

SUBJECT: Land Donation – Big Muskego Lake Wildlife Area– Milwaukee County

FOR: May 2016 BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Douglas J Haag

SUMMARY:

Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) has offered to donate 97.12 acres of land located within the project boundary of the Big Muskego Lake Wildlife Area, in Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties. This parcel is adjacent to Department owned lands to the north and east, and is accessible to the public from South 116th Street and Hwy OO. The property was purchased by the Conservation Fund and MMSD with the assistance of a Knowles Neslon Stewardship grant in conjunction with MMSD’s Greenseams Program. As part of this donation, MMSD will retain a conservation easement on the property to ensure the goals of the Greenseams® Program are perpetuated.

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RECOMMENDATION: That the Board accepts the donation of 97.12 acres of land for the Big Muskego Lake Wildlife Area program, that a certificate of appreciation be sent to Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District and that an expression of appreciation be made a part of the official records of the Natural Resources Board.

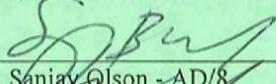
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| No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Fiscal Estimate Required | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Environmental Assessment of Impact Statement Required | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No <input type="checkbox"/> | Background Memo | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Attached |

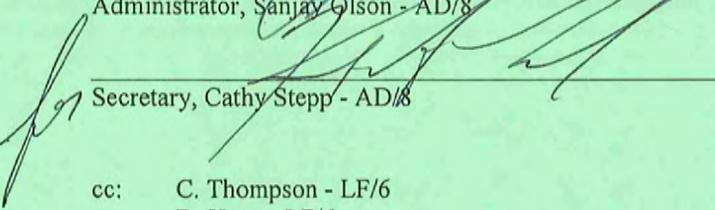
APPROVED:


Deputy Director, Bureau of Facilities and Lands, Douglas J Haag - LF/6

5-5-16
Date


Administrator, Sanjay Olson - AD/8

5-10-16
Date


Secretary, Cathy Stepp - AD/8

5-11-16
Date

- cc: C. Thompson - LF/6
D. Haag - LF/6
L. Ross - AD/8
T. Hauge - WM/6
T. Lizotte - WM/6

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 4, 2016 FILE REF: WM 60390
 TO: Natural Resources Board
 FROM: Cathy Stepp
 SUBJECT: Proposed Land Donation, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District –
 Franklin DC Parcel, File # WM 60390
 Dumke Parcel, File # WM 60391
 Katzman Parcel File # WM 60392
 Blattner Parcel File #WM 60393

Approval Requested by June 16, 2016

1. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

Big Muskego Lake Wildlife Area
 Milwaukee County

Grantor:

Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District
 c/o Delbert Dettmann
 260 W Seeboth St
 Milwaukee, WI 53204

Acres: 97.12

Price: 0 (Donation)

Appraised Value: N/A

Interest: Fee Title

Improvements: None

Location: The tracts are located in Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties three miles southwest of City of Franklin.

Land Description: The subject land is level.

Covertime Breakdown:

Type	Acreage
Upland Woodland	12.08
Wetland	40
Grass/Pasture	30
Brush	5.43
Water	9.61
Total:	97.12

Zoning:

Franklin DC Parcel (WM 60390): C-1 Wetland and R-3 Suburban Estate Single Family Residential



Dumke Parcel (WM 60391): C-1 Wetland and R-3 Suburban Estate Single Family Residential
Katzman Parcel (WM 60392): C-1 Wetland and R-3 Suburban Estate Single Family Residential
Blattner Parcel (WM 60393): RC-3

*City of Muskego plans to update all DNR parcels within the project to be C-1 zoning in three years when they update their Comprehensive Plan.

Present Use: Recreation

Proposed Use: Recreation

Tenure: Franklin DC Parcel (WM 60390): 4 Years

Dumke Parcel (WM 60391): 5 Years

Katzman Parcel (WM 60392): 5 Years

Blattner Parcel (WM 60393): 3 Years

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 of these activities.

