

# State of Wisconsin

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## Joint Committee on Finance

### MEMORANDUM

To: Members  
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling  
Representative John Nygren

Date: March 23, 2017

Re: 14-Day Passive Review Approval – DNR

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m), Stats., attached is a 14-day passive review request from the Department of Natural Resources, received on March 23, 2017.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Darling** or **Representative Nygren** no later than **Tuesday, April 11, 2017**, if you have any concerns about the request or if you would like the Committee to meet formally to consider it.

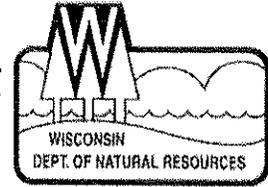
Also, please contact us if you need further information.

Attachments

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Scott Walker, Governor  
Cathy Stepp, Secretary  
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March 24, 2017

The Honorable Alberta Darling, Co-Chair  
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The Honorable John Nygren, Co-Chair  
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MAR 23 2017  
*St. Finance*

Dear Senator Darling and Representative Nygren:

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m), Wis. Stats., the Department is notifying you as co-chairs of the Committee on Joint Finance of a proposed Stewardship grant for land acquisition. The proposed grant is for \$292,823.00 to the Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust to purchase property at Red Banks Alvar State Natural Area. The proposed award represents 50% of eligible project costs.

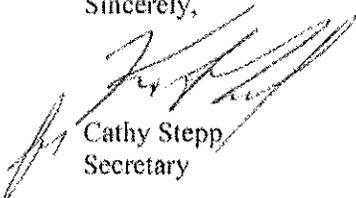
This parcel is located in Brown County, in the Town of Scott: the town board passed a resolution in support of this project. This acquisition will protect 143 acres of Wisconsin's largest Great Lakes alvar and at least 12 rare species including the federally threatened Dwarf Lake Iris. The property will be open to the public for hunting, trapping, hiking, and cross country skiing.

The land trust has secured federal and private match funds for acquisition and restoration of the parcel, including for invasive species control.

As provided in s. 23.0917(6m)(a), Wis. Stats., if the Department does not receive notification of objection or that a hearing has been scheduled within 14 working days from today, the Department will award this grant.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Cathy Stepp  
Secretary

C: Doug Haag, Administrator, Division of Internal Services  
Terry Bay, Director, Bureau of Facilities and Lands  
Pamela Foster Felt, Stewardship Grant Manager  
Faith Murray, Grant Specialist, Northeast Region

**DATE:** March 24, 2017  
**TO:** Members of the Joint Committee on Finance  
**FROM:** Cathy Stepp, Secretary  
**SUBJECT:** Request for approval of Stewardship grant for acquisition over \$250,000

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m)(a) and (c), Wis. Stats., the Department of Natural Resources is notifying you of a proposed Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program grant in the amount of \$292,823.00 to Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust for the acquisition of 143 acres at the Red Banks Alvar State Natural Area. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program is funded under s. 20.866(2)(ta), Wis. Stats.

**I. PROJECT DETAILS:**

**Project Sponsor:** Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust  
**Grant sub-program:** Natural Areas

**Location:** This parcel is located east of State Highway 57 in the Town of Scott, Brown County, about 12 miles northeast of Green Bay. The property is adjacent to 114 acres of DNR-owned Red Banks Alvar State Natural Area. The property can be accessed from State Highway 57 and Gibson Road. Project maps are attached as Appendix A.

**Project Description:** This 143 acre, parcel is part of the largest and best example in Wisconsin of a globally rare natural community, a Great Lakes Alvar. The property is characterized by thin soils atop horizontal beds of limestone or dolomitic bedrock which host an unusual blend of plant species. Red Banks has been identified by numerous conservation organizations and agencies as a high priority conservation opportunity.

**The key benefits of this acquisition:**

- Significantly expand protection of a globally rare ecological community which hosts at least one federally threatened species (Dwarf Lake Iris) and will support at least 12 additional species of special concern.
- Improve public access to the Red Banks Alvar State Natural Area
- Expand contiguous land available for public recreation from 65 to 208 acres in an area of Brown County with limited public hunting lands and demand for them.

