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2009-2011 BIENNIAL REPORT

May 1, 2009 - June 30, 2011

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THE POINT OF BEGINNING



Late in 1831, when Wisconsin was still in Michigan Territory, Ludius Lyon, U.S. Commissioner, on the survey of the northern boundary of the State of Illinois, set a post and erected a mound of earth 6 feet square at the base and 6 feet high, at a point 1/2 mile east of here to mark the intersection of that boundary and the 4th Principal Meridian. The Wisconsin public land surveys were begun here in 1832 and were completed "up north" in 1867. Lyon surveyed 16 townships in S.W. Wisconsin in 1832-33, which opened this Territory for settlement. In 1833 Michigan Territory honored this veteran surveyor by electing him their Delegate to Congress. The post and mound he erected at this point were obliterated by fence and power line construction long ago, but the point is now preserved by a new concrete surveyor's monument. Every section corner monument in the state; the boundaries of each county, city, village, township, farm and lot; the position of roads, lakes and streams, all were surveyed and mapped from this Point of Beginning.



Erected 1970

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



Executive Secretary, Tia Nelson

Greetings, and welcome to the 2009-2011 two-year portrait of Wisconsin's oldest state agency, established in the State Constitution in 1848. In the midst of today's economic challenges, the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands (BCPL) is proud to have continued to generate strong Trust Fund earnings for our beneficiaries, boosted timber revenue and public access to Trust Lands, and improved online availability of historical land records. We have made these contributions to the people of Wisconsin while funding agency operations without a penny of general tax revenue.

BCPL continues to prudently manage Trust assets and generated its third largest earnings in agency history. The 2011 public school library aid distribution totaled \$33.6 million. For many school districts, these funds represent most or all of their K-12 school library budgets, and this biennium's aid was enough to cover the cost of over two books per child.

Many communities around the state continued to take advantage of the stability and dependability of our loan program (described on page 16), but demand declined in 2011 as public projects were postponed due to concerns regarding government spending and debt levels. To address this drop in loan demand, BCPL reallocated a significant percentage of its investment portfolio to state and municipal bonds. While loan balances were down from our December 2010 record of \$726 million invested in communities throughout Wisconsin, the program still boasts an outstanding balance of \$576 million. The BCPL State Trust Fund Loan Program remains the most important investment option available for BCPL managed Trust Funds.

In addition to generating revenue for school libraries, the agency manages nearly 77,000 acres of land which remain from over 10 million acres originally granted by the federal government and Wisconsin's earliest days as a state. In 2006, the agency was granted land bank authority (see page 25) to prevent forest fragmentation, increase public access and keep our forests producing timber and jobs in a sustainable manner. In the 2009-2011 biennium, the agency used this authority to sell 2,768.26 acres of non-productive and ecologically sensitive lands to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for permanent protection and subsequently purchase a comparable amount of land for increased timber productivity. These purchases will keep valuable

forests producing timber income for our beneficiaries for years to come. Since Land Bank Authority began, timber producing lands have increased by 10% and public access to BCPL lands has increased by over 16%. In spite of a significant drop in timber prices, the BCPL increased timber revenue earnings by approximately 3% to a total of \$1,004,623.10.

Our land records archive provides a rich source of historical information and paints a colorful picture of Wisconsin's early settlement. This biennium we focused on document preservation and outreach. Federal land patents to the State of Wisconsin, dating from 1855 to 1869, were sent to the Wisconsin Historical Society for cleaning and flattening. The conservation work performed on these patents helps to stabilize the documents so they can be digitized, indexed and added to the on-line archives collection.

In an effort to increase public awareness of our land records collection, presentations were given to various organizations including surveyors, registers of deeds, and librarians. These presentations have resulted in requests from publishers, historical societies, and individuals for information about these rare documents.

As we celebrate all of these accomplishments, we are mindful of carrying on Wisconsin's pioneering commitment to public education. On behalf of today's Commissioners and the agency's dedicated staff, thank you for your confidence in us as capable stewards of the lands, moneys, and records we hold in trust for all of Wisconsin's citizens. ■

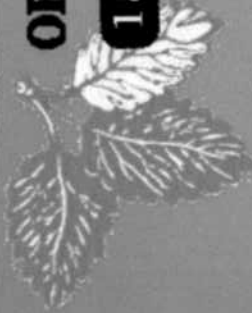
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Wisconsin Constitution Article X, Section 7

OVERVIEW

❖ Land Records

Preserve and provide access to records of the agency's past and present land holdings

❖ School Trust Funds Management

Sustain strong earnings while limiting risk to principal

❖ School Trust Lands

Manage Trust Lands efficiently and sustainably

SUMMARY OF TRUST ASSETS

	Common School Fund	Normal School Fund
Origin	About 1.5 million acres granted by the federal government in 1848	About 1.75 million acres granted to the state under the Swamp Land Act of 1850
Land remaining in Trust as of June 30, 2011	5,626 acres	70,846 acres
Principal as of June 30, 2011	Over \$835 million	Over \$24 million

COMMON SCHOOL FUND

Managing Wisconsin's Trust Assets for Public Education

33.6M in 2011

Added to the Principal of

Revenue → Common School Fund

- Fees
- Fines
- Forfeitures
- Unclaimed Property
- Timber Sales

Invested in

Loans and Bonds

- State and Municipal Bonds
- State Investment Fund
- Economic development
- School repairs and improvements
- Local infrastructure / utilities
- Other public purpose projects

Income distributed to

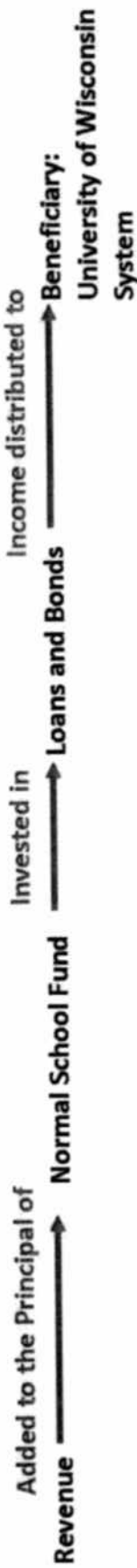
Beneficiary:

K-12 Public School Libraries

- Library books
- Audiovisual materials
- Computer equipment and software
- Newspapers and periodicals

