

SUBJECT: EASEMENT DONATIONS – NORTH COUNTRY NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL – DOUGLAS COUNTY

FOR: SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Richard Steffes

SUMMARY: The Department proposes to accept 0.6-acre conservation easements each from the Village of Solon Springs and the Town of Solon Springs for North Country National Scenic Trail program in Douglas County. Additionally, the Department proposes to accept a .77-acre conservation easement from the Solon Spring Recycling and Solid Waste Department. This item is being submitted because all three are gifts of land rights.

The Department proposes to accept a 0.6-acre easement donation from the Village of Solon Springs in Douglas County that is 20 feet in width for the North Country National Scenic Trail and a similar easement from the Town of Solon Springs, as well as a .77-acre easement from the Solon Spring Recycling and Solid Waste Department. All three easements would link up to existing trail and are about ¼-mile long. The topography of the parcels is relatively flat and is upland with a mixture of northern hardwoods and aspen. The easements will provide a corridor for the North Country National Scenic Trail.

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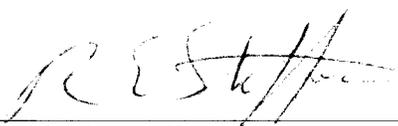
The Department recommends the acceptance of these gifts from the Village and Town of Solon Springs and the Solon Springs Recycling and Solid Waste Department to conserve the natural and scenic values of the parcel and to provide opportunities for outdoor recreation on the North Country National Scenic Trail.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board accept the donation of a 0.6-acre conservation easement from Village of Solon Springs, a 0.6-acre conservation easement from the Town of Solon Springs and a .77-acre easement from the Solon Springs Recycling and Solid Waste Department for the North Country National Scenic Trail in Douglas County; that certificates of appreciation be sent to the donors, and that an expression of appreciation be made part of the official records of the Natural Resources Board.

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

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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:



Real Estate Director, Richard E. Steffes - LF/6

8/27/08

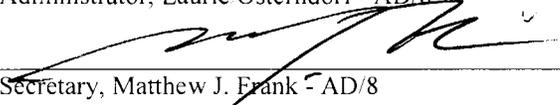
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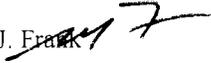
Secretary, Matthew J. Frank - AD/8

9/4/08

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- cc: S. Miller – LF/6 D. Schuller – PR/6
 R. Steffes – LF/6 J. Godzialski – NOR/Spooner
 L. Ross – AD/8

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 18, 2008
 TO: Natural Resources Board
 FROM: Matthew J. Frank 
 SUBJECT: Proposed Easement on the Town of Solon Springs Tract, File # PR 40003

FILE REF: PR 40003

1. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

North Country National Scenic Trail
 Douglas County

Grantor:

Town of Solon Springs
 P.O. Box 275
 Solon Springs, WI 548736

Acres: 0.6Price: GiftInterest: EasementImprovements: None

Location: The tract is located in Douglas County in the Town of Solon Springs about 10 miles northwest of the City of Solon Springs.

Land Description: The subject land is generally level.

<u>Covertypes Breakdown:</u>	Type:	Acreage:
	Wooded Uplands	0.6

Zoning: ForestryPresent Use: VacantProposed Use: Resource Protection and RecreationTenure: 53 yearsEasement Date: July 31, 2008

Stewardship Land Access: This land will be open for hiking, cross-country skiing, and walking.

JUSTIFICATION:

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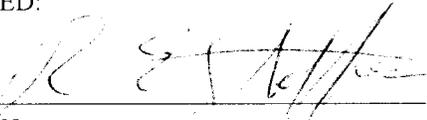
3. FINANCING:

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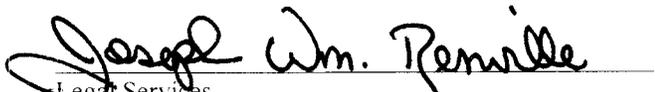
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Percent Complete: 31.78
Cost to Date: \$413,400.00

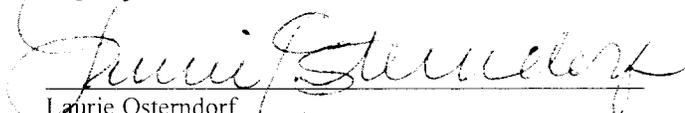
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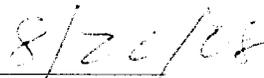

