

## **The Nature Conservancy seeks grants for acquisition of land**

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### **Grant requested for Stewardship State Natural Area project in Sauk County**

BARABOO, Wis. – The Nature Conservancy has applied for two 50 percent matching grants from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program to assist with the purchase two separate properties in Sauk County. One is a 90.52 acre parcel of land in the Town of Sumpter and the other is a 112.67 acres parcel of land in the Town of Freedom.

Both properties are mostly wooded and lie within the management boundaries for the [Baxter's Hollow State Natural Area](#). There is no water on the Town of Sumpter property and a creek running through the Town of Freedom Property. Both properties will be left in their natural state and will be open to the public for low impact recreational activities including hunting, fishing trapping, hiking, cross-county skiing and snowshoeing and nature appreciation. The checklist and the DNR's initial assessment of the proposal may be downloaded from the [Stewardship Public Notice](#) page of the DNR website or is available in hard copy by contacting the project contact listed below.

The Nature Conservancy will provide match to the grant award.

Public written comments on the proposed acquisition can be mailed to Julie Sauer, Administrator, Division of Customer and Employee Services, care of Mary Zickermann, Community Services Specialist, or sent by email to [mary.zickermann@wisconsin.gov](mailto:mary.zickermann@wisconsin.gov). Questions about the project may be directed to Mary Zickermann at 608-275-3218. Written comments will be accepted through May 31, 2011

Under s. NR 150.03(3), Wis. Adm. Code, an environmental analysis is not needed because this proposal is considered a Type III action. A Type III action is one that normally does not have the potential to cause significant environmental effects, normally does not significantly affect energy usage, and normally does not involve unresolved conflicts in the use of available resources.

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