NORMAL SCHOOL FUND

Managing Wisconsin's Trust Assets for Public Education



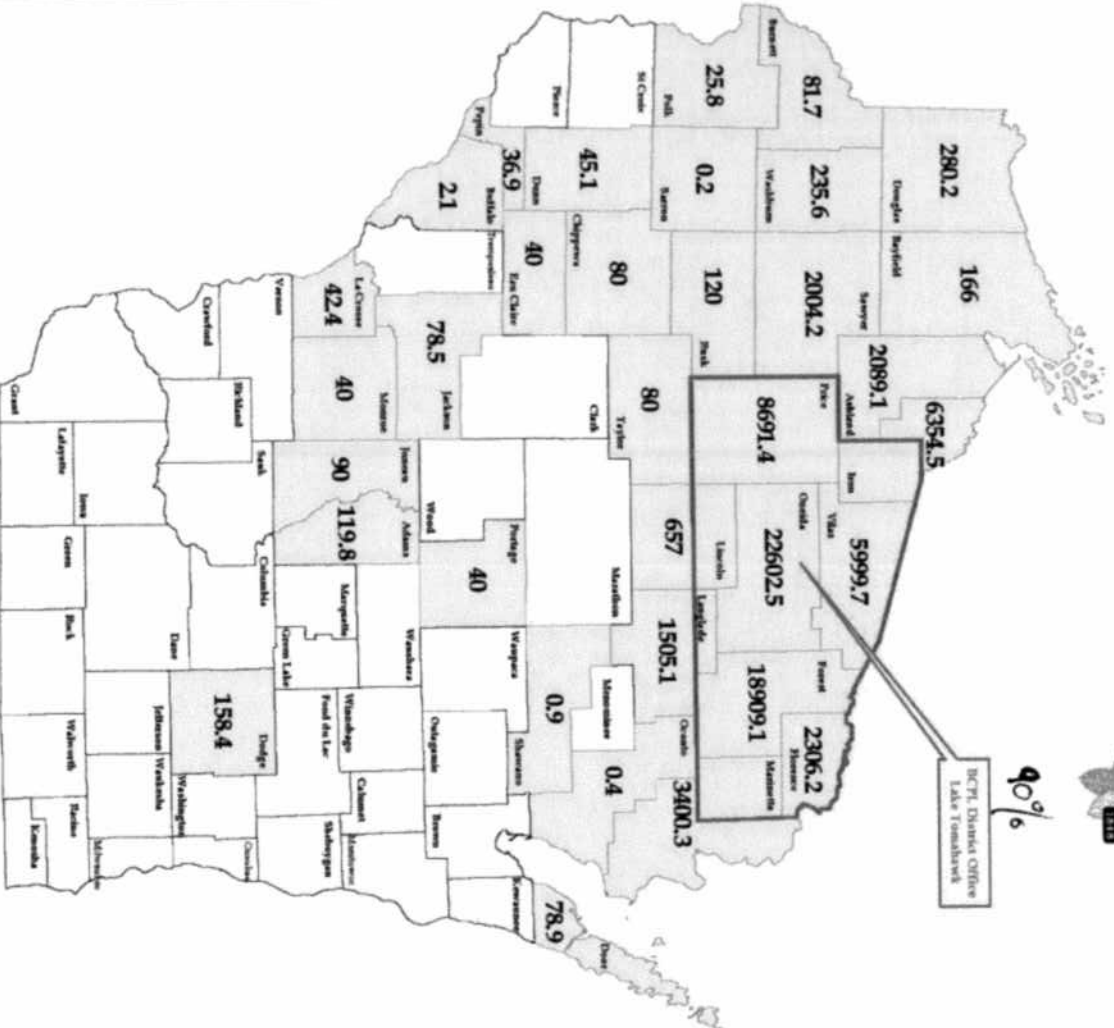
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TRUST LANDS OWNERSHIP BY COUNTY



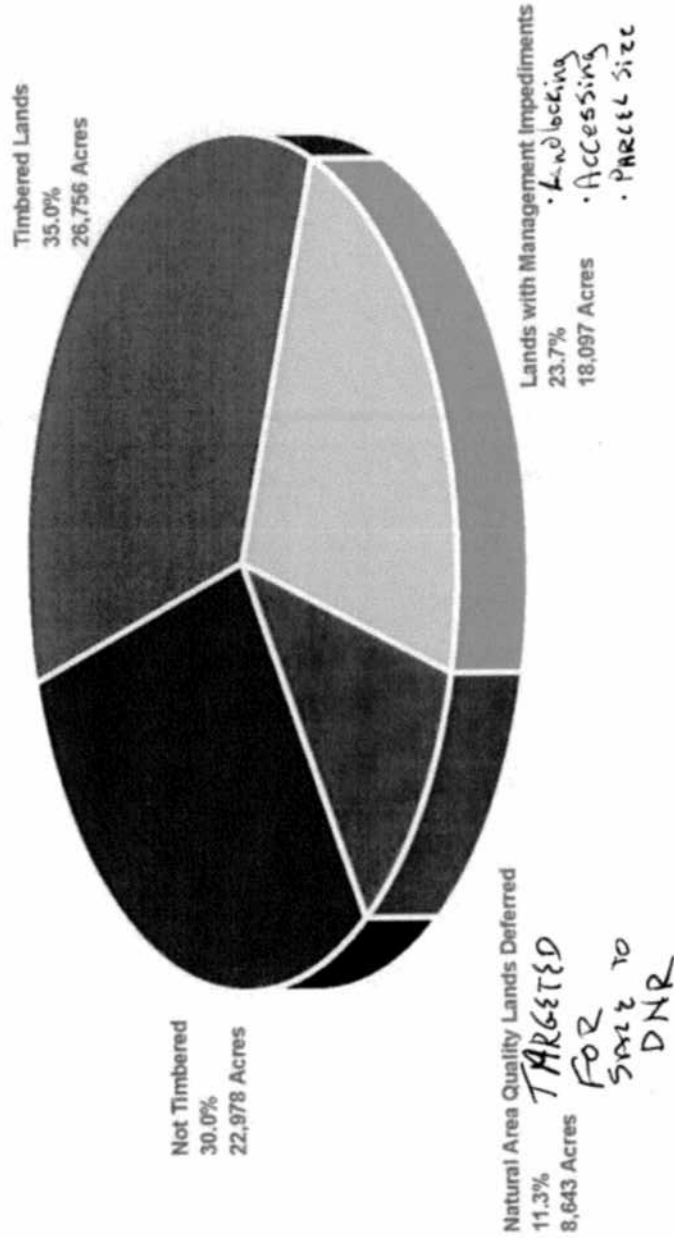
90%

DCPL District Office
Lake Tomshelevik



BCPL Land Management Analysis

Total Acres of BCPL Ownership = 76,474



SCHOOL TRUST LANDS

WISCONSIN CONSTITUTION ARTICLE X, SECTION 8

Sale of public lands. SECTION 8. Provision shall be made by law for the sale of all school and university lands after they shall have been appraised; and when any portion of such lands shall be sold and the purchase money shall not be paid at the time of the sale, the commissioners shall take security by mortgage upon the lands sold for the sum remaining unpaid, with seven per cent interest thereon, payable annually at the office of the treasurer. The commissioners shall be authorized to execute a good and sufficient conveyance to all purchasers of such lands, and to discharge any mortgages taken as security, when the sum due thereon shall have been paid. **The commissioners shall have power to withhold from sale any portion of such lands when they shall deem it expedient, and shall invest all moneys arising from the sale of such lands, as well as all other university and school funds, in such manner as the legislature shall provide,** and shall give such security for the faithful performance of their duties as may be required by law.

LAND BANK AUTHORITY

WISCONSIN ACT 352

- ❖ Co-authored by former Representatives Scott Jensen and Gary Sherman
- ❖ 2005 Wisconsin Act 352 unanimously passed by Legislature on March 9, 2006
- ❖ Authorizes the BCPL to sell unproductive School Trust Lands and reinvest the proceeds in the purchase of productive timber lands
- ❖ Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) to be made to municipalities on acquired lands *on new lands only*

STATES WITH LAND BANK AUTHORITY

❖ Colorado

❖ Montana

❖ Texas

❖ Washington

❖ Wisconsin

LAND BANK STATUTORY PROVISION

Pursuant to Wis. Stats. Section 24.61 (2)(a)10, BCPL is authorized to invest in “Land in this state, but subject to the condition established under par. (cm).

S. 24.61(2)(cm) *Investments in land in this state.* provides, The board may not invest moneys in the purchase of any land under par. (a) 10 unless all of the following occur:

1. The land is within any applicable consolidation area approved by the board.
2. The total acreage of public lands managed by the board does not exceed the total acreage of public lands managed by the board on May 3, 2006.
3. The board determines that the purchase of the land will improve timberland management, address forest fragmentation, or increase public access to the land.
4. The moneys are in an account specified in s. 24.605.

