

File# FI 1559 - Langlade County - 25.4 acres

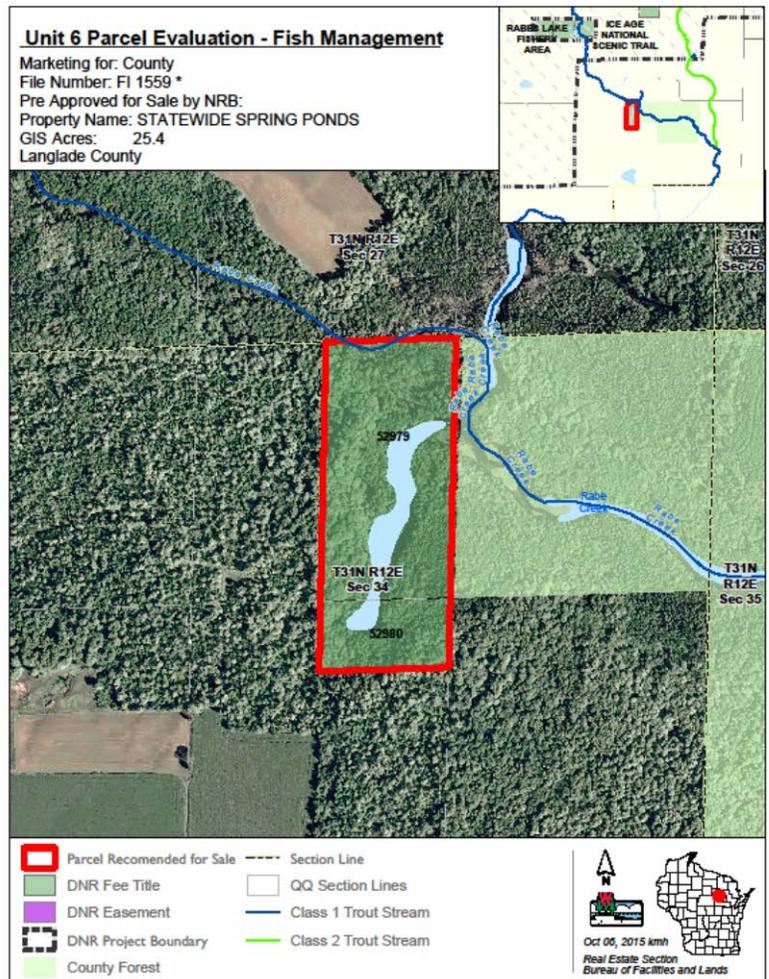
The Department acquired this property for \$32,500.00 in 1981. This property has a 4-acre spring pond as well as a portion of Rabe Creek, a class one trout stream intersecting on north end of the parcel. The Department has made substantial investment in the spring pond on this property, for maintenance, dredging and habitat improvement projects.

Langlade County is known worldwide as having the largest concentration of spring ponds. As such Trout anglers travel from great distances to fish the spring ponds of Langlade County and to experience the unique and special recreational opportunities they offer.

Spring ponds are paramount headwater resources that are key cold water contributors and are vitally important for trout spawning, rearing and nursery habitats. Spring ponds and their outlet creeks are class 1 naturally reproducing brook and sometimes brown and rainbow trout waters. These exceptional and outstanding resource waters are cold water habitats where stream trout can reach their full growth potential and provide quality angling experiences. Spring ponds have a long standing and highly active management program going back to 1961 where a total of 54 ponds have been dredged and improved for trout habitat.

The public can access the parcel through adjacent County forest land and by crossing Rabe Creek. Current public use of the parcel includes fishing, hunting, wildlife viewing and access to the spring pond.

The Department recommends retaining this parcel.



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