**Partnerships:** Several entities are supporting this acquisition:

- Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust has secured match funding for acquisition and restoration of this parcel from USFWS Coastal Wetland Conservation funds and The 1923 Fund, a private foundation.
- The Town of Scott passed a resolution in favor of the acquisition. See Appendix C.
- The Land Trust is committed to coordinated management with DNR in accordance with the DNR draft management plan for the adjacent State Natural Area.

**Consistency with planning:** this acquisition will advance objectives of several plans:

- It will address the primary objectives of the DNR's Draft *Management Plan for Red Banks Alvar State Natural Area*: expanding protection and restoration of the Red Banks Alvar.
- *Wisconsin Wildlife Action Plan* lists Red Banks Alvar as a high priority conservation opportunity.
- It addresses three priorities in the *Wisconsin Coastal Management Program* and *Lake Michigan Lakewide Management Plan*: protecting Great Lakes Coastal Wetlands, providing public access, and preventing secondary negative impacts of development.
- *The Land Legacy Report* lists Red Banks Alvar as a natural community of continental significance.
- It will advance the primary goal of the *USFWS Dwarf Lake Iris Recovery Plan* to ensure persistence of a viable population through habitat protection.

**Public Uses:** The property will be open to the public for low-impact recreational activities including hunting, trapping, hiking, cross-country skiing, and wildlife viewing. The Department's analysis of nature-based outdoor activities is attached as Appendix B.

**Timeline:** Pending approval, the Land Trust expects to purchase the property in June, 2017.

## II. PROJECT FINANCES

**A: Appraisal:** As required by s. 23.0917(7)(e)1., Wis. Stats., two appraisals reviewed to determine a fair market value.

Appraisal 1	\$660,000.00
Appraisal 2 - approved	\$573,000.00

**B: Grant Calculation:**

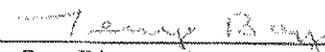
Approved land value*	\$573,000.00
Eligible related costs	\$ 12,645.00
Total grant-eligible project costs	\$585,645.00

**C: Project Finances:**

DNR Stewardship award (50%)	\$292,823.00
Anticipated from USFWS	\$102,800.00
Committed from 1923 Fund	\$190,022.00

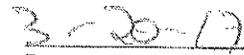
\* Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust's agreed-upon purchase price is \$660,000.00; the Stewardship award will be based on DNR's approved land value. Additional funds will be raised by the Land Trust.

## III. RECOMMENDED:

  
 Terry Bay, Director, Bureau of Facilities and Lands

  
 Date

  
 Doug Haag, Administrator  
 Division of Internal Services

  
 Date

Attachments: Appendix A – property maps, Appendix B – NR 52 public use analysis

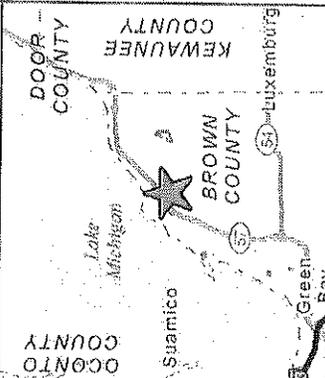
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Red Banks SNA**