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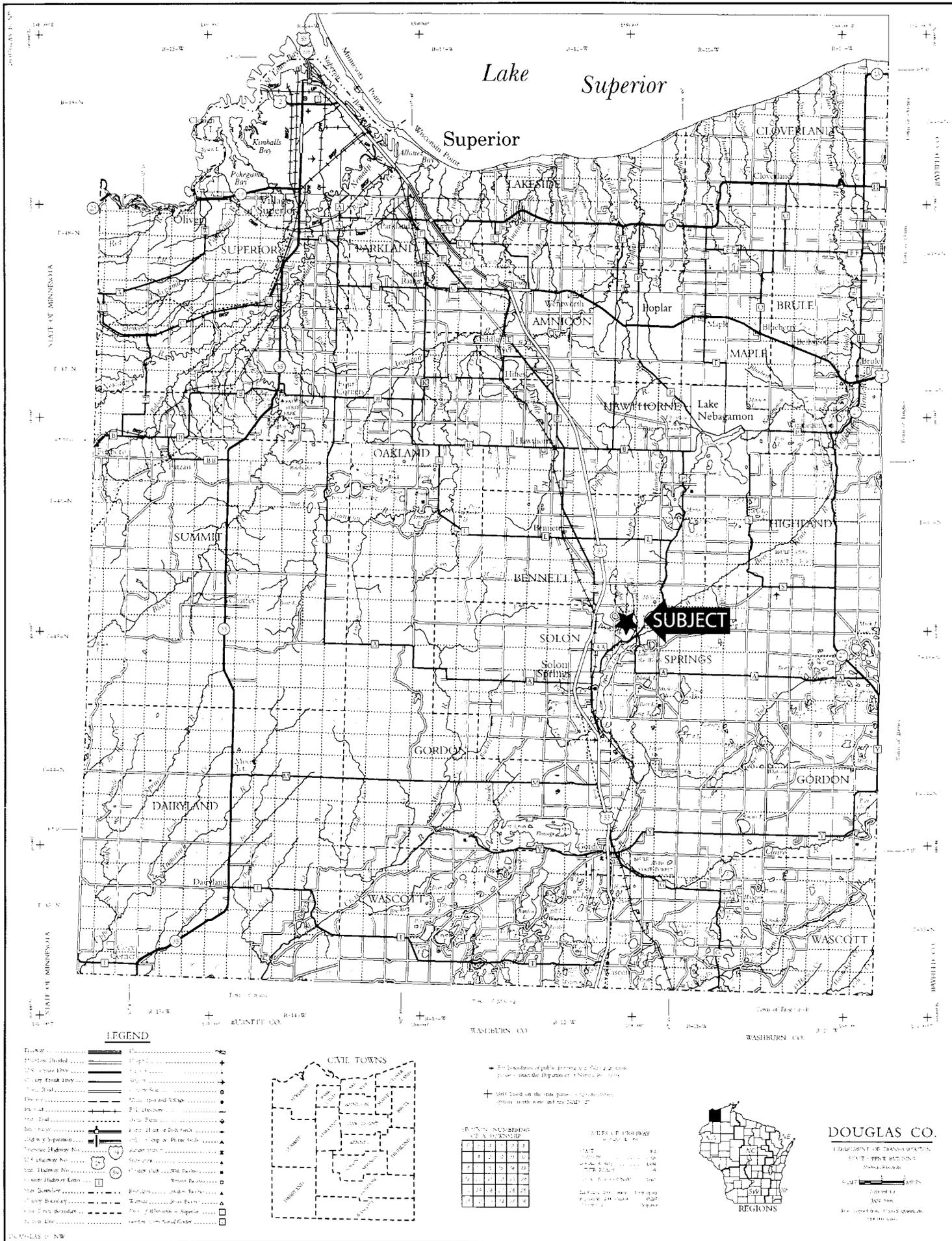

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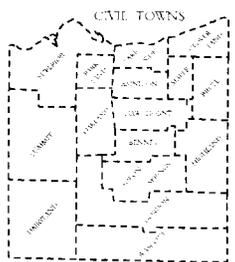

