

File W 1472– Calumet County 69.71 Acres

The Department acquired this parcel as a part of a larger 110 acre acquisition for \$163,500 in 2003. It is located along County Highway EE in the Town of Rantoul, approximately 3.5 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 approximately 1,400 feet of two-bank frontage along an unnamed stream. It has Natural Heritage Inventory (NHI) hits for bald eagle nesting, Henslow’s Sparrow, Red-Shouldered Hawk, Yellow Rail, Gorgone Checher Spot and Northern Wet-mesic Forest community.

The Department has invested considerably in management, infrastructure and habitat improvement. There is a gravel access lane and newly constructed parking lot on the property. Other investments include restored prairie for permanent nesting cover and wildlife habitat, waterway creation/repair and wetland scrape restorations in three sites. The access lane is used by Department staff to access and manage the larger Killsnake Wildlife Area to the east.

The Department stocks pheasants on this parcel and it is heavily used by the public for pheasant hunting.

The Department recommends retaining this parcel.

