

Parent File W 742/Sale File WM 60473—Ozaukee County 30.13 Acres

The Department was gifted this property in 1986. It is a part of the Statewide Scattered Wildlife project and is located in the Town of Mequon in Ozaukee County. There are portions of unnamed streams intersecting the parcel providing approximately 2,605 feet of two bank frontage.

The parcel is primarily forested wetland. A site visit in 2016 determined that the site was not suitable for timber harvest due to the high water table and wet conditions.

A small 3-4 car gravel parking lot, drive way and driveway culvert were installed on the parcel in 2012 to improve public access. There have been minimal investments made in habitat, in 2015 and 2016 the parcel was selected by forestry health staff as a release site for parasitic wasps, to help control emerald ash bore (EAB). They are being released to delay tree mortality and help surviving trees remain alive by lowering EAB populations over the long term.

Public use on the parcel includes bow/crossbow hunters for deer hunting and some turkey and small game hunting use. The public can access the parcel through Bonniwell Road.

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

Recommendation by the Natural Resources Board at the October 26, 2016 meeting directs the Department to retain this parcel.

Recommendation by the Natural Resources Board at the January 25, 2017 meeting directs the Department to offer this parcel for sale.

