

File FI 2738 - Dane County 2.58 Acres

The Department acquired this property through a land exchange in 2003 to manage as part of a larger adjoining parcel to the South. It is a part of the Statewide Habitat Areas project and is located in the Town of Westport in Dane County.

The parcel is included in the Six Mile Creek Statewide Fisheries Habitat Area which represents one of the last, large wetland complexes bordering the northern edge of Lake Mendota. The creek serves as a valuable migratory corridor for game fish and non-game warm to cool water forage species to migrate from the lake to Six Mile Creek to spawn. This parcel contains approximately 585 feet of one bank frontage on Six Mile Creek

The Department and partners have made investments in the greater parcel including building and maintaining trails through the parcel and a prairie restoration. The Department and partners have also built an impoundment on the greater parcel to raise northern pike fingerlings for direct release into Sixmile creek and Lake Mendota.

The public can access this parcel from the larger Department owned parcel to the south. The Department is recommending to retain that parcel as well. The greater parcel is heavily used by hikers and the trails on the parcel that link it to Governor Nelson State Park. It is also used for small game, deer and waterfowl hunters in the fall.

The Department recommends retaining this parcel.