*Proposed  
Stewardship  
Grant*

T25N R22E Sec 29  
Town of Scott  
Brown County

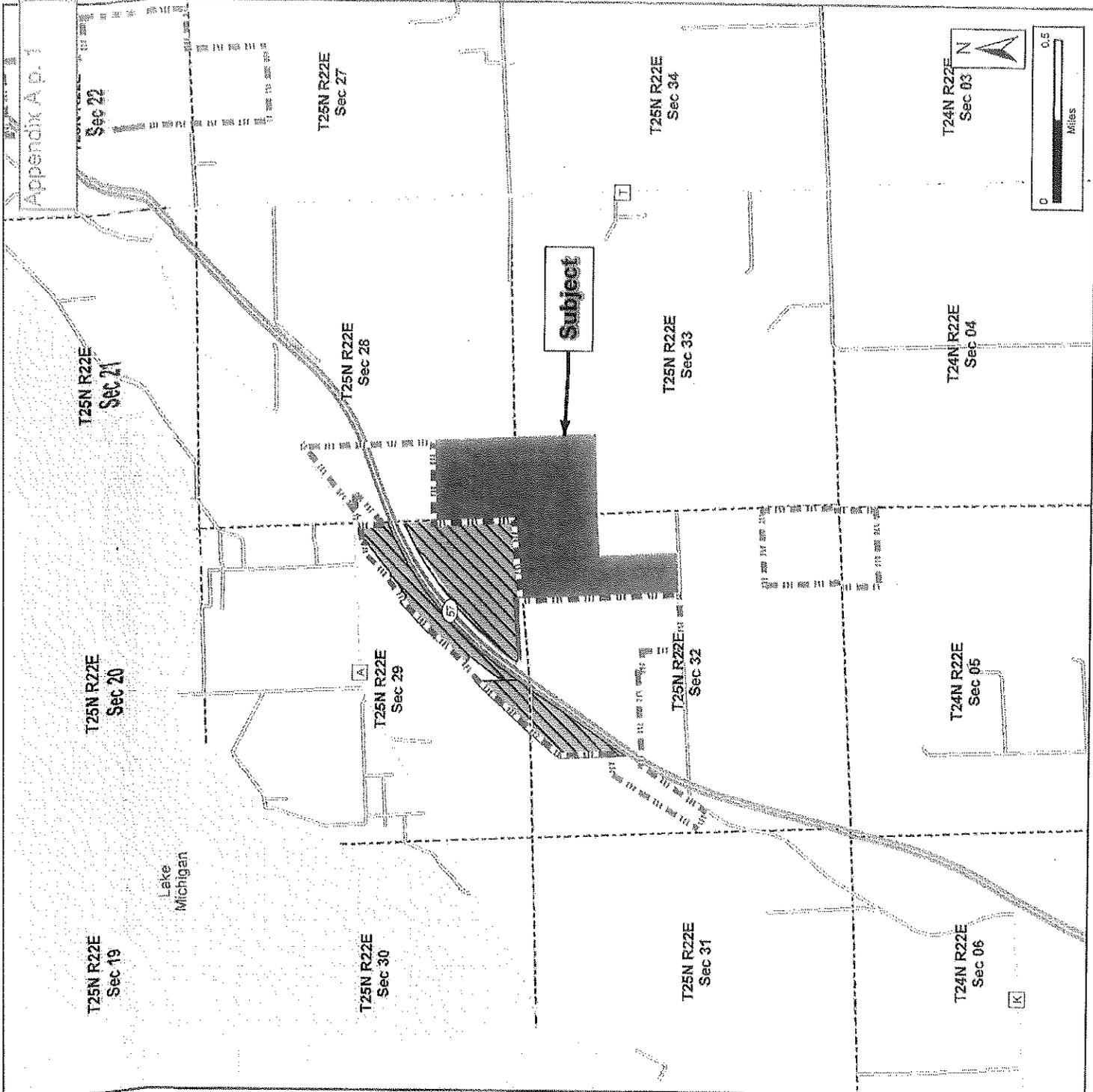
-  State Natural Area
-  Project Boundary
-  DNR Fee Title Lands
-  Open to Public Access
-  DNR Easement Lands
-  Open to Public Access
-  State Natural Area
-  PLSS Section Lines