ACT 352 SUPPORTERS

- ❖ Wisconsin Towns Association
- ❖ Association of Wisconsin Snowmobilers
- ❖ Pine River Lumber Company
- ❖ The Gathering Waters Conservancy
- ❖ Plum Creek
- ❖ Wisconsin Counties Association
- ❖ Wisconsin Society of American Foresters
- ❖ Wisconsin Wildlife Federation
- ❖ Wisconsin Education Media Association
- ❖ Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- ❖ The Nature Conservancy

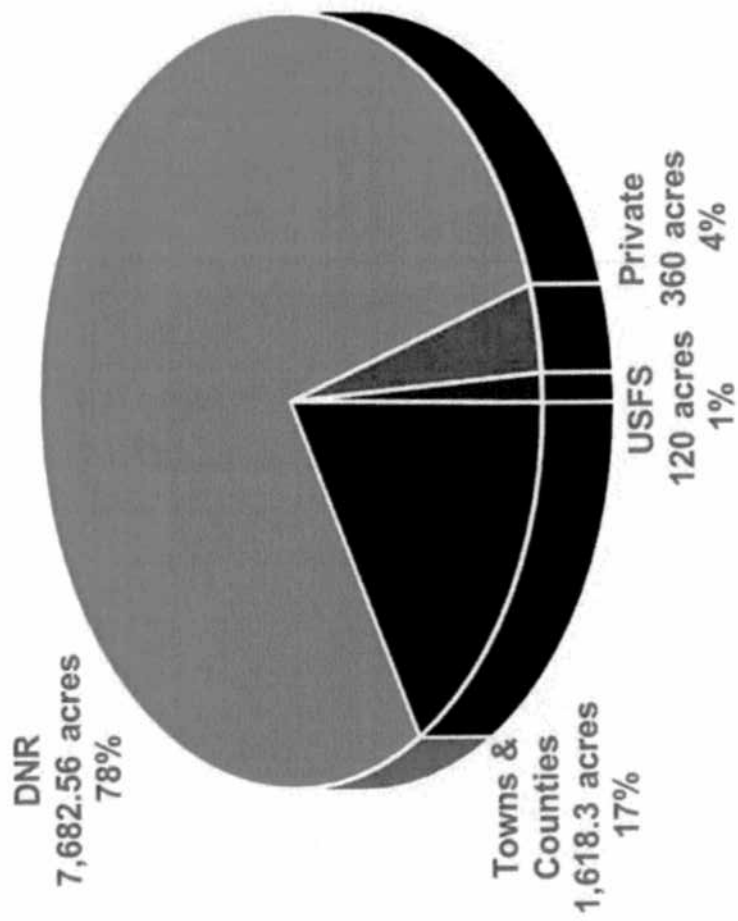
LAND BANK GOALS

- ❖ Increase timber production capacity of School Trust Lands
- ❖ Consolidate School Trust Lands into larger, more efficient tracts
- ❖ Improve public access to School Trust Lands

BOARD APPROVED CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING LAND BANK SALES

- ❖ Parcels located outside of the Consolidation Zone
- ❖ Isolated, unproductive parcels within the Consolidation Zone

BCPL Land Bank Sales



Closed Land Bank Transactions April 19, 2006, through November 28, 2011

Welcome to Van Vliet Hemlocks

The 416 acre tract of land you are about to enjoy has been available for public use and recreation since Wisconsin gained statehood in 1848.

How can that be?

In order to answer that, we need to look back at our country's history and the creation of Wisconsin's Common School Fund. As new states were coming into the Union, citizens sent petitions to Congress asking for help to establish public schools. In 1825, Congress passed a law that gave each new state the sixteenth section of every township within a state for the purpose of establishing public schools. Van Vliet Hemlocks was included in this Act of Congress because it is located in the sixteenth section of Presque Isle Township.

To manage these lands and the proceeds from their sale, the Wisconsin Constitution of 1848 created a school trust (now known as the Common School Fund) to be managed by the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands (BCPL). Nearly 1.5 million acres of land would eventually be set aside for the support of public schools. In the years since 1848, BCPL sold over ninety-nine percent of these lands to create the principal of the Common School Fund. Van Vliet Hemlocks is a part of the 5,500 acres that remain of the Common School lands.

Legislation also included in 1848 providing all over the Wisconsin.

As directed by Article X, Section 2 of the State Constitution, the Common School Fund are used exclusively for the support and maintenance of common schools (now known as K-12 public schools) and the purchase of suitable books and apparatus therefor. Public schools today use these funds to purchase library books, newspapers and periodicals, educational materials, and computer equipment and software.

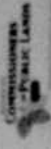
But legislation provided that the proceeds from the sale of these lands were to be used for the support of public schools.

The principal of the Common School Fund is invested in loans to school districts and municipalities for public purpose projects through the BCPL State Trust Fund Loan Program, helping communities in every corner of the state.



While the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands, consisting of the Secretary of State, the State Treasurer and the Attorney General, will create more than 150 years ago, the duties and fiduciary responsibilities remain the same - managing Wisconsin's Trust Assets for public education.

Please enjoy the Van Vliet Hemlocks for hiking, wildlife viewing, skiing, and snowshoeing.



Van Vliet Hemlocks Trail Map

Hiking • BC Skiing • Snowshoeing

COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC LANDS

Van Vliet Hemlocks

Trail Map

Legend

- Public Lands
- Van Vliet Hemlocks
- Hiking Trail
- BC Skiing Trail
- Snowshoeing Trail
- Lake
- Stream
- Road
- Boundary
- Elevation
- North Arrow



Map prepared and approved by Friends of the Van Vliet Hemlocks, an affiliate of the North Lakeland University Center. Hemlocks, Skis, Snowshoes, and Snowmobiles are permitted in accordance with state game regulations.

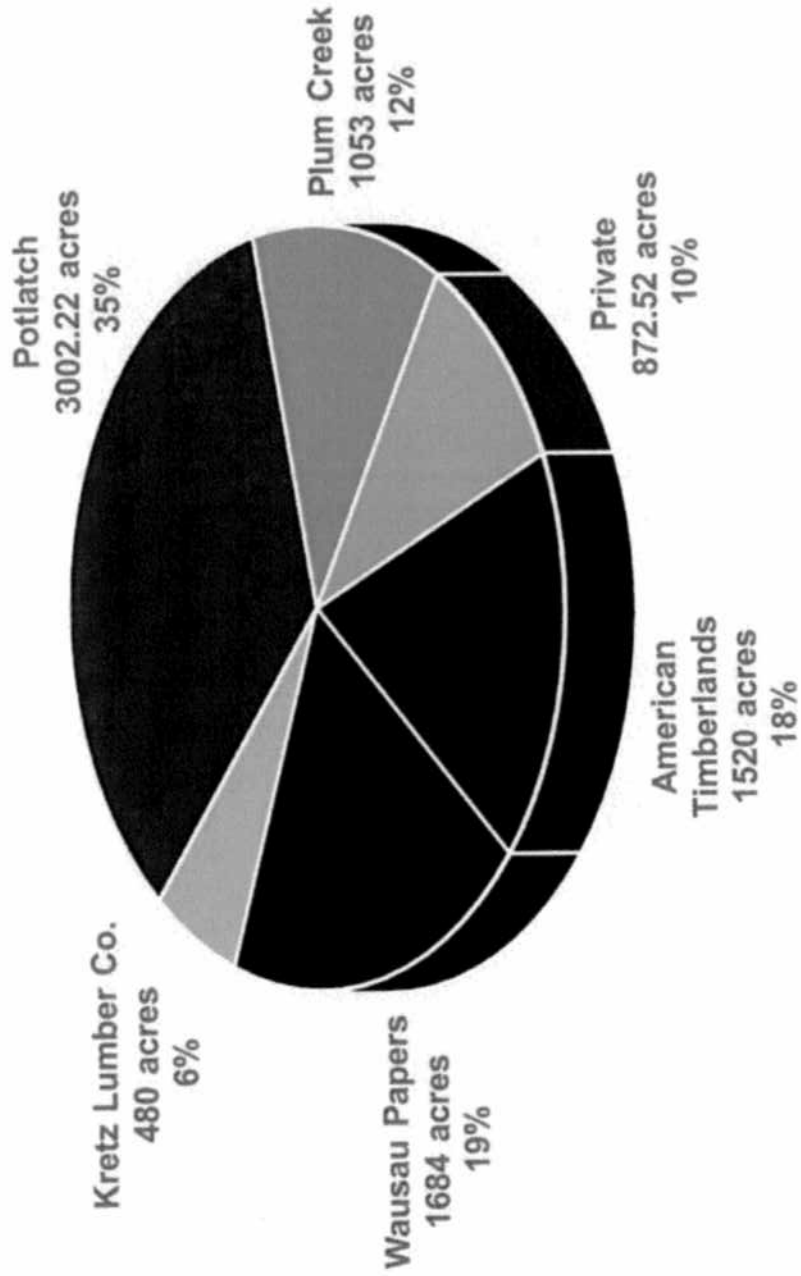


Interpretive sign located at the Van Vliet Hemlocks trailhead

BOARD APPROVED CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING LAND BANK PURCHASES

