

**SUBJECT: LAND DONATION AND PROJECT BOUNDARY MODIFICATION - WHITE RIVER MARSH  
WILDLIFE AREA- WAUSHARA COUNTY**

**FOR: JANUARY 2012 BOARD MEETING**

**TO BE PRESENTED BY:** Richard Steffes

**SUMMARY:** Victor Wrigley has offered to donate 10 acres of land to the Department for the White River Marsh Wildlife Area in Waushara County. The land is part of a large ridge that extends onto adjoining state owned land in the project. It is bounded by a county road to the west.

The White River Marsh Wildlife Area has approximately 12,000 acres and is located in east-central Wisconsin 75 miles north of Madison and 25 miles west from the Fox River Valley. The property is a major wildlife management project that is managed for wildlife, fishery and recreation uses such as cross-country skiing, wildlife viewing, hiking, hunting, trapping and fishing. The project includes the largest state-owned wetland in the area. Migrant waterfowl migrations including geese and sandhill cranes are a major attraction. The property is heavily used by local residents and visitors from the Fox Valley, Milwaukee and Madison areas.

Acceptance of this gift would add excellent upland oak habitat that provides good wild turkey and deer hunting opportunities. The parcel blocks well with the current ownership which includes wetlands restoration and water level manipulation in the impoundments, upland dry prairie restoration and oak savannah restoration.

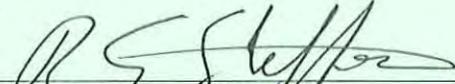
As a hunter, Mr. Wrigley supports the management and hunting activity on the adjacent state ownership and desired to contribute toward that value.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board accept the donation of 10 acres of land to be included in the White River Marsh Wildlife Area project boundary, 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.

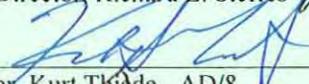
**LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:**

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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 |

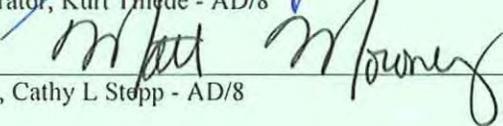
**APPROVED:**

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

12-9-11  
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Administrator, Kurt Thiede - AD/8

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Secretary, Cathy L Stepp - AD/8

12-22-11  
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- cc: S. Miller – LF/6  
 R. Steffes – LF/6  
 L. Ross – AD/8  
 T. Hauge - WM/6  
 J. Romback Bartels – NOR/Green Bay



**CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM**

DATE: December 9, 2011  
 TO: Natural Resources Board  
 FROM: Cathy L Stepp  
 SUBJECT: Proposed Land Donation, Victor K. Wrigley Tract, File # WM 60157

FILE REF: WM 60157

1. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

White River Marsh Wildlife Area  
 Waushara County

Grantor:

Victor Wrigley  
 1700 W Bender Rd Apt 322  
 Glendale, WI 53209

Acres: 10  
Price: Gift  
Appraised Value: n/a

Interest: Fee Simple  
Improvements: None

Location: The tract is located in south central Waushara County 4 miles southwest of Redgranite.  
Land Description: The subject land is wooded and part of a ridge of land.

Covertypes Breakdown:

Type	Acreage
Upland Woodland	10

Total: 10

Zoning: Rural Residential  
Present Use: Recreational  
Proposed Use: Public Outdoor Recreation and Wildlife Management  
Tenure: 24 years  
Agreement Date: n/a (gift)

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:

Victor Wrigley has offered to donate 10 acres of land for the White River Marsh Wildlife Area in Waushara County to the Department. The land is part of a large ridge that extends onto the adjoining state owned land in the White River Marsh Wildlife Area. It has county road to the west, private lands to the north and east and State owned lands to the south..



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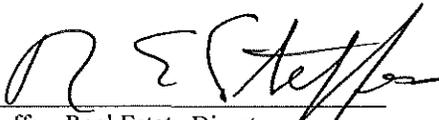
3. FINANCING:

No funding is required for this transaction.

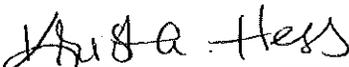
4. ACQUISITION STATUS OF THE WHITE RIVER MARSH WILDLIFE AREA:

Established: 1962  
Acres Purchased to Date: 12,407.38  
Acquisition Goal: 16,557.00  
Percent Complete: 74.94 %  
Cost to Date: \$2,792,961.68

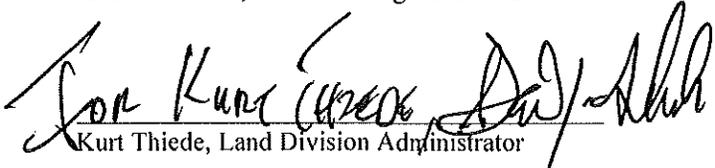
RECOMMENDED:

  
Richard E. Steffes, Real Estate Director

12-9-11  
Date

  
Kristin A. Hess, Bureau of Legal Services

12/12/11  
Date

  
Kurt Thiede, Land Division Administrator

1/4/12  
Date

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## *Acknowledgment Of Gift*

This is to certify that at its January 2012 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted gift of 10 acres of land in Waushara County for the White River Marsh Wildlife Area from

**Victor K. Wrigley**

It is significant that individuals such as 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*

