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Joint Committee on Finance

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling
Representative John Nygren

Date: October 3, 2018

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 October 3, 2018.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Darling** or **Representative Nygren** no later than **Monday, October 22, 2018**, if you have any concerns about the request or if you would like the Committee to meet formally to consider it.

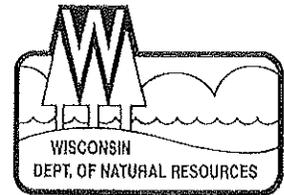
Also, please contact us if you need further information.

Attachments

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October 2, 2018

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Dear Senator Darling and Representative Nygren:

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m)(a) and (dr), Wis. Stats., the Department is notifying you as co-chairs of the Committee on Joint Finance of a proposed grant of \$547,485.00 from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program to Oneida County for the Twin Lakes acquisition.

The Twin Lakes acquisition will acquire 231.73 acres and two small wild lakes in the town of Enterprise. As part of their required match, the County has offered an additional 308.82 acres in the Towns of Woodboro, Little Rice and Lynne of which will be incorporated into the County Forest and Stewardship programs. The project will ensure continued future forest management, provide public recreation opportunities, and safeguard wildlife habitat on 540.55 acres of primarily productive forest land. The Twin Lakes acquisition will also gain access to 2 pristine lakes and provide additional access to Little Pine Creek (Class 1 trout stream).

There are no prohibitions of nature-based outdoor activities, as defined in s. 23.0916(1)(b), Wis. Stats.

As provided in s. 23.0917(6m)(a), Wis. Stats., if the Department does not receive notification of the scheduling of a hearing from either of the Joint Committee on Finance co-chairpersons within 14 working days from today, the Department will award this grant.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Daniel L. Meyer
Secretary

C: Doug Haag, Administrator, Internal Services Division
Doug Brown, County Forest & Public Lands Specialist, Bureau of Forestry Field Operations

DATE: October 2, 2018

TO: Members of the Joint Committee on Finance

FROM: Daniel Meyer, Secretary

SUBJECT: Request for approval of a Stewardship grant award for land acquisition north of Highway 64

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m)(a) and (dr), Wis. Stats., the Department of Natural Resources is notifying you of a proposed Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant in the amount of \$547,485.00 to Oneida County for acquisition of a 231.75 -acre property known as the Twin Lakes tract. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program is funded under s. 20.866(2)(a), Wis. Stats.

PROJECT DETAILS:

Project Sponsor: Oneida County
Grant sub-program: County Forest Acquisition
Location: The land is in the Town of Enterprise

Project Description: This 231.73-acre acquisition consists of two adjoining properties being purchased by the County as a single acquisition. These properties are surrounded on 3 sides by existing Oneida County Forest.

The 231.73 acres contains a highly productive forest, including: 147 acres of Northern Hardwood, 28 acres of aspen, 12 acres of tamarack/spruce, seven acres of mixed white and red pine, two acres of hemlock. The County estimates 147 acres harvestable in the next 5 years.

Notable features of these properties are two undeveloped, wild lakes to which there has not been public access. Gillette Lake is 32 acres and is 22' deep. Wickham Lake is 17 acres, 40' deep. There are a combined 1.8 miles of shoreline. Little Pine Creek (a Class I trout stream runs through a portion of the property. There is a small seasonal cabin on Wickham Lake which will be removed after acquisition.

All 231.73 acres will be incorporated into the Stewardship and County Forest programs and managed according to the County's Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan. With additional match lands, this project will bring 540.55 acres, total, into the County Forest land base. Project area maps are attached as Appendix A.

Project benefits: County acquisition of this property will:

- Create significant improved blocking of the county forest, eliminating 2.5 miles of private property boundary.
- Offer management efficiency of productive forest land by adding to a contiguous block of county owned timber stands.
- Provide additional and better recreational access to existing county forest lands and two undeveloped, natural lakes.
- The Township of Enterprise fully supports this acquisition and will abandon the town road and turn over ownership to Oneida County Forestry Department as there are no other private parcels on this road.

Public Uses: The Twin Lakes acquisition will be open to the public year-round for hunting, fishing, trapping, hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, biking, horseback riding. County ownership will provide unlimited off-trail or cross-country hiking opportunities throughout the property and contiguous county forest lands. The Department's analysis of the permitted nature-based outdoor activities is attached in Appendix B.

Property Management: The property will be enrolled into the County Forest Program and managed consistently with s. 28.11 Wis. Stats., which ensures that the land will be managed for optimum production of

forest products together with recreational opportunities, wildlife, and watershed protection. Management will occur according to the *Oneida County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan*, as approved by the Department.

Timetable: Pending grant approval, the county and sellers anticipate closing in fall 2018.

PROJECT FINANCES:

A. Appraisals: as required by s.23.0917(7)(e)1., Wis. Stats., land value of both the subject properties and lands used as match were determined by DNR-reviewed and accepted appraisals. Two appraisals were reviewed to determine value of the subject properties.

