

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resources Board Agenda Item

SUBJECT: Land Acquisition – Gift Lands – Adams County

FOR: DECEMBER 2015 BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY: DOUGLAS J. HAAG

SUMMARY: James T. Barg offered to donate 80.21 acres of land for the Gift Lands program in Adams County to the Department. The item is being submitted because it is a gift.

This 80.21-acre parcel is located in the Town of Big Flats in Adams County. It is surrounded on three sides by a Forest Legacy easement that was purchased in December 2013 from Plum Creek Timberlands, LP that totals 7,449.03-acres between a northern and southern unit. Meteor Timber, LLC currently owns the surrounding lands encumbered by the easement.

The property has been in the Barg family ownership for 50-years in their ownership as vacant land and has been enrolled in the MFL program. Mr. Barg approached the Department with the donation as the MFL plan is expiring this year, with the desire that the land remain open to the public.

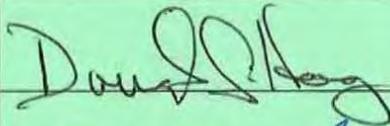
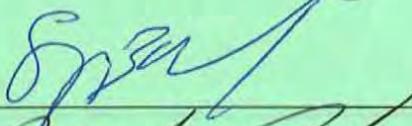
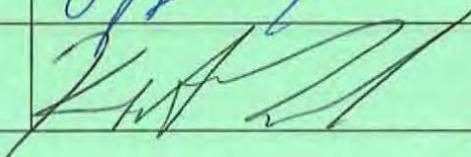
Access to the land is via Beaver Avenue on the south boundary. Soils are considered to be sandy and well drained except for the wetlands in the northwestern part of the parcel. The remainder of the property contains Red Pine, Oak pole timber with Aspen samplings and Jack pine. The next thinning on the pine under the MFL plan was scheduled for 2018/2020.

Acceptance of this gift would fill in half of the 160 acre private inholding within the Forest Legacy easement and provide additional opportunities for public recreation and provide for easier management of the property.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board accept the donation of 80.21 acres of land for the Gift Lands program, that a certificate of appreciation be sent to James T. Barg and that an expression of appreciation be made a part of the official records of the Natural Resources Board.

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS (Check all that are applicable):

- Background Memo
- Maps and Documents
- Type name of attachment if applicable
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Approved By	Signature	Date
Douglas J. Haag Deputy Bureau Director		11-24-15
Sanjay Olson Division Administrator		11-28-15
Cathy Stepp, Secretary		11-30-15

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 23, 2015
 TO: Natural Resources Board
 FROM: Cathy Stepp
 SUBJECT: Proposed Land Donation, James Barg Tract, File # O 80053,

FILE REF: O 80053

1. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

Gift Lands
 Adams County

Grantor:

James T. Barg
 2164 Homestead Hills Drive
 Winston Salem, NC 27103

Acres: 80.21
Price: Gift
Appraised Value: n/a
Interest: Fee Title
Improvements: None

Location: The property is located 12 miles North of Adams in Adams County.

Land Description: The subject land is level with approximately 8 acres of wetlands in the northwest portion of the parcel and sandy, well drained soils and woods on the remaining acreage.

Covertypes Breakdown:

Type	Acreage
Wetland	8.00
Lowland Woodland	72.21
Total:	80.21

Zoning: Forestry and Recreational District
Present Use: Recreational
Proposed Use: Public Recreation
Tenure: 50 years
Property Taxes: \$63.36 (MFL)

Stewardship Land Access: This property will be open to the public for all nature based outdoor recreational activities to include hunting, fishing, trapping, hiking and cross country skiing. Physical features of the property may not be conducive to all these activities.

2. JUSTIFICATION:

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3. LAND MANAGEMENT:

Forestry staff will manage the parcel, continuing when the MFL program ends. The Red Pine Plantation had limited thinning in 1998 and 2008; the next scheduled thinning will be 2018/2020. The Oak pole timber with Aspen saplings and willow brush will be managed for pulpwood/firewood. The Jack pine saplings are unique to this area and will be allowed to grow naturally.

