

SUBJECT: LAND DONATION AND PROJECT BOUNDARY MODIFICATION - WILLOW CREEK FISHERY AREA- WAUSHARA COUNTY

FOR: FEBRUARY 2012 BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Richard Steffes

SUMMARY: Gohlke Realty, Inc has offered to donate 5.47 acres of land for the Willow Creek Fishery Area in Waushara County to the Department.

This 5.47 acre wooded parcel is located in the Village of Redgranite 8 miles east of Wautoma abutting the Willow Creek Fishery Area in Waushara County. Currently, the Department has approximately 380 acres of fee and easement ownership in this area. Access is limited with one parking area, one creek access from County Road E and one 33 foot strip of land on a dead end village road. Gaining ownership to this subject land would allow creation of an additional parking area improving access to department lands.

Willow Creek Fishery Area and three tributaries: Rattlesnake, Bruce and Cedar Spring Creeks, are quality trout waters generally, crystal clear. Vegetation cover is lowland brush and swamp hardwoods with some upland forests and grasslands. The unique mix of woods, water and fields provides prime habitat for a variety of game and non-game species.

Acceptance of this parcel would improve public access to Department owned land for public recreation.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board accept the donation of land for the Willow Creek Fishery Area program and that the project boundary be expanded to include this parcel; 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:

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

1-23-12
Date

Kurt Thiede
Administrator, Kurt Thiede - AD/8

1-24-12
Date

Cathy Stepp
Secretary, Cathy Stepp - AD/8

2-1-12
Date

- cc: S. Miller - LF/6
 R. Steffes - LF/6
 L. Ross - AD/5
 M. Staggs - FH/4
 J. Romback-Bartels - NOR/Green Bay

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 23, 2012
 TO: Natural Resources Board
 FROM: Cathy Stepp
 SUBJECT: Proposed Land Donation, Gohlke Realty, Inc
 Tract, File # FM 10142

FILE REF: FM 10142

1. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

Willow Creek Fishery Area
 Waushara County

Grantor:

Gohlke Realty, Inc.
 c/o Lawrence Gohlke
 PO Box 120
 Neshkoro, WI 54960

Acres: 5.47Price: GiftAppraised Value: n/aInterest: Fee TitleImprovements: NoneLocation: The tract is located in Redgranite about eight miles east of Wautoma.Land Description: The subject land is fairly level.Covertypes Breakdown:

Type	Acreage
Upland Woodland	5.47

Total: 5.47

Zoning: ResidentialPresent Use: Proposed residential developmentProposed Use: Outdoor public recreation; improved accessTenure: 11 yearsLetter of Intent: November 29, 2011

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:

This 5.47 acre wooded parcel is located in the Village of Redgranite 8 miles east of Wautoma. The parcel abuts the Willow Creek Fishery Area boundary. Currently, the Department has approximately 380 acres of

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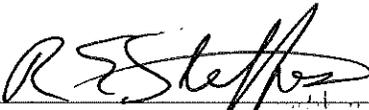
3. FINANCING:

No funding is required for this transaction.

4. ACQUISITION STATUS OF THE WILLOW CREEK FISHERY AREA:

Established: 1953
Acres Purchased to Date: 2,263.22
Acquisition Goal: 2,006.91
Percent Complete: 112.77 %
Cost to Date: \$798,775.48

RECOMMENDED:



Richard E. Steffes, Real Estate Director

1-23-12
Date



Kristin A. Hess, Bureau of Legal Services

1/24/12
Date



Kurt Thiede, Land Division Administrator

1/24/12
Date

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Acknowledgment Of Gift

This is to certify that at its February 2012 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted gift of 5.47 acres of land in Waushara County for the Willow Creek Fishery Area from

Gohlke Realty, 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

David Clausen, CHAIR

**Gohlke Realty, Inc.-
Fee/Gift**

*Willow Creek Fishery
Area*

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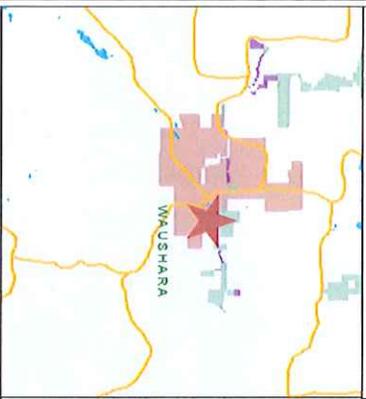
**T18N R12E Sec8
Town of Redgranite
Waushara County
5.47 acres**