- ❖ Improve timber character and value
 - ❖ The average site index of forest soils on BCPL property increases
 - ❖ Within one cutting cycle there is an increase in the potential high value sawlog volume and growth, on the tract
 - ❖ There is an increase in the forest types and species that diversify the BCPL's timber portfolio
 - ❖ There is an increase in the number of acres and size of tracts where the BCPL has summer logging opportunities
- ❖ Reduce forest fragmentation
 - ❖ Average tract size increases
 - ❖ The ratio of perimeter to area decreases
 - ❖ There is a clear reduction of the threat for conversion from forest to non-forest use
- ❖ Improve access
 - ❖ Management access to our existing timber tracts is improved
 - ❖ There is an increase in the number of BCPL acres open to the public
- ❖ Improve management efficiency
 - ❖ The percentage of upland on BCPL properties increases
 - ❖ The amount of line work per acre decreases
 - ❖ The average distance from the tracts to the BCPL field office decreases

BCPL Land Bank Purchases



Closed Land Bank Transactions April 19, 2006, through November 28, 2011

LAND BANK ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Since 2006 the BCPL has:

- ❖ Sold 9,780.86 acres
- ❖ Purchased 8,611.74 acres
- ❖ Increased productive timberlands by a net total of 10%
- ❖ Decreased unproductive lands/wetlands by 17%
- ❖ Increased acres accessible to the public by over 16%

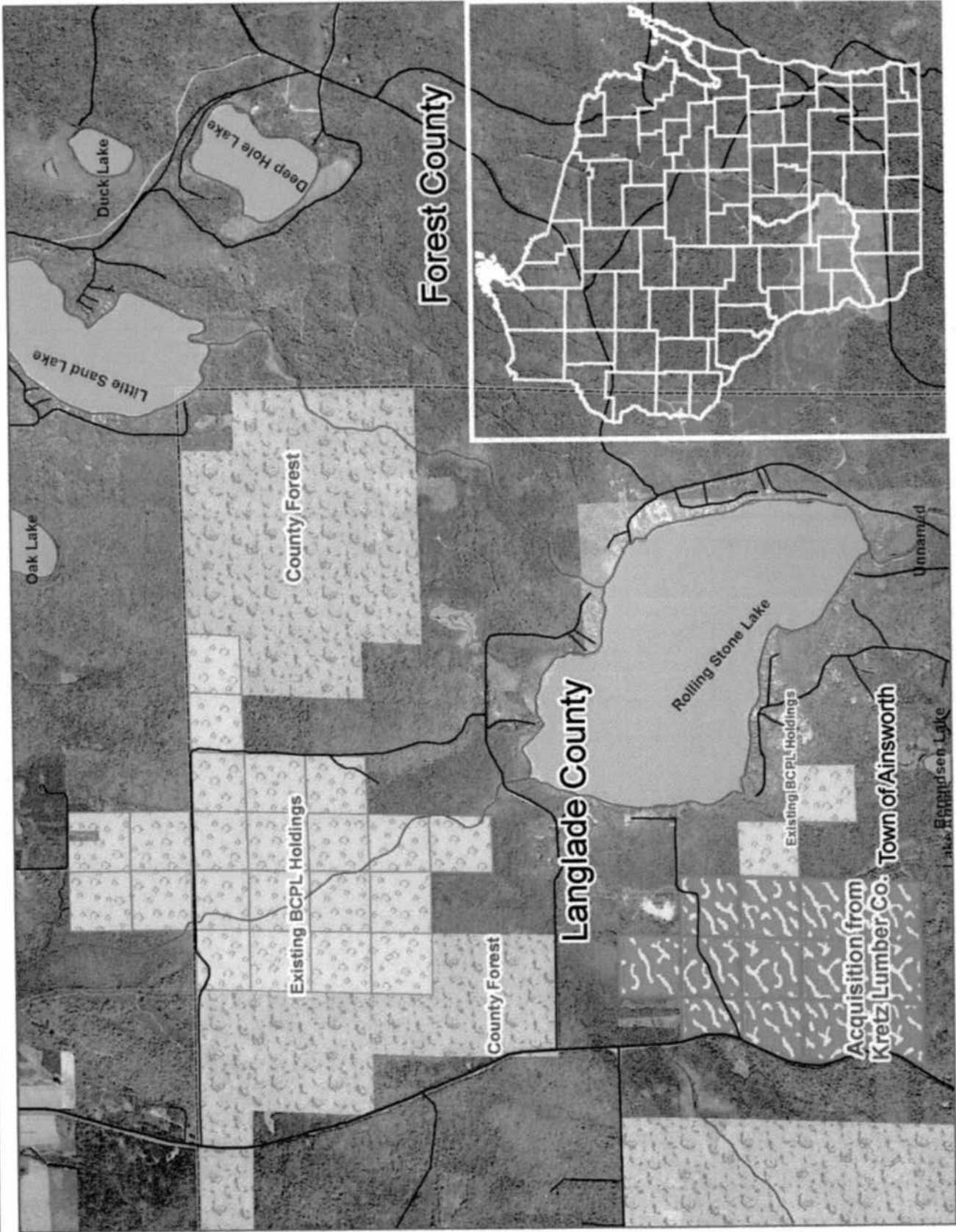
LAND BANK PURCHASE SUCCESS STORY: KRETZ LUMBER COMPANY

BCPL benefits:

- ❖ Increased contiguous School Trust Land acreage from 80 to 559 acres
- ❖ Added significant inventory of diverse, fast-growing quality hardwood saw-timber
- ❖ Made possible two large, additional hardwood timber sales during the next decade and periodic timber sales thereafter
- ❖ Greatly enhanced public access
- ❖ Nearly all upland with excellent hardwood soils

Community benefits:

- ❖ Sale resulted in needed cash infusion to Kretz Lumber Company
- ❖ Land will remain in timber production
- ❖ Saw-logs will be processed at local mills and retain local jobs



LAND BANK PURCHASE SUCCESS STORIES: AMERICAN TIMBERLANDS AND KEN TYLER

Benefits:

- ❖ Increased contiguous School Trust Land acreage from 1,320 to 3,040 acres
- ❖ Provided access to a 40-acre parcel that was previously landlocked – resulting in a timber sale totaling \$44,000
- ❖ Increased public access to 1,180 acres of School Trust Lands
- ❖ Prepared and sold six timber sales totaling nearly \$430,000 in the Pier Lake block

Oneida County

TOWN OF MINOCQUA

Acquisition from
Ken Tyler
Existing BCPL Holdings

Existing BCPL Holdings

Acquisition from
American Timberlands

Existing
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Holdings

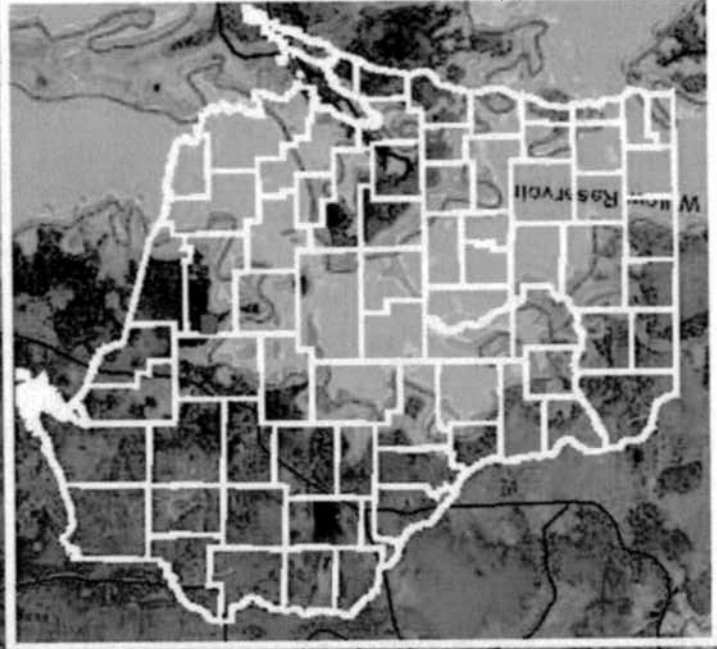
County Forest

DNR Property Name

WILLOW FLOWAGE SCENIC WATERS AREA

Creder Lake

Unmarked



TIMBER MANAGEMENT

A total of 26,756 acres managed for timber

Average annual growth per acre is 210 board feet

Average annual timber harvest per acre is 165 board feet

Excluding hemlock and cedar, 82% of growth is cut.

