

File# FI 1112 B – Shawano County - 41.9 Acres

The Department purchased this property in 1973 for \$1688. There is approximately 3576 feet of two-bank frontage on the West Branch Red River, a class one trout stream. Recent fish surveys indicate this is a high quality stream supporting above average trout populations. The fisheries program has identified the Northeast area of Wisconsin for focused streambank easement acquisition. A large part of this area is located in Shawano County where access is very limited on trout streams. The West Branch Red River is one of the proposed "eligible" streams for easement acquisition.

The Department has invested in survey and property posting work. The property had a timber sale and habitat improvement for oak and aspen with buffers along the shore of the river.

This is one of the only trout streams on state lands in Shawano County. There is very little open hunting land or County land in Shawano County, outside of Navarino Wildlife Area. Bear, turkey, grouse, woodcock, squirrel and deer hunting are recreational activities that would

be impacted with the sale of this parcel. Fishing access on trout streams is also very limited in Shawano County. The county has over 400+ miles of trout water and less than 1% of the riparian area (streambank frontage) has public access.

The Department recommends retaining this parcel.

