

File W 292 - Racine County 19.99 Acres

The Department acquired this property for \$12,000 in 1980. It is a part of the Extensive Wildlife Habitat project and is located in the Town of Burlington in Racine County. The parcel was an addition to a Department owned block of land managed for wildlife habitat, waterfowl nesting cover and public recreation near the Fox River.

The Town of Burlington 2035 Land Use Plan includes this parcel in the Primary Environmental Corridor (PEC), as park and recreation lands. The Southeast Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) recommends under the plan that wherever possible government agencies or communities should purchase and protect PEC's.

Burlington has been identified under the Upper Mississippi River and Great Lakes Region Joint Venture – Wisconsin Plan as a habitat focus area for the protection, enhancement and restoration of wetlands for the benefit of waterfowl and other wildlife.

The public can access the property through adjoining Department owned land via an easement off of Wheatland Road. The parcel is used by the public primarily for deer and waterfowl hunting. The Pishtaka Wildlife Society, a local conservation club, has obtained a permit to stock pheasants on the property.

The Department has not made significant investments in infrastructure or habitat improvements on the property. Minor investments made include boundary posting and brush/invasive mowing.

The Department recommends retaining this parcel.

