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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Item No. 2.E.

SUBJECT: Land Donation – Green Bay West Shores Wildlife Area– Oconto County

FOR: FEBRUARY 2022 BOARD MEETING

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

SUMMARY:

The department is requesting approval to accept a donation of 4.92 acres of land located within the project boundary of the Green Bay West Shores Wildlife Area from the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System (UW) under the authority provided in s. 23.09(2)(d)15., Wis. Stats., and ss. NR 1.40(2)(a) and 1.41(1)(e), Wis. Admin. Code. The UW received the property as a gift in 1974 to serve as a research and instructional area for coastal wetland study. The property is not being used for this purpose and the UW would like to donate the property to the department for public use. The property has 440.20' frontage on the Bay of Green Bay and will provide walk-in access to the bay and coastal wetlands.

The property is an irregular-shaped parcel located along a coastal marsh four miles northeast of the City of Oconto. It consists primarily of a mix of wet meadow and emergent wetlands and provides excellent waterfowl habitat. It has 167.90' frontage on County Highway Y (CTH Y) which also forms part of the western property boundary. Public access will be from CTH Y and will provide walk-in access to the shoreline of the Bay of Green Bay. The acquisition will improve public access to the shoreline and coastal wetlands of Green Bay 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.

Conservation efforts in the West Shore began in the 1930s with the establishment of a National Wildlife Refuge on the Longtail Unit. Sensiba Unit acquisition of land began in 1948 with establishment of other units between 1954-1965, and the Oconto Marsh Unit in 1967. The unit boasts a large number of threatened and endangered species dependent on the largely intact coastal wetland and is also an important stopover area for migrating waterfowl and other wetland-dependent birds and a very productive breeding area for dabbling ducks. Management efforts will focus on wildlife habitat and wildlife-based recreation with an emphasis on waterfowl, wetland-dependent wildlife, migratory birds and forest game species. The Green Bay West Shores Wildlife Area contributes to fish assemblage, providing fish spawning and nursery habitat for a variety of fish species. Protection and enhancement are primary fish management activities. The program will implement sustainable forest management practices and coordinate with the forestry program.

The department recommends the acceptance of this donation to allow for wildlife management and protection and to improve access for additional recreational activities.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board accept the donation of 4.92 acres of land for the Green Bay West Shores Wildlife Area, that a certificate of appreciation be sent to the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System 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):

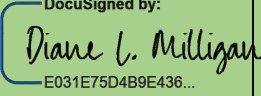
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Natural Resources Board Agenda Item

Program and reviewer	Signature	Date	Comments
Energy, Transportation and; Environmental Analysis N/A Environmental Analyst N/A Economist			
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CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 13, 2022 FILE REF: WM 60763

TO: Natural Resources Board

FROM: Secretary Preston D. Cole
Department of Natural Resources

SUBJECT: Proposed Land Donation, Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System Tract,
File # WM 60763

1. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

Green Bay West Shores Wildlife Area
Oconto County

Grantor:

Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System
Attn: Tommy Thompson, President
1860 Van Hise Hall
1220 Linden Drive
Madison- WI 53706

Acres: 4.92Price: GiftAssessed Value: N/A – tax exemptInterest: Fee simpleImprovements: NoneLocation: The tract is located four miles northeast of the City of Oconto in Oconto CountyLand Description: The subject land is basically level.Covertime Breakdown:

Type	Acreage
Upland Woodland	0.50
Wetland	4.42
Total:	4.92

Zoning: Rural ResidentialPresent Use: RecreationProposed Use: Public recreationTenure: 45 years2. JUSTIFICATION:

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3. LAND MANAGEMENT:

The property will be managed by Wildlife staff within the parameters of the Green Bay Planning Group Master Plan (Master Plan) approved by the Natural Resources Board in August 2014. The Master Plan outlines the management of coastal wetlands to benefit fish and wildlife populations. Habitat management will be completed in partnership with internal and external partners and will be funded from local wildlife management budgets, internal grants (waterfowl stamp) and external grants (NRDA, NAWCA, DU, etc.).

4. FINANCING:

No funding is required for this transaction.

