

**SUBJECT: LAND DONATION – C. D. BESADNY FISH AND WILDLIFE AREA – KEWAUNEE COUNTY**

**FOR: DECEMBER 2009 BOARD MEETING**

**TO BE PRESENTED BY:** Richard Steffes

**SUMMARY:** The representative of the Robert Kaye Estate has offered to donate 3.86 acres of land to the Department for the C. D. Besadny Fish and Wildlife Area in Kewaunee County.

This parcel borders 18.07 acres acquired from the Kaye Estate in January of 2009. The parcel includes two vacant houses and an older set of farm buildings. The 3.86 acres and buildings were not included in the Department's earlier land purchase. The land is located in central Kewaunee County about 16 miles northeast of the City of Green Bay. The property slopes gently toward the river and will improve access to the upper Kewaunee River for anglers, canoeists and department fishery staff for stocking the river. Parking and access to the river in this part of the wildlife area has become difficult due to recent reconstruction of Clyde's Hill Bridge. Acceptance of this site consolidates state ownership in this area of the project.

The C. D. Besadny Fish and Wildlife Area was established by assembling four smaller projects to manage fish and wildlife resources associated with the Kewaunee River. The fishery portion of the project consists of the Kewaunee River, a warm water stream, and Little Scarboro Creek, a Class I brook trout stream with a self-sustaining fishery. The river has native populations of smallmouth bass and northern pike. The Kewaunee River receives seasonal migration of trout and salmon from Lake Michigan. Public recreational fishing pressure becomes very heavy during these seasonal runs. The Department utilizes the fish and wildlife area to house the Besadny Anadromous Fisheries Facility, a key component to maintaining the Lake Michigan fisheries program. The wildlife portion of the project is managed for upland birds, some waterfowl, and whitetail deer. Portions of the property receive annual pheasant stocks. The project receives quite intensive public hunting pressure during the pheasant and gun-deer seasons.

The donated parcel, after site restoration, will block state ownership out to County Road "A" and will provide additional land for conservation purposes.

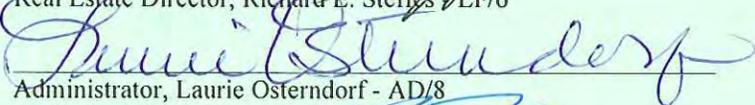
**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board accept the donation of 3.86 acres of land for the C. D. Besadny Fish and Wildlife Area, that a certificate of appreciation be sent to the Robert Kaye Estate and that an expression of appreciation be made a part of the official records of the Natural Resources Board.

**LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:**

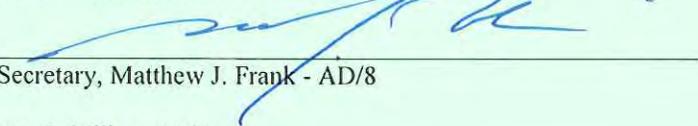
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| No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Fiscal Estimate Required                              | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>            | Attached |
| No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Environmental Assessment of Impact Statement Required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

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

11-4-09  
Date

  
Administrator, Laurie Osterdorf - AD/8

11/10/09  
Date

  
Secretary, Matthew J. Frank - AD/8

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 4, 2009  
 TO: Natural Resources Board  
 FROM: Matthew J. Frank *MJF*  
 SUBJECT: Proposed Gift of Land, Robert Kaye Estate Tract, File # WM 60071

FILE REF: WM 60071

1. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

C. D. Besadny Fish and Wildlife Area  
 Kewaunee County

Grantor:

Robert Kaye Estate  
 c/o Pamela Nuthals  
 E3181 County Highway Road A  
 Kewaunee, WI 54216

Acres: 3.86Price: N/A (Gift)Interest: Fee title donationImprovements: Two houses, barn, shed

Location: The property is located in the Town of Casco in central Kewaunee County about 16 miles northeast of the City of Green Bay.

Land Description: The subject terrain varies from level to rolling.

<u>Covertime Breakdown:</u>	<u>Type:</u>	<u>Acreage:</u>
	Building Site	3.86

Zoning: AgriculturePresent Use: FarmsteadProposed Use: Resource Protection and Public RecreationTenure: 30 yearsProperty Taxes:Option Date: September 8, 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:

The representative of the Robert Kaye Estate has offered to donate 3.86 acres of land to the Department for the C. D. Besadny Fish and Wildlife Area in Kewaunee County. This parcel is to the south of 18.07 acres acquired from the Kaye Estate in January of 2009. The parcel includes two vacant houses and an older set of farm buildings that had been retained by the estate at the time of the January transaction. The land is located in central Kewaunee County about 16 miles northeast of the City of Green Bay. The property slopes gently toward the river and will provide excellent access to the upper Kewaunee River for anglers, canoeists and department staff for stocking the river. Parking and access to the river in this part of the wildlife area has become difficult due to recent reconstruction of Clyde's Hill Bridge. Acceptance of this site consolidates state ownership in this area of the wildlife area.