Including hemlock and cedar, 77% of growth is cut.

Additional reasons why all forest growth is not cut:

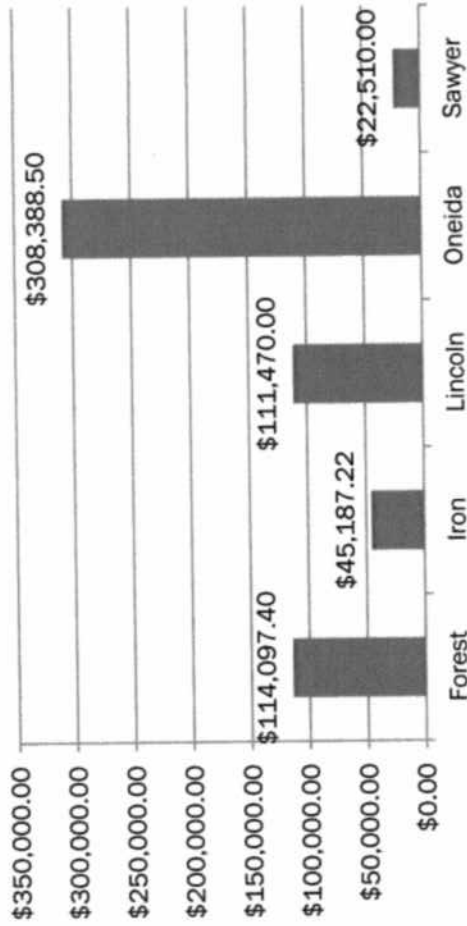
- ❖ Some trees are left for wildlife.
- ❖ Some trees are left as buffers along waterbodies.
- ❖ Some trees are not harvested because cutting them would eliminate the seed source in an area.
- ❖ The fastest growing trees are left to put on timber volume while many of the diseased or slow growing trees are cut.



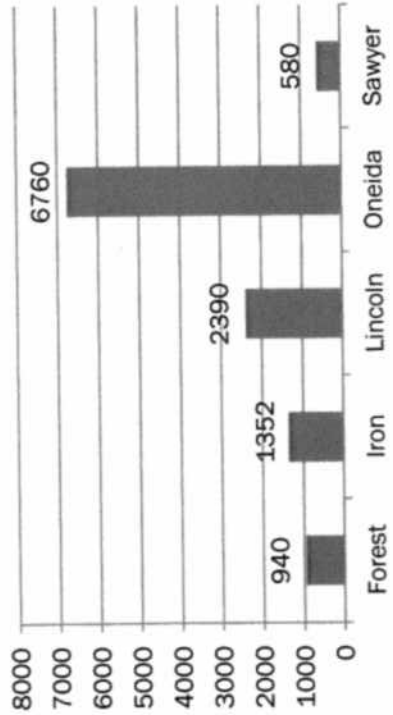
Jim Pietila, BCPL senior forester for over 40 years, scolding yellow birch and sugar maple logs at a timber sale in Oneida County.

FY2012 TIMBER SALES DATA

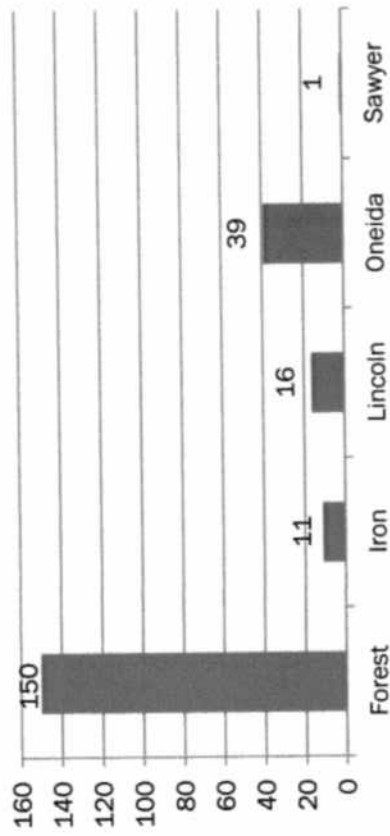
Total Sale Amount - \$601,653.12



Estimated Cord Volume



Estimated MBF



FY2012 TIMBER SALES BY LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 35 REPRESENTATIVE TIFFANY

Logging Company	County	Cord Volume	Board Feet	Total Amount
Smola Brothers Inc.	Oneida	2,185	55,000,000	\$105,150.50
Witlala & Vozka Logging	Lincoln	2,390	16,000,000	\$111,470.00
Total		4,575	71,000,000	\$216,620.50

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 36 REPRESENTATIVE MURSAU

Logging Company	County	Cord Volume	Board Feet	Total Amount
Albrecht Trucking	Forest	940	150,000,000	\$114,097.40

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 74 REPRESENTATIVE BEWLEY

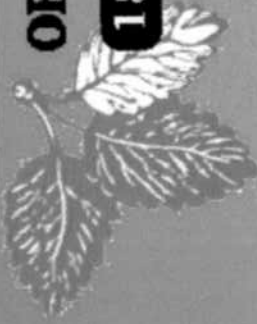
Logging Company	County	Cord Volume	Board Feet	Total Amount
Howard Flamang	Sawyer	580	1,000,000	\$22,510.00
Sappi Fine Paper	Iron	1,352	11,000,000	\$45,187.22
Total		1,932	12,000,000	\$67,697.22

SUMMARY

The BCPL is:

- ❖ Actively managing School Trust Lands for timber production.
- ❖ Measurably improving land management efficiencies.
- ❖ Significantly improving public access and timber productivity.
- ❖ Substantially increasing local tax receipts.

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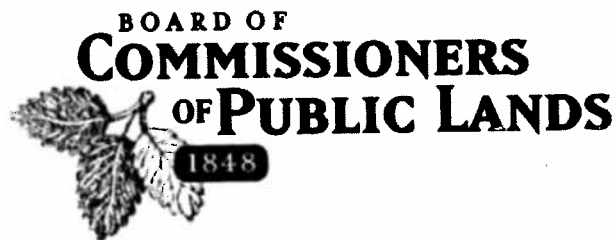
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ARTICLE X.