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Date



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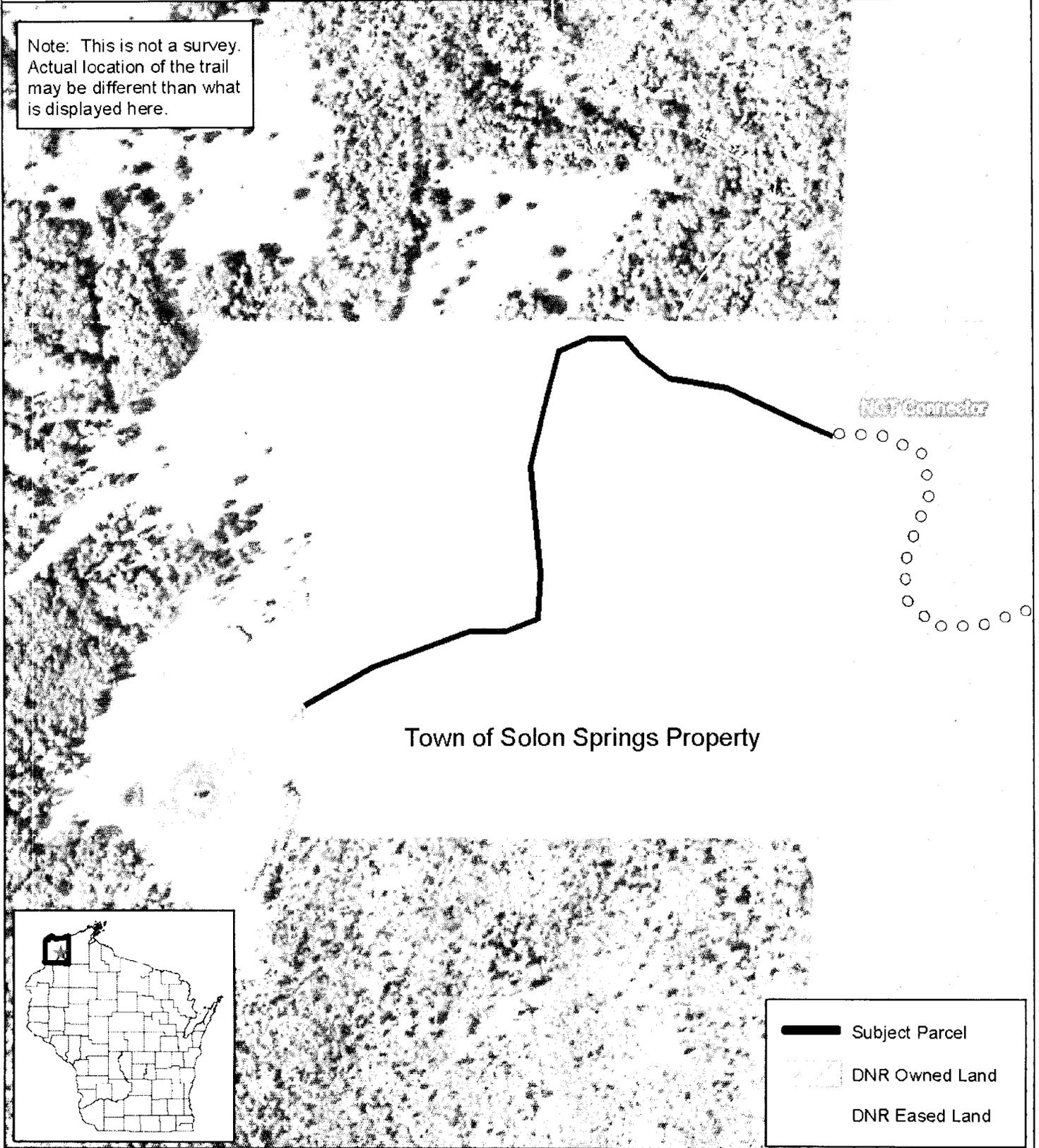


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Town of Solon Springs Property

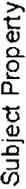
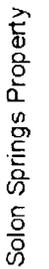
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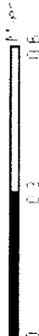
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Town of Solon Springs Property

North Country Trail

-  Subject Property
-  NCT Potential Route
-  Solon Springs Property
-  WDNR Owned
-  WNDR Eased
-  WDNR Leased
-  Project Boundary



The Town of Solon, Wisconsin, requests the Bureau of Facilities and Lands, State of Wisconsin, to conduct a study of the North Country Trail (NCT) through the Town of Solon, Wisconsin. The study should include a review of the NCT route through the Town of Solon, Wisconsin, and a determination of the feasibility of the NCT route through the Town of Solon, Wisconsin. The study should also include a review of the NCT route through the Town of Solon, Wisconsin, and a determination of the feasibility of the NCT route through the Town of Solon, Wisconsin.

