

**SUBJECT: LAND DONATION - STATEWIDE WILDLIFE HABITAT AREA – CHIPPEWA COUNTY**

**FOR: OCTOBER 2010 BOARD MEETING**

**TO BE PRESENTED BY:** Richard Steffes

**SUMMARY:** The Department proposes to accept a donation of 66.1 acres of land from the Chippewa Valley Chapter of Pheasants Forever, Inc. for the Statewide Wildlife Habitat Area program in Chippewa County.

The former Cherrier farm tract of 66.1 acres is located about a mile southeast of the City of Chippewa Falls in the Village of Lake Hallie. Conservation practices on this land would provide significant year-round habitat for resident avian, terrestrial, and aquatic wildlife species as well as important nesting, brood rearing and stopover habitat for waterfowl. It lies about 500 feet north of a large 1,200-acre wetland complex. The parcel will add a significant upland component and development buffer to the existing public ownership in this wildlife habitat complex known locally as Hallie Marsh. Over 600 acres of wetlands and uplands are already under ownership or easement by public agencies. The acquisition will add over a mile of road access to the public lands in this area that are open to hunting and other recreation. This transaction is known as Cherrier III. Cherrier I was a 76-acre donation from Pheasants Forever that was approved by the NRB in August of 2006 and Cherrier II was a 220-acre donation again from Pheasants Forever that was approved by the NRB in January of 2008. Cherrier I and II lie to the east of the Cherrier III transaction.

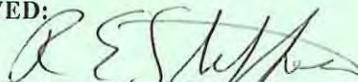
Acceptance of the former Cherrier farm parcel as a donation from the Chippewa Valley Chapter of Pheasants Forever will consolidate ownership, provide additional lands for public recreation and hunting, and protect wildlife habitat.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board accept the donation of 66.1 acres for the Statewide Wildlife Habitat Area, that a certificate of appreciation be sent to Chippewa Valley Chapter of Pheasants Forever, Inc., and that an expression of appreciation be made a 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:**

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

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Administrator, Laurie Osterndorf - AD/8

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Secretary, Matthew J. Frank - AD/8

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- cc: S. Miller – LF/6  
R. Steffes – LF/6  
L. Ross – AD/8  
T. Hauge - WM/6  
S. Humrickhouse – WCR/Eau Claire

## CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 2, 2010 FILE REF: WM 60107

TO: Natural Resources Board

FROM: Matthew J. Frank 

SUBJECT: Proposed Land Donation, Chippewa Valley Chapter of Pheasants Forever Inc. Tract,  
File WM 60107

1. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

Statewide Wildlife Habitat Area  
Chippewa County

Grantor:

Chippewa Valley Chapter of Pheasants Forever, Inc.  
c/o Dave Carlson  
3044 Saturn Avenue  
Eau Claire, WI 54703

Acres: 66.1Price: GiftAppraised Value: \$330,500Interest: Fee Title DonationImprovements: Pheasants Forever is now in the process of removing the buildings.Location: The tract is located in Chippewa County about a mile southeast of the City of Chippewa Falls in the Town of Lake Hallie.Land Description: The subject land is gently rolling.

<u>Covertypes Breakdown:</u>	<u>Type:</u>	<u>Acreage:</u>
	Building Site	5.0
	Urban/Developed	2.0
	Brush	4.0
	Cropland	<u>55.1</u>
	TOTAL:	66.1

Zoning: AgriculturePresent Use: Resource Protection and RecreationProposed Use: Resource Protection and Public RecreationTenure: Since August 9, 2010Agreement Date: July 8, 2010Stewardship 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:

The Department has the opportunity to accept a 66.1-acre donation from the Chippewa Valley Chapter of Pheasants Forever for Statewide Wildlife Habitat Area program in Chippewa County. The former Cherrier farm tract is located about a mile southeast of the City of Chippewa Fall. Conservation practices on this land would provide significant year-round habitat for resident avian, terrestrial, and aquatic wildlife species

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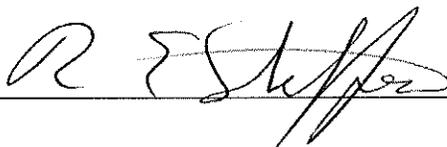
3. FINANCING:

No funding is required for this transaction. The Chippewa Valley Chapter of Pheasants Forever is donating these parcels to the Department. Stewardship grant assistance was through grant number HA2 152 for the former Cherrier farm.