*Regional View*



Location of Property

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT  
OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
Bureau of Facilities of Lands  
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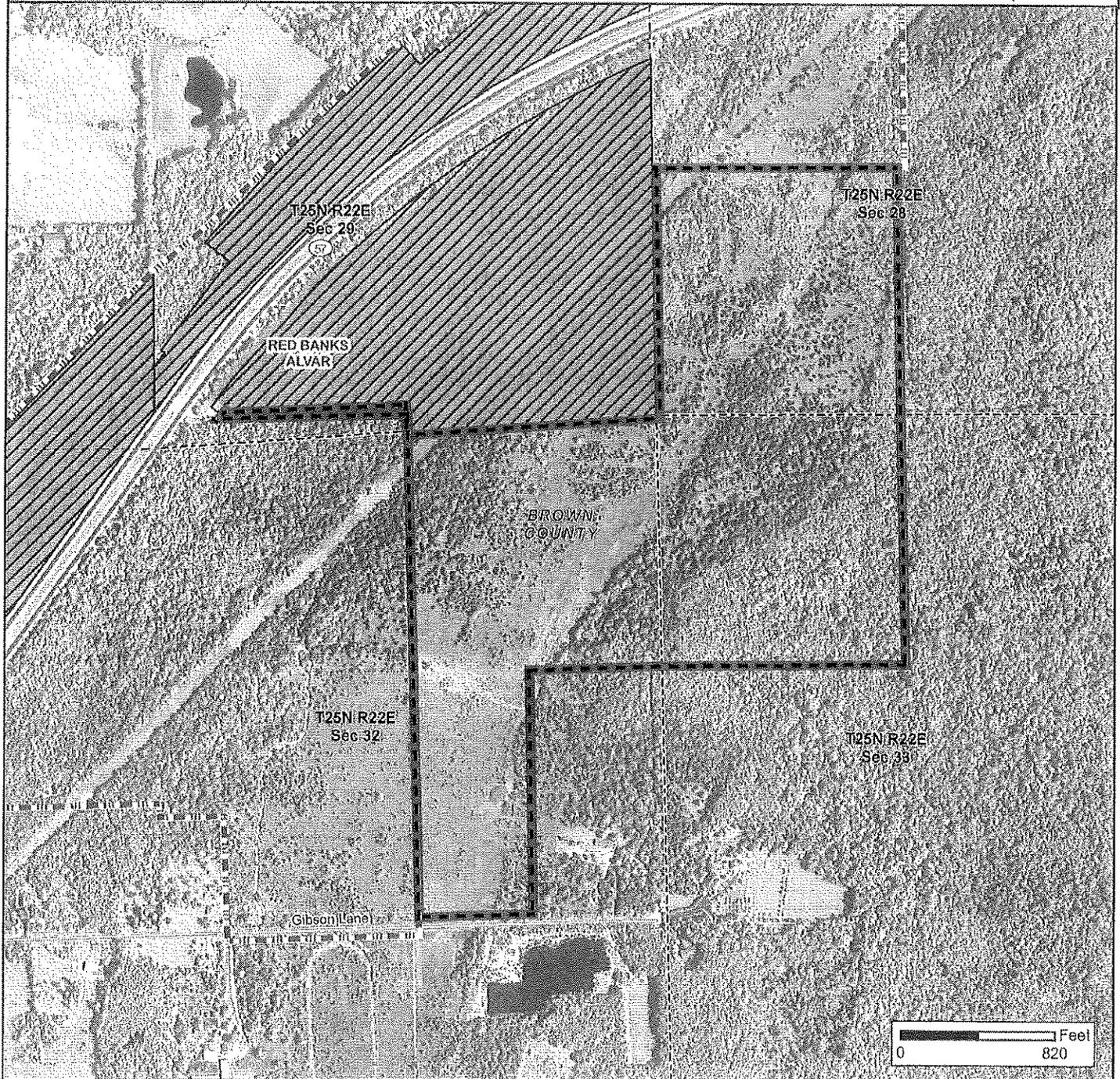


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Proposed Grant Sponsor: Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust  
 Approximate Acreage: 141.52

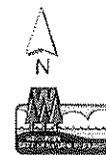
T25N R22E Sec 29, Town of Scott  
 County: Brown



