

File G 2548 – Racine County 80.86 Acres

The Department acquired this parcel for \$8,000 in 1970. The grantor’s intent was that these parcels be maintained for wildlife.

This is one of a block of four parcels purchased to preserve a regionally rare plant community, provide habitat for several game and non-game species, provide wetland restoration opportunities and provide public recreation in a heavily populated portion of the state.

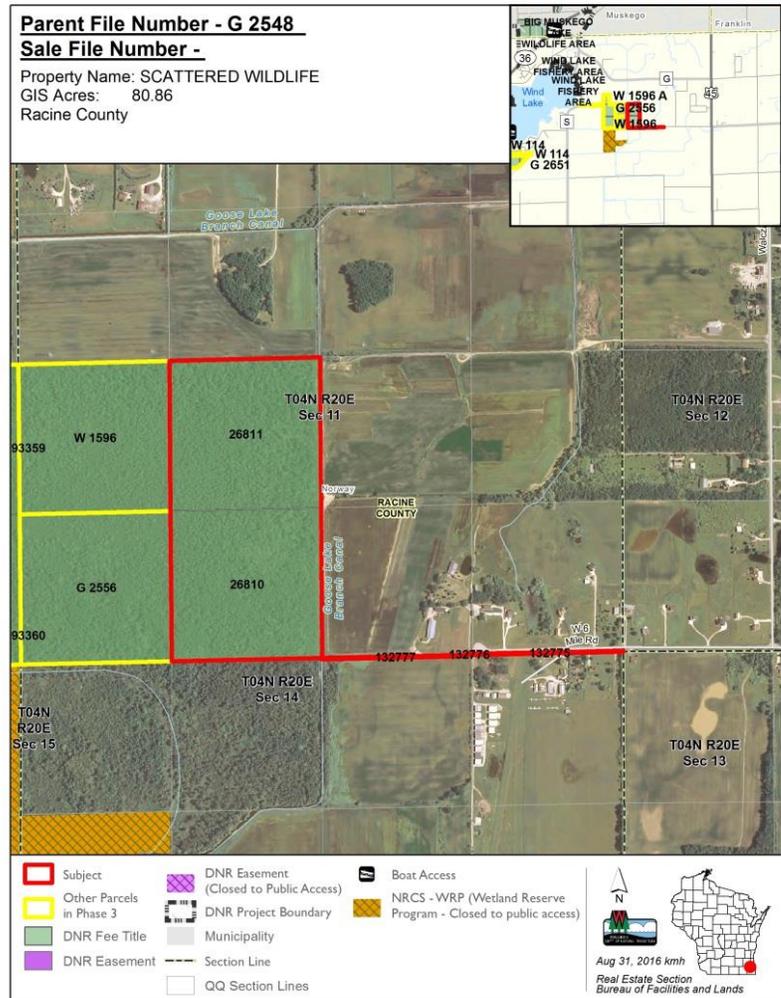
This parcel is located in the Town of Norway, approximately five miles northeast of the City of Waterford. The parcel was originally acquired for the Racine County Scattered Wetlands project, but was later moved to the Scattered Wildlife project. The property has approximately 2,640 feet of one-bank frontage along Goose Lake Canal. It has Natural Heritage Inventory (NHI) hits for a Northern Wet Forest community, which the Southeast Wisconsin Regional Planning commission identifies as a county-wide or regional significance.

Because the parcel is passively managed, the Department has not made significant investments in infrastructure or habitat improvements on the property. The parcel is heavily wooded wetland. This parcel is a popular spot for deer archery hunters and the selling of this parcel would mean directly losing public recreational opportunities in an area of the state that has few.

The parcel can be accessed by the public through other Department owned land via East Windlake Road (County Hwy S).

The access easement the Department has associated with the parcel off of 6 Mile Road is no longer usable due to a dilapidated bridge connecting the road and the parcel.

The Department recommends retaining this parcel.



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