numerous bridges, scenic vistas, quaint towns, farmlands and wetlands. The department is in the process of closing on an additional 10.04-mile segment that, when added to the existing White River State Trail, will result in a 29-mile trail. The new segment will start in the Town of Dover, where the existing Burlington to Kansasville State Trail ends. It will then continue east through the Village of Yorkville, the Village of Union Grove and the Village of Mount Pleasant, ending in Sturtevant.

The parcels were acquired as part of the federal railbanking process and will be subject to potential rail reversion, allowing the railroad to reinstate rail service in the future if deemed necessary and approved through rail authorities (including WisDOT).

This property will be open to the public for nature based outdoor recreational activities in accordance with the seasons established by the NRB through the Act 168 implementation process and following the NRB requirements for hunting and trapping in state parks.

The department recommends acceptance of this donation for the White River State Trail east of Burlington.

3. LAND MANAGEMENT:

The Parks and Recreation Program has Cooperative County Trail Agreements with both Racine and Walworth Counties for management.

4. <u>FINANCING</u>:

No funding is required for this transaction.

5. ACQUISITION STATUS OF THE WHITE RIVER STATE TRAIL:

Established: 1999

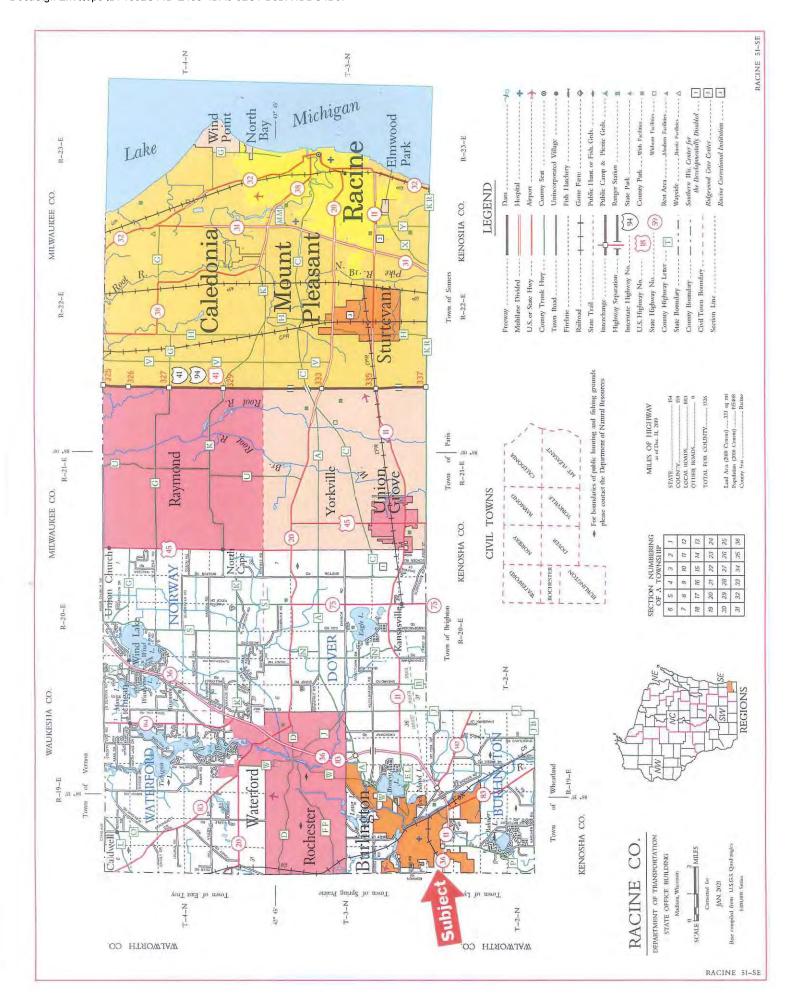
Acres Purchased to Date: 157.41

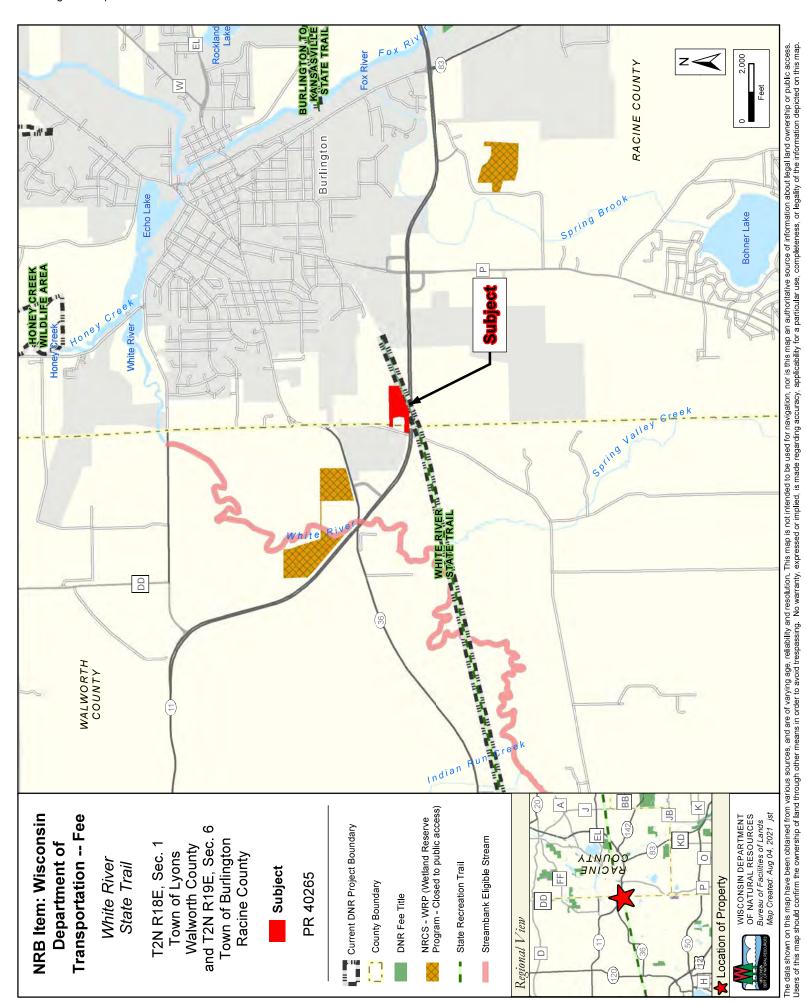
Acquisition Goal: 152.73 Percent Complete: 103.06 %

Cost to Date: \$0.00

RECOMMENDED:

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Terry H. Bay, Bureau Director, Bureau of Facilities and Lands	Date
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Timothy C. Cooke, Internal Services Division Administrator	Date





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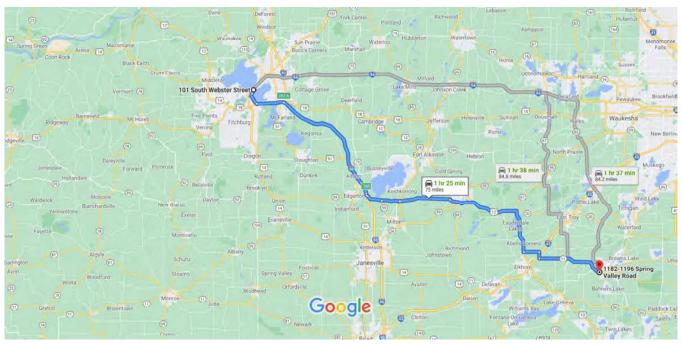
T2N R18E, Sec. 1, Town of Lyons, Walworth County and T2N R19E, Sec. 6, Town of Burlington, Racine County





101 South Webster Street, Madison, WI to 1182-1196 Spring Valley Rd

Drive 75.0 miles, 1 hr 25 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	1.	Head northwest on S Webster St toward E Main St	
		112 ft	
r	2.	Turn right at the 1st cross street onto E Main St	
		335 ft	
r	3.	Turn right at the 1st cross street onto S Butler St	
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4	4.	Turn left onto E Wilson St	
		0.1 mi	

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t	6.	Continue straight to stay on John Nolen Dr	0.8 mi
			1.8 mi