**Proposed Stewardship Grant**

 **Subject**

-  State Natural Area
-  Project Boundary
-  DNR Fee Title Lands
-  DNR Easement Lands
-  State Natural Area
-  PLSS Section Lines



Sep 23, 2016 jpk

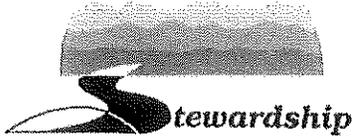
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 Bureau of Facilities and Lands



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Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Program

## DNR Staff Analysis of Nature Based Outdoor Activities on Projects Purchased with Stewardship Grant Funds



Rev. August 2012

**NOTE TO DNR STAFF:** This completed form will be attached to the NBOA notice that the DNR will publish when considering a request for Stewardship grant funding. Do not list location information for the subject property or the seller's name because WI courts have held that this information is confidential until land ownership has changed hands. In "Staff Narrative" sections below each NBOA, summarize sponsor's reason for prohibition.

<b>Applicant/ Sponsor:</b> Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust	<b>Year of application:</b> 2016
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**Project name and primary purpose (after acquisition):** Red Banks Alvar State Natural Area – DeCleene tract

**Parcel size, shape and topography:** This 143 acre project is located adjacent to the Red Banks Alvar State Natural Area Acquisition boundary of the Department. The parcel contains Great Lakes alvar, a globally rare ecological community characterized by thin, discontinuous soils overlaying horizontal beds of limestone or dolomitic bedrock. An unusual blend of both boreal and prairie/savanna plant species distinguish the vegetation of the ecosystem. This acquisition will increase public opportunity for nature based outdoor recreation including hunting, trapping, hiking and cross country skiing in Brown County.

**Plan(s) or reports identifying project area as priority:** Red Banks Alvar State Natural Area Draft Management Plan, USFWS Dwarf Lake Iris Recovery Plan, Wildlife Action Plan, Wisconsin Coastal Management Program, Lake Michigan Lakewide Management Plan, Land Legacy Report.

### Proposed NBOA – Applicant Narrative and Checklist

<b>HUNTING</b>			
<b>DNR Staff Narrative:</b> Property will be open to hunting			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No prohibitions being proposed</b>			
If a prohibition is proposed:			
<b>Public safety factors considered, check all that apply.</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> The sponsor is within its own municipality boundary			
<input type="checkbox"/> Parcel is within 100 yards of building devoted to human occupancy			
<input type="checkbox"/> Parcel is within 50 feet of the center line of highways & roads			
<input type="checkbox"/> Parcel is within 1700 feet of school grounds, hospital, or sanatorium			
<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance exists –			
<input type="checkbox"/> Discharge or carrying a weapon <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting within park <input type="checkbox"/> Throwing or shooting missiles, arrows, spears, etc.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Visitor's expectations of safety at the site which include user conflicts that may create public safety issues and impact one or more NBOA's activities.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Parcel is adjacent to a parcel where the NBOA's to be prohibited already exists.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Parcel is adjacent to a public waterway.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Parcel is subjected to a non-sponsor ordinance			
<input type="checkbox"/> Project will be transferred to an eligible partner sponsor with ordinance prohibiting activity.			
<b>Unique plant and animal communities factors considered, check all that apply.</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal listed endangered species		<input type="checkbox"/> State listed endangered species	
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal listed threatened species		<input type="checkbox"/> State listed threatened species	
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal listed species of special concern		<input type="checkbox"/> State listed species of special concern	
	<b>Allowable species (Gun)</b>	<b>Allowable species (bow)</b>	<b>List Dates/Seasons (opening and closing)</b>
Waterfowl	Per state regulations	Per state regulations	Per state regulations
Small Game	Per state regulations	Per state regulations	Per state regulations
Turkey	Per state regulations	Per state regulations	Per state regulations
Large Game	Per state regulations	Per state regulations	Per state regulations

