

File W 1397– Calumet County 39.97 Acres

The Department acquired this parcel as a part of a larger transaction for \$193,800 in 2001. At the time of acquisition, the Natural Resources Board approved this parcel outside the project boundary to be studied for possible inclusion in the project boundary or to be held for future exchange.

This parcel is located along Lemke Road in the Town of Rantoul, approximately 4.5 miles northeast of the City of Chilton. It was purchased for the Killsnake Wildlife Area. While it was not acquired using a Federal grant, North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) requirements through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, were later placed on this property when it was used as a match for another land acquisition. In using this parcel as NAWCA match, the Department agreed to long-term conservation practices on the parcel.

The parcel has no water features. It has Natural Heritage Inventory (NHI) hits for bald eagle nesting, Gorgone Checker Spot, Blanchard's Cricket Frog, Pickerel Frog, Herp Hibernaculum, Migratory Bird Concentration Site, Emergent Marsh Community, Floodplain Forest Community, Northern Wet Forest Community, Open Bog Community, Shrub-carr Community. The parcel is being actively farmed by the previous landowner and will continue until 2019.

The Department invested in this parcel, putting in a parking lot and improving habitat on the parcel. This parcel provides needed public and Department access to the northern side the wildlife area from Lemke Road.

The Department recommends retaining this parcel.