EDUCATION

Superintendent of public instruction. SECTION 1. [As amended Nov. 1902 and Nov. 1982] The supervision of public instruction shall be vested in a state superintendent and such other officers as the legislature shall direct; and their qualifications, powers, duties and compensation shall be prescribed by law. The state superintendent shall be chosen by the qualified electors of the state at the same time and in the same manner as members of the supreme court, and shall hold office for 4 years from the succeeding first Monday in July. The term of office, time and manner of electing or appointing all other officers of supervision of public instruction shall be fixed by law. [1899 J.R. 16, 1901 J.R. 3, 1901 c. 258, vote Nov. 1902; 1979 J.R. 36, 1981 J.R. 29, vote Nov. 1982]

School fund created; income applied. SECTION 2. [As amended Nov. 1982] The proceeds of all lands that have been or hereafter may be granted by the United States to this state for educational purposes (except the lands heretofore granted for the purposes of a university) and all moneys and the clear proceeds of all property that may accrue to the state by forfeiture or escheat; and the clear proceeds of all fines collected in the several counties for any breach of the penal laws, and all moneys arising from any grant to the state where the purposes of such grant are not specified, and the 500,000 acres of land to which the state is entitled by the provisions of an act of congress, entitled "An act to appropriate the proceeds of the sales of the public lands and to grant pre-emption rights," approved September 4, 1841; and also the 5 percent of the net proceeds of the public lands to which the state shall become entitled on admission into the union (if congress shall consent to such appropriation of the 2 grants last mentioned) shall be set apart as a separate fund to be called "the school fund," the interest of which and all other revenues derived from the school lands shall be exclusively applied to the following objects, to wit: (1) To the support and maintenance of common schools, in each school district, and the purchase of suitable libraries and apparatus therefor.

(2) The residue shall be appropriated to the support and maintenance of academies and normal schools, and suitable libraries and apparatus therefor. [1979 J.R. 36, 1981 J.R. 29, vote Nov. 1982]

District schools; tuition; sectarian instruction; released time. SECTION 3. [As amended April 1972] The legislature shall provide by law for the establishment of district schools, which shall be as nearly uniform as practicable; and such schools shall be free and without charge for tuition to all children between the ages of 4 and 20 years; and no sectarian instruction shall be allowed therein; but the legislature by law may, for the purpose of religious instruction outside the district schools, authorize the release of students during regular school hours. [1969 J.R. 37, 1971 J.R. 28, vote April 1972]

Annual school tax. SECTION 4. Each town and city shall be required to raise by tax, annually, for the support of common schools therein, a sum not less than one-half the amount received by such town or city respectively for school purposes from the income of the school fund.

Income of school fund. SECTION 5. Provision shall be made by law for the distribution of the income of the school fund among the several towns and cities of the state for the support of common schools therein, in some just proportion to the number of children and youth resident therein between the ages of four and twenty years, and no appropriation shall be made from the school fund to any city or town for the year in which said city or town shall fail to raise such tax; nor to any school district for the year in which a school shall not be maintained at least three months.

State university; support. SECTION 6. Provision shall be made by law for the establishment of a state university at or near the seat of state government, and for connecting with the same, from time to time, such colleges in different parts of the state as the interests of education may require. The proceeds of all lands that have been or may hereafter be granted by the United States to the state for the support of a university shall be and remain a perpetual fund to be called "the university fund," the interest of which shall be appropriated to the support of the state university, and no sectarian instruction shall be allowed in such university.

Commissioners of public lands. SECTION 7. The secretary of state, treasurer and attorney general, shall constitute a board of commissioners for the sale of the school and university lands and for the investment of the funds arising therefrom. Any two of said commissioners shall be a quorum for the transaction of all business pertaining to the duties of their office.

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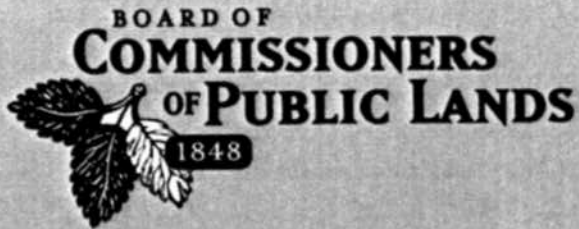
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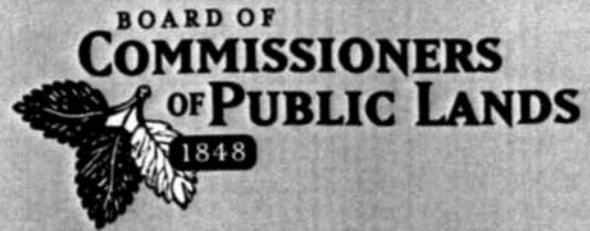


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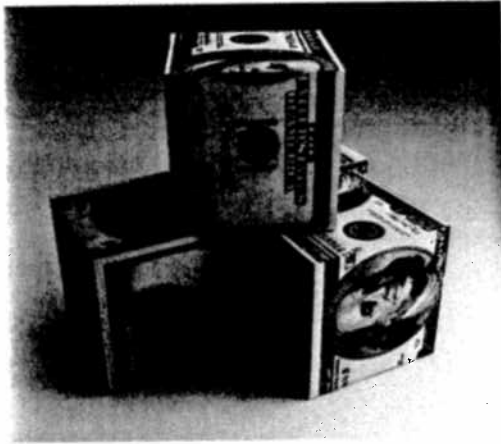
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Revenue

Added to the Principal of

- Fees
- Fines
- Forfeitures
- Unclaimed Property
- Timber Sales



Common School Fund

Invested in

Managed by the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands, the Common School Fund was established by the Wisconsin Constitution in 1848 with the granting by the federal government of about 1.5 million acres of land for educational purposes.

These lands were to be sold to create the principal for a permanent school fund, with the earnings to be exclusively used to support and maintain common schools (now known as K-12 public schools) and "the purchase of suitable libraries and apparatus therefor."

Except for about 5,600 acres that remain in Trust, all lands from the original grants were sold to establish the Common School Fund. These remaining lands are managed for timber production and public recreation, with timber sale revenues added to Trust Fund principal. The Wisconsin Constitution also provided for growth of Common School Fund principal through the addition of "clear proceeds" of all fines, fees and forfeitures, including unclaimed property.

Loans and Bonds

Income distributed to

Common School Fund monies are invested in State and Municipal Bonds and also loaned directly to Wisconsin communities as part of the BCPL State Trust Fund Loan Program. These loans are used for:

- Economic development
- School repairs and improvements
- Local infrastructure and utilities
- Capital equipment and vehicles

Borrower: Westby Area School District



Borrower: Village of McFarland



Beneficiaries:

K-12 Public School Libraries

The Board of Commissioners of Public Lands provides annual funding for public school libraries that exceeds \$26 for every child in the state of Wisconsin between the ages of 4 and 20 years old.

Primary source of funding materials including:

- Library books
- Audiovisual materials
- Computer equipment and software
- Newspapers and periodicals

A book for every child



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Normal School Fund

Invested in

Wisconsin received title to approximately 3.5 million acres of land pursuant to the federal Swamp Land Act of 1850. These acres were to be sold and the proceeds used for the purpose of drainage and reclamation of "swamp and overflowed lands," to the extent necessary. Wisconsin chose to set aside the proceeds from the sale of 1.75 million acres of these "Swamp Lands" to create the principal for the Normal School Fund.

The Normal Schools were two-year teacher colleges that became an integral part of the University of Wisconsin system. The first state Normal School was established in 1866 in Platteville.

Today, assets of the Normal School Fund include approximately \$24 million in financial assets and over 70,000 acres of land that is managed for timber production and public recreation. Timber sale revenues are added to the principal of the Normal School Fund.