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φ	12.	At the traffic circle, take the 2nd exit and stay on WI-59 E	
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4	13.	Turn left onto County Hwy N	
t	14.	Continue straight to stay on County Hwy N 0.1 m	
t	15.	Continue straight to stay on County Hwy N 7.9 m	
Ļ	16.	Turn right onto US-12 E	
11 E	to Sp	on Potter Rd. Take WI-11 E/Wisconsin Trunk Hwy oring Valley Rd in Lyons	
1	17.	Turn left onto Potter Rd 2.5 m	
L,	18.	Turn right onto Plank Rd	
4	19.	Turn left at the 1st cross street onto WI-11 E/Wisconsin Trunk Hwy 11 E	
٦	20.	Use the left lane to take the exit toward Lake Geneva/Burlington	
		0.2 m	

21. Turn right onto WI-36

 0.4 mi

 22. Turn right onto Mormon Rd/Spring Valley Rd

 Continue to follow Spring Valley Rd
 Destination will be on the right

1182-1196 Spring Valley Rd

Burlington, WI 53105

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Acknowledgment of Gift

This is to certify that at its September 2021 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of land for the White River State Trail in Walworth and Racine Counties from:

Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Our expression of appreciation on behalf of Wisconsin's citizens is hereby recorded in the official records of the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board. We acknowledge this generous contribution.

Wisconsin Natural Resources Board

Dr. Frederick C. Prehn, Chair

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 20, 2021 FILE REF: FM 10828

TO: Natural Resources Board

FROM: Secretary Preston D. Cole

Department of Natural Resources

SUBJECT: Proposed Land Donation, Whitehouse Associates LLC, a Wisconsin limited liability

company Tract, File # FM 10828

1. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

Statewide Habitat Areas Dane County

Grantor:

Whitehouse Associates LLC Attn: William Towell 5407 CTH M Waunakee- WI 53597

Acres: 41.06 Price: Gift

Assessed Value: \$38,500 Interest: Fee simple Improvements: None

Location: The tract is located one mile northwest of Madison in the Town of Westport in Dane

County.

<u>Land Description</u>: The subject land is low and basically level and is comprised mostly of wetland.

Covertype Breakdown:

Type	Acreage
Lowland Woodland	3.26
Wetland	35.00
Brush	2.80
	Total: 41.06

Zoning: Farmland preservation
Present Use: Recreation

Proposed Use: Public recreation

Tenure: Seven years

2. JUSTIFICATION:

The department is requesting approval to accept a donation of 41.06 acres of land from Whitehouse Associates LLC, a Wisconsin limited liability company, on behalf of the William Towell Family, for the Statewide Habitat Areas in Dane County, under authority provided in s. 23.09(2)(d)14., Wis. Stats., and s. NR 1.41(1)(e), Wis. Admin. Code. If accepted, the parcel under the authority of MC 2281.1 shall have the official name of the Towell Family State Habitat Area. The property is located on the north side of CTH M in the Town of Westport and will be accessible to the public from CTH M. The property abuts department-owned land to the west.



The subject property is an irregular-shaped parcel comprised mostly of wetland. The primary goal for the property is to restore the ditches, ponds and degraded wetlands into a high functioning wetland complex suitable for northern pike spawning, migration and recruitment into Lake Mendota. The adjacent department-owned land contains wetlands with spring ponds and ditched tributaries to Lake Mendota. The combined 75.06-acre parcel, located within minutes of the City of Madison, would be managed jointly by staff from the Bureau of Fish Management (FM) and the Bureau of Wildlife Management.

There currently is some hunting activity on the property, but in its current condition, limited angling opportunities exist. In an urban area like Madison, functioning wetlands with hydrologic connectivity to a large waterbody like Lake Mendota are rare and these environments serve as important spawning and nursery grounds for a wide variety of organisms. Such activities would have cascading positive impacts on other aquatic life with benefits to the angling community. FM would seek to improve the ecological function of the area with reduced invasive species through wetlands restoration. Restored wetlands would also benefit migrating waterfowl and may offer increased hunting opportunities. Management of the parcel by the department would also aid in reducing nutrient inputs into the four lakes surrounding Madison and all the associated creeks, rivers and streams, as well as achieving Dane County's goal of utilizing wetlands to address flood mitigation.

Public access for the existing department-owned lands and proposed donation is primarily from the west from a Town Park's parking lot and recreational fields. The subject property provides the possibility of an additional parking area off of CTH M. Town of Westport officials have been contacted to discuss the future possibility of incorporating and co-managing a future trail system through the property and were receptive to the idea.

The parcel 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. The department recommends acceptance of this donation to provide opportunities for public recreation in this rapidly urbanizing area of the state and to provide flood mitigation opportunities.