2. JUSTIFICATION:

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3. LAND MANAGEMENT:

MMSD recently planted 35 acres in a prairie mix. As part of this transfer, MMSD will retain a conservation easement on the property to ensure the goals of water quality protection and flood control as established in their Greenseams Program are recognized in perpetuity. Due to this, MMSD will be involved with property management, including mowing, weed control, prescribed burns and herbicide applications.

4. FINANCING:

No funding is required for this transaction.

5. ACQUISITION STATUS OF THE BIG MUSKEGO LAKE WILDLIFE AREA:

Established: 1999
Acres Purchased to Date: 726.56
Acquisition Goal: 3,800.00
Percent Complete: 19.12 %
Cost to Date: \$3,486,582.40

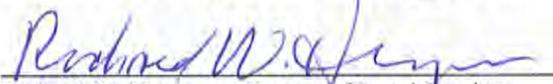
RECOMMENDED:



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

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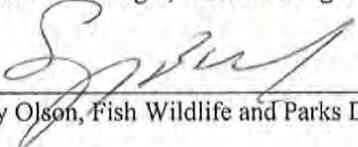
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Richard W. Henneger, Bureau of Legal Services

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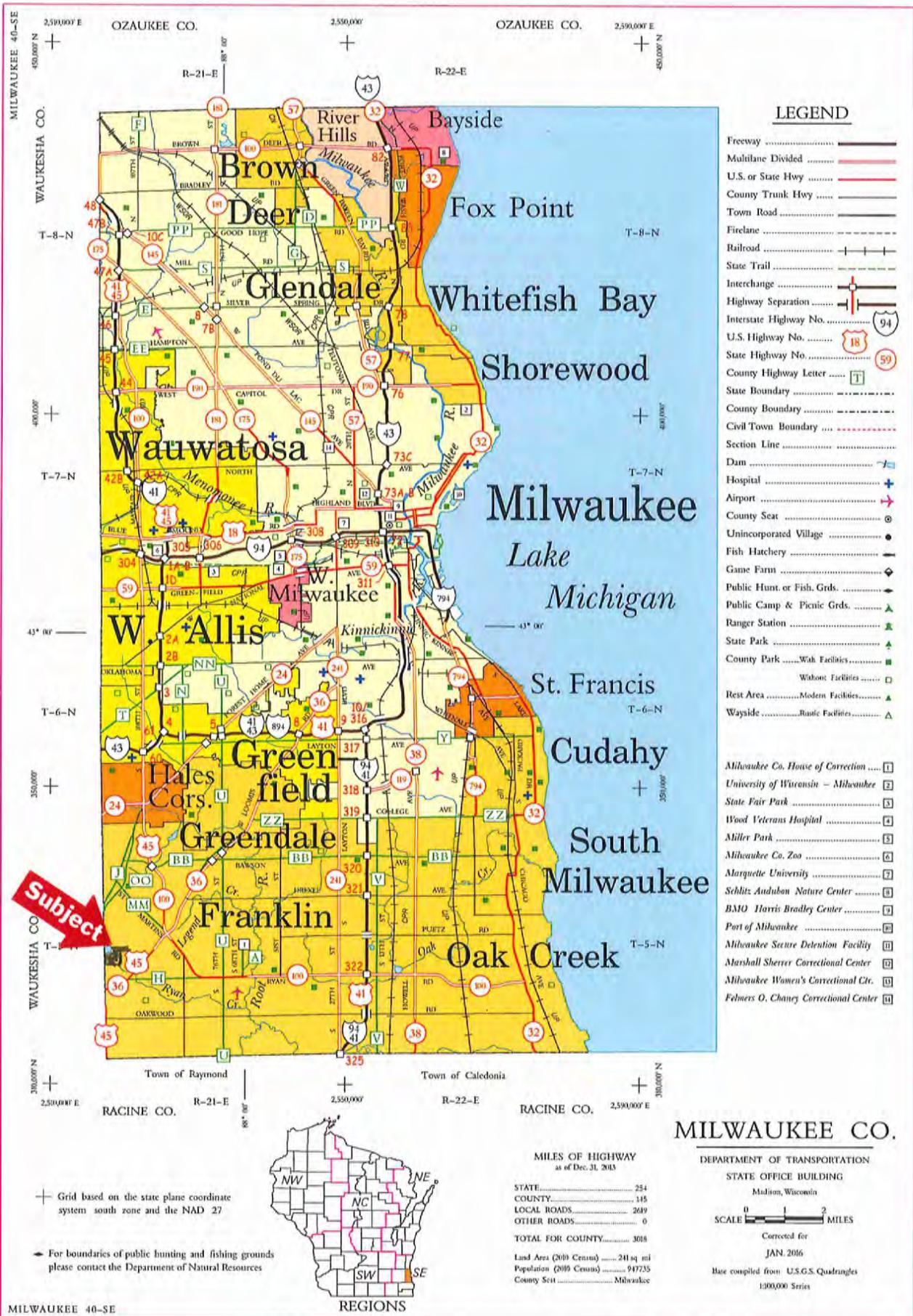
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Sanjay Olson, Fish Wildlife and Parks Division Administrator

