

Parent File FI 1535/Sale File FM 10381 – Shawano County 9.89 Acres

The Department was gifted this parcel in 1981. The parcel is part of the Statewide Habitat Areas project and is located in the Town of Washington in Shawano County. It was the intention of the donor that the parcel be preserved in a natural condition. The parcel has approximately 590 feet of two-bank frontage on an unnamed creek that runs through the southeast portion of the parcel.

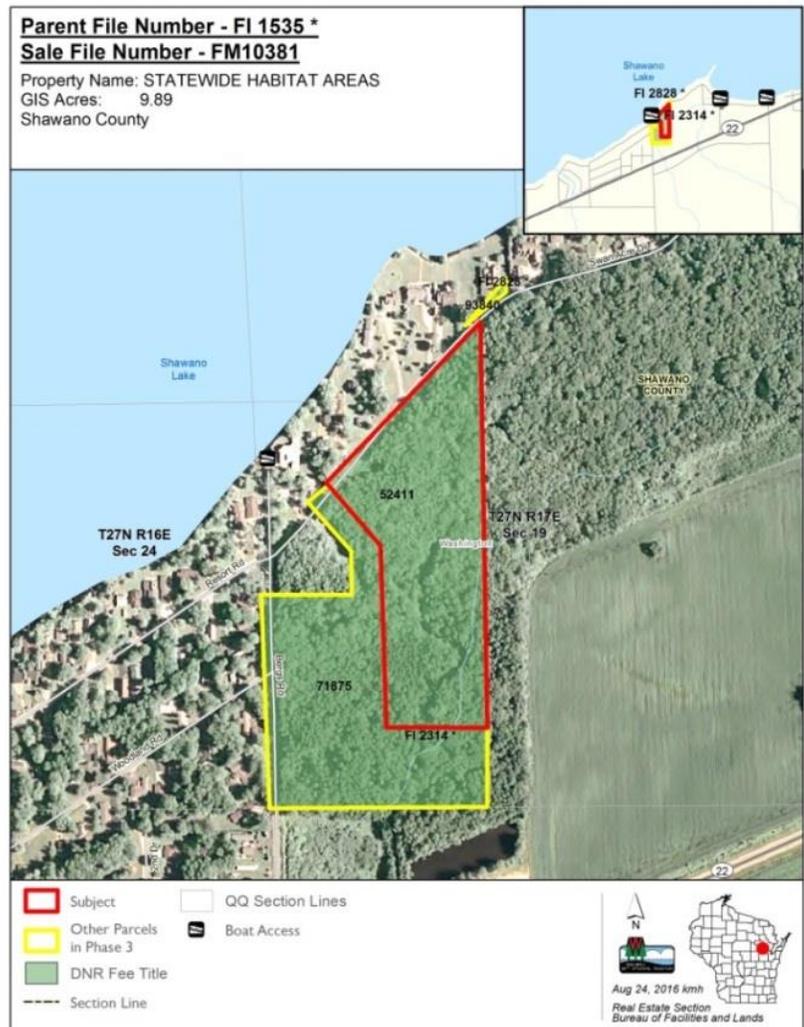
This is one of three adjacent parcels that total 21 acres. This parcel complements other land acquisitions on Shawano Lake that were acquired with the intent to preserve natural shoreline and habitat associated with fish spawning. The subject parcel is located very close to Shawano Lake with two direct water connections to the lake that provide passage for northern pike to access spawning habitat. In addition, Aspen is regenerating on the parcel, creating prime habitat for the American woodcock, a species of greatest conservation need listed in the Wildlife Action Plan.

The parcel is accessible to the public via Swan Acre Drive which runs along the northwest boundary of the parcel and through the adjacent state land parcel on Bergs Road.

Except for boundary inspections and postings, the Department has not made significant investments in infrastructure or habitat improvements,

The parcel shows evidence of public recreational use for hunting, hiking, and wildlife viewing. There are walking trails on the parcel that show high public use.

The Department recommends that the Natural Resources Board offer this land for sale under the authority granted by s. 23.145 Wis. Stats., and the land be only offered to Village of Cecil, Town of Washington or Shawano County, subject to deed restrictions for development as well as requiring the land be open to the general public for all five NBOA's in perpetuity.



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