3. <u>LAND MANAGEMENT</u>:

The property will be managed with the adjacent Statewide Habitat Areas property jointly by staff from the Bureau of Fish Management (FM) and the Bureau of Wildlife Management. The adjacent department land contains wetlands with spring ponds and ditched tributaries to Lake Mendota. FM staff intended to restore the property to provide migrating northern pike spawning grounds as the property offers a direct pathway for newly raised fish to easily enter Lake Mendota through ditch networks and perennial streams. The primary goal for both properties is to restore the ditches, ponds and degraded wetlands into a high functioning wetland complex suitable for northern pike spawning migration and recruitment into Lake Mendota.

4. FINANCING:

No funding is required for this transaction.

5. ACQUISITION STATUS OF THE STATEWIDE HABITAT AREAS:

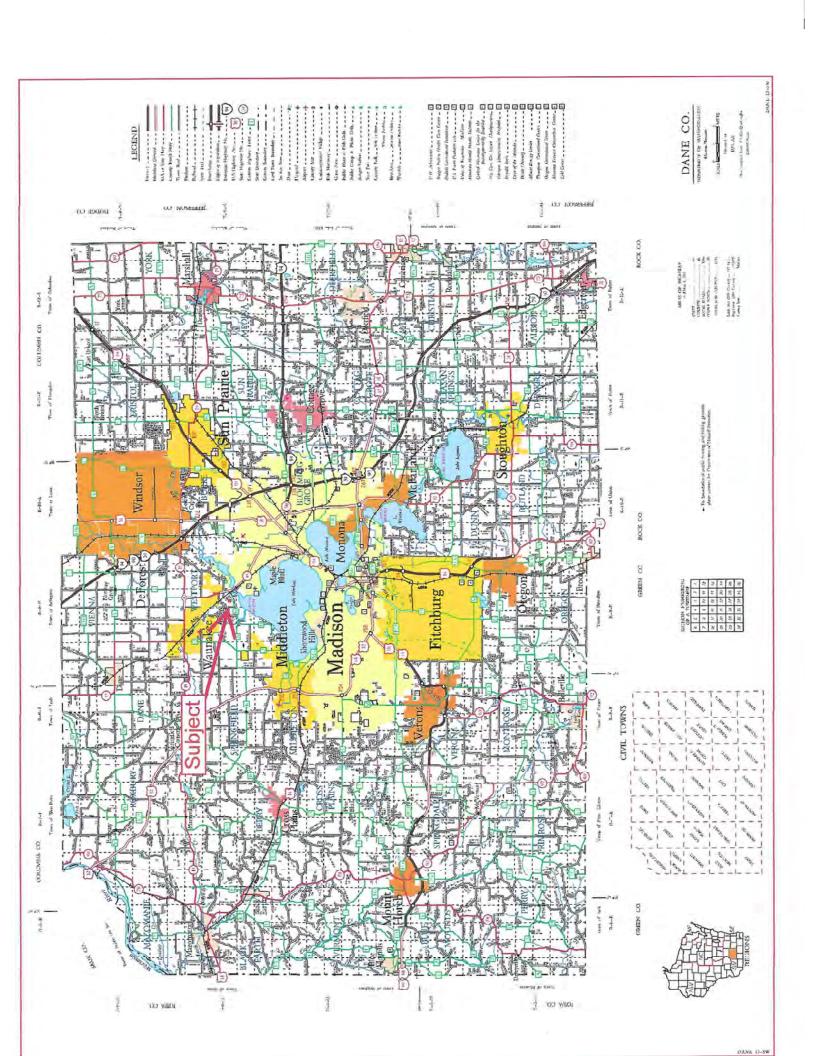
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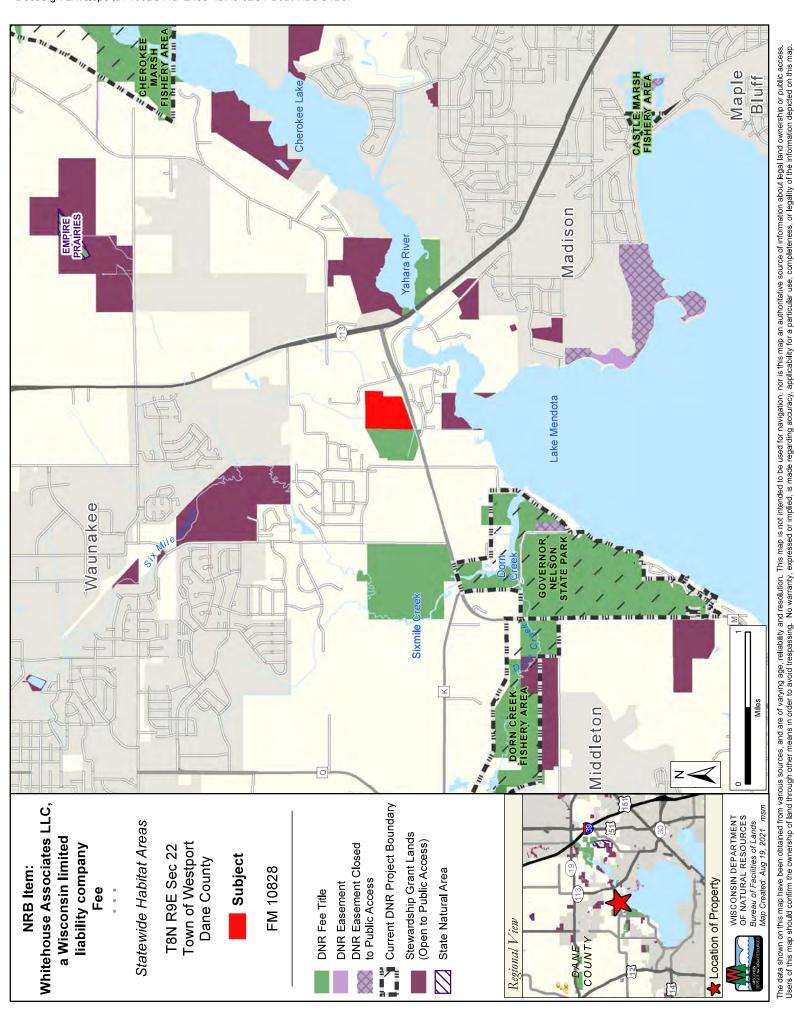
Acres Purchased to Date: 4,915.32

