

File W 560 - Waukesha County 75.12 Acres

The Department acquired this property for \$97,500 in 1984. It is a part of the Extensive Wildlife Habitat project and is located in the Town of Oconomowoc in Waukesha County. The parcel was acquired to provide brood habitat for waterfowl and provide public recreation.

The topography is gently rolling with a southwest aspect and has five prairie potholes with four of them having some restoration and enhancements on them, creating about four acres of water and an additional 14 acres of wetland habitat. This parcel has excellent habitat including a warm season prairie with scattered ponds hosting a variety of wildlife species.

The Department has made investments in the parcel including a parking lot that was constructed on the parcel. There have been Duck Stamp wetland restorations and warm season nesting cover projects done on the parcel, including two water control structures and small berms.

The parcel is accessible to the public from Soday Road. The parcel is heavily used for hunting, hiking and snowmobiling there is a trail that intersects the property.

There is a sharecropping agreement currently on 17 acres of the parcel that expires in December 2016.

The Department recommends retaining this parcel.



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