Appraisal #1	\$ 910,000.00
Appraisal #2 – accepted by DNR for grant calculation purposes	\$ 814,000.00

Value of lands used as match: pursuant to s. NR 51.962(4)(a)7 and s. NR 51.962(4)(a)6., Wis. Admin. Code, Oneida County will incorporate 308.82 acres of additional land into the Stewardship Program as a portion of match required for this grant. The value of these lands was determined by DNR reviewed and accepted appraisals. **The eligible grant value for seven match parcels totals \$135,000.00**

B. Grant Calculation

Land value	\$ 814,000.00
Grant-eligible associated costs	<u>\$10,970.00</u>
Total grant eligible project costs	\$824,000.00
Grant for subject land value:	\$407,000.00
Grant for value of land used as match	\$135,000.00
Grant cost share for eligible related costs	\$5,485.00
Total proposed grant award	\$ 547,485.00

I. RECOMMENDED:

Terry Bay
Terry Bay, Director, Bureau of Facilities and Lands

10/2/18
Date

Doug Haag
Doug Haag, Administrator, Division of Internal Services

10-2-18
Date

APPENDIX A
Oneida County Forest-Twin Lakes Acquisition

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Preliminary Stewardship Grant
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T35N R09E Sec 19
 Town of Enterprise
 Oneida County

- Subject
- County Forest Lands
- PLSS Section Lines
- Current DNR Project Boundary
- State Natural Area Project Boundary
- DNR Fee Title Lands Open to Public Access
- DNR Easement Lands Closed to Public Access
- State Natural Area
- Board of Commissioners of Public Lands

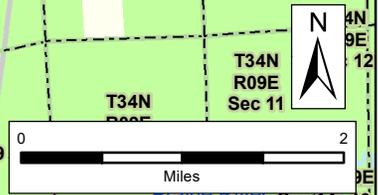
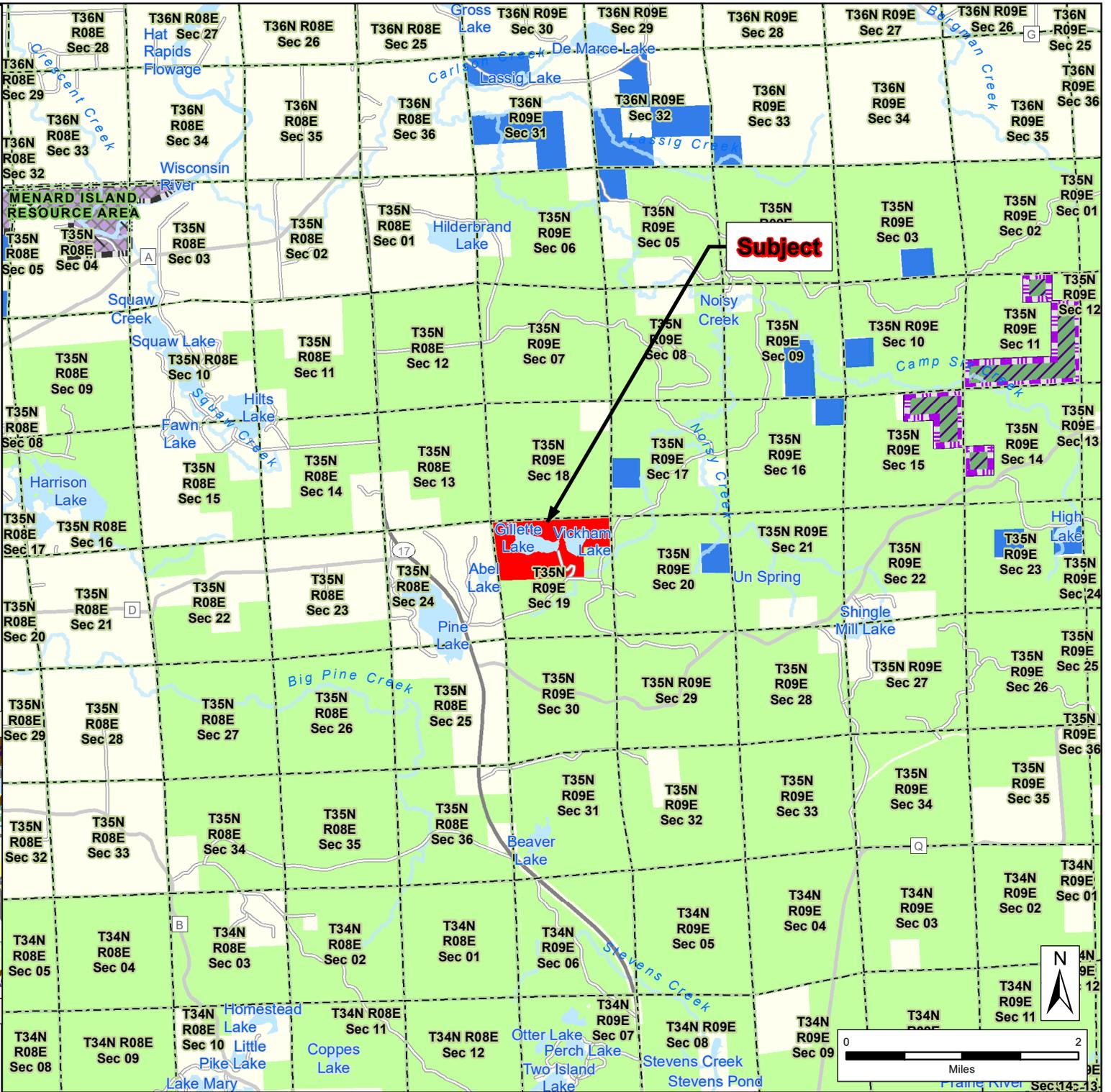
Regional View