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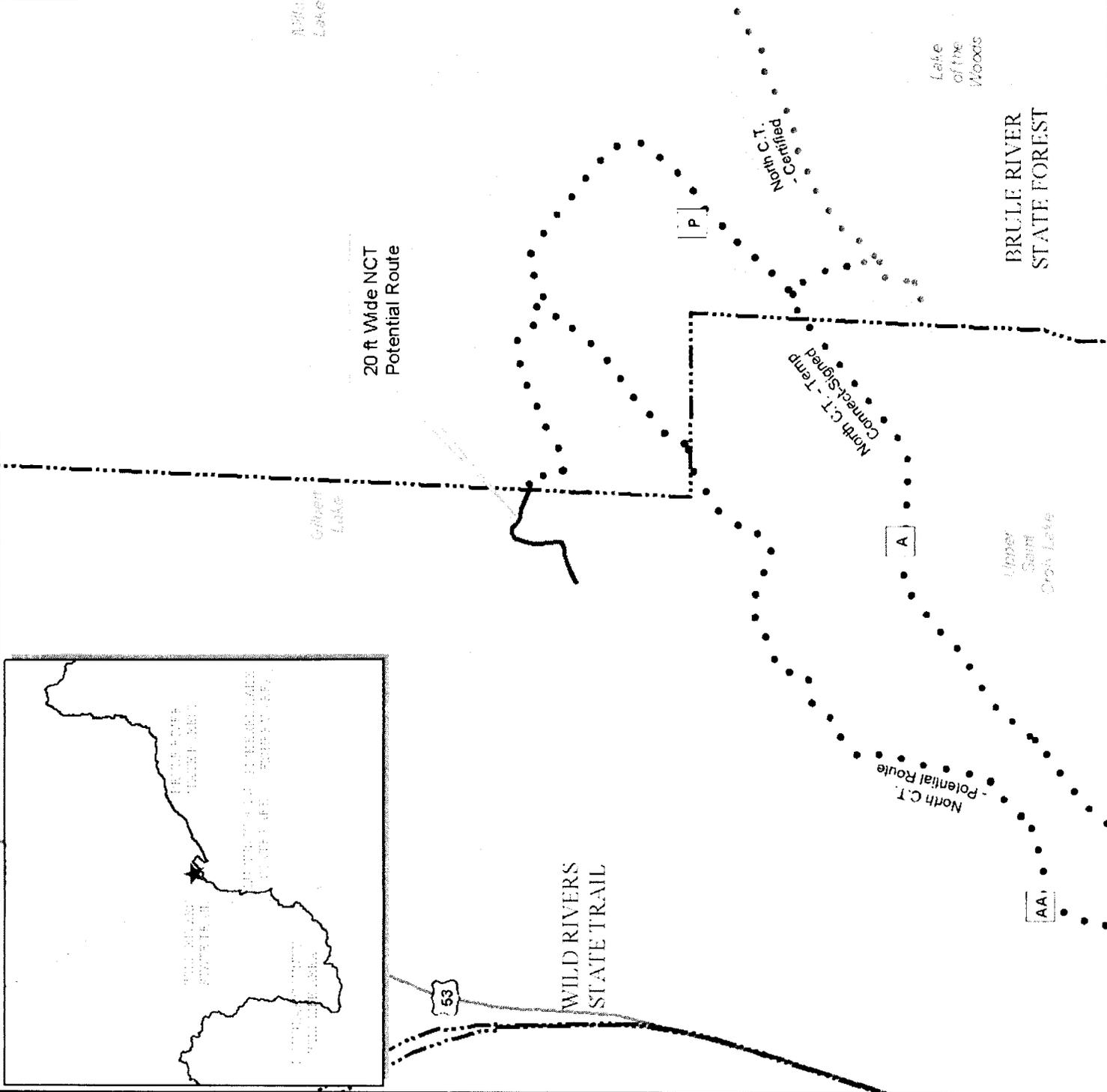
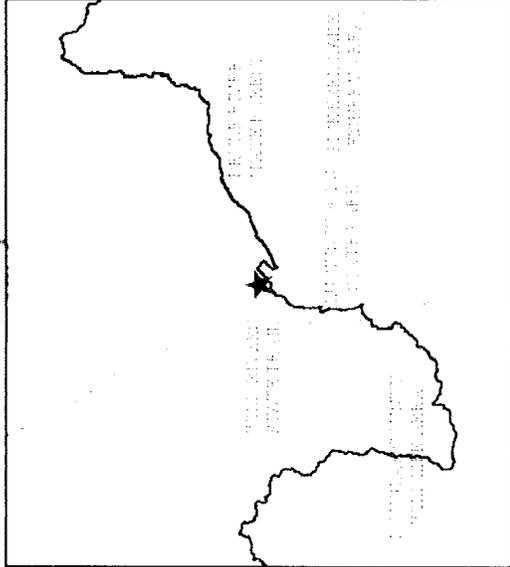
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Bureau of Facilities and Lands

