

File# W 439 – St. Croix - 11.4 acres

The Department purchased this property in 1982 for \$5,000. The property has a 0.25 acre pond in the western part of the parcel as well as three unnamed creeks on the eastern side of the property. The property was originally purchased for waterfowl production and Brown trout stocking. The property supported a good population of wild pheasants and had a history of heavy trapping use. The property is accessible through local roads and is adjacent to Village Park lands.

No Department investments in infrastructure or habitat improvements have been made on the property. However, in 2016 there will be a special assessment issued on the property by the Village of Baldwin for a new curb that is currently being installed. The assessment against the property will be approximately \$22,000.

This property no longer meets the mission of the Department as it is completely within village limits and does not provide crucial habitat for wildlife. Currently there is minimal public use along a walking trail by the creek and some limited fishing occurs. There is little interest from the Village in re-acquiring the parcel and it is too wet to be developed.

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

