

CHIPPEWA COUNTY**LAND CONSERVATION & FOREST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE****REGULAR MEETING****OCTOBER 15, 2025****CHIPPEWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM 302****11:00 AM****1. CALL TO ORDER****2. ROLL CALL**

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Charles Bomar	Chippewa County	District 12, Chair	Present	
Matthew Peterson	Chippewa County	District 10, Vice-Chair	Present	
James Flater	Chippewa County	District 1	Present	
Jason Bergeron	Chippewa County	District 7	Present	
Joel Seidlitz	Chippewa County	District 9	Present	
Rocky Kempe	Chippewa County	District 16	Present	
James Pingel	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Absent	

All supervisors were present. K. Schmitt, Citizen Representative for the Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee, appointed by the County Administrator and approved by the County Board on 10/14/25, was present.

Agency staff present at times throughout the meeting were A. Albarado (Co. Administrator), T. Pauls (Corporation Counsel), A. Foehringer (DNR), S. Zesiger and N. Luoma (USDA APHIS), K. Clow, M. Hansen, J. Larson, J. Puig, L. Schweikert, T. Shutter, and J. Schemenauer - Recorder (LCFM).

Members of the public present at times throughout the meeting were N. Felix and P. Krumenauer.

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

There was no public wishing to speak.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Flater, District 1
SECONDER:	Rocky Kempe, District 16
AYES:	Bomar, Peterson, Flater, Bergeron, Seidlitz, Kempe
ABSENT:	Pingel

1. Approve the Agenda

2. Approve the Minutes

Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee - Regular Meeting - Aug 20, 2025 11:00 AM

3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - November 19, 2025

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5. REPORTS

1. New Committee Member Introduction - Lynda Schweikert

L. Schweikert reported that Ken Schmitt was approved on 10/14/25 by the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors to be the Citizen Representative on the Chippewa County Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee. The former representative, James Pingel, resigned from the Committee on 8/20/25.

K. Schmitt introduced himself to the Committee.

2. Land Conservation & Forest Management Department Data Dashboard - Lynda Schweikert

L. Schweikert presented an oral report. The report was supported by a table titled: 2025 Land Conservation Forest Management Department Dashboard, (LCFM - Distributed 10/8/25 - copy on file & attached). The table provides an ongoing picture of what is happening in the Department by division (Conservation, Non-Metallic Mining, Stormwater, Recycling/Solid Waste, and Forestry).

3. UW Stevens Point Study Update - Lynda Schweikert

L. Schweikert presented an oral report. The report provided an update on the 2025 Groundwater Quality Trend Study, which is being conducted by the UW Stevens Point Center for Watershed Science and Education. She also reported that UW Stevens Point will continue the Groundwater Quality Trend Study in 2026.

There was limited discussion.

4. Overview of Proposed Fall, 2025 Timber Sales - Matt Hansen

M. Hansen introduced the proposed Fall, 2025 Timber Sales. He reported that:

1. There are eight (8) tracts in the County Forest that are scheduled for public notice and bidding under the 2025 Fall Timber Sale.
2. Bids will be opened in November, 2025, with a bid summary to be presented to the LCFM at their November 19, 2025, meeting for Committee action.

The report was supported by the following materials:

1. Map and prospectus titled: Direct Ash - Ash Harvest, Tract 2-23, (Distributed 10/8/25 - copy on file & attached).
2. Map and prospectus titled: Knob Ash, Tract 7-23, (Distributed 10/8/25 - copy on file & attached).
3. Map and prospectus titled: Spring Creek Oak Overstory Removal, Tract 13-25, (Distributed 10/8/25 - copy on file & attached).
4. Map and prospectus titled: South Rim, Tract 14-25, (Distributed 10/8/25 - copy on file & attached).
5. Map and prospectus titled: Bear Den, Tract 15-25, (Distributed 10/8/25 - copy on file & attached).

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6. Map and prospectus titled: North Pole, Tract 16-25, (Distributed 10/8/25 - copy on file & attached).
7. Map and prospectus titled: Restoration Pine, Tract 17-25, (Distributed 10/8/25 - copy on file & attached).
8. Map and prospectus titled: The Virginia Connection, Tract 18-25, (Distributed 10/8/25 - copy on file & attached).

