

Parent File FI 2314/Sale File FM 10382 – Shawano County 9.24 Acres

The Department acquired this parcel for \$10,000 in 1993. The parcel is part of the Statewide Habitat area and is located in the Town of Washington in Shawano County. It was purchased to protect fishery habitat and for fishery management.

The parcel has approximately 390 feet of two-bank frontage on an unnamed stream that runs through the southeast portion of the parcel.

This is one of three adjacent parcels that total 21 acres. This parcel complements other land acquisitions on Shawano Lake that were acquired with the intent to preserve natural shoreline and habitat associated with fish spawning. The subject parcel is located very close to Shawano Lake with two direct water connections to the lake that provide passage for northern pike to access spawning habitat. In addition, Aspen is regenerating on the parcel, creating prime habitat for the American woodcock, a species of greatest conservation need listed in the Wildlife Action Plan.

The parcel is accessible to the public via Swan Acre Drive which runs along the northwest boundary of the parcel and through the adjacent state land parcel on Bergs Road.

Investments made by the Department include posting and signing and construction of a small parking area with a culvert on west side of parcel on Bergs Road

The parcel shows evidence of public recreational use for hunting, hiking, and wildlife viewing. There are walking trails on the parcel that show high public use.

The Department recommends that the Natural Resources Board offer this land for sale under the authority granted by s. 23.145 Wis. Stats., and the land be only offered to Village of Cecil, Town of Washington or Shawano County, subject to deed restrictions for development as well as requiring the land be open to the general public for all five NBOA's in perpetuity.

