

## File G 2556 – Racine County 40.03 Acres

The Department acquired this parcel for \$4,000 in 1970.

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. It was originally acquired for the Racine County Scattered Wetlands project, but was later moved to the Scattered Wildlife project. The parcel has no water features; however, it is considered wetland. It was acquired with the help of a Federal grant through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. It makes up part of a larger block of habitat that protects the Southern Tamarack Swamp, a Southeast Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission natural area. This Northern Wet Forest community has been identified as a county-wide or regional significance by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.

These parcels are a popular spot for deer archery hunters in the area and the selling of these would mean directly losing recreational opportunities in an area of the State that does not have many.

Since the parcel is passively managed, the Department has not made significant investments in infrastructure or habitat improvements. Annual mowing occurs on the south side of the parcel.

The Department recommends retaining this parcel.

