

File W 1007 E – Dane County 1.01 Acres

The Department acquired this parcel through a transfer in 1991 from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WDOT). There was no exchange of money for this parcel.

This easement provides access from Haynes Drive in the Town of Bristol, bordering the northeast corner of the City of Sun Prairie, to a parcel acquired in the same transaction with WDOT. It was acquired for the Extensive Wildlife Habitat Program. The purpose of this transfer was to be a joint effort with WDOT to offset wetland losses associated with the construction of Highway 151. The U.S. Army, Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Interior and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency were involved in the approval of the wetland mitigation plans for the parcels.

This easement is the only public access to the piece of Patrick Marsh north of Highway 151. However, access could be better developed, given the proximity to the City of Sun Prairie. Patrick Marsh has been identified as a high priority wetland restoration. It was once noted as one of the best deep marshes in Dane County and is identified as a Land Legacy site in the Wisconsin Land Legacy Report. This area has been the subject of conservation attention by the Department, Natural Heritage Land Trust and Dane County Parks.

The Department recommends retaining this easement to access the adjoining parcel.

