

**SUBJECT: LAND DONATION - STATEWIDE WILDLIFE HABITAT PROGRAM – DUNN COUNTY**

**FOR: FEBRUARY 2010 BOARD MEETING**

**TO BE PRESENTED BY:** Richard Steffes

**SUMMARY:** Keith Sand has offered to donate 2.5 acres of land for the Statewide Wildlife Habitat Program in Dunn County.

Acceptance of this gift will help consolidate the property boundary on the south end of the existing state ownership bringing the new southeast corner to the section corner. The cover consists primarily of bottomland hardwoods. There is no road frontage on this property and the only means of access requires crossing existing state-owned lands or private lands. Acceptance of this gift will eliminate a small land-locked parcel on the south end of the wildlife area, which will consolidate state ownership and decrease the potential for trespass onto this property.

Established in 1991, the Statewide Wildlife Habitat Area program acquires, protects, and develops important habitat for pheasants, waterfowl, and other species. Additionally, the criteria-based program provides opportunities for public recreation such as hunting, hiking, and bird watching. Specifically, the Eau Galle River State Wildlife Area was purchased under the authority of the Statewide Wildlife Habitat program protecting more than a mile of frontage on each side of the Eau Galle River.

The donation will provide land for public outdoor recreation.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board accept the donation of 2.5 acres of land for the Statewide Wildlife Habitat 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.

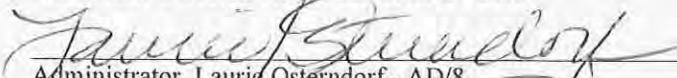
**LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:**

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| No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 |

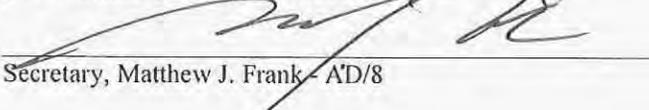
**APPROVED:**

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

1-20-10  
Date

  
Administrator, Laurie Osterndorf - AD/8

1/23/10  
Date

  
Secretary, Matthew J. Frank - AD/8

2-3-10  
Date

- 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: January 19, 2010  
 TO: Natural Resources Board  
 FROM: Matthew J. Frank  
 SUBJECT: Proposed Land Donation, Sand Tract, File # WM 60077

FILE REF: WM 60077

1. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

Statewide Wildlife Habitat Program  
 Dunn County

Grantor:

Keith Sand  
 N1295 County Road D  
 Elmwood, WI 54740

Acres: 2.5Price: GiftInterest: Fee title interestImprovements: NoneLocation: The tract is located in Dunn County about five miles northwest of Eau Galle.Land Description: The subject land is primarily level lowland.

<u>Covertypes Breakdown:</u>	Type:	Acreage:
	Lowland Woodland	2.5

Present Use: RecreationProposed Use: Resource protection and public recreationTenure: 29 yearsOption Date: January 6, 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:

Keith Sand has offered to donate 2.5 acres of land at the south end of the Eau Galle River State Wildlife Area to the Department for the Statewide Wildlife Habitat program. Acceptance of this gift will help consolidate the property boundary on the south end of the existing state ownership bringing the new southeast corner to the section corner. The cover consists primarily of bottomland hardwoods. There is no road frontage on this property and the only means of access requires crossing existing state-owned lands or private lands. The Department recommends acceptance of this gift to eliminate a small land-locked parcel on the south end of the wildlife area, which will consolidate state ownership and decrease the potential for trespass onto this property.

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provides opportunities for public recreation such as hunting, hiking, and bird watching. Specifically, the Eau Galle River State Wildlife Area was purchased under the authority of the Statewide Wildlife Habitat program protecting more than a mile of frontage on each side of the Eau Galle River.

The Department recommends acceptance of this donation to consolidate state ownership, protect and enhance wildlife habitat for a variety of species and will provide additional opportunities for public hunting and recreation.

3. FINANCING:

No funding is required for this transaction.

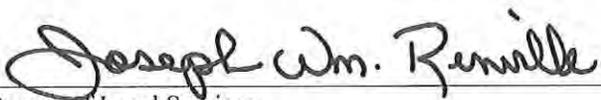
4. ACQUISITION STATUS OF THE STATEWIDE WILDLIFE HABITAT:

Established: 1991  
Acres Purchased to Date: 3,849.04  
Acquisition Goal: 6,000 acres  
Percent Complete: 64.15%  
Cost to Date: \$2,488,385.00

RECOMMENDED:

  
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Richard E. Steffes

1-20-10  
Date

  
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Bureau of Legal Services

1/21/10  
Date

  
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Laurie Osterndorf

1/22/10  
Date

RES:dv

## *Acknowledgment Of Gift*

This is to certify that at its February 2010 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of 2.5 acres of land in Dunn County for the Statewide Wildlife Habitat Area program from

**KEITH M. SAND**

It is significant that 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.

