

File FI 694– Waupaca County 18.97 Acres

The Department acquired this parcel for \$1,800 in 1968 for the Whitcomb Creek Remnant program. This parcel is located along Pagel Road in the Town of Helvetia, Waupaca County approximately four miles northeast of the Village of Iola.

The parcel has approximately 2,340 feet of two-bank frontage along Whitcomb Creek along with a high amount of springs and smaller tributaries throughout. There is an unnamed stream on the parcel that is currently an unclassified cold water trout stream, but the property manager is working on getting the stream classified as a Class 1 trout stream. The index of biotic integrity score (100) ranked this stream with excellent environmental quality.

Because the parcel is passively managed, the Department has not made significant investments in infrastructure or habitat improvements. However, there is substantial public use, particularly hunting and trapping, that occurs on this parcel. Future timber harvests are scheduled.

Less than 3% of the lands in Waupaca County are open to public hunting, so demand for open lands is high.

The Department recommends retaining this parcel.

