

## Parent File W 214/Sale File WM 60447 – Ozaukee County 28.88 Acres

The Department purchased this parcel for \$15,000 in 1979 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) for the Extensive Wildlife Habitat project. The parcel, located in the Town of Grafton, Ozaukee County, was purchased for habitat development and public recreation.

The parcel is subject to the following DOT deed restrictions: No vehicular ingress/egress between land and US 141, No advertising signs/billboards, Land shall not be used for storage of vehicles/farm machinery, Lands subject to all zoning/ordinances, Covenants shall run with the land.

The parcel consists of a mixture of rolling cropland and level marshland and contains lowland grass, bottomland hardwoods and emergent wetland vegetation. The parcel has high deer and turkey populations, and despite limited public access, the parcel sees a moderate level of public use for hunting.

Although the parcel has no road access; the public walk up the highway entrance ramp to enter through adjoining Department land to the south. There have been discussions with DOT regarding gaining public vehicle access to the parcel; however, due to laws affecting DOT land use, this is not a viable option.

The Department recommends that the Natural Resources Board offer this land for sale to adjoining land owners under the authority granted by s. 23.145 Wis. Stats.