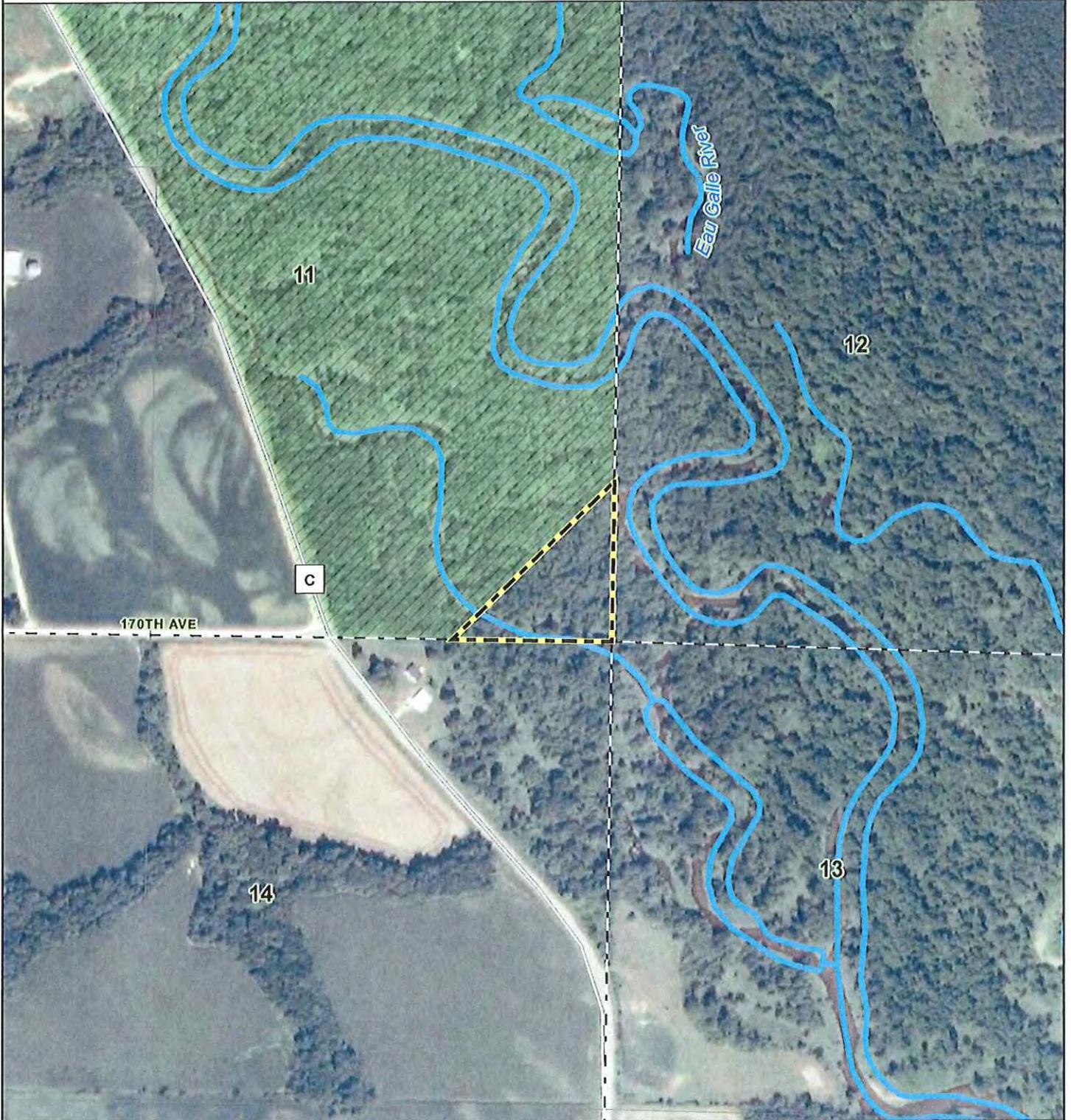
*Natural Resources Board*

Jonathan P. Ela, CHAIR



# Keith Sand Parcel

T26N R14W Section 11, Dunn County, WI (2.50 Acres)



