

# Parent File G 2651/Sale File WM 60478–Racine County 71.95 Acres

The Department acquired this parcel for \$10,000 in 1970. It is a Statewide Scattered Wildlife parcel and is located in the Town of Norway in Racine County. There is approximately 1,920 feet of one bank frontage on Wind Lake Canal. There is also approximately 1,235 feet of two bank frontage along an unnamed creek running through the northwest corner of the parcel. The parcel is entirely wetland, comprised of scattered clumps of trees, willow, box elder and ash and has a known archaeological site on it.

The main public uses of the parcel are for archery deer hunting.

Because of its proximity to the neighboring subdivision, recreational users have experienced negative encounters on this parcel and management has been a challenge.

The Department has not made substantial investments in infrastructure or habitat improvements on the parcel. Minor investments have been made for property posting, mowing and invasive work. The parcel is accessible to the public through other Department ownership to the north. Due to the presence of wetlands, there is no parking area on the property, and there is limited parking available off a town road.

Due to the known archaeological site on the property, it is recommended that this parcel only be sold to the County.

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 Racine County subject to a deed restriction requiring the land be open to the general public for all five NBOA's in perpetuity.

