

File# NA 677 - Waushara County - 18.7 acres

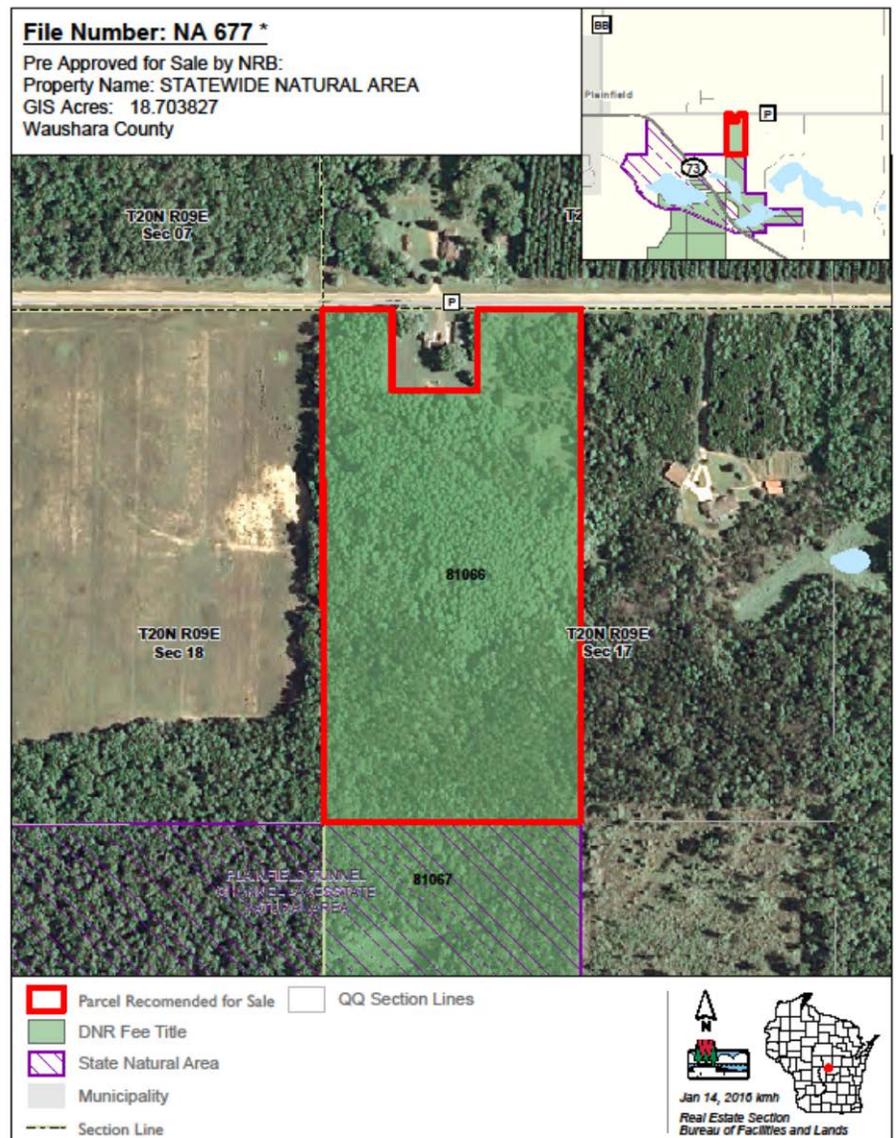
The Department purchased this property in 1998 for \$86,000.00. The original approval of this acquisition by the Governor was contingent on the sale of the 19 acres outside the project boundary.

A small pine plantation, found in the northeast corner of the parcel, is scheduled for a thinning. The south end of the parcel is jack pine and oak. A regeneration clear-cut harvest is scheduled for 2018. This parcel provides upland access for any future forest management on the State Natural Area (SNA) north of Second Lake. If the parcel were retained, extensive time and money would go into controlling/managing invasive species on the property.

Other than property posting and some efforts to control Black Locust, the Department has not made significant investments in infrastructure or habitat improvements on the property.

This property does provide upland public access from County Highway P into the larger SNA. However, a narrow road shoulder at the property does not allow the best parking possibilities in this area. The SNA does have another access from Hwy 73 to the southwest.

The Department recommends that the Natural Resources Board offer this land for sale under the authority granted by s. 23.145 Wis. Stats., subject to an access easement for the Department to access lands to the south for management purposes.



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