## Legend

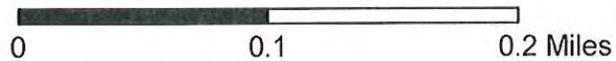
- - - PLSS Section Line
- PLSS Quarter-Quarter
- DNR Project Boundary
- County Boundary
- DNR Eased
- DNR Owned

## Subject Property

WM 60077

Statewide Wildlife Habitat

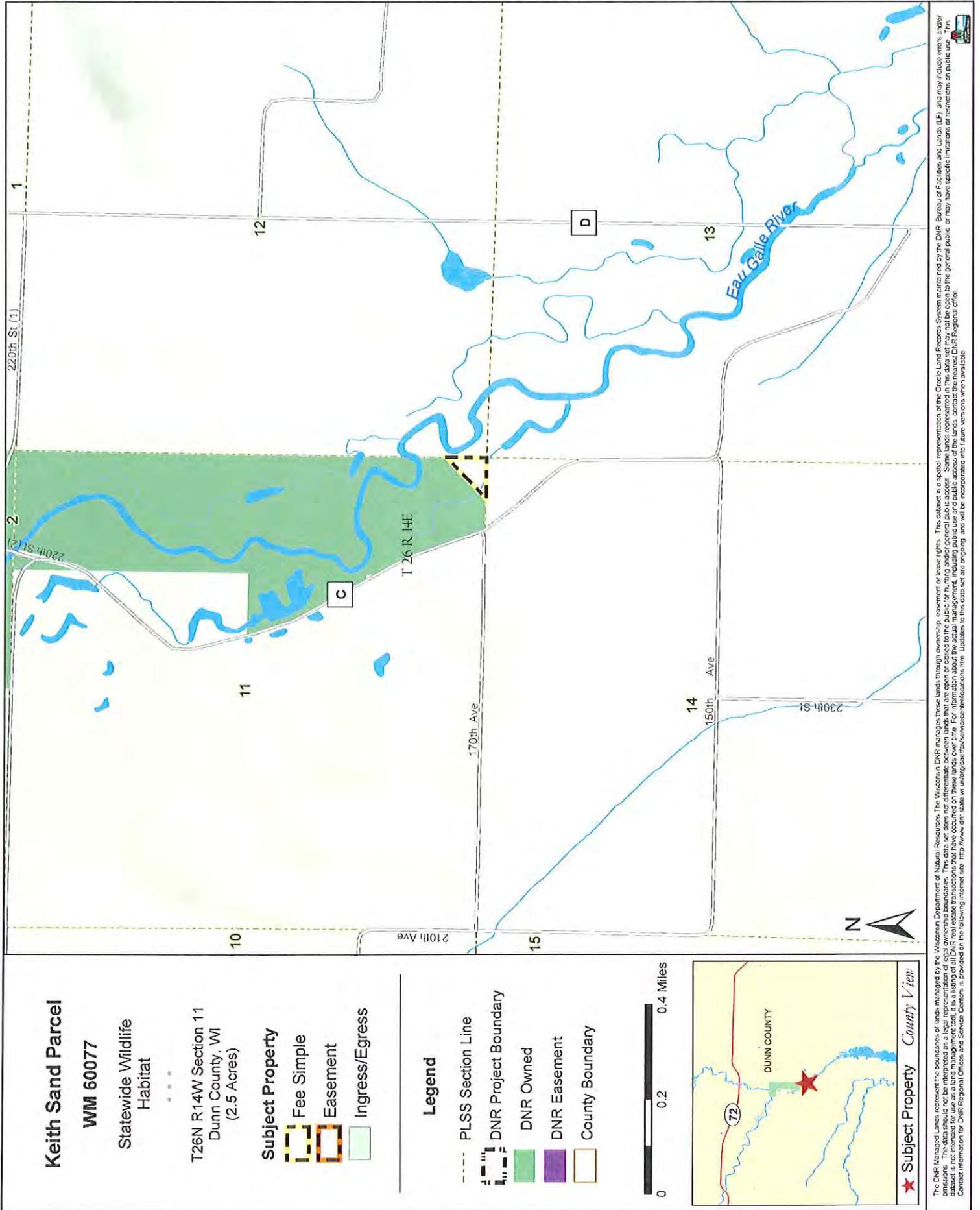
- Fee Simple
- Easement
- Ingress/Egress



State of Wisconsin

January 19, 2010  
Real Estate Section  
Bureau of Facilities and Lands

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