TRAPPING		
DNR Staff Narrative: Property will be open to trapping		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No prohibitions being proposed <input type="checkbox"/> No water on site If a prohibition is proposed: Public safety factors considered, check all that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> Size/shape of parcel <input type="checkbox"/> The sponsor is within its own municipality boundary <input type="checkbox"/> Parcel is within 100 yards of building devoted to human occupancy and per s. NR 13.(1)(b)(12), the following traps are prohibited: conibear body gripping traps (with jaws wider than 60 sq. inches) and cable restraints. <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance exists that prohibits trapping or some type of trapping. <input type="checkbox"/> Visitor's expectations of safety at the site which include user conflicts that may create public safety issues and impact one or more NBOA's activities. <input type="checkbox"/> Parcel is adjacent to a parcel where the NBOA's to be prohibited already exists. <input type="checkbox"/> Parcel is adjacent to a public waterway. <input type="checkbox"/> Parcel is subjected to a non-sponsor ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Project will be transferred to an eligible partner sponsor with ordinance prohibiting activity.  Unique plant and animal communities factors considered, check all that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> Federal listed endangered species <input type="checkbox"/> Federal listed threatened species <input type="checkbox"/> Federal listed species of special concern <input type="checkbox"/> State listed endangered species <input type="checkbox"/> State listed threatened species <input type="checkbox"/> State listed species of special concern		
Location	Allowable Species	List Dates/Seasons (opening and closing)
Upland	Per state regulations	Per state regulations
Water	Per state regulations	Per state regulations

FISHING		
DNR Staff Narrative: No fishable water on site		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No prohibitions being proposed <input type="checkbox"/> No water on site If a prohibition is proposed: Public safety factors considered, check all that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance exists – <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Visitor's expectations of safety at the site which include user conflicts that may create public safety issues and impact one or more NBOA's activities. <input type="checkbox"/> Parcel is adjacent to a parcel where the NBOA's to be prohibited already exists. <input type="checkbox"/> Parcel is adjacent to a public waterway. <input type="checkbox"/> Parcel is subjected to a non-sponsor ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Project will be transferred to an eligible partner sponsor with ordinance prohibiting activity.  Unique plant and animal communities factors considered, check all that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> Federal listed endangered species <input type="checkbox"/> Federal listed threatened species <input type="checkbox"/> Federal listed species of special concern <input type="checkbox"/> State listed endangered species <input type="checkbox"/> State listed threatened species <input type="checkbox"/> State listed species of special concern		
Method	Allowable Activities	List Dates/Seasons (opening and closing)
Shore	N/A	N/A
Boat	N/A	N/A





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**TOWN OF SCOTT, BROWN COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
RESOLUTION 2017-01-02**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Scott endorses Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust (NEWLT) and their mission to preserve lands that protect our waters, landscapes, and natural habitats for this and future generations.

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Scott supports the NEWLT and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) use of grant money from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program for the purpose of purchasing and preserving land in the Town of Scott.

**WHEREAS**, the Town has identified in its Comprehensive Plan the importance of preservation of critical habitat and unique places in the Town of Scott.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Scott recommends to the WDNR that a grant funded from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program be used to acquire 143 acres located in the Town for conservation and public recreational purposes.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to Faith Murray, Community Service Specialist, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, 2984 Shawano Ave., Green Bay, WI 54313-6727, and that a permeant copy of this Resolution will be on file at the Town Hall of the Town of Scott at 2621 Jody Drive, New Franken, WI 54229.

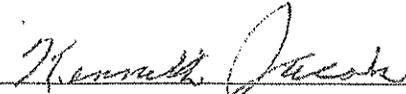
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Mike Van Lanen, Chairman

  
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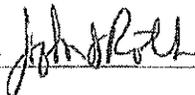
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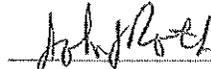
  
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ATTEST: John Roth, Clerk/Treasurer

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Colleen Harris, Supervisor

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by The Town of Scott at a legal meeting on 10th day of January, 2017.

Authorized Signature:   
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Title: clerk Treasurer, Town of Scott

Date Certified: January 10, 2017