

File FI 2850– Sheboygan County 42.03 Acres

The Department acquired this parcel for \$104,000 in 2006. The parcel is located in the Town of Scott, approximately six miles northwest of the Village of Random Lake. It was acquired for the Statewide New Hatcheries project to add to the existing Kettle Moraine Springs Fish Hatchery for protection of groundwater related to the hatchery and provide public recreation.

There is a deed restriction on the parcel that the Department agrees not to transfer right, title or interest in the property herein described without the prior written approval of the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, designee, or any successor and the United States of America, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The public can access this parcel from County Highway SS. The parcel has approximately 3,780 feet of two-bank frontage along Melius Creek and approximately 100 feet of two-bank frontage along an unnamed tributary. Melius Creek is a Class II trout stream in a county where classified trout waters are not common.

Since the parcel is passively managed, the Department has not invested in infrastructure or habitat improvements on the property. However, the parcel is critical for the Kettle Moraine Springs Hatchery renovation that is scheduled for 2018. After renovation, the hatchery intends to discharge to Melius Creek.

This parcel is the only hatchery parcel in the state open for public use and is a popular area with for deer hunting. Thinning of the timber is scheduled for 2022 and 2027.

The Department recommends retaining this parcel.

