

File W 131 - Racine County 81.09 Acres

The Department acquired this property for \$55,500 in 1978. It is part of the Extensive Wildlife Habitat project and is located in the Town of Burlington in Racine County. The parcel was purchased as part of a larger block for wildlife habitat, waterfowl nesting cover and public recreation near the Fox River.

Drainage ditches run the entire length of the west, south and east sides of the NWSE portion of this parcel.

The Town of Burlington 2035 Land Use Plan includes this parcel in the Primary Environmental Corridor (PEC), as park and recreation lands. The Southeast Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) recommends under the plan that wherever possible government agencies or communities should purchase and protect PEC's.

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

The public can access the property through an easement off of Wheatland Road that was included in the original acquisition. The parcel is used by the public primarily for deer and waterfowl hunting. The Pishtaka Wildlife Society, a local conservation club, has obtained a permit to stock pheasants on the property for several years.

The Department recommends retaining this parcel.