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CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 18, 2008 FILE REF: PR 40006

TO: Natural Resources Board

FROM: Matthew J. Frank

SUBJECT: Proposed Easement on the Village of Solon Springs Tract, File # PR 40006

1. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

North Country National Scenic Trail
Douglas County

Grantor:

Village of Solon Springs
P.O. Box 275
Solon Springs, WI 548736

Acres: 0.6
Price: Gift
Interest: Easement
Improvements: None

Location: The tract is located in Douglas County in the Village of Solon Springs about 10 miles northwest of the City of Solon Springs.

Land Description: The subject land is generally level.

<u>Covertyp</u>	<u>Breakdown:</u>	<u>Type:</u>	<u>Acreage:</u>
		Wooded Uplands	0.6

Zoning: Forestry
Present Use: Vacant
Proposed Use: Resource Protection and Recreation
Tenure: NENE since 1977 and the SENE since 1964
Easement Date: August 12, 2008

Stewardship Land Access: This land will be open for hiking, cross-country skiing, and walking.

JUSTIFICATION:

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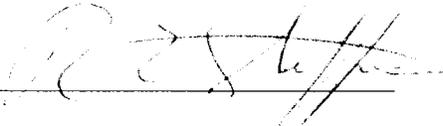
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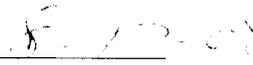
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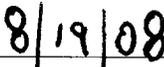
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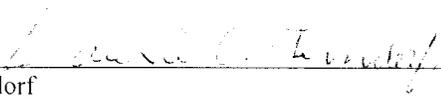
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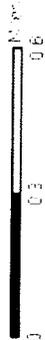