5. ACQUISITION STATUS OF THE GREEN BAY WEST SHORES WILDLIFE AREA:

Established: 1962

Acres Purchased to Date: 9,311.48

Acquisition Goal: 15,805.04

Percent Complete: 58.91 %

Cost to Date: \$5,995,680.14

RECOMMENDED:

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

Date

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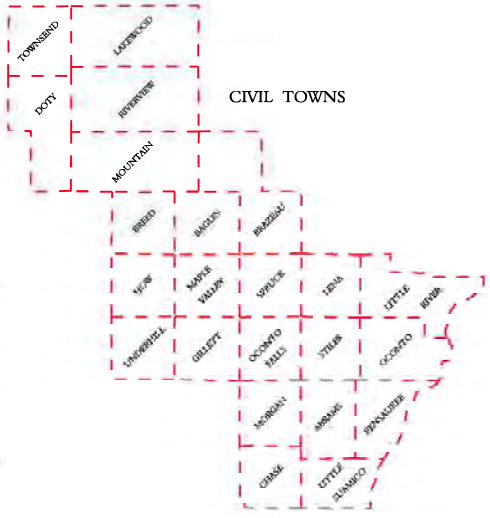
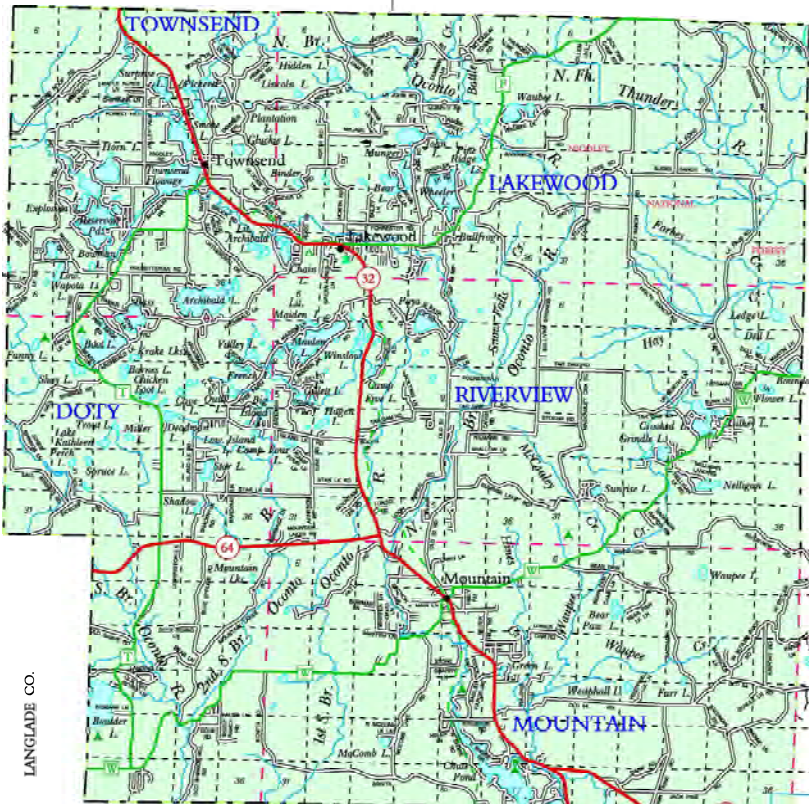
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Timothy C. Cooke, Internal Services Division Administrator

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Town of Wabeno Town of Silver Cliff



- Freeway ---
- Multilane Div. ---
- U.S. or State H. ---
- County Trunk ---
- Town Road ---
- Firelane ---
- Railroad ---
- State Trail ---
- Interchange ---
- Highway Sepa. ---
- Interstate High. ---
- U.S. Highway ---
- State Highway ---
- County Highway ---
- State Boundary ---
- County Bound. ---
- Civil Town B. ---
- Section Line ---

LANGLADE CO.

Town of Stephenson

MARINETTE CO.

Town of Beaver

T-31-N

Town of Menominee
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MENOMINEE CO.
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Town of Green Valley

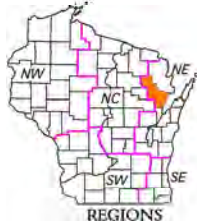
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Town of Green Valley



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NRB Item: Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System -- Fee