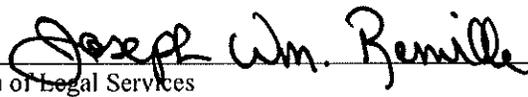
4. ACQUISITION STATUS OF THE STATEWIDE WILDLIFE HABITAT AREA:

Established: 1991  
Acres Purchased to Date: 4,111.54  
Acquisition Goal: 6,000.0 acres  
Percent Complete: 68.53%  
Cost to Date: \$2,489,227.00

RECOMMENDED:

  
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Richard E. Steffes

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Bureau of Legal Services

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Laurie Osterndorf

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## *Acknowledgment Of Gift*

This is to certify that at its October 2010 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted gift of 66.10 acres of land in Chippewa County for the Statewide Wildlife Habitat Area from

### **CHIPPEWA VALLEY CHAPTER OF PHEASANTS FOREVER, INC.**

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 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*

Jonathan P. Ela, CHAIR



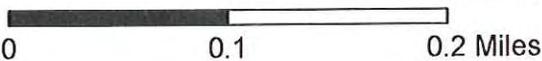
# Pheasants Forever Parcel

T28N R8W Section 16 & 17, Village of Lake Hallie, Chippewa County, WI (66.10 Acres)



### Legend

- - - PLSS Section Line
- PLSS Quarter-Quarter
- ▨ DNR Project Boundary
- ▭ County Boundary
- ▨ DNR Eased
- ▭ DNR Owned



### Subject Property

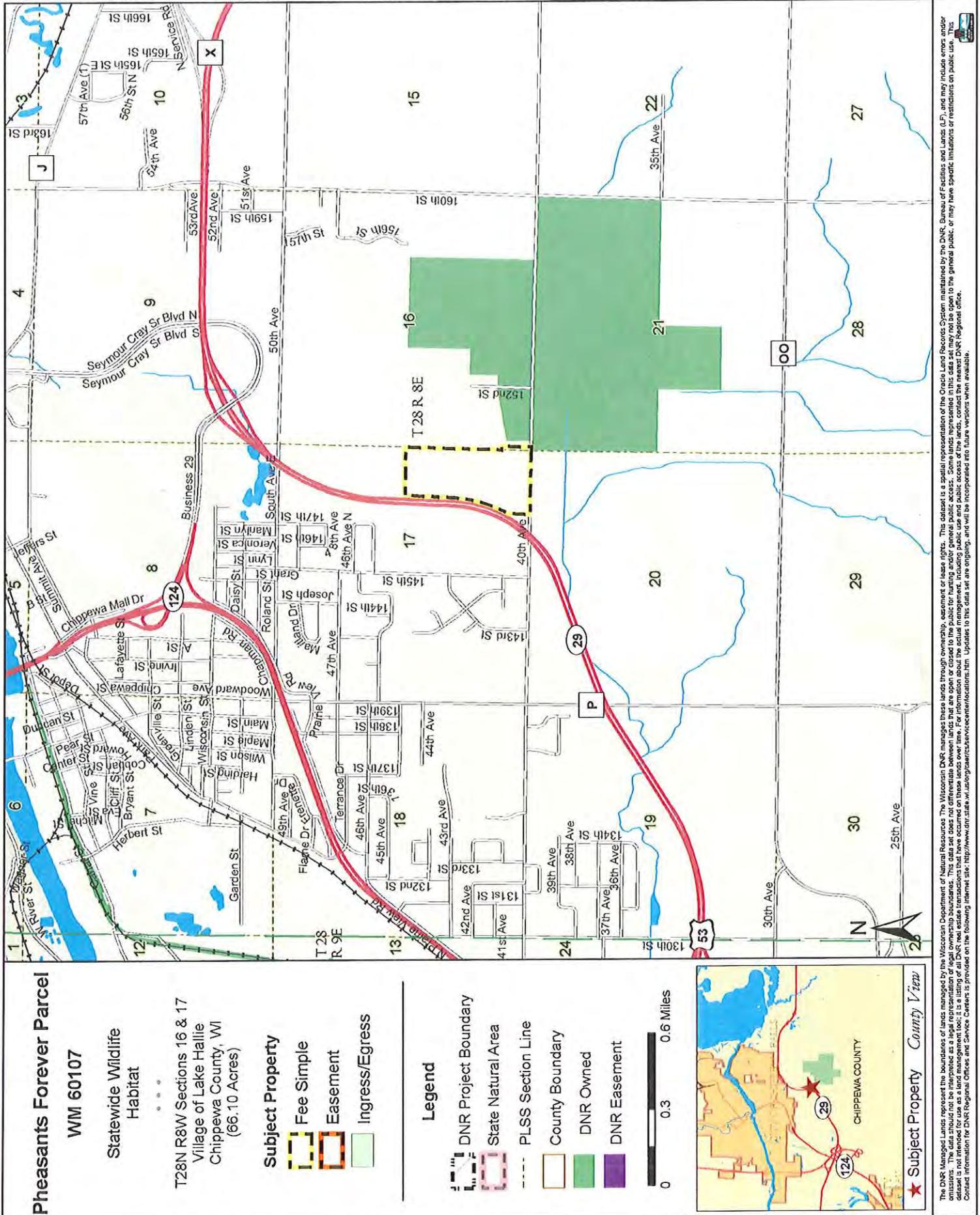
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Statewide Wildlife Habitat

- ▨ Fee Simple
- ▨ Easement
- ▨ Ingress/Egress

State of Wisconsin  
 August 26, 2010  
 Real Estate Section  
 Bureau of Facilities and Lands

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