There was general discussion.

5. Camp Nawakwa Review of Stewardship Fund Application - Camp Nawakwa Representative
M. Hansen introduced N. Felix, Property Manager of "Our Nawakwa".

N. Felix gave a report on the history of "Our Nawakwa", the acquisition of the former Girl Scout Camp, and their mission.

There was general discussion.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Camp Nawakwa Stewardship Application - Matt Hansen

M. Hansen provided an oral report. The report was supported by an application titled: Chippewa County Stewardship Program Application for Nonprofit Conservation Organizations, (Distributed 10/8/25 - copy on file & attached). The application has been determined to meet all stewardship criteria set forth by the Committee.

Discussion was held on providing an opportunity for the public to periodically access the property due to the use of public funds.

Motion to approve the Camp Nawakwa Stewardship Application, as presented: Flater/Bergeron. Motion carried by voice vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Flater, District 1
SECONDER:	Jason Bergeron, District 7
AYES:	Bomar, Peterson, Flater, Bergeron, Seidlitz, Kempe
ABSENT:	Pingel

2. Deadline for 2025 Wildlife Crop Damage Assessments Announced in Chippewa County - Seth Zesiger
L. Schweikert introduced S. Zesiger, Assistant District Supervisor, APHIS - Wildlife Services.

S. Zesiger introduced N. Luoma, APHIS Wildlife Damage Specialist, who will be working with Chippewa County in the future.

S. Zesiger presented an oral report. The report was supported by a form titled: Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program, Deadline for Wildlife Crop Damage Assessments Announced in Chippewa County, (Distributed 10/8/25 - copy on file & attached). The form proposes that 12/20/25 is the last day

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that wildlife crop damage assessments can be requested for the 2025 cropping year under Wisconsin's Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program.

There was general discussion.

Motion to approve 12/20/25 as the last day that wildlife crop damage assessment can be requested for the 2025 cropping year, as presented: Bergeron/Peterson. Motion carried by voice vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jason Bergeron, District 7
SECONDER:	Matthew Peterson, District 10, Vice-Chair
AYES:	Bomar, Peterson, Flater, Bergeron, Seidlitz, Kempe
ABSENT:	Pingel

3. 2025 Commodity Price Approval - Seth Zesiger

S. Zesiger presented an oral report. The report was supported by a form titled: 2025 Crop Price Proposal, Chippewa County, (Distributed 10/8/25 - copy on file & attached). The form establishes 2025 crop prices in Chippewa County for crops that wildlife damage appraisals have been submitted.

Motion to approve the 2025 Commodity Prices, as presented: Flater/Kempe. Motion carried by voice vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Flater, District 1
SECONDER:	Rocky Kempe, District 16
AYES:	Bomar, Peterson, Flater, Bergeron, Seidlitz, Kempe
ABSENT:	Pingel

4. Dept. of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Segregated Grant Funds Transfer - Lynda Schweikert

L. Schweikert presented an oral report. The report was supported by the following materials:

1. Agreement titled: Cost-Share Funds Transfer Agreement, (Distributed 10/8/25 - copy on file & attached). The agreement transfers \$5,875 from the Chippewa County SEG funding to Shawano County.
2. Agreement titled: Cost-Share Funds Transfer Agreement, (Distributed 10/8/25 - copy on file & attached). The agreement transfers \$36,538 from the Chippewa County SEG funding to Dane County.

Chippewa County had Segregated Funding (SEG) that was not allocated in 2025. Dane and Shawano Counties requested unallocated funds, utilizing the remainder of the SEG funds for Chippewa County. If Chippewa County transfers these funds, there will be no penalty when applying next year.

There was general discussion.

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Motion to approve the SEG transfers from Chippewa County to the County of Dane and County of Shawano, as presented: Flater/Seidlitz. Motion carried by voice vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Flater, District 1
SECONDER:	Joel Seidlitz, District 9
AYES:	Bomar, Peterson, Flater, Bergeron, Seidlitz, Kempe
ABSENT:	Pingel

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

The Chair indicated that if anyone has a future agenda item, to contact himself or L. Schweikert.

8. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn: Bergeron/Kempe. Motion carried at 11:51 a.m. by voice vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jason Bergeron, District 7
SECONDER:	Rocky Kempe, District 16
AYES:	Bomar, Peterson, Flater, Bergeron, Seidlitz, Kempe
ABSENT:	Pingel

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James Flater	Chippewa County	District 1	Present	
Jason Bergeron	Chippewa County	District 7	Present	
Joel Seidlitz	Chippewa County	District 9	Present	
Rocky Kempe	Chippewa County	District 16	Late	11:14 AM
James Pingel	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Present	

All supervisors were present except Supervisor Peterson, who had informed the LCFM Department that he would be absent. Supervisor Kempe arrived at 11:14 a.m.

Agency staff present at times throughout the meeting were A. Albarado (Co. Administrator), A. Foehringer (DNR), K. Clow, M. Hansen, L. Schweikert, T. Shutter, and J. Schemenauer - Recorder (LCFM).

Members of the public present at times throughout the meeting were J. Nelson and B. Zimmerman.

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

B. Zimmerman, representing the Friends of Hickory Ridge Trails, addressed the Committee. He thanked the Committee for taking the time to consider the Dog Island bike trail expansion.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Flater, District 1
SECONDER:	Joel Seidlitz, District 9
AYES:	Bomar, Flater, Bergeron, Seidlitz, Pingel
ABSENT:	Peterson, Kempe

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Approve the Minutes
3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - September 17, 2025

5. REPORTS

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Aug 20, 2025 11:00 AM (Consent Agenda)

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1. Interagency Stormwater Cooperative Agreement Amendment - Trenton Shutter
T. Shutter presented an oral report. The report was supported by an agreement titled: First Amendment to Cooperative Agreement to Implement a Joint Storm Water Program for the Chippewa Falls Urban Area, (Distributed 8/13/25 - copy on file & attached). The amendment reflects additional duties for the LCFM and municipalities, as identified by a 2022 DNR audit.

There was general discussion.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Ordinance To Amend Sections 12-09, 12-21, 12-71 And 12-72 Of The Code Regarding Stormwater Management - T. Shutter
T. Shutter presented an oral report. The report was supported by a document titled: Ordinance to Amend Sections 12-09, 12-21, 12-71 and 12-72 of the Chippewa County Code of Ordinances Regarding Stormwater Management, (Distributed 8/13/25 - copy on file & attached). The proposed amendments modify the timeframe for recording long-term maintenance agreements with the Chippewa County Register of Deeds from prior to stormwater permit termination to prior to permit issuance.

There was general discussion.

Motion to approve the ordinance changes and forward to the County Board: Flater/Bergeron. Motion carried by voice vote.

RESULT:	FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 9/9/2025 6:00 PM
MOVER:	James Flater, District 1	
SECONDER:	Jason Bergeron, District 7	
AYES:	Bomar, Flater, Bergeron, Seidlitz, Pingel	
ABSENT:	Peterson, Kempe	

2. Dog Island Bike Trail Expansion - Matt Hansen
M. Hansen presented an oral report. The report was supported by a map titled: Tract 12-25 Bear Den Hardwood, (Distributed 8/13/25 - copy on file & attached). The map shows the proposed bike trail expansion in the County Forest.

There was general discussion.

Motion to approve the Dog Island bike trail expansion: Flater/Seidlitz. Motion carried by voice vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Flater, District 1
SECONDER:	Joel Seidlitz, District 9
AYES:	Bomar, Flater, Bergeron, Seidlitz, Kempe, Pingel
ABSENT:	Peterson

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

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Supervisor Seidlitz asked L. Schweikert if \$16,000 was put back into the LCFM 2026 budget for the UW-Stevens Point annual groundwater quality and monitoring network. L. Schweikert indicated that it has been put back into the 2026 LCFM budget.

Supervisor Seidlitz also asked about the LCFM's role in the matter of farmers planting crops too close or in highway right-of-ways. Supervisor Flater indicated that the Highway Committee is dealing with this issue.

The Chair indicated that if anyone has a future agenda item, to contact himself or L. Schweikert.

8. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn: Bergeron/Seidlitz. Motion carried at 11:19 a.m. by voice vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jason Bergeron, District 7
SECONDER:	Joel Seidlitz, District 9
AYES:	Bomar, Flater, Bergeron, Seidlitz, Kempe, Pingel
ABSENT