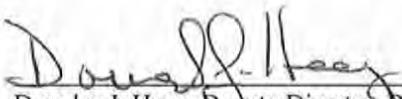
4. FINANCING:

No finding is required for this transaction.

5. ACQUISITION STATUS OF THE GIFT LANDS:

Established: 1982
Acres Purchased to Date: 2,367.30
Acquisition Goal: 4,500.00
Percent Complete: 52.61 %
Cost to Date: \$29,004.00

RECOMMENDED:



Douglas J. Haag, Deputy Director, Bureau of Facilities and Lands

11-24-15

Date



Richard Henneger, Bureau of Legal Services

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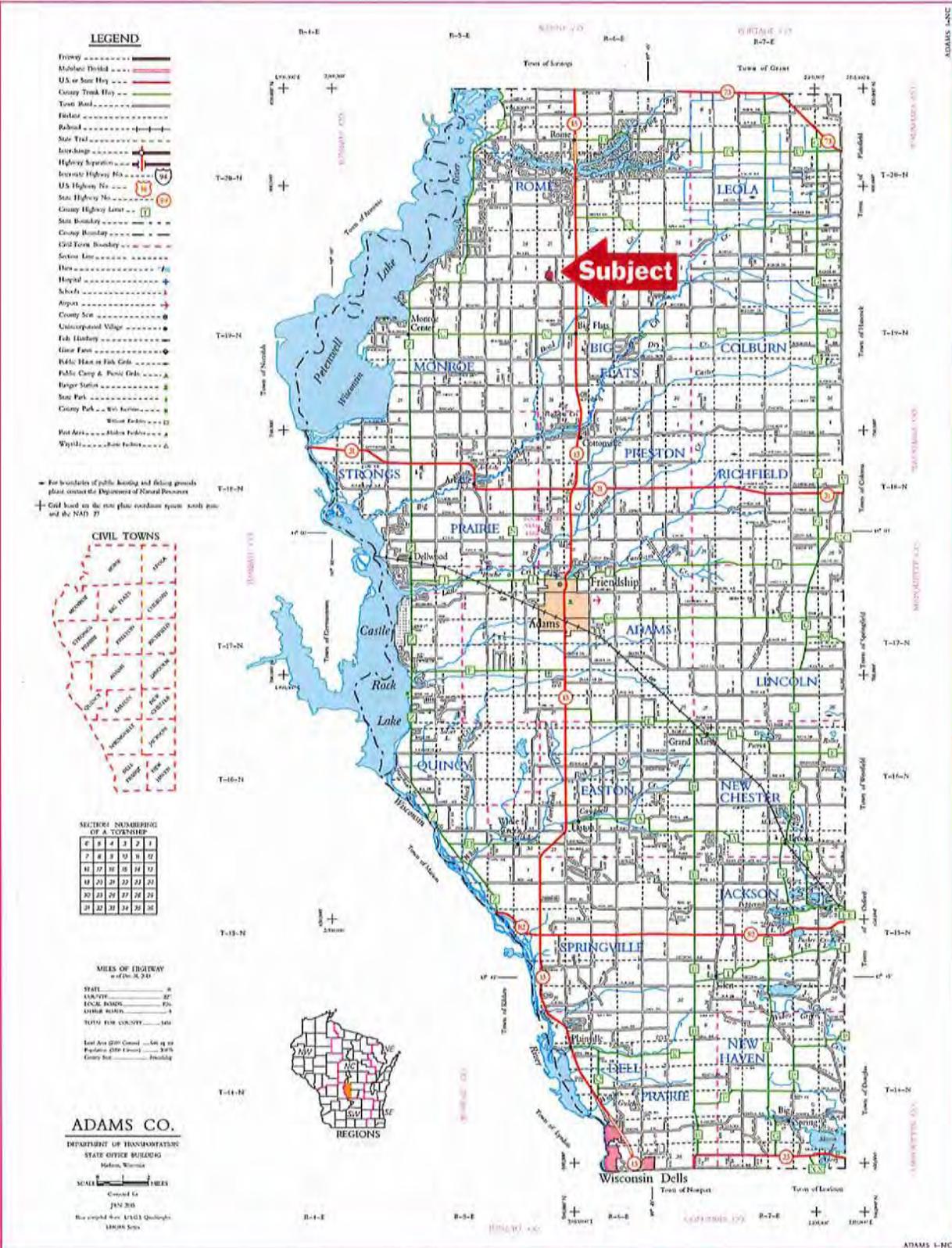
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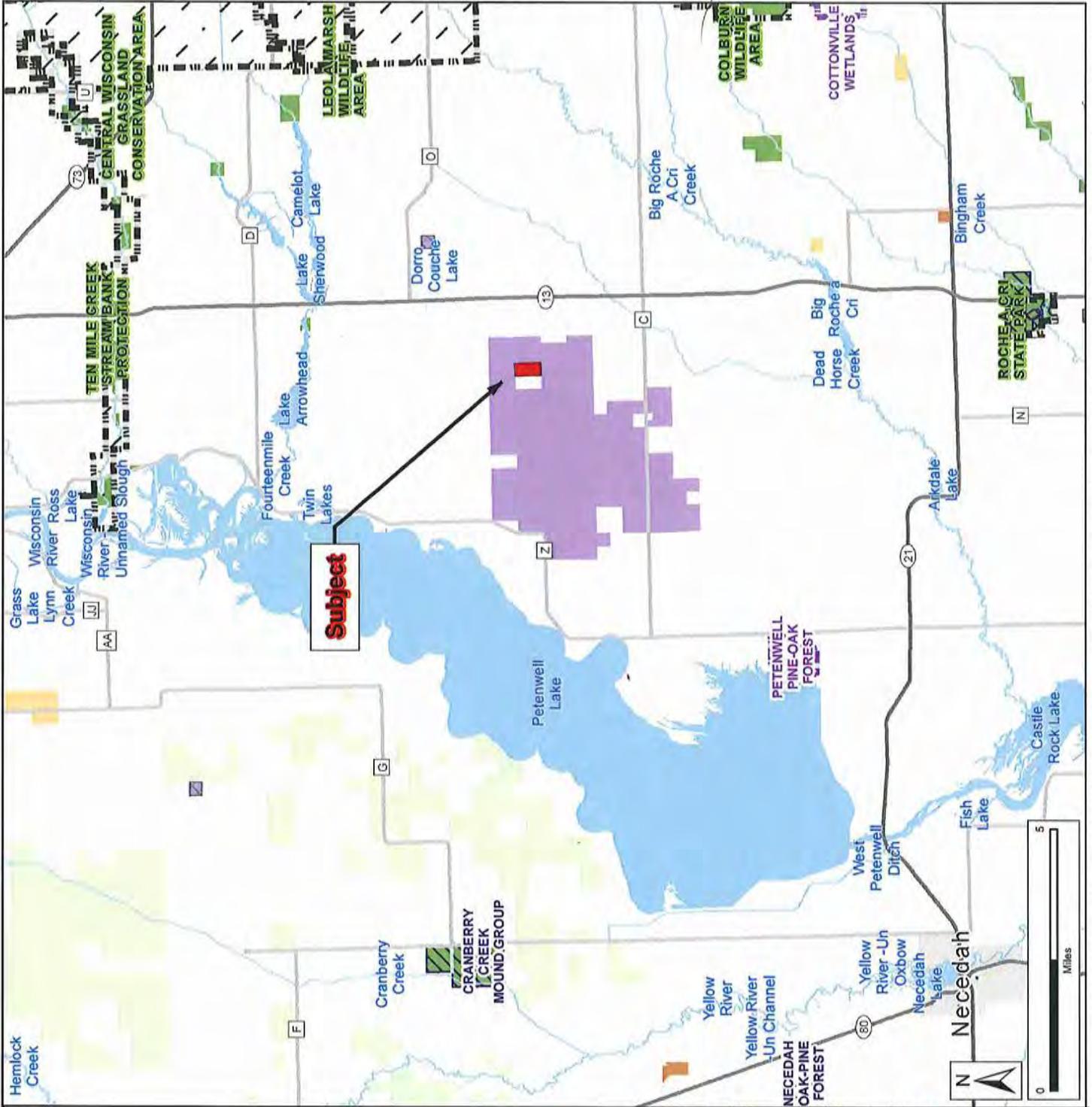


