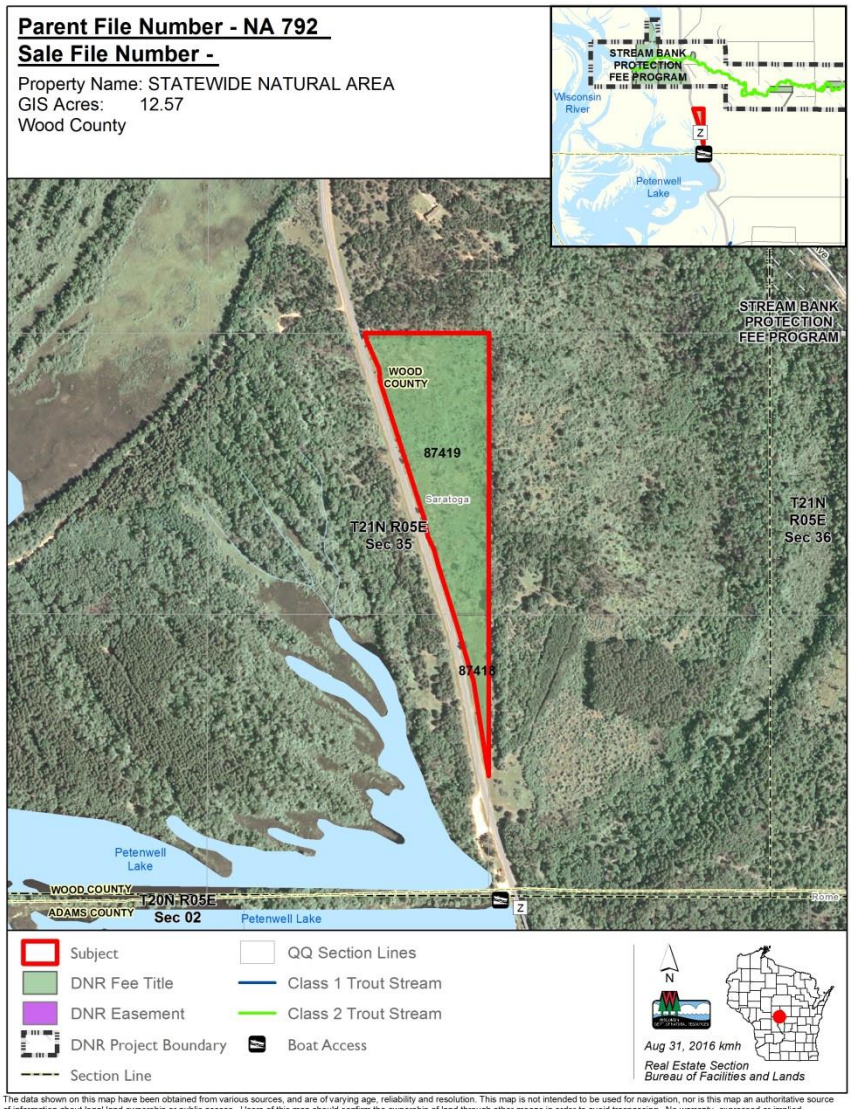
File NA 792– Wood County 12.57 Acres

The Department acquired this parcel for $28,000 in 2002.

This parcel is located along County Highway Z in the Town of Saratoga, approximately seven miles southwest of the City of Wisconsin Rapids. It was purchased for the Statewide Natural Area program. It was acquired with the assistance of a Federal Karner Blue Butterfly grant through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in order to protect the existing Karner Blue Butterfly habitat on the parcel.

The parcel is actively managed, as maintenance and expansion of the barrens habitat has occurred. The parcel has no water frontage. There are no buildings or improvements. Other rare animals, including listed and special concern species, have been recorded on or near this parcel. A timber harvest occurred in 2010, but no future timber harvests are currently scheduled. A brush reduction project is planned for the parcel for the winter 2016-2017.

A deed restriction exists on the property, allowing the transfer of title only if approval of the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and the United States of America, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service give written approval.

The Department recommends retaining this parcel.