Green Bay West Shores Wildlife Area

T28N R22E, Sec. 4
Town of Little River
Oconto County


 **Subject**

WM 60763

-  Current DNR Project Boundary
-  DNR Fee Title

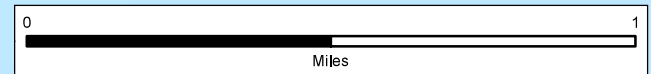
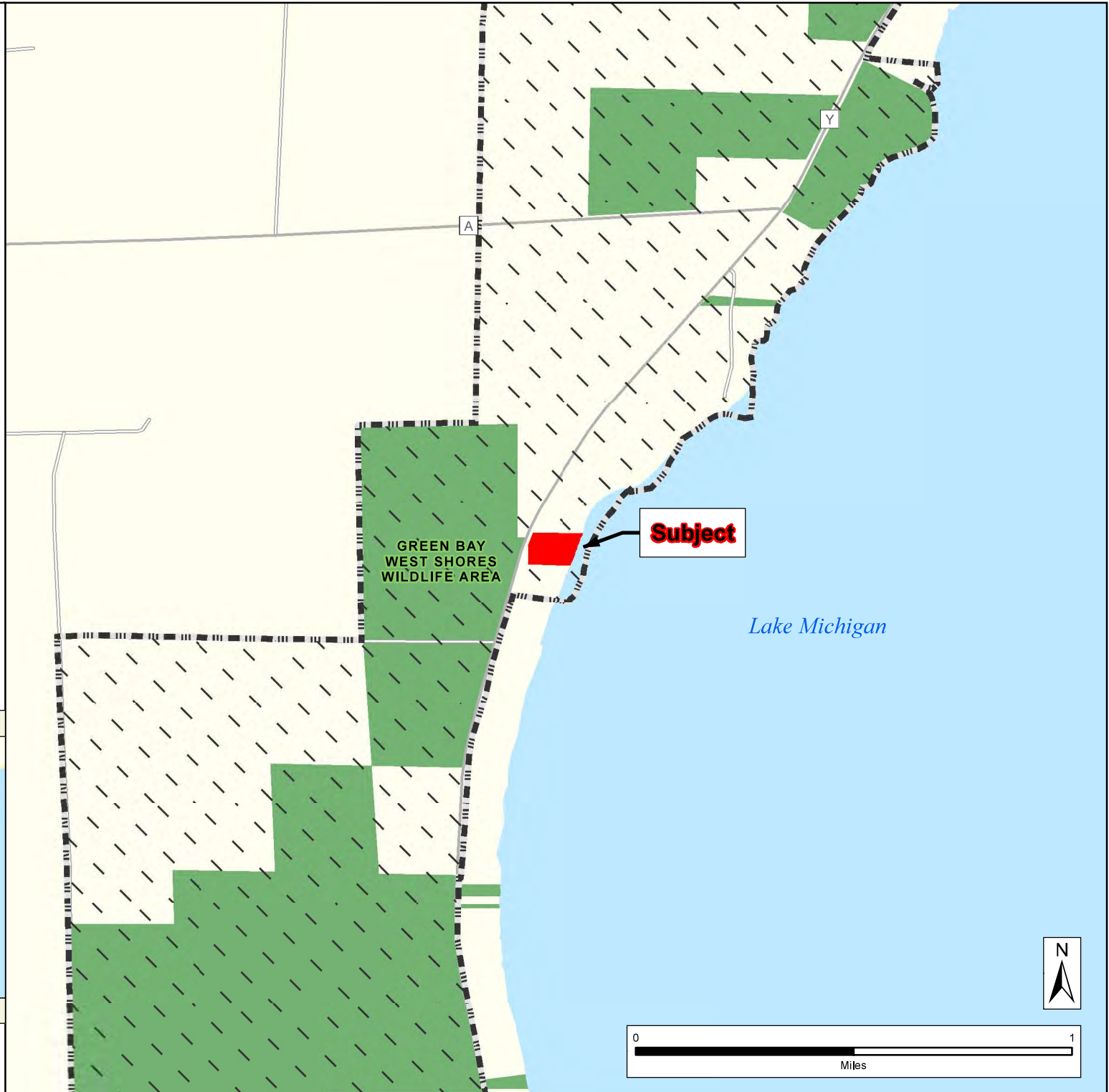
Regional View



 Location of Property



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Bureau of Facilities of Lands
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NRB Item: Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System -- Fee