Sanjay Olson, Fish, Wildlife and Parks Division Administrator

11/24/15

Date





**James Barg -
Gift Lands**
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T19N R06E Sec 6
Town of Big Flats
Adams County

Subject

- Project Boundary Not Subject to Act 20 JFC Review
- State Natural Area Project Boundary
- DNR Fee Title Lands
- DNR Easement Lands
- DNR Easement Lands (Closed to Public Access)
- State Natural Area
- Public Land - Funded by Stewardship Grants
- Voluntary Public Access Land
- County Forest
- Tribal Land



Location of Property

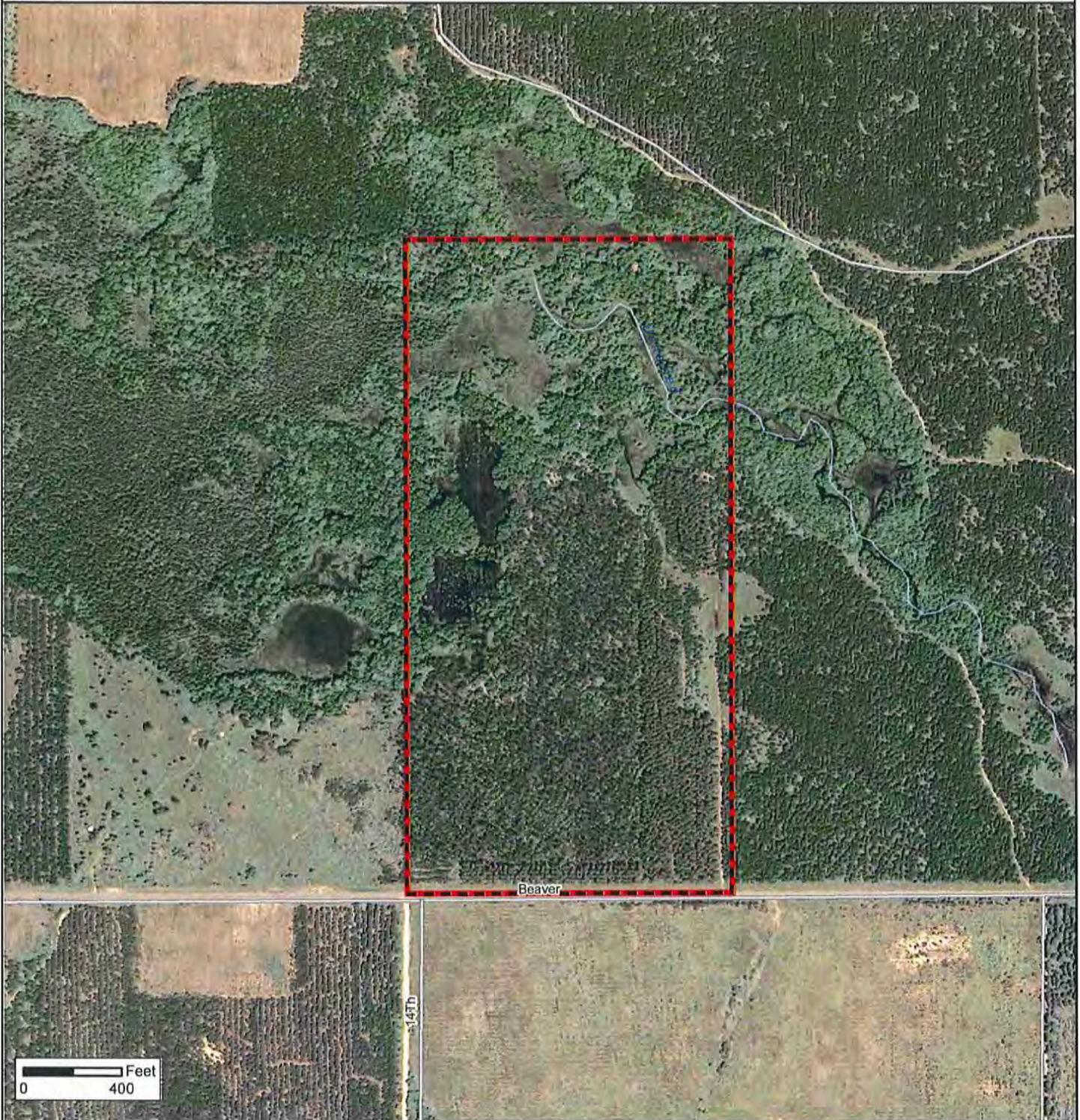
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James Barg - Gift Lands