★ Location of Property



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Oneida County Forest-Twin Lakes Acquisition

Sponsor: Oneida County
 Approximate Total Acreage: 237.99

T35N R09E Sec 19 Town of Enterprise
 County: Oneida



Proposed Stewardship Grant

Subject

- Board of Commissioners of Public Lands
- County Forest Lands
- PLSS Section Lines
- QQ Section Boundary
- State Hwys
- Local Roads



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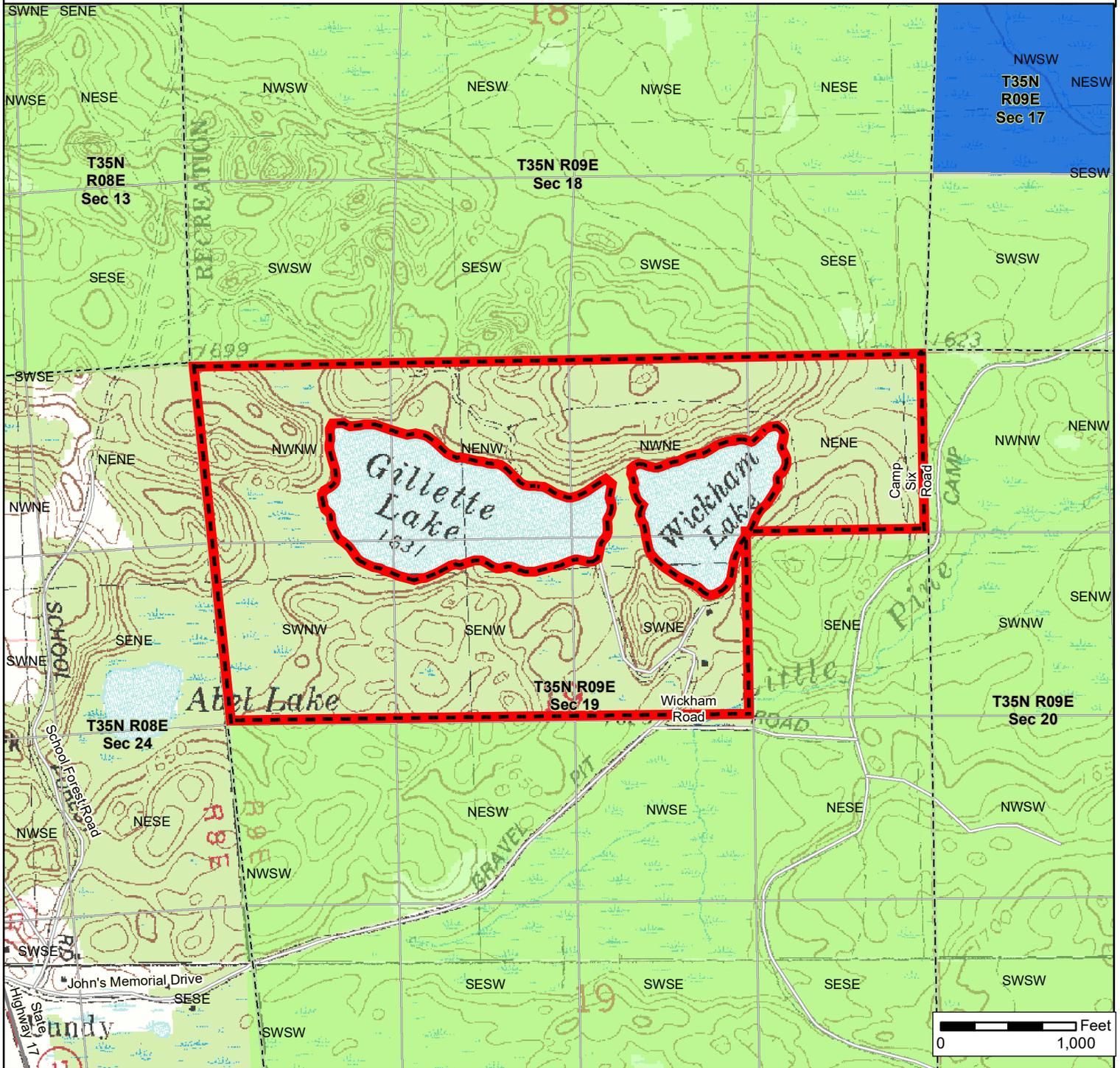
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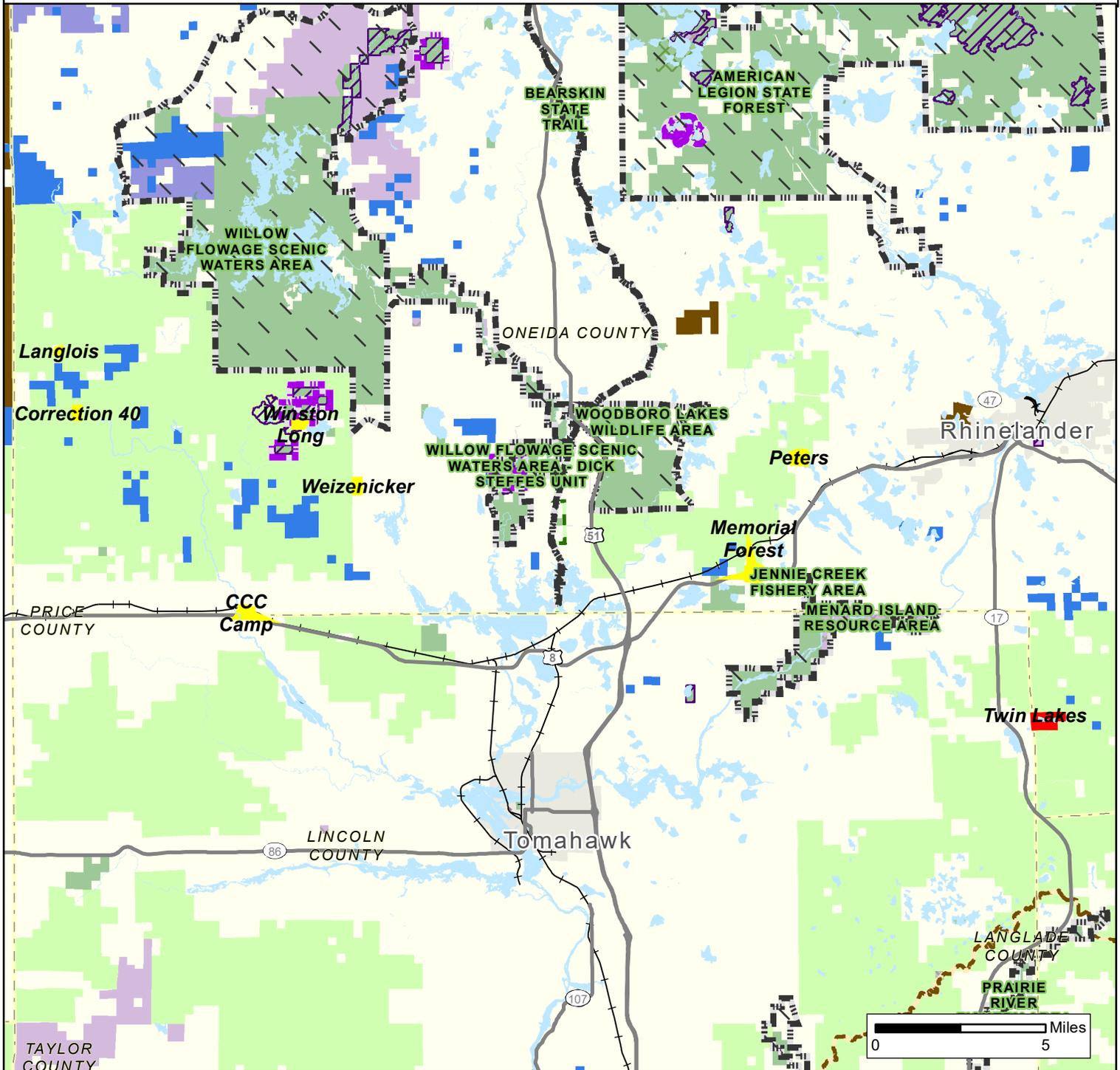
Oneida County- Twin Lakes

Sponsor: Oneida County

Approximate Acreage Twin Lakes: 237.99

Approximate Acreage Land Match: 306.20

County: Oneida

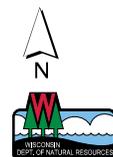


Proposed Stewardship Grant

■ Subject

■ Land Match

- River & Streams
- Current DNR Project Boundary
- State Natural Area
- Project Boundary
- DNR Fee Title Lands
- DNR Fee Title Lands Closed to Public Access
- DNR Easement Lands
- DNR Easement Lands Closed to Public Access
- State Natural Area
- Board of Commissioners of Public Lands
- Public Land - Funded by Stewardship Grants
- County Forest Lands
- National Forest
- State Recreation Trail
- Ice Age Trail
- Ice Age Trail
- County Boundary