The C. D. Besadny Fish and Wildlife Area is made up of four smaller projects established in 1957 to manage fish and wildlife resources associated with the Keweenaw River. The fishery portion of the project consists of the Keweenaw River, a warm water stream, and Little Scarboro Creek, a Class I brook trout stream with a self-sustaining fishery. The river has native populations of smallmouth bass and northern pike. The Keweenaw River receives seasonal migration of trout and salmon from Lake Michigan.

The Department utilizes the fish and wildlife area to house the Besadny Anadromous Fisheries Facility, a key component to maintaining the Lake Michigan fisheries program. The wildlife portion of the project is managed for upland birds, some waterfowl, and whitetail deer. Portions of the property receive annual pheasant stocks. The project receives quite intensive public hunting pressure during the pheasant and gun-deer seasons. Lower sections of the Besadny Fish and Wildlife Area in general have excellent access to the Keweenaw River where state and county-owned lands provide ample access to the river including a small boat launch in Footbridge. These areas receive a tremendous amount of access pressure during spring and fall fish runs and during hunting seasons.

The Department recommends acceptance of this 3.86-acre property to help consolidate state ownership, provide opportunities for public recreation, allow wildlife management, and protect the natural resources of the site.

3. FINANCING:

No funds are required to complete this transaction.

4. ACQUISITION STATUS OF THE C. D BESADNY FISH AND WILDLIFE AREA:

Established: 1957  
Acres Purchased to Date: 2,750.16  
Acquisition Goal: 5,032.88  
Percent Complete: 54.64  
Cost to Date: \$1,535,742.48

RECOMMENDED:

  
Richard E. Steffes

11-4-09  
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 2009, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of 3.86 acres land from the

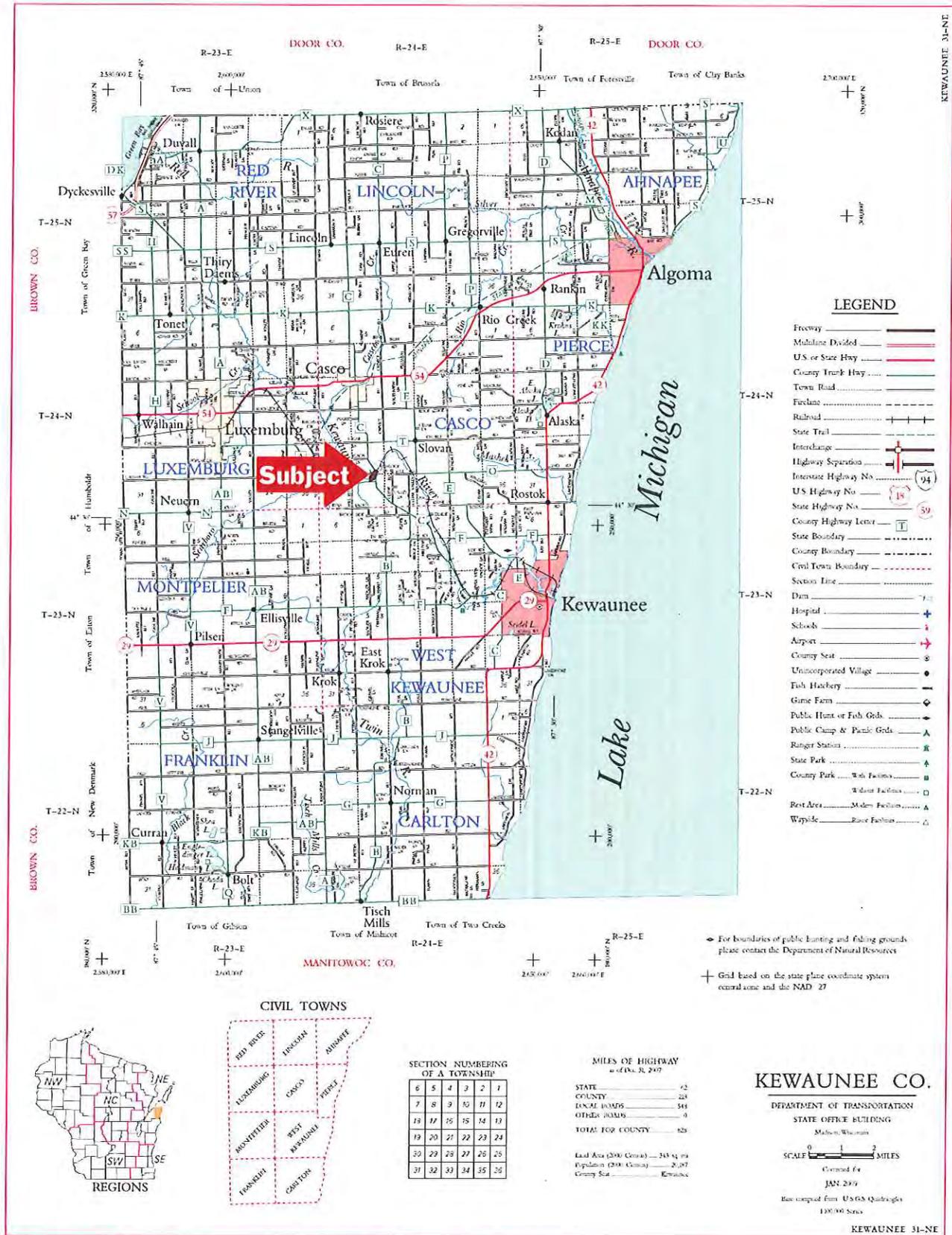
### **ROBERT KAYE ESTATE**

The parcel will be made part of the C. D. Besadny Wildlife Area in Kewaunee County. It is significant that individuals such as yourself 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.