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North Country Trail

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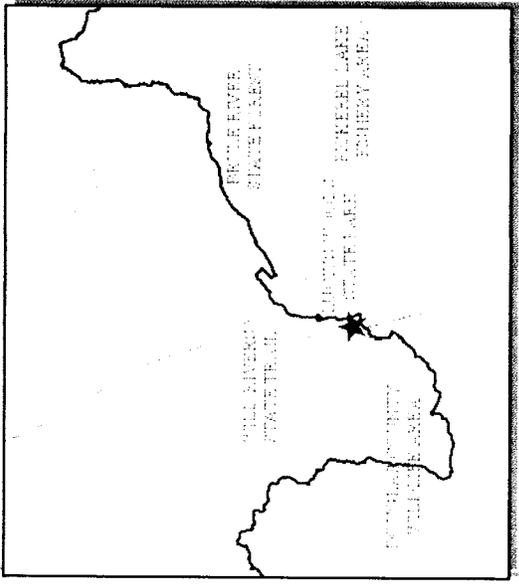
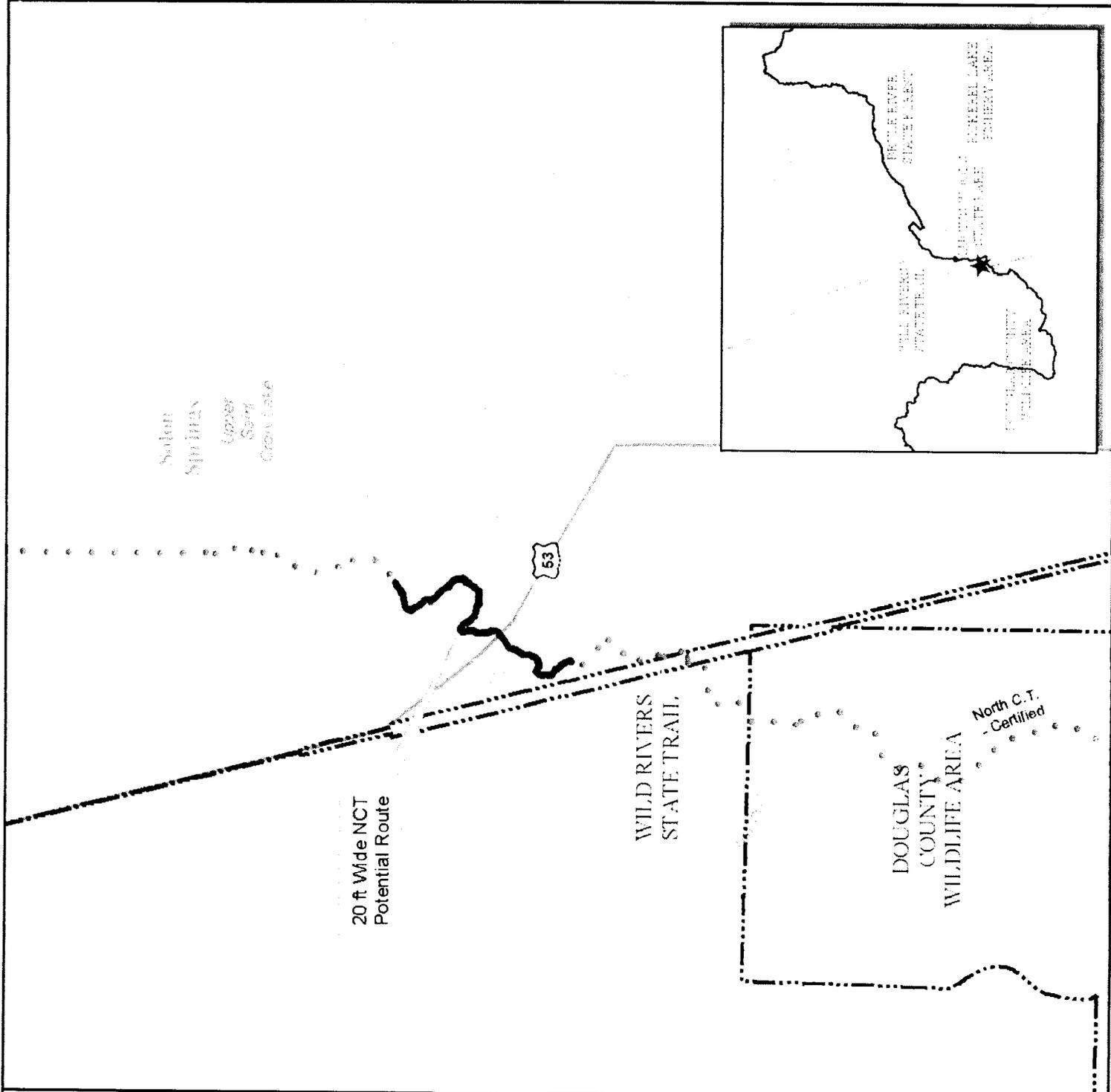