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Borrower: Ripon Area School District

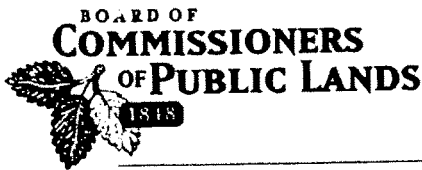


Beneficiaries

Provides funding for:

- University of Wisconsin System





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Land Bank Sales [Act 352] April 19, 2006, through October 31, 2011

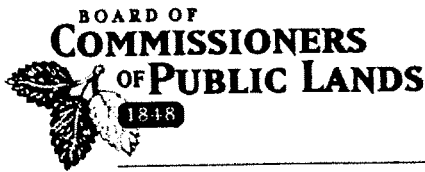
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County	Purchaser-Transaction Name and Number	Total Acres		Sales Criteria Satisfied
		Productive	Unproductive	
Sawyer	Sawyer Co. (S0601)	1398		Outside Consolidation Zone/Within County Project Boundary
		734		
		664		
Iron ✓	DNR - Flambeau Patterned Peatlands (S0701)	1120		Unproductive/Natural Area/Within DNR Project Boundary
		0		
		1120		
Shawano	DNR - Wolf River Navarino Bottoms (S0702)	55.9		Unproductive/Outside Consolidation Zone/Within DNR Project Boundary/No Access
		0		
		55.9		
Jackson ✓	DNR - Bear Bluff (S0703)	40		Unproductive/Outside Consolidation Zone/Within DNR Project Boundary/Natural Area
		9		
		31		
Oneida	DNR - Musson 40 (S0704)	40		Within DNR Project Boundary
		30		
		10		
Vilas ✓	DNR - Haymeadow Creek (S0705)	400		Mostly Unproductive/Within DNR Project Boundary/Deferred Natural Area
		116		
		284		



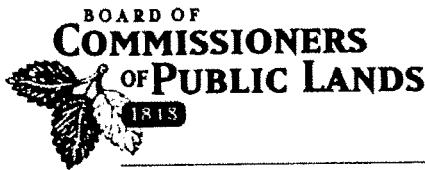
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		Productive	
		Unproductive	
Florence ✓	DNR - Haley Creek (S0706)	473	Mostly Unproductive/Outside Consolidation Zone/Within DNR Project Boundary/Deferred Natural Area
		181	
		292	
Oneida ✓	DNR - Squirrel River Pines (S0707)	240	Within DNR Project Boundary/Deferred Natural Area
		36	
		204	
Oneida	DNR - Willow Flowage - 1 (S0708)	40	Unproductive/Within DNR Project Boundary
		0	
		40	
Dunn ✓	DNR - Otter Creek Barrens (S0801)	280	Within DNR Project Boundary/Deferred Natural Area/ No BCPL Access/ Outside Consolidation Zone
		270	
		10	
Oneida ✓	DNR - Spur Lake (S0802)	202.38	Mostly Unproductive/Deferred Natural Area/Within DNR Project Boundary
		60	
		142.38	
Iron	DNR - Sherman / Turtle / Flambeau-1 (Hwy 182 Hemlocks) (S0803)	75.84	Mostly Unproductive/Adjacent to DNR Project Boundary
		37	
		38.84	
Oneida	DNR - Willow Flowage - 2 (S0804)	40	Unproductive/Within DNR Project Boundary
		10	
		30	
Oneida ✓	DNR - Willow Flowage - 3 (S0806)	1083.5	Mostly Unproductive/Within DNR Project Boundary
		471	
		612.5	
Florence	DNR - Edith Lake (S0901)	36.37	Within DNR Project Boundary
		24	
		12.37	
Iron	DNR - Turtle/Flambeau-2 (Hwy 182 Hemlocks-2) (S0902)	134.16	Mostly Unproductive/No BCPL Access/Adjacent to DNR Project Boundary
		51	
		83.16	
Forest ✓	DNR - Crandon Ribbed Fen (S0903)	115.43	Unproductive/Natural Area/No BCPL Access/Within DNR Project Boundary
		0	
		115.43	



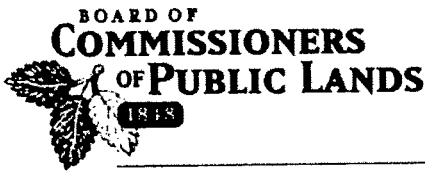
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		Productive	
		Unproductive	
Langlade ✓	DNR - Swamp Creek Fen (S0904)	80	Unproductive/Natural Area/No BCPL Access/Within DNR Project Boundary
		0	
		80	
Iron ✓	DNR - Moose Lake SNA (S0906)	77.85	Natural Area/Within DNR Project Boundary
		57.85	
		20	
Iron ✓	DNR - Island Lake Hemlocks (S0907)	120	Outside Consolidation Zone/Natural Area/Within DNR Project Boundary
		102	
		18	
Bayfield ✓	DNR - Bibon Swamp (S0908)	120	Within DNR Project Boundary/ No BCPL Access/Outside Consolidation Zone
		115	
		5	
Price ✓	DNR - Bass Lake Muskeg (S0909)	234.48	Natural Area/Adjacent to DNR Project Boundary
		110.48	
		124	
Taylor	Taylor County - Kennedy Lake (S0910)	20.3	Requested by County
		1	
		19.3	
Taylor	Hammel Swamp Farms, LLC - Hammel Parcel (S0911)	40	No BCPL Access/Outside Consolidation Zone
		30	
		10	
Taylor	Goldammer (S0913)	40	No BCPL Access/Outside Consolidation Zone
		34	
		6	
Oneida ✓	DNR - Sugar Camp Hemlocks (S0915)	80	Within DNR Project Boundary/ Unproductive
		43	
		37	
Oneida	DNR - Wisconsin River (S0917)	19.5	Within DNR Project Boundary
		19.5	
		0	
Oconto	Oconto County (S0918)	80	Outside of Consolidation Zone/Requested by County
		40	
		40	
Iron	DNR - NHAL/Mercer (S0919)	40	Within DNR Project Boundary
		35	
		5	



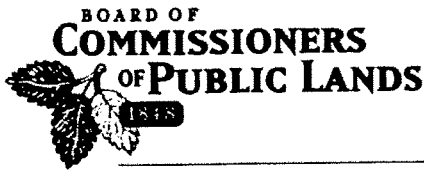
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		Productive		
		Unproductive		
Burnett	DNR - Crex Meadows (S0920)	80	Within DNR Project Boundary/ No BCPL Access/Outside Consolidation Zone	
		63		
		17		
Burnett	Town of Webb Lake (S0921)	37.77	Outside of Consolidation Zone/Requested by Township	
		33.83		
		3.94		
Oneida ✓	DNR - One Stone Lake Hemlocks (S0922)	314	Natural Area/Adjacent to DNR Project Boundary	
		160		
		154		
Rusk ✓	DNR - Hawkins Hemlocks SNA (S0923)	40	Outside Consolidation Zone/ Natural Area/Within DNR Project Boundary	
		40		
		0		
Vilas ✓	DNR - Upper Buckatabon Springs SNA (S0924)	120	Within DNR Project Boundary/Natural Area	
		47		
		73		
Oneida ✓	DNR - Enterprise Hemlocks SNA (S0925)	600	Within DNR Project Boundary/Natural Area	
		455		
		145		
Price	DNR - Kimberly Clark Wildlife Area (S0926)	160	Within DNR Project Boundary/Unproductive	
		16		
		144		
Iron ✓	DNR - Newman Lake SNA (S0927)	480	Within DNR Project Boundary/Natural Area	
		140		
		340		
Washburn	DNR - McKenzie Creek Fishery Area (S0928)	40	Within DNR Project Area/Outside Consolidation Zone	
		40		
		0		
Burnett	Wisconsin DOT (S0930)	2.23	Outside of Consolidation Zone/Requested by Department of Transportation	
		0		
		2.23		
Washburn	Ryan Predni - Trego (S0931)	40	No BCPL Access/Outside Consolidation Zone	
		40		
		0		
Washburn	Thomas Terrill - Spooner (S0932)	40	No BCPL Access/Outside Consolidation Zone/Within DNR Project Boundary	
		5		
		35		



