

## Parent File G 2703– Kenosha County 161.02 Acres

The Department acquired this parcel for \$45,000 in 1970 for the Extensive Wildlife Habitat project. It is located approximately 10 miles from Kenosh, in the Town of Bristol in Kenosha County. The parcel was purchased for its excellent nesting and winter cover for upland game and deer in an area of rapid development.

Mill Creek runs through this property, providing approximately 2,900 feet of two bank frontage on the parcel. There is also an unnamed tributary off of North Mill Creek providing approximately 2,390 feet of two bank frontage. According to the Kenosha County 2035 Land Use Plan, the parcel is within a Primary Environmental Corridor (PEC), a corridor that is identified by the Southeast Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) that should be protected and/or acquired by government agencies or communities whenever possible.

Bristol Township has been identified as a habitat focus area for the protection, enhancement, and restoration of wetlands for the benefit waterfowl and other wildlife under the Upper Mississippi River and Great Lakes Region Joint Venture Wisconsin Plan.

The Department has invested in habitat improvements including brush and other habitat management. There is currently a farming lease on 28.4 acres of the parcel.

There is no legal access to this parcel; however the public has been access the parcel through 102<sup>nd</sup> and 104<sup>th</sup> streets and by walking through a wetland area and Dutch Gap Canal. There is public use on the property, primarily for hunting. The Department is currently working to gain better public access to the parcel.

The Department recommends retaining this parcel.