T19N R06E Sec 6, Town of Big Flats, Adams County



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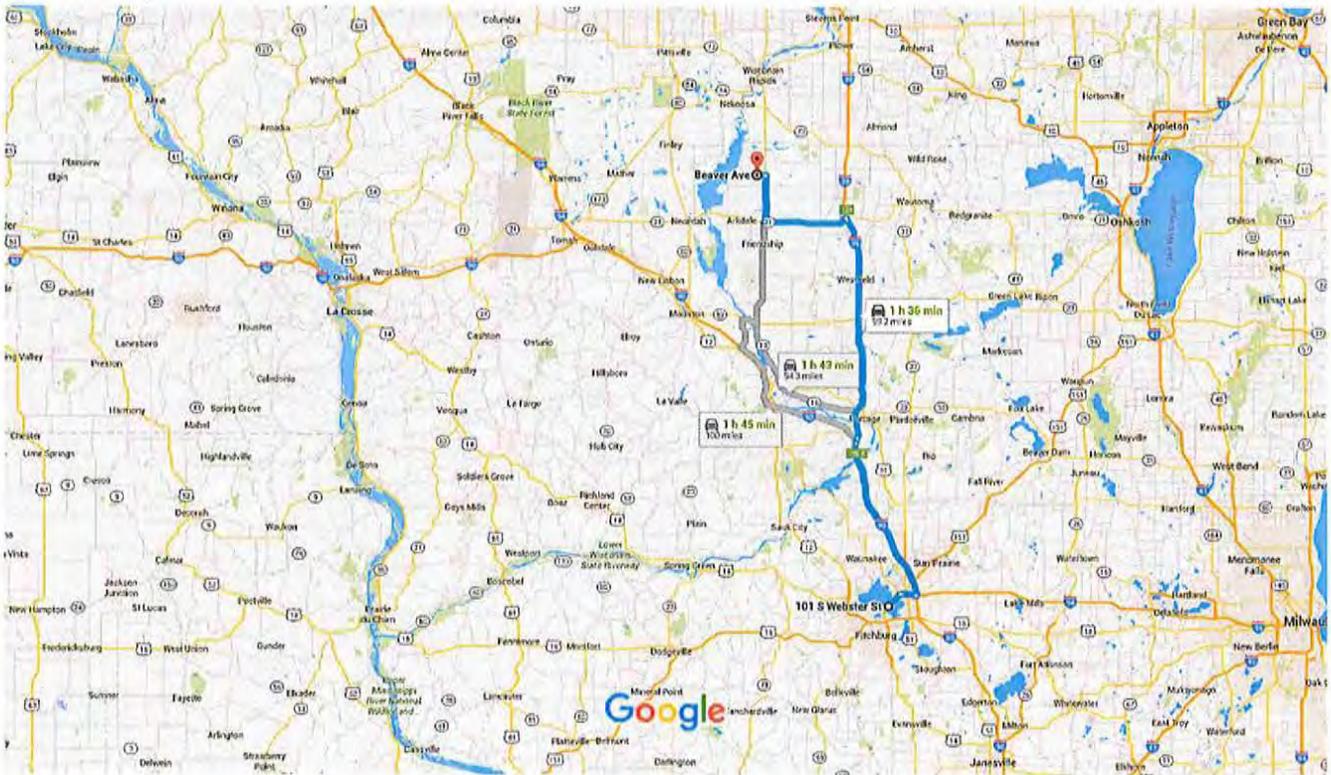
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to Beaver Ave, Nekoosa, WI 54457

