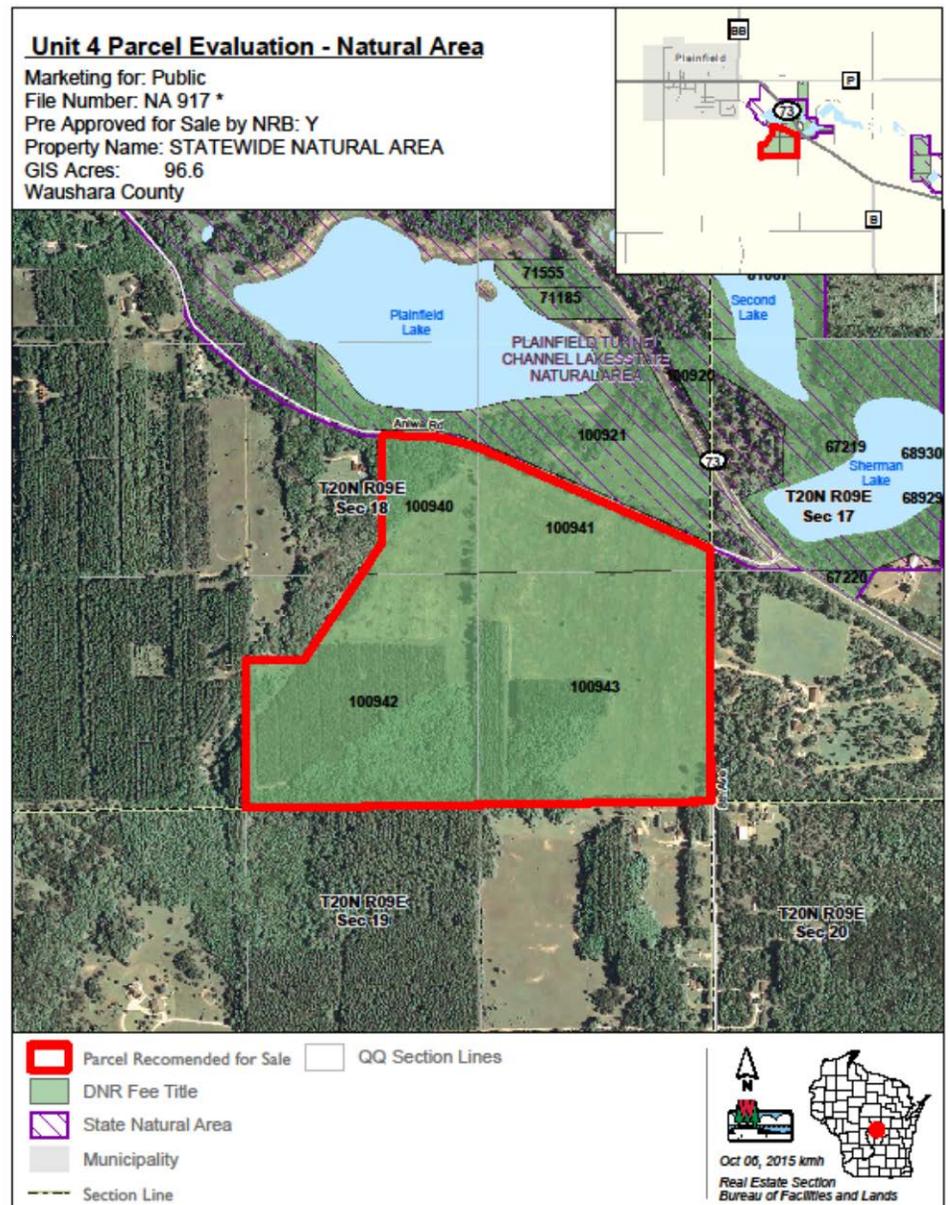


## File# NA 917 – Waushara County 96.6 Acres

The Department purchased this property in 2008 for \$392,500.00. At the time of acquisition, the Natural Resources Board directed the Department to sell or exchange the property south of Aniwa Road at a later date. The primary interest at time of acquisition was protection of the lands around the lake. Negotiations are noted in the Lands record system of a potential swap of this property with one private owner inside the nearby SNA project boundary. The swap never did occur. The state did eventually purchase the potential swap parcel from the private landowner.

The Department has made significant investments in this property. When purchased the property had Red and White Pine plantations, a small mixed hardwood stand and the majority of the parcel was Scotch pine plantation. The Red/White Pine plantations located on the parcel were improved in 2014 through a thinning. The 10-15 foot tall Scotch Pine were removed for prairie restoration by dozing and piling by staff and chipping by contractor starting in 2008 and finishing up in 2011. This property is in the high potential range for Karner Blue Butterfly. The property is close to 100 acres and has excellent road access making it easily available to the public for a variety of recreational uses. There are identified encroachment issues in the Northwest corner of the property, including a mowed trail, as well as improperly placed no trespassing signs by two neighbors in this area.

The Department recommends retaining this parcel.



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