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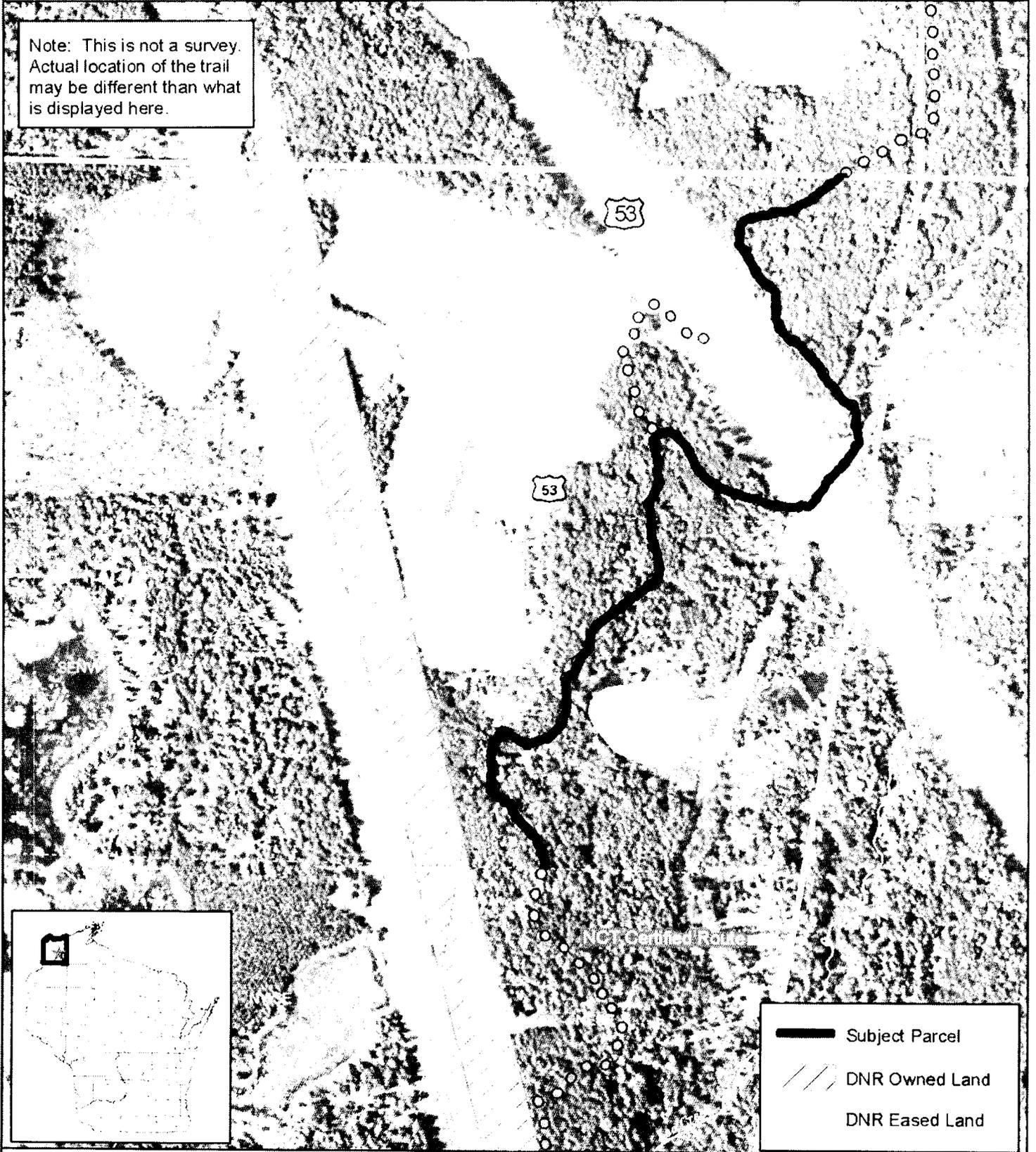
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Village of Solon Springs Property