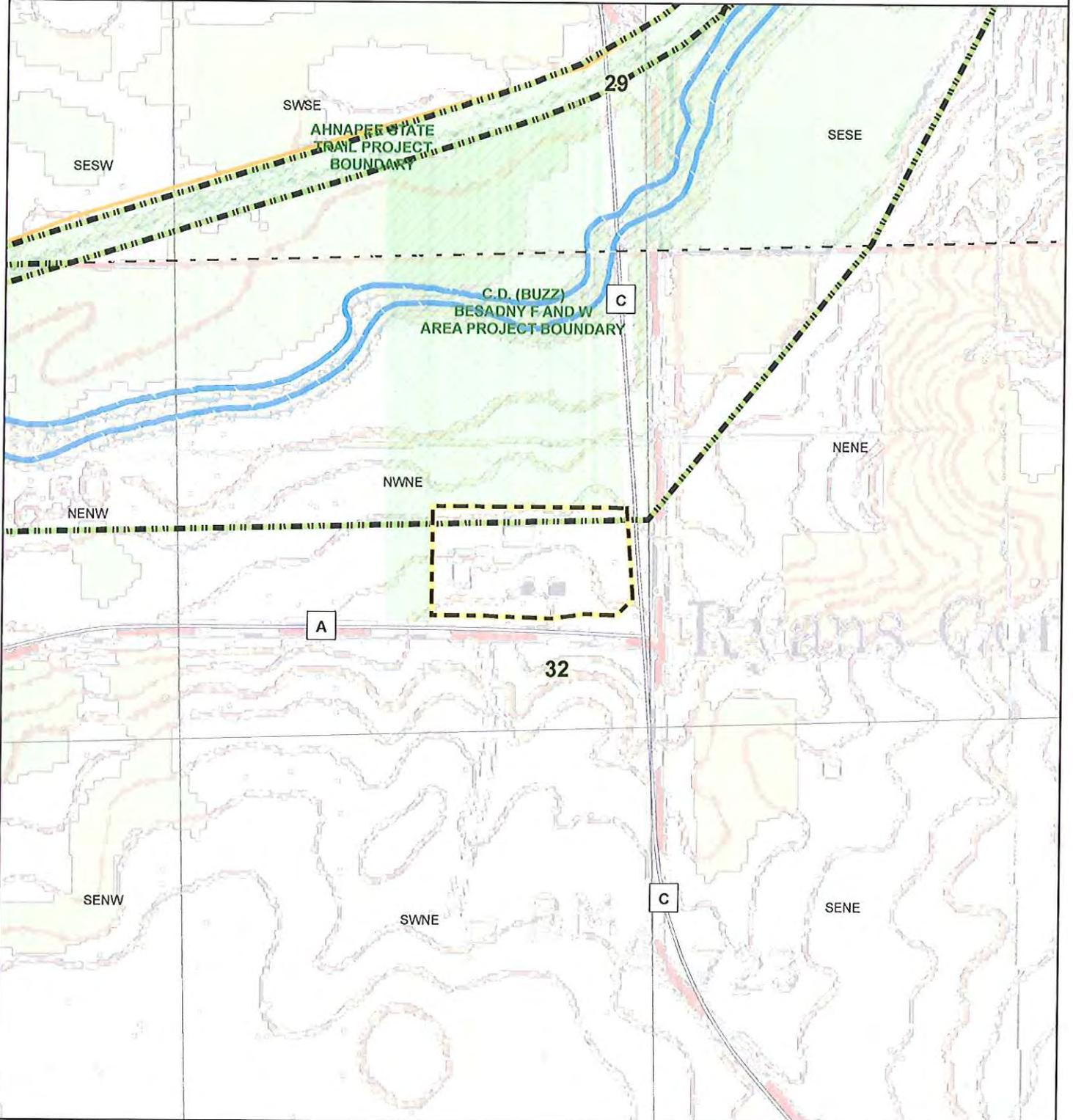
*Natural Resources Board*

Christine L. Thomas, CHAIR



# Robert Kaye Fee Simple

T24N R24E Section 32, Town of Casco, Kewaunee County, WI (3.86 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 60071**  
 C. D. (Buzz)  
 Besadny Fish  
 and Wildlife Area

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

0.0002 Miles



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	PLSS Section
	Project Boundary
	WDNR Owned
	WDNR Easement
	Fee Simple
	State Natural Area



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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES



Bureau of Facilities and Lands  
November 5, 2009

