

SUBJECT: LAND DONATION - STATEWIDE NATURAL AREAS – DOOR COUNTY

FOR: DECEMBER 2010 BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Richard Steffes

SUMMARY: The Department has been offered a 2.0-acre land donation from George London for the North Bay State Natural Areas in Door County. The London parcel is located in the Town of Liberty Grove about five miles east of the Village of Ephraim. The parcel has Department owned lands along south side, and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) on the north and west sides. The Grantor has proposed this donation to the Department. He also has agreed to a sale of another 15-acre parcel with Lake Michigan shoreline in the North Bay State Natural Area to TNC.

The 2.0-acre parcel is forested wetland habitat dominated by white cedar. The parcel has been identified as an "area contributing to the groundwater to the Hine's emerald dragonfly larval habitat". Larval of this federally endangered Hine's emerald dragonfly is found on adjacent, wetland habitat. The third largest known breeding population of the Hine's emerald dragonfly is found at North Bay State Natural Area.

Ownership will protect the natural values of the site, allow for natural area management, protect endangered resources habitat, and protect the site from development.

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The Department recommends acceptance of the 2.0-acre London property to compliment adjacent protected lands, protect and restore natural values of this site, and provide access for scientific, educational, and non-intensive recreational use.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board accept the donation of 2.0-acre of land for the Statewide Natural Areas program, 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.

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

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| 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 |

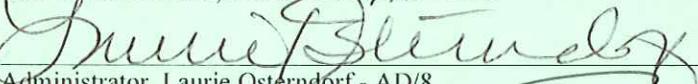
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Real Estate Director, Richard E. Steffes - LF/6

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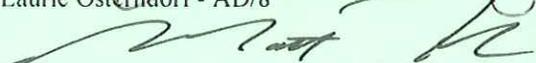
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Administrator, Laurie Osterndorf - AD/8

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Date



Secretary, Matthew J. Frank - AD/8

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- cc: S. Miller – LF/6 C. Thompson – ER/6
 R. Steffes – LF/6 R. Kazmierczak – NER/Green Bay
 L. Ross – AD/8

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 3, 2010
TO: Natural Resources Board
FROM: Matthew J. Frank
SUBJECT: Proposed Land Donation, George London Tract, File # NA 20057

FILE REF: NA 20057

1. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

Statewide Natural Area
Door County

Grantor:

Dr. George London
1341 Park Avenue
River Forest, IL 60305

Acres: 2.0
Price: \$0 (Gift)
Appraised Value: Not appraised; assessed value: \$7,000
Interest: Fee Title Donation
Improvements: None

Location: The tract is located in Door County five miles east of the Village of Ephraim.

Land Description: The subject land is level woodland.

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Zoning: Single Family Residential
Present Use: Vacant Lot
Proposed Use: Resource Protection and Public Outdoor Recreation
Tenure: 26 years
Option Date: October 2, 2010

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 Department has been offered a 2.0-acre donation from George London for the North Bay State Natural Area in Door County. The London parcel is located in the Town of Liberty Grove about five miles east of the Village of Ephraim. The parcel falls outside the project boundary, but if acquired, the boundary will be expanded to include the subject. The parcel has department-owned lands along south side, and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) on the north and west sides. The Grantor has proposed this donation to the Department in conjunction with the sale of another 15-acre parcel with Lake Michigan shoreline in the North Bay State Natural Area to TNC.



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Ownership will protect the natural values of the site, to allow for natural area management, to protect some endangered resources habitat, and to protect the site from development incompatible with the goals of the Natural Area program, protect the natural values of the site for future generations, allow natural area management, prevent incompatible development within the project boundary, and provide opportunities for public recreation and natural area research and education.

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North Bay is also an important spawning area for a majority of Lake Michigan's whitefish population. Of the estimated 1.2 to 1.5 million whitefish, approximately 1.1 million spawn in the waters between North Bay and Moonlight Bay in Door County. Outlet streams also provide important habitat for numerous game fish species including northern pike, yellow perch, smallmouth bass, trout, and chinook salmon. Six species of rare or uncommon birds use this area for nesting and foraging including the bald eagle and osprey. This site also provides critical habitat for a wide diversity of migratory and nesting waterfowl including bufflehead, redhead, hooded mergansers, and northern pintail and the area is one of the few known nesting sites in Wisconsin of common goldeneye. A wide variety of shorebirds are also known to use the area. The Door County Land Trust is also a land-holding partner at North Bay. The site was designated a State Natural Area in 2002.

The Department recommends acceptance of the 2.0-acre London property to compliment adjacent protected lands, protect and restore natural values of this site, and provide access for scientific, educational, and non-intensive recreational use.

3. FINANCING:

No funding is required for this transaction.