5/10/16

Date



LEGEND

- Freeway
- Multilane Divided
- U.S. or State Hwy
- County Trunk Hwy
- Town Road
- Firelane
- Railroad
- State Trail
- Interchange
- Highway Separation
- Interstate Highway No.
- U.S. Highway No.
- State Highway No.
- County Highway Letter
- State Boundary
- County Boundary
- Civil Town Boundary
- Section Line
- Dam
- Hospital
- Airport
- County Seat
- Unincorporated Village
- Fish Hatchery
- Game Farm
- Public Hunt or Fish Grds.
- Public Camp & Picnic Grds.
- Ranger Station
- State Park
- County Park
- Wash. Facilities
- Rest Area
- Wayside

- Milwaukee Co. House of Correction
- University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
- State Fair Park
- Wood Veterans Hospital
- Miller Park
- Milwaukee Co. Zoo
- Marquette University
- Schlitz Audubon Nature Center
- BMO Harris Bradley Center
- Port of Milwaukee
- Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility
- Marshall Sherer Correctional Center
- Milwaukee Women's Correctional Ctr.
- Felmers O. Chaney Correctional Center

MILWAUKEE CO.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

STATE OFFICE BUILDING
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

SCALE

Corrected for
JAN. 2016

Base compiled from: U.S.G.S. Quadrangles
100,000 Series

MILES OF HIGHWAY
as of Dec. 31, 2015

STATE.....	254
COUNTY.....	145
LOCAL ROADS.....	2699
OTHER ROADS.....	0
TOTAL FOR COUNTY.....	3018
Land Area (2010 Census).....	241 sq mi
Population (2010 Census).....	917,735
County Seat.....	Milwaukee



+ Grid based on the state plane coordinate system south zone and the NAD 27

→ For boundaries of public hunting and fishing grounds please contact the Department of Natural Resources

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Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District - Fee Gift