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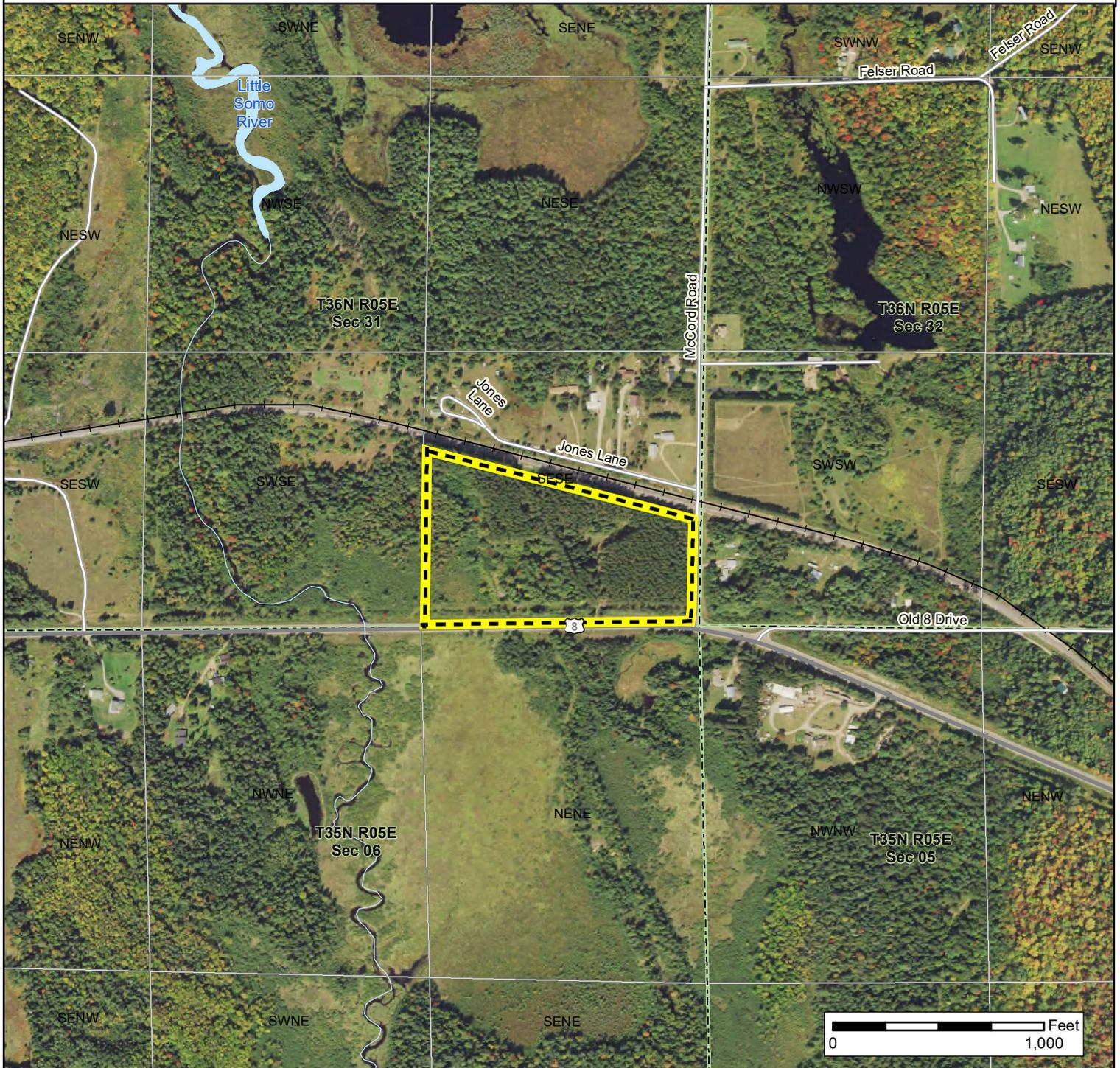
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Oneida County- CCC Camp Match Parcel

Sponsor: Oneida County
 Approximate Total Acreage: 17.4

T36N R05E Sec 31 Town of Little Rice
 County: Oneida



Proposed Stewardship Grant Match

Subject

- River & Streams
- PLSS Section Lines
- QQ Section Boundary
- US Hwys
- Local Roads