David Clausen, CHAIR



# Victor Wrigley - Gift

White River Marsh  
Wildlife Area

WM 60157

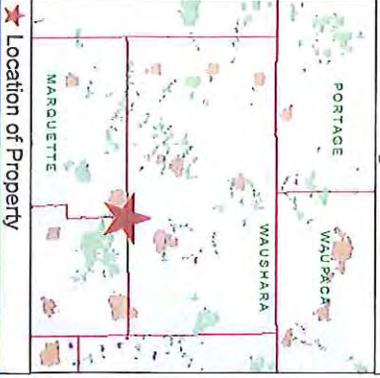
T18N R11E Sec 35  
Town of Marion  
Waushara County  
10 acres

 Subject Parcel

-  DNR Project Boundary
-  WDNR Owned
-  State Natural Area
-  PLSS Section Line
-  QQ Section Boundary

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Feet

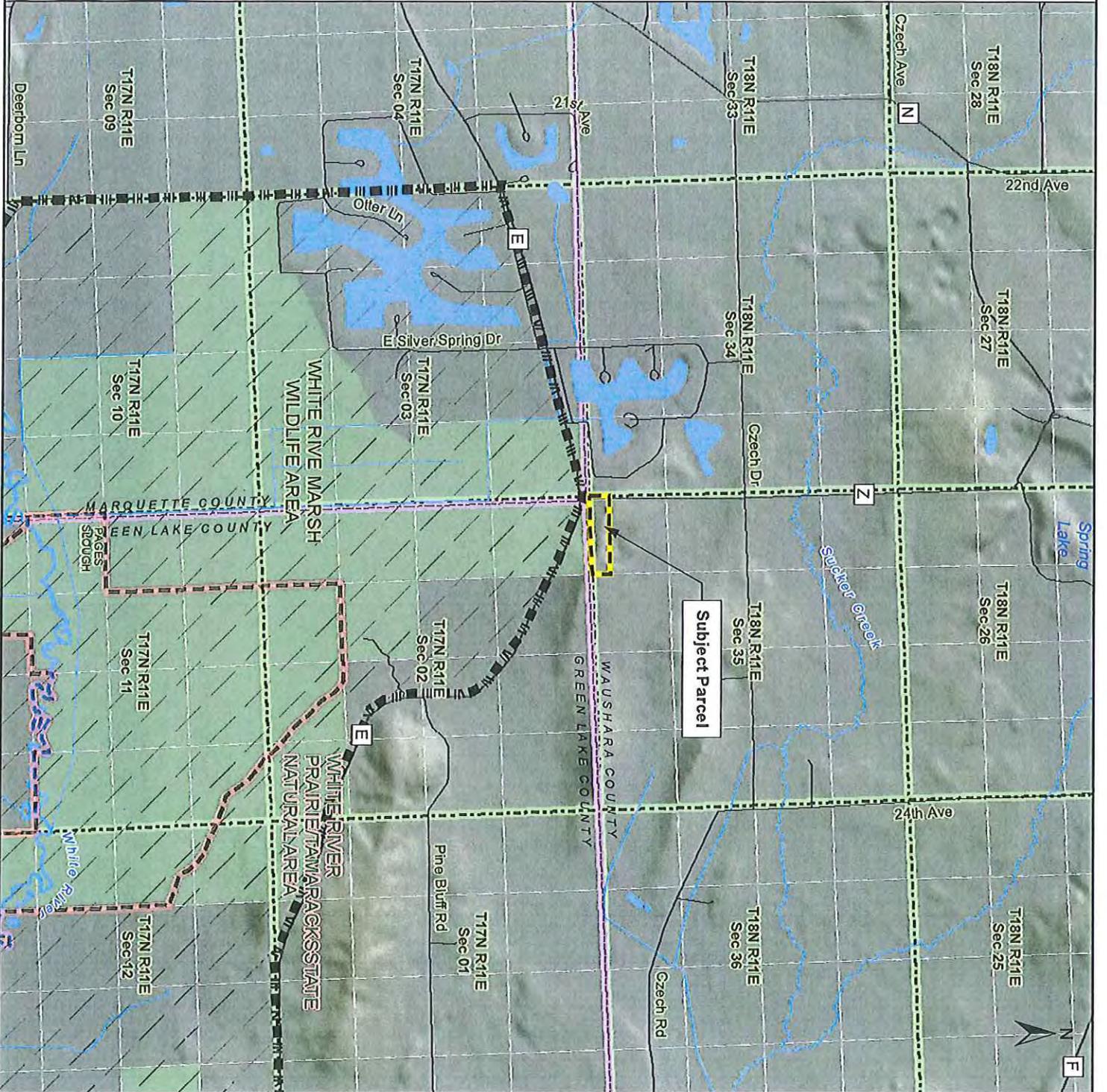
Waushara County View



★ Location of Property



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT  
OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
Bureau of Facilities of Lands  
Map Created: Dec 09, 2011 kmh



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T18N R11E Sec 35, Town of Marion, Waushara County



**White River Marsh  
Wildlife Area**

 Subject Parcel

 DNR Owned

 DNR Project Boundary

 Section Line

 QQ Section Lines



Dec 06, 2011 kmh  
 Real Estate Section  
 Bureau of Facilities and Lands