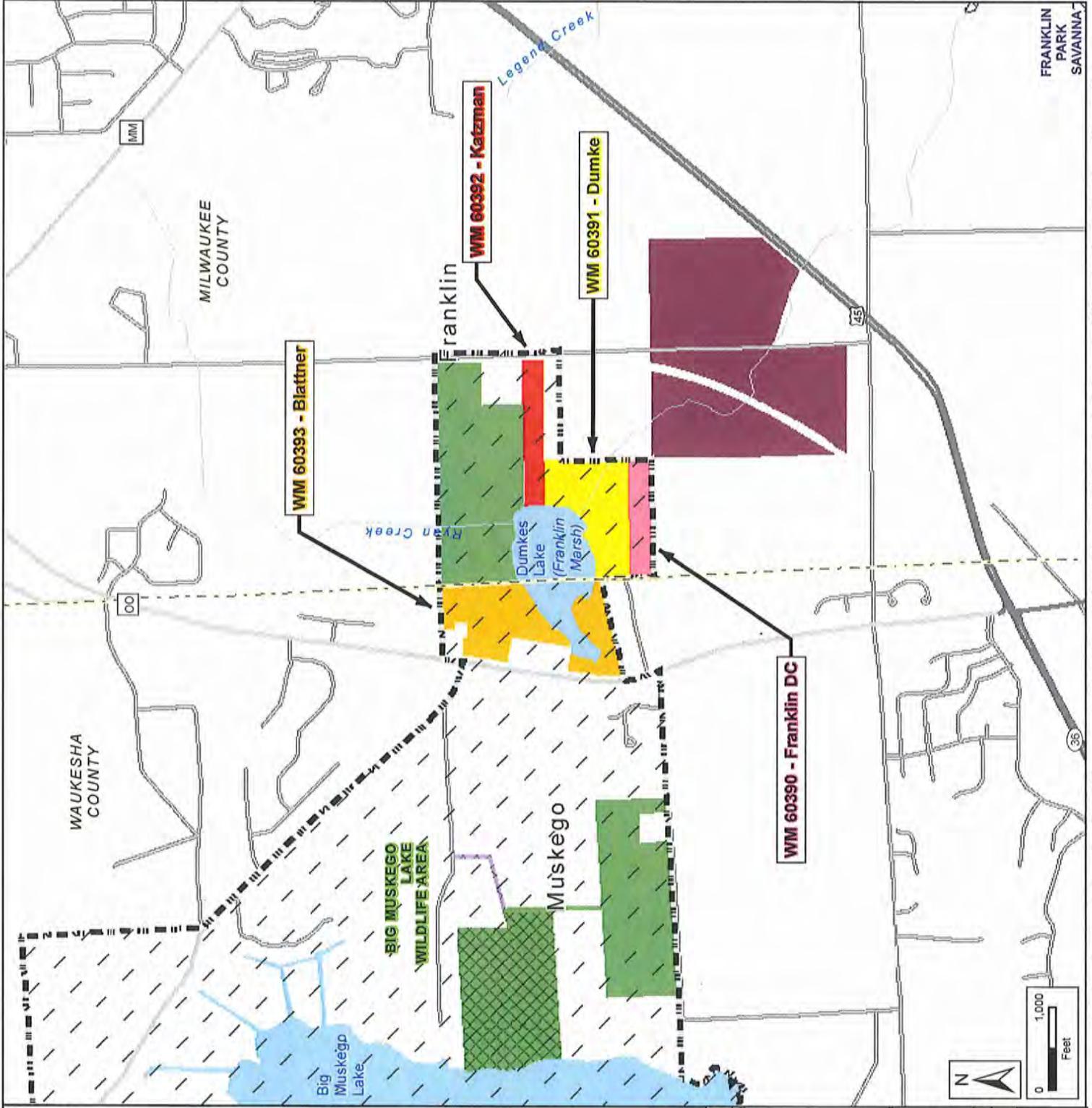
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-  Project Boundary Not Subject to Act 20 JFC Review
-  DNR Fee Title
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-  DNR Easement Closed to Public Access
-  Public Land - Funded by Stewardship Grants
-  State Natural Area
-  County Boundary