 **Subject Parcel**

-  WDNR Owned
-  WDNR Easement
-  DNR Project Boundary
-  Recreation
-  Trail
-  PLSS Section Line
-  QA Section Boundary

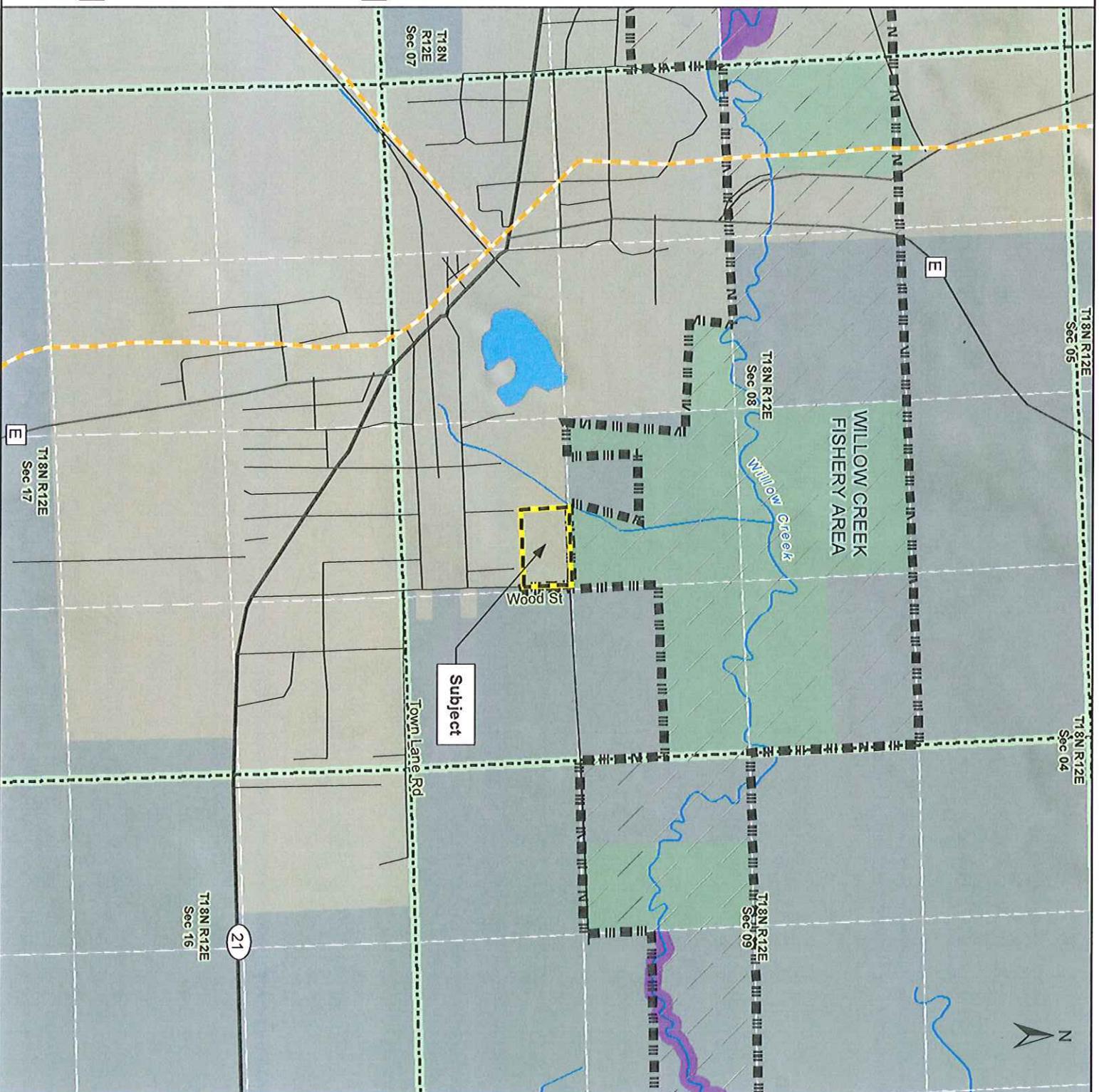


County View



 **Location of Property**


WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT
OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Bureau of Facilities of Lands
Map Created: Jan 17, 2012 kmh



Gohlke Realty, Inc. - Fee/Gift

T18N R12E Sec 8, Town of Redgranite, Waushara County



**Willow Creek
Fishery Area**

 Subject Parcel

 DNR Owned

 DNR Project Boundary

 Section Line

 QQ Section Lines





 Jan 17, 2012 kmh
 Real Estate Section
 Bureau of Facilities and Lands