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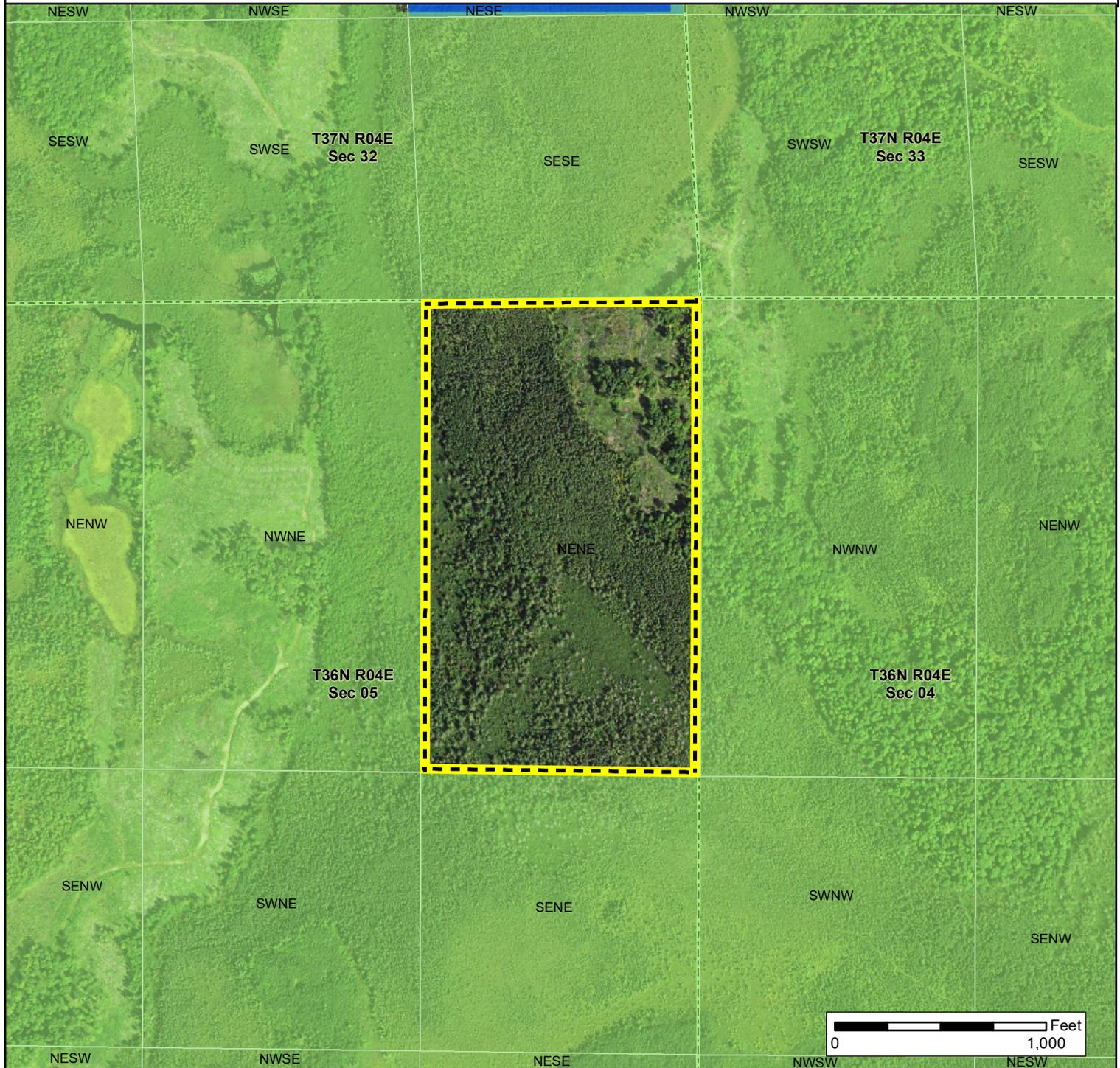
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Oneida County-Correction 40 Match Parcel

Sponsor: Oneida County
 Approximate Total Acreage: 70.11

T36N R04E Sec 05 Town of Lynne
 County: Oneida



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Subject

- County Forest
- Board of Commissioners of Public Lands
- PLSS Section Lines
- QQ Section Boundary



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Oneida County- Langlois Match Parcel

Sponsor: Oneida County
 Approximate Total Acreage: 40.31

T37N R04E Sec 29 Town of Lynne
 County: Oneida



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Subject

- County Forest
- Board of Commissioners of Public Lands
- PLSS Section Lines
- QQ Section Boundary
- Local Roads