Acquisition Goal: 8,084.68
Percent Complete: 60.80 %
Cost to Date: \$15,642,723.92

RECOMMENDED:

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T8N R9E Sec 22, Town of Westport, Dane County



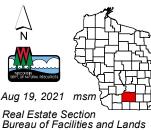
Statewide Habitat Areas



Subject



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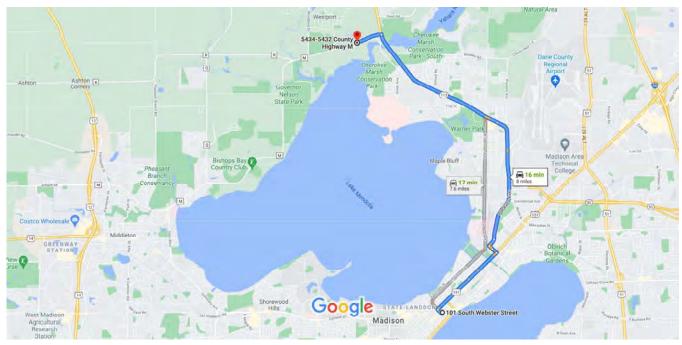


Aerial Imagery 2020



101 South Webster Street, Madison, WI to 5434-5432 Co Hwy M, Waunakee, WI 53597

Drive 8.0 miles, 16 min



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101 S Webster St

Madison, WI 53703

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Follow E Washington Ave and WI-113 to Co Hwy M

2. Turn right at the 2nd cross street onto E Washington Ave

1.6 mi

Use the left 2 lanes to turn left onto N 1st St

0.1 mi

4. N 1st St turns slightly right and becomes N First St

459 ft

5. Use the right 2 lanes to turn right onto E Johnson St/Pennsylvania Ave

Continue to follow E Johnson St

-0.2 mi

1 6. Continue onto WI-113/Pennsylvania Ave

Continue to follow WI-113

2.5 mi

- Continue straight past Advance Auto Parts onto WI-113 N/Northport Dr
 - Continue to follow WI-113 N

 2.9 mi
- 4 8. Use the left 2 lanes to turn left onto Co Hwy M
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1 min (0.5 mi)

5434-5432 Co Hwy M

Waunakee, WI 53597

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