T28N R22E, Sec. 4, Town of Little River, Oconto County



Green Bay West Shores Wildlife Area
Subject

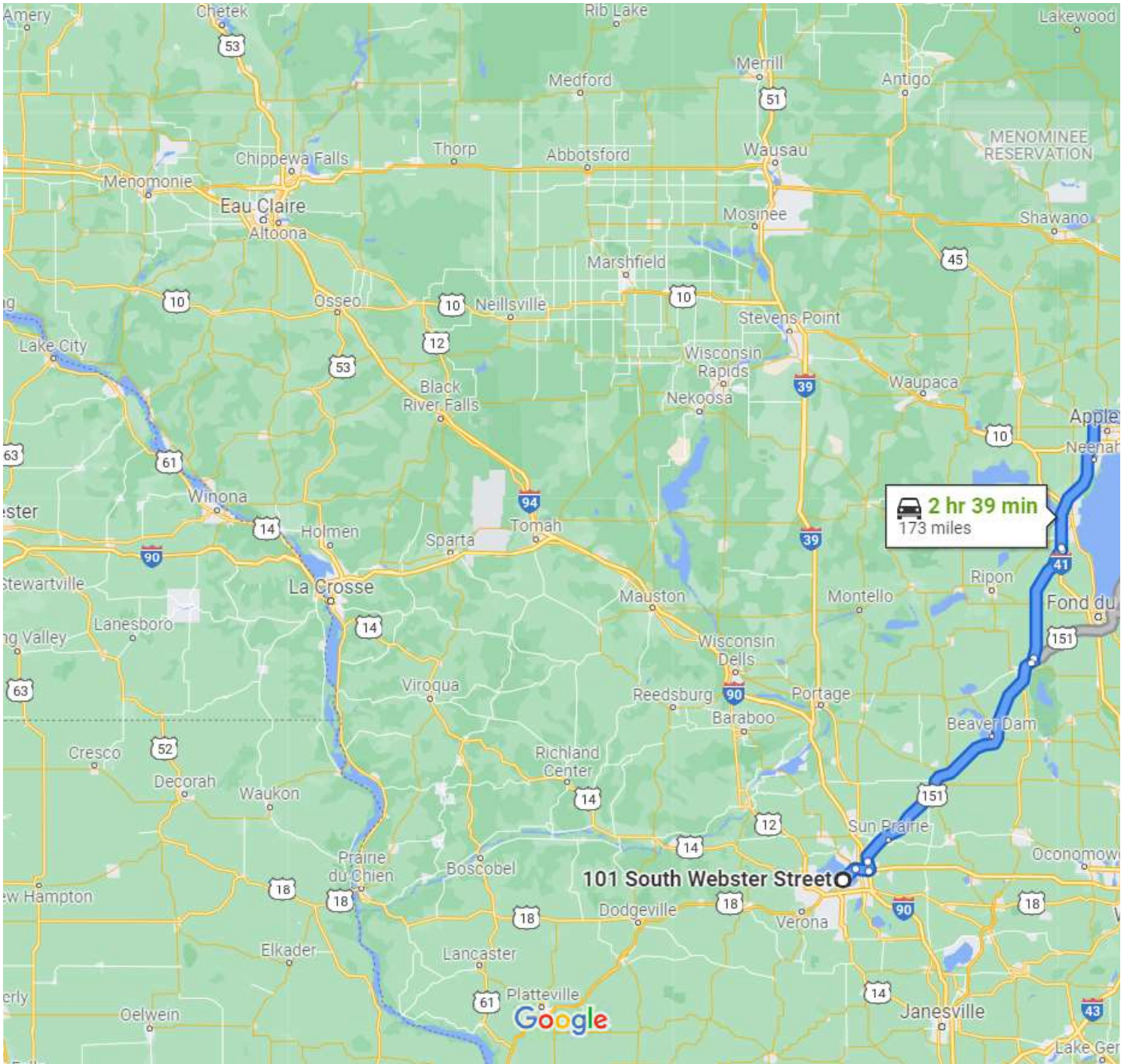
-  Expansion from Original Pre-2013 Project Boundary - Subject to JFC Review
-  Original Pre-2013 Project Boundary - Not Subject to JFC Review
-  DNR Fee Title
-  DNR Easement
-  Section Boundary
-  QQ Section Boundary




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 Real Estate Section
 Bureau of Facilities and Lands

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101 South Webster Street, Madison, WI to 7162-7340 Co Rd Y, Oconto, WI 54153 Drive 173 miles, 2 hr 39 min



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101 S Webster St
Madison, WI 53703

Get on WI-30 E

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
i 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

Take US-151 N to WI-26 N/WI-26 Trunk N/I-41 ALT in Waupun. Take exit 148 from US-151 N

- ↑ 4. Continue onto WI-30 E
50 min (56.5 mi)
2.5 mi
- ↶ 5. Take exit 3 B on the left to merge onto I-39 N/I-90 W/I-94 W toward I-94 W/Wis Dells
2.0 mi
- ↪ 6. Take exit 135C-B-A to merge onto US-151 N toward Sun Prairie
50.9 mi
- ↪ 7. Take exit 148 for WI-26 N toward Rosendale/Oshkosh
1.2 mi

Get on I-41/US-41 N in Winnebago County


- ↗ 8. Continue onto WI-26 N/WI-26 Trunk N/I-41 ALT
i Continue to follow I-41 ALT
21.4 mi
- ⬆ 9. Turn left to merge onto I-41/US-41 N
0.3 mi

Follow US-41 N to Co Rd A/County Hwy A in Little River

- ⬆ 10. Merge onto I-41/US-41 N
1 hr 15 min (88.8 mi)
57.7 mi
- ↑ 11. Continue onto US-41 N
31.1 mi

Continue on Co Rd A/County Hwy A. Drive to Co Rd Y

- ↪ 12. Turn right onto Co Rd A/County Hwy A (signs for County Road A)
3 min (2.6 mi)
2.0 mi

- ➔ 13. Turn right onto Co Rd Y
-  Destination will be on the left

0.6 mi

7162-7340 Co Rd Y
Oconto, WI 54153

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Acknowledgment of Gift

This is to certify that at its February 2022 meeting, the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board gratefully acknowledged a gift of land in Oconto County for the Green Bay West Shores Wildlife Area from:

Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System

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

Greg Kazmierski, Chair

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