4. ACQUISITION STATUS OF THE STATEWIDE NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM:

Established: 1972

Acres Purchased to Date: 46,131.05

Acquisition Goal: 41,000.0 Acres

Percent Complete: 112.51%

Cost to Date: \$27,153,808.30

RECOMMENDED:

Richard E. Steffes
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11-3-10
Date

Joseph Wm. Renville
Bureau of Legal Services

11-4-10
Date

Laurie Osterndorf
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11/10/10
Date

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Acknowledgment of Gift

This is to certify that at its December 2010 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of 2.0 acres of land in Door County for the North Bay State Natural Area, in Door County

DR. GEORGE Y. LONDON

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

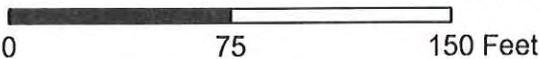
George London Parcel

T31N R28E Section 22, Town of Liberty Grove, Door County, WI (2.00 Acres)



Legend

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



Subject Property

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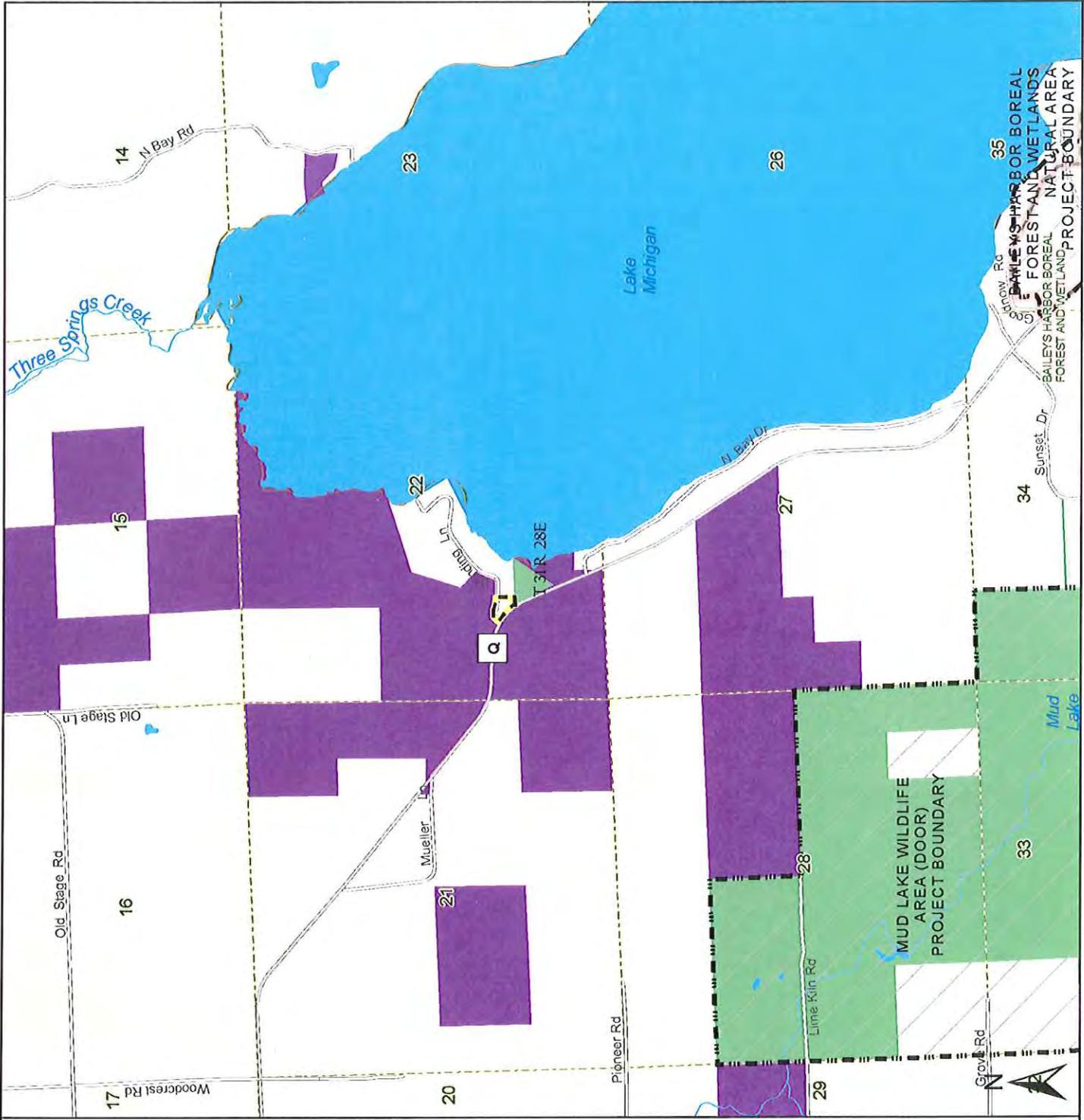
Statewide Natural Area

- Fee Simple
- Easement
- Ingress/Egress

State of Wisconsin

Nov. 2, 2010
Real Estate Section
Bureau of Facilities and Lands

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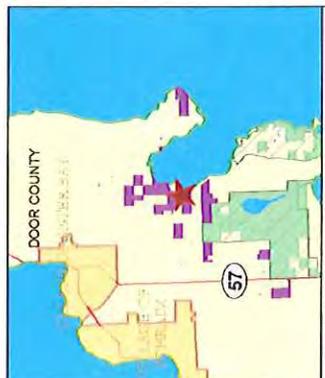
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★ Subject Property County View

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