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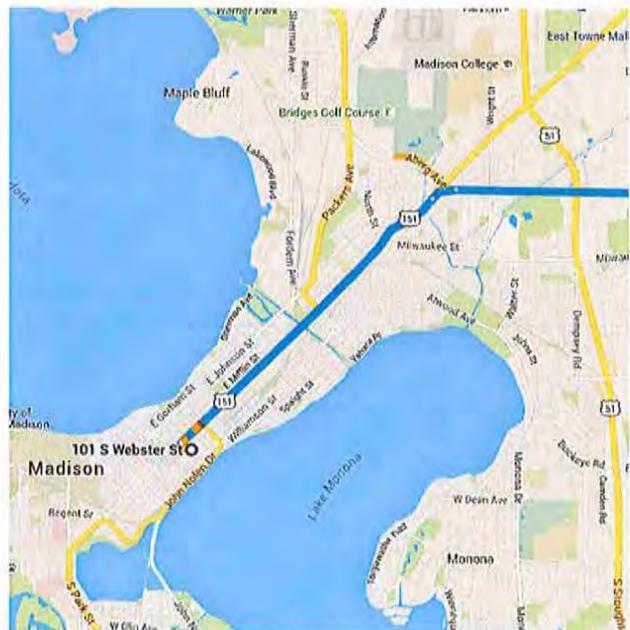
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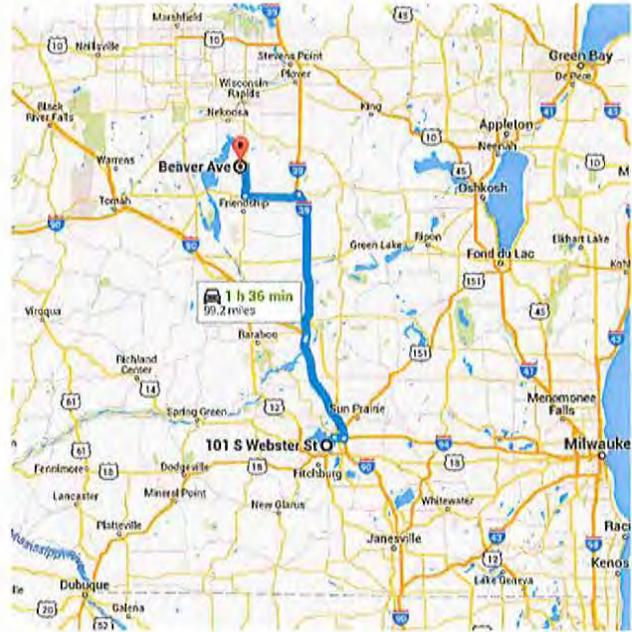
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- 0.1 mi
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- 2.9 mi
- ⬆ 3. Use the right lane to take the Wisconsin 30 E ramp to Interstate 94/Interstate 90
- 0.2 mi



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Follow I-90 W and I-39 N to WI-21 W in Coloma. Take exit 124 from I-39 N

- 1 h (71.6 mi)
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- 2.6 mi
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- ↘ 6. Use the right 2 lanes to take exit 108 A-108 B for I-39 N toward US-51/Wausau/Portage
- 0.9 mi
- ↑ 7. Continue onto I-39 N
- 38.6 mi
- ↘ 8. Take exit 124 for WI-21 toward Coloma/Necedah
- 0.3 mi



Continue on WI-21 W. Drive to Beaver Ave in Big Flats

- 28 min (24.3 mi)
- ↙ 9. Turn left onto WI-21 W
- 14.7 mi
- ↘ 10. Turn right onto State Hwy 13 N/WI-13 Trunk N
- 8.1 mi
- ↙ 11. Turn left onto Beaver Ave
- 1.5 mi



Beaver Ave
 Nekoosa, WI 54457

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