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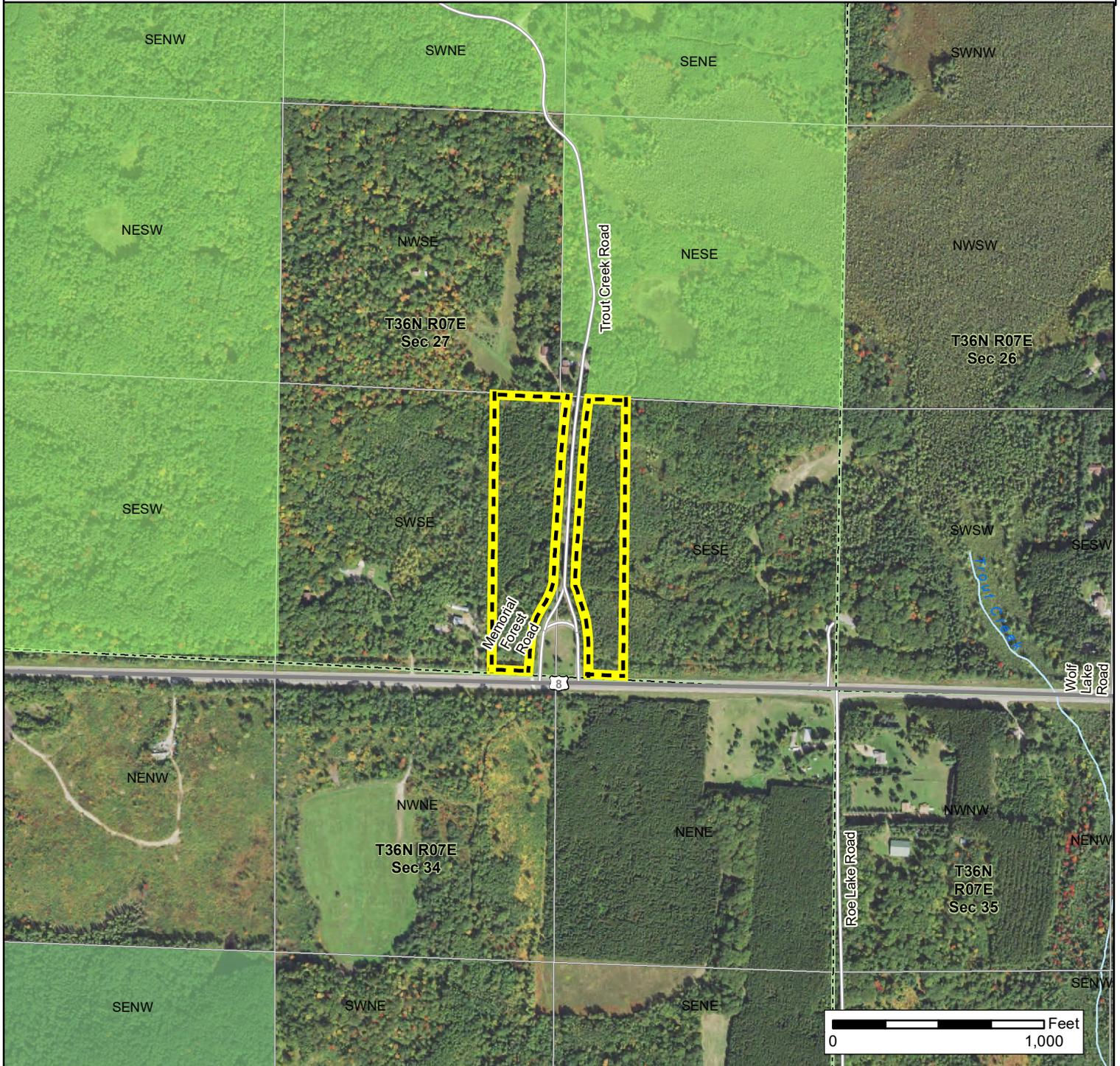
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Oneida County-Memorial Forest Match Parcel

Sponsor: Oneida County
 Approximate Total Acreage: 19.99

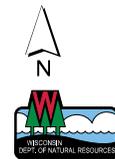
T36N R07E Sec 27 Town of Woodboro
 County: Oneida



Proposed Stewardship Grant Match

Subject

- County Forest
- DNR Fee Title Lands
- PLSS Section Lines
- QQ Section Boundary
- US Hwys
- Local Roads



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Oneida County-Peters Match Parcel

