

File# FI 2628 – Sawyer County - 226 acres

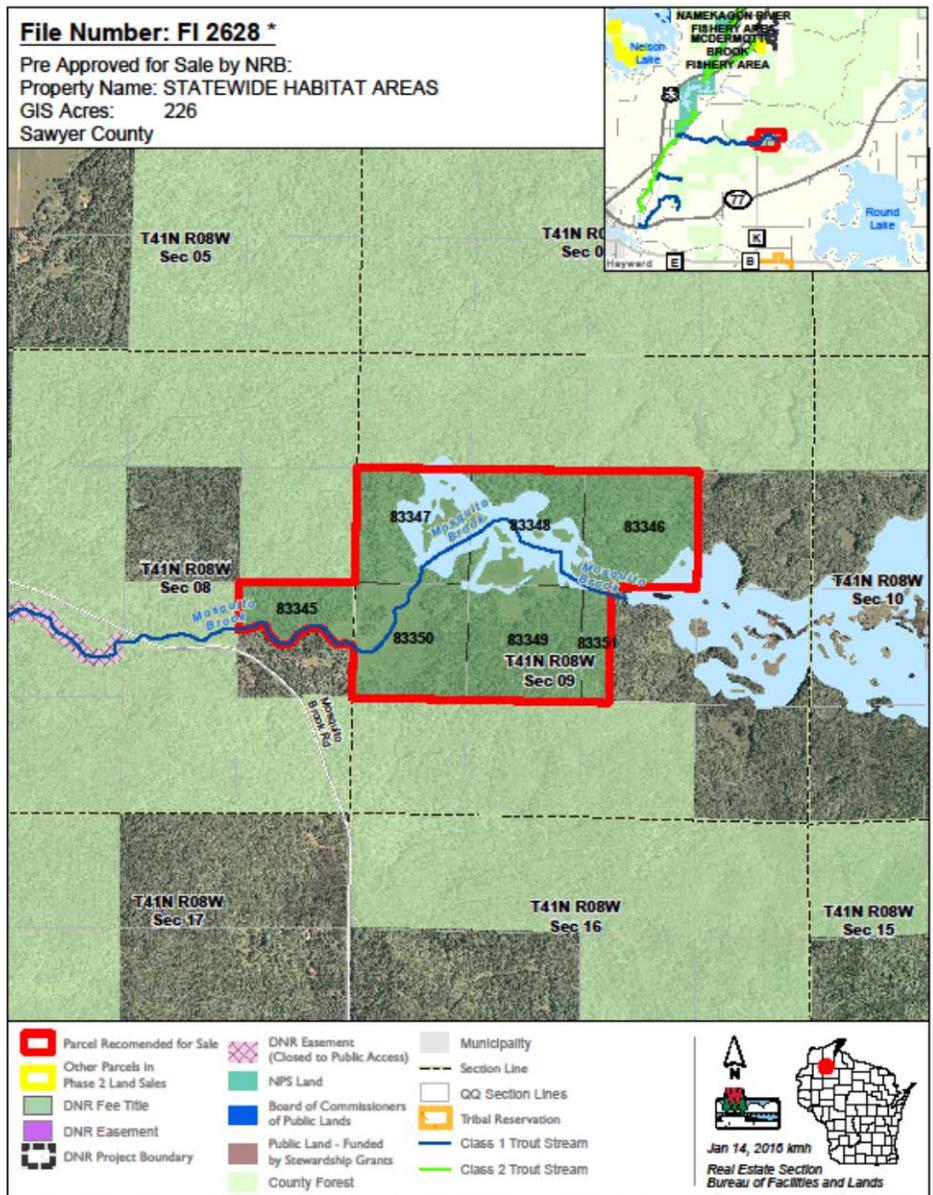
The Department acquired this property for \$154,000 in 1999. The property has approximately 1,455 feet of one bank frontage and approximately 8,912 feet of two bank frontage on Mosquito Brook, a class one trout stream.

The Department has made investments in the property including mowing and brushing of existing trail system, parking areas and trailheads. Infrastructure improvements include a walking bridge that was installed in 2007 to connect a looped rail around the wetland at a cost of approximately \$20,000.

The parcel is close to town and is a popular recreation area. While there is only a minimal amount of fishing on Mosquito Brook flowage and the portion of Mosquito Brook within this parcel, the trails receive a significant amount of hunting pressure.

The property is only accessible through adjacent County forest lands, or through the brook. The property does serve as a link between the main road and extensive County forest lands to the north and south.

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 Sawyer County for inclusion in the Sawyer County Forest, subject to restrictions to protect the stream and ensure the land will remain open to the general public for all five NBOA's.



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