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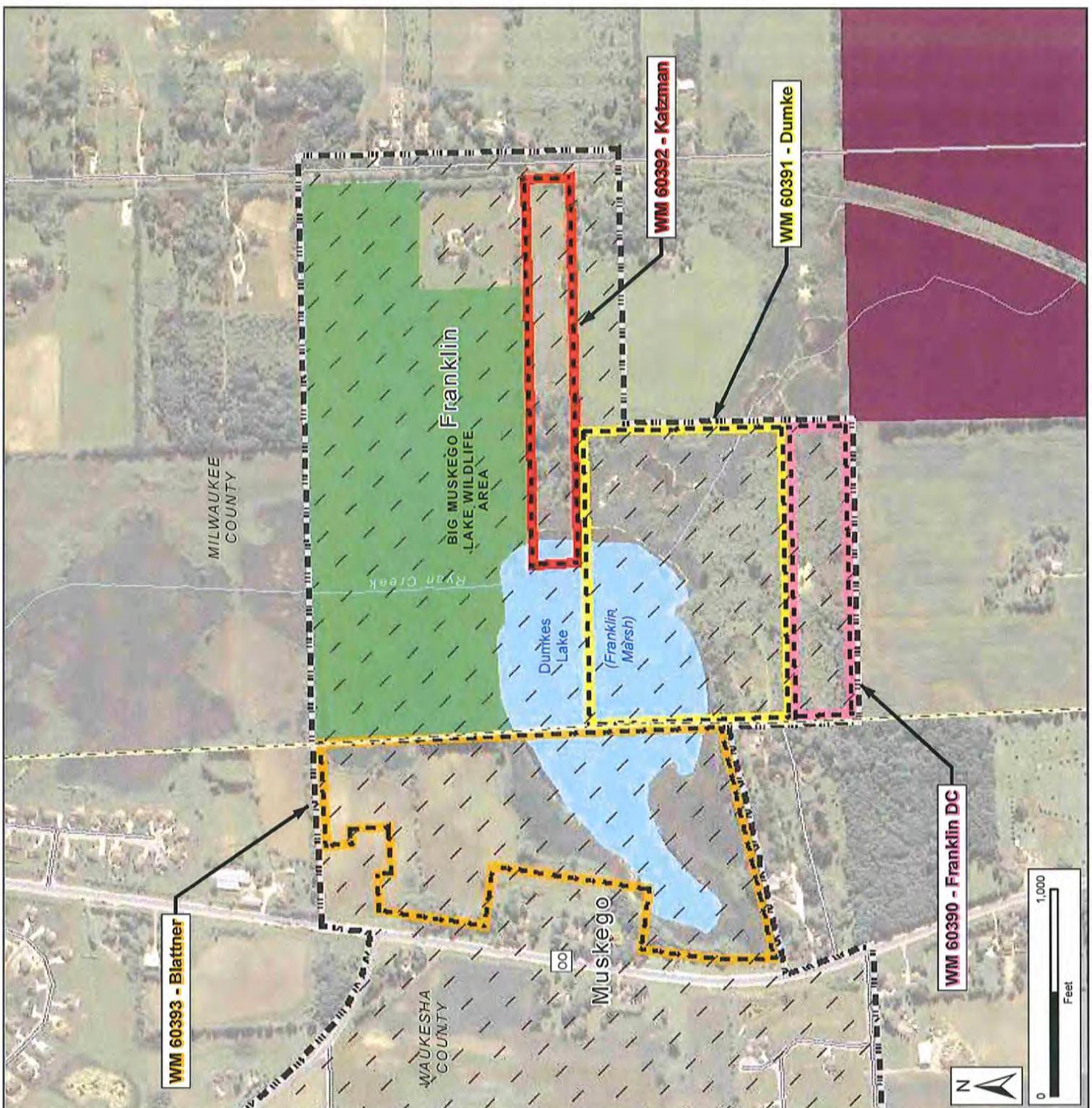
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Location of Property

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Acknowledgment of Gift

This is to certify that at its May 2016 meeting, the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted gift of 97.12 acres of land in Milwaukee County for the Big Muskego Lake Wildlife Area from

Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District

It is significant that organizations such as yours are interested in helping protect Wisconsin's natural heritage and contribute materially toward this end.

