

SUBJECT: Land Donation & Project Boundary Modification - Green Bay West Shores Wildlife Area - Oconto County
FOR: DECEMBER 2009 BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Richard Steffes

SUMMARY: Charles Fries has offered to donate to the Department 0.98-acre of land for the Green Bay West Shores Wildlife Area in Oconto County. The parcel falls outside the project boundary, however, abuts department land on the north and west sides, and fronts on Green Bay for 100 feet.

The tract is located in Oconto County about 15 miles southwest of the City of Marinette in the Town of Little River. The north side of the Fries' property adjoins department property. County Highway Y forms the west boundary of the property, a privately owned vacant parcel forms the south boundary and the waters of Green Bay forms the east boundary. The coastal marshes along this stretch of the Green Bay shoreline provide important forage and nursery habitat for fish and wildlife species and this addition to state ownership will enhance protection of this habitat. The majority of the parcel is part of a large contiguous wetland, hydrologically connected to Green Bay. Acquisition of this tract would protect fish and wildlife habitat, allow wildlife and fishery management, provide opportunities for public recreation and consolidate state ownership.

The Green Bay West Shores Wildlife Area was established in 1962 and is located on the west shore of the bay, north of the City of Green Bay. The project encompasses selected shorelands and adjacent wetlands along 42 miles of shoreline between the cities of Green Bay and Marinette. The area is used by a variety of wildlife including deer, waterfowl, woodcock, grouse, wading birds, shorebirds, wetland songbirds, and rare wildlife such as the Forster's terns, common terns, and bald eagles. The project is managed primarily for public hunting and waterfowl production. Secondary goals are to provide for fishing, trapping, boating, swimming, camping, and outdoor educational opportunities. Portions of the project are popular for cross-country skiing and snowmobiling.

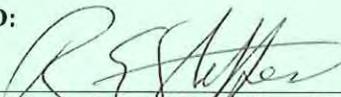
Accepting donation of this parcel will enhance recreational opportunities, improve habitat for fish and wildlife and consolidate state ownership. If this gift is accepted by the Natural Resources Board, the parcel will then be added to the Green Bay West Shores Wildlife Area project boundary.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board accept the donation of 0.98 acres of land for the Green Bay West Shores Wildlife Area, that a certificate of appreciation be sent to the donor and that an expression of appreciation be made a part of the official records of the Natural Resources Board. Additionally, that the Department add the parcel to the project boundary.

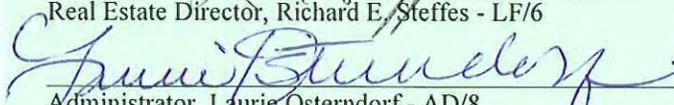
LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

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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 |

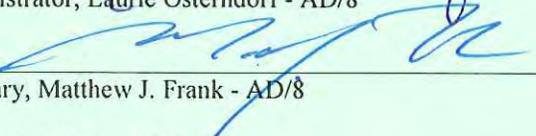
APPROVED:



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



 Administrator, Laurie Osterndorf - AD/8



 Secretary, Matthew J. Frank - AD/8

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 Date

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11/13/09

 Date

- cc: S. Miller - LF/6
 R. Steffes - LF/6
 L. Ross - AD/8
 T. Hauge - WM/6
 R. Kazmierczak - NER/Green Bay

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 6, 2009
 TO: Natural Resources Board
 FROM: Matthew J. Frank
 SUBJECT: Proposed Land Donation, Fries Tract, File # WM 60072

FILE REF: WM 60072

1. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

Green Bay West Shores Wildlife Area
 Oconto County

Grantor:

Charles Fries
 11108 North 92nd Plaza, Apt. 303
 Omaha, NE 68114

Acres: 0.98Price: N/A (Gift)Interest: Fee title gift of landImprovements: None

Location: The tract is located in Oconto County about 15 miles southwest of Marinette in the Town of Little River.

Land Description: The subject land is flat.

<u>Covertypes Breakdown:</u>	<u>Type:</u>	<u>Acreage:</u>
	Wetland	0.98

Zoning: ResidentialPresent Use: VacantProposed Use: Resource protection and public recreationTenure: 33 yearsOption Date: November 3, 2009

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.

2. JUSTIFICATION:

Charles Fries has offered to donate 0.98 acre of land to the Department for the Green Bay West Shores Wildlife Area. The tract, which falls outside the project boundary, is located in Oconto County about 15 miles southwest of the City of Marinette in the Town of Little River. The north side of the Fries' property adjoins department property. County Highway Y forms the west boundary of the property, a privately owned vacant parcel forms the south boundary and the waters of Green Bay forms the east boundary. State land borders the property across Highway Y to the west. The coastal marshes along this stretch of the Green Bay shoreline provide important forage and nursery habitat for fish and wildlife species and this addition to state ownership will enhance protection of this habitat. The majority of the parcel is part of a large contiguous wetland, hydrologically connected to Green Bay. Acquisition of this

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The Department recommends acquisition of this parcel to enhance recreational opportunities, improve habitat for fish and wildlife and consolidate state ownership. If this gift is accepted by the Natural Resources Board, the parcel will then be added to the Green Bay West Shores Wildlife Area project boundary.

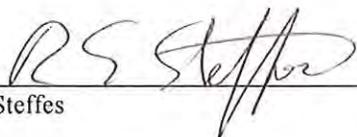
3. FINANCING:

No funding is required for this transaction.

4. ACQUISITION STATUS OF THE GREEN BAY WEST SHORES WILDLIFE AREA:

Established: 1962
Acres Purchased to Date: 8,355.63
Acquisition Goal: 13,933.00
Percent Complete: 59.97%
Cost to Date: \$3,022,657.32

RECOMMENDED:


Richard E. Steffes

11-8-09
Date


Bureau of Legal Services

11/9/09
Date


Laurie Osterndorf

11/10/09
Date

RES:dv

Acknowledgment Of Gift

This is to certify that at its December meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted gift of a 0.98-acre parcel of land in Oconto County for the Green Bay West Shores Wildlife Area from

CHARLES H. FRIES

It is significant that people like you 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 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.

Natural Resources Board

Christine Thomas, CHAIR

Charles Fries Fee Simple

T28N R22E Section 8, Lot 1, Town of Little River, Oconto County, WI (0.98 Acres)



Legend

- State Recreation Trail
- Ice Age Trail
- PLSS Section Line
- PLSS Quarter-Quarter
- DNR Project Boundary
- County Boundary
- DNR Eased
- DNR Owned

Subject Property

WM 60072
 Green Bay West
 Shores Wildlife
 Area

- Fee Simple
- Easement
- Ingress/Egress
- Farmstead
- Public Access

