

File FI 1645– Langlade County 128.83 Acres

The Department acquired this parcel for \$48,750 in 1983.

This parcel is a part of the Statewide Spring Ponds project and is located in the Town of Wolf River, approximately one mile south of the Village of White Lake in Langlade County. It was acquired for the Statewide Spring Ponds project. The parcel has approximately 7,280 feet of two-bank frontage along Spring Creek, a Class I trout stream, and approximately 1,080 feet of two-bank frontage along an unnamed Spring Creek tributary.

It has Natural Heritage Inventory (NHI) hits for Northern Mesic Forest, Stream--Fast, Hard, Cold, Elktoe, and Wood Turtle. The creek, associated springs and spring ponds are all Class I trout water with naturally reproducing brook and brown trout populations. Spring Creek is an important coldwater tributary to the Wolf River, providing significant thermal refuge as well as spawning and nursery habitat for trout from the Wolf River in addition to its resident population of trout.

Since the parcel is passively managed, the Department has not made significant investments in infrastructure or habitat improvements. However, Spring Creek habitat improvement projects have been completed downstream of the parcel.

This parcel can be accessed by the public through open Managed Forest Lands (MFL) lands to the east. The Department has a verbal agreement with adjacent landowners for management access.

There appears to be encroachments by a neighbor's farming practices along the western boundary.

The Department recommends retaining this parcel.