T 44N, R 12W, Section 2, Village of Solon Springs, Douglas County

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-  Subject Parcel
-  DNR Owned Land
-  DNR Eased Land



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August 12, 2003



CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 26, 2008 FILE REF: PR 40007

TO: Natural Resources Board

FROM: Matthew J. Frank

SUBJECT: Proposed Easement on the Solon Spring Recycling and Solid Waste Department Tract, File # PR 40007

1. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

North Country National Scenic Trail
Douglas County

Grantor:

Solon Springs Recycling and Solid Waste Department
P.O. Box 2273
Solon Springs, WI 54873

Acres: Solon Springs Recycling and Solid Waste Department
Price: Gift
Interest: Easement
Improvements: None

Location: The tract is located in Douglas County in the Village of Solon Springs about 10 miles northwest of the City of Solon Springs.

Land Description: The subject land is generally level.

<u>Covertypes Breakdown:</u>	Type:	Acreage:
	Wooded Uplands	.77

Zoning: Forestry
Present Use: Vacant
Proposed Use: Resource Protection and Recreation
Easement Date: August 18, 2008

Stewardship Land Access: This land will be open for hiking, cross-country skiing, and walking.

2. JUSTIFICATION:

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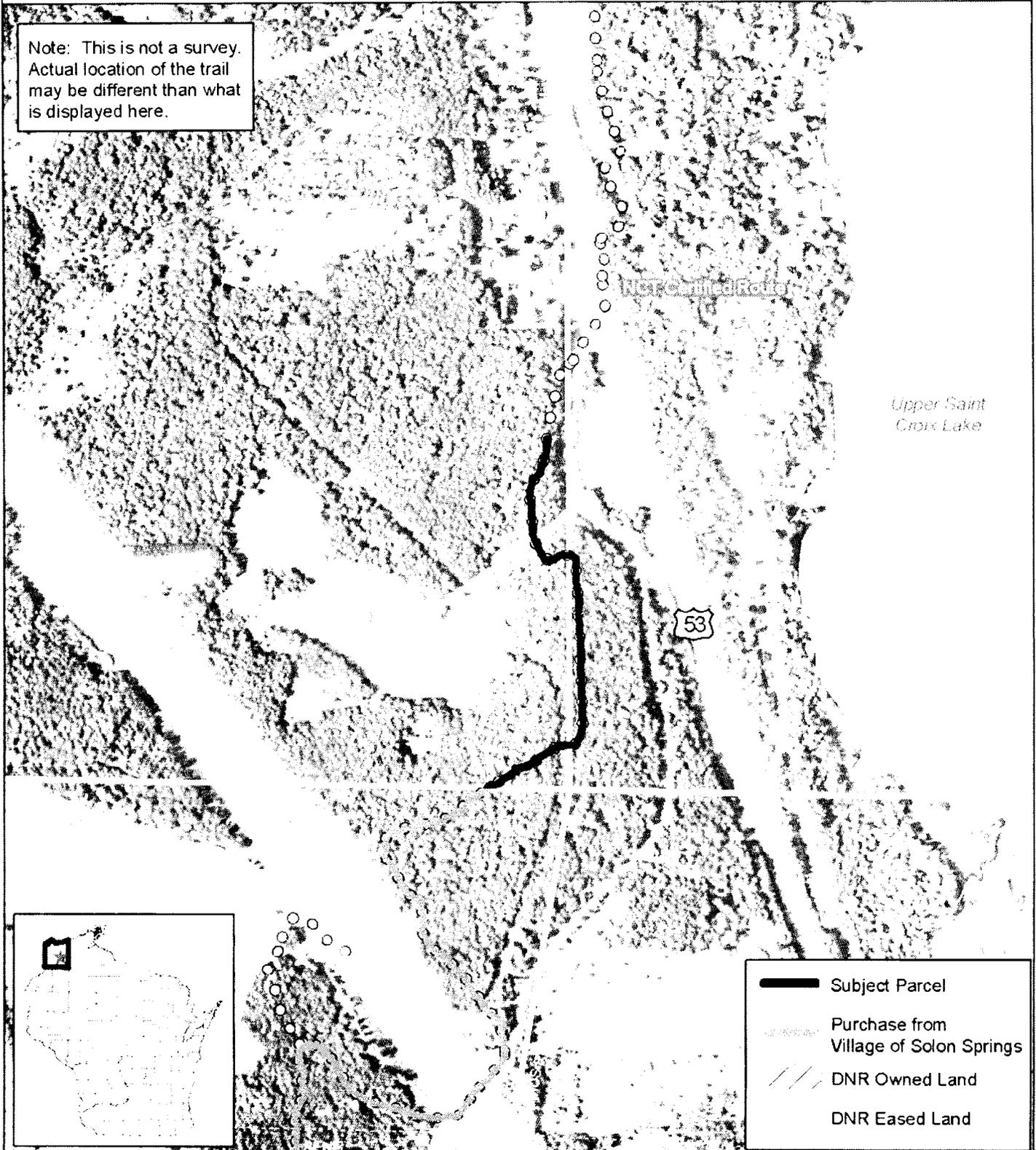
Laurie Osterndorf

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Solon Springs Recycling & Solid Waste Facility Commission Property

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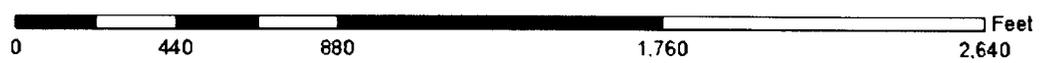
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Upper Saint
Croix Lake

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- Subject Parcel
- Purchase from Village of Solon Springs
- /// DNR Owned Land
- DNR Eased Land



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Real Estate Section
August 26, 2003



Acknowledgment Of Gift

This is to certify that at its September 2008 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of a 0.6-acre easement from the

VILLAGE OF SOLON SPRINGS

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