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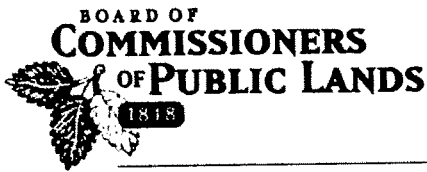
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		Productive Unproductive	
Washburn	David Hopp - Chicog (S0933)	80	No BCPL Access/Outside Consolidation Zone
		75	
		5	
Oneida ✓	DNR - Gobler Lake SNA (S0938)	375.9	Within DNR Project Boundary/Natural Area
		20	
		355.9	
Florence ✓ *	USFS - Woods Creek Hardwoods (S1003)	40	Natural Area / Within CNNF* Boundary
		36	
		4	
Forest ✓ *	USFS - West Allen Creek Hemlocks (S1004)	40	Natural Area / Within CNNF* Boundary
		33	
		7	
Forest ✓ *	USFS - Wilson Creek Cedars (S1005)	40	Natural Area / Within CNNF* Boundary
		36	
		4	
Douglas	Douglas County (S1008)	80	Outside of Consolidation Zone/Within County Project Boundary
		35	
		45	
Florence ✓	DNR - Woods Creek Cedars (S1102)	55.25	Natural Area/Requested by DNR
		43.0	
		12.25	
Oneida ✓	DNR - Kaubashine Creek (S1105)	269	Natural Area/Requested by DNR
		122.1	
		146.9	
Price	Donald Yahn - Emery (S1116)	40	No BCPL Access/Unproductive
		25	
		15	
Price	Harrington - Harmony (S1117-B7)	40	No BCPL Access/Unproductive
		20	
		20	
Price	Zellinger - Harmony (S1117-B8)	40	No BCPL Access/Unproductive
		5	
		35	
TOTAL ACRES SOLD		9,780.86	
PRODUCTIVE		4,106.76	
UNPRODUCTIVE		5,674.10	

✓ Natural Area Site
 * Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest



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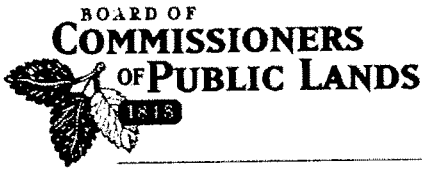
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County	Seller - Transaction Name and Number	Total Acres	Purchase Criteria Satisfied
		Productive	
		Unproductive	
Oneida	Tyler (P0701)	200	Productive Timberland, Access, Blocking
		150	
		50	
Langlade	Jacobsen (P0702)	80	Productive Timberland, Access, Blocking
		78	
		2	
Oneida	American Timberlands (P0703)	1520	Productive Timberland, Access, Blocking
		988	
		532	
Langlade	Phalen (P0704)	34.86	Access, Blocking
		17	
		17.86	
Lincoln	O'Day Family (P0802)	8	Productive Timberland, Access, Blocking
		8	
		0	
Oneida	Wausau Papers - Ripco Rd. (P0804 / P0806)	120	Productive Timberland
		90	
		30	
Lincoln	Turtle Lake Road Wausau Papers (P0804 / P0806)	204	Productive Timberland
		180	
		24	



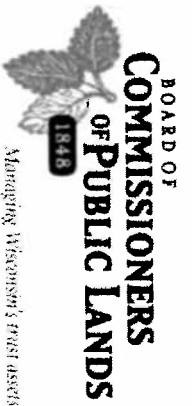
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		Unproductive	
Oneida	Wausau Papers - Sugar Camp (P0804 / P0806)	1360	Productive Timberland, Access, Blocking
		1060	
		300	
Forest	Phalen (P0805)	157	Access, Blocking
		95	
		62	
Langlade	Kretz Lumber Co. - Rollingstone Lake (P0901)	480	Productive Timberland, Access, Blocking
		455	
		25	
Iron	Potlatch - Moose Lake (P0902)	3002.22	Productive Timberland
		2670	
		332.22	
Vilas	McKinnon Property (P1001)	392.66	Productive Timberland
		260.66	
		132.0	
Forest	Plum Creek (P1007)	1053	Productive Timberland, Blocking
		920	
		133	
TOTAL ACRES PURCHASED		8,611.74	
PRODUCTIVE		6,971.66	
UNPRODUCTIVE		1,640.08	

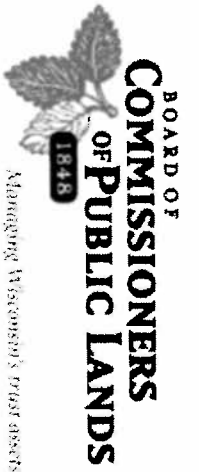


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BCPL State Trust Fund Loans
Assembly District 36
Fiscal Year 2007 through 3/5/2012.

Customer Type	Customer Name	County Name	Board Approved Date	Board Approved Application Amount	Loan Purpose
TOWN	ATHELSTANE	MARINETTE	5/18/2010	\$170,000.00	Purchase new tandem dump truck and accessories
TOWN	DOTY	OCONTO	3/18/2008	\$800,000.00	Construct citizen center/town hall/and fire station
COUNTY	LANGLADE	LANGLADE	10/21/2008	\$2,546,200.00	Construct economic development building
SCHOOL	LAONA	FOREST	1/6/2009	\$538,336.00	Refinance unfunded prior service liability
VILLAGE	MATTOON	SHAWANO	6/19/2007	\$250,000.00	Finance installation of new well
SCHOOL	NIAGARA	MARINETTE	12/12/2006	\$500,000.00	Finance unfunded pension liability
COUNTY	SHAWANO	SHAWANO	12/18/2007	\$600,000.00	Finance improvements in sheriff's department, replace roof at nursing home
COUNTY	SHAWANO	SHAWANO	5/18/2010	\$439,000.00	Finance public works project
COUNTY	SHAWANO	SHAWANO	1/18/2011	\$161,000.00	Finance courthouse elevator renovation
SCHOOL	WAUSAUKEE	MARINETTE	11/7/2006	\$856,000.00	Finance unfunded pension liability
SCHOOL	WITTENBERG-BIRNA MWOOD	SHAWANO	7/20/2010	\$990,100.00	Finance capital improvement projects

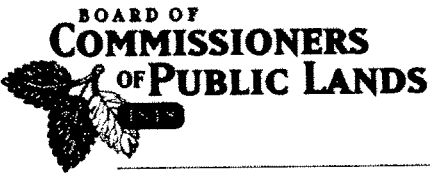
Totals for Assembly District 36: \$7,850,636.00



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Library Aid Report
Annual Distribution of BCPL Common School Fund Earnings
School Districts in Assembly District 36
Fiscal Year 2007 through 2011

	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	School District Total for 5 Years
ANTIGO	\$102,530	\$97,376	\$106,456	\$106,502	\$88,723	\$501,587
BEECHER-DUNBAR-PEMBINE	\$10,807	\$10,343	\$11,488	\$12,164	\$10,363	\$55,165
CRANDON	\$41,563	\$38,423	\$40,478	\$41,129	\$31,413	\$193,006
CRIVITZ	\$31,357	\$28,830	\$33,330	\$34,864	\$26,474	\$154,855
FLORENCE	\$15,801	\$15,902	\$18,041	\$17,277	\$15,233	\$82,254
GOODMAN-ARMSTRONG	\$5,185	\$5,249	\$6,212	\$6,209	\$5,262	\$28,117
GRESHAM	\$10,261	\$9,541	\$10,070	\$0	\$0	\$29,872
LAONA	\$8,105	\$7,576	\$10,212	\$9,355	\$7,755	\$43,003
MARINETTE	\$81,817	\$74,002	\$84,047	\$85,629	\$71,089	\$396,584
MENOMINEE INDIAN	\$41,099	\$41,603	\$45,442	\$49,809	\$41,984	\$219,937
NIAGARA	\$15,146	\$14,092	\$15,885	\$17,109	\$14,979	\$77,211
WABENO AREA	\$20,959	\$20,892	\$23,458	\$24,301	\$19,203	\$108,813
WAUSAUKEE	\$21,914	\$21,254	\$25,047	\$26,773	\$22,365	\$117,353
WHITE LAKE	\$10,943	\$11,041	\$12,339	\$12,642	\$10,086	\$57,051
WITTENBERG-BIRNAMWOOD	\$53,626	\$50,964	\$57,582	\$55,372	\$44,546	\$262,090
District Totals:	\$471,113	\$447,088	\$500,087	\$499,135	\$409,475	\$2,326,898



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**2012 TIMBER SALES DATA
ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 36
REPRESENTATIVE MURSAU**

Logging Company	County	Cord Volume	Board Feet	Total Amount
Albrecht Trucking	Forest	940	150,000,000	\$114,097.40