An expression of our appreciation is a part of the official records of the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board. We present this certificate of sincere appreciation on behalf of present and future generations to thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

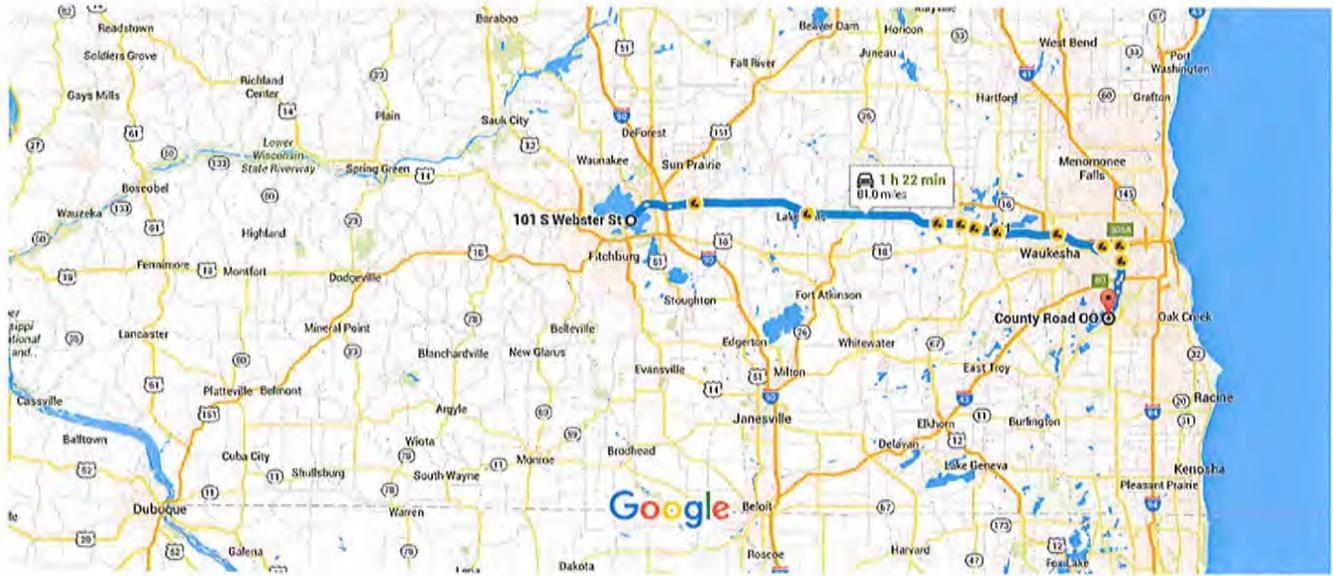
Wisconsin Natural Resources Board

Terry N. Hilgenberg, CHAIR



101 S Webster St, Madison, WI to
County Road OO, Muskego, WI 53150

Drive 81.0 miles, 1 h 22 min



Map data ©2016 Google 10 mi

101 S Webster St

Madison, WI 53703

Get on WI-30 E

- ↑ 1. Head northwest on S Webster St toward E Main St 8 min (3.3 mi)
- ➡ 2. Use any lane to turn right at the 2nd cross street onto E Washington Ave 0.1 mi
- ⬆️ 3. Use the right lane to take the Wisconsin 30 E ramp to Interstate 94/Interstate 90 2.9 mi
- ⬆️ 0.2 mi

Take I-94 E to US-45 S/S 108th St in Greenfield. Take exit 60 from I-43 S/US-45 S

- ↑ 4. Continue onto WI-30 E 1 h 4 min (72.5 mi)
- ⬆️ 5. Merge onto I-94 E 3.2 mi
- ➡ 6. Take exit 305A to merge onto I-894 E/US-45 S toward Chicago 63.8 mi
- ➡ 7. Take exit 4 for U.S. 45 S toward Interstate 43 S/Beloit 4.3 mi
- ➡ 0.4 mi

- ↑ 8. Continue onto I-43 S/US-45 S 0.5 mi
- ↙ 9. Use the left 2 lanes to take exit 60 to merge onto US-45 S/S 108th St 0.4 mi

Take W Forest Home Ave to N Cape Rd in Muskego

- ↑ 10. Merge onto US-45 S/S 108th St 9 min (5.2 mi)
- ↘ 11. Turn right onto W Forest Home Ave 1.2 mi
- ↑ 12. Continue onto N Cape Rd 2.9 mi
- 1.1 mi

County Road OO

Muskego, WI 53150

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