Sponsor: Oneida County
Approximate Total Acreage: 3.51

T36N R07E Sec 12 Town of Woodboro
County: Oneida



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 Subject

-  County Forest
-  PLSS Section Lines
-  QQ Section Boundary
-  Local Roads



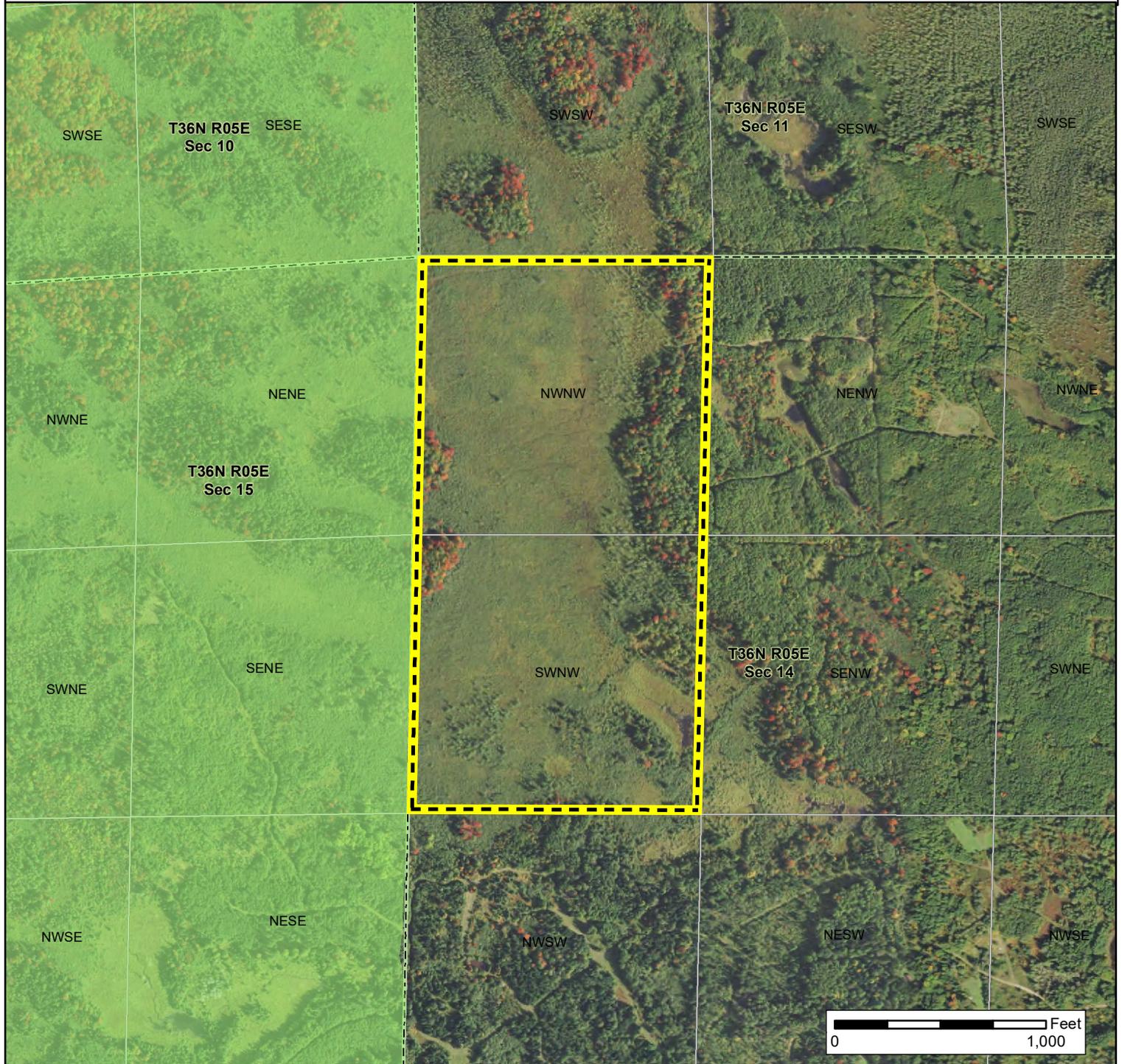
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Oneida County- Weizenicker Match Parcel

Sponsor: Oneida County
Approximate Total Acreage: 80

T36N R05E Sec 15 Town of Little Rice
County: Oneida



Proposed Stewardship Grant Match

 Subject

-  County Forest
-  PLSS Section Lines
-  QQ Section Boundary



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Oneida County- Winston Long Match Parcel

Sponsor: Oneida County
 Approximate Total Acreage: 77.49

T36N R05E Sec 04 Town of Little Rice
 County: Oneida



Proposed Stewardship Grant Match

Subject

- County Forest
- State Natural Area Project Boundary
- DNR Fee Title Lands
- State Natural Area
- PLSS Section Lines
- QQ Section Boundary
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TRAPPING**DNR Staff Narrative:** Property will be open to trapping.**X No prohibitions being proposed** **No water on site****If a prohibition is proposed:****Public safety factors considered,** check all that apply.

- Size/shape of parcel
- The sponsor is within its own municipality boundary
- 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.
- Ordinance exists that prohibits trapping or some type of trapping.
- 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.
- Parcel is adjacent to a parcel where the NBOA's to be prohibited already exists.
- Parcel is adjacent to a public waterway.
- Parcel is subjected to a non-sponsor ordinance
- Project will be transferred to an eligible partner sponsor with ordinance prohibiting activity.

Unique plant and animal communities factors considered, check all that apply.

- Federal listed endangered species State listed endangered species
- Federal listed threatened species State listed threatened species
- Federal listed species of special concern 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:** Property will be open to fishing**X No prohibitions being proposed** **No water on site****If a prohibition is proposed:****Public safety factors considered,** check all that apply.

- Ordinance exists – _____.
- 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.
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Method	Allowable Activities	List Dates/Seasons (opening and closing)
Shore	Per state regulations	Per state regulations
Boat	Per state regulations	Per state regulations

