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Title: Making land owner preference tag property specific

The Problem:

Land owners who obtain tags through the landowner preference system can currently use those tags anywhere in the zone for which it is issued, this would include public hunting grounds. With the new larger zone and competition for prime tag increasing, this advantage needs to be addressed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting in Walworth County on April 13, 2009 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department to take action to correct this situation by introducing rule changes making licenses obtained through land owner preference tags, property only tags, valid only on parcels of land 50 acres or more where more than one property is involved. This could be achieved by adding township and section to the county which is required on the application. In addition a current tax bill or bills would be required of the property or properties intended to be hunted. If parcels smaller than 50 acres on a separate tax bill are adjacent to a qualifying parcel they would be allowed even if separated by a road. The land owner could also supply a copy of the plat to show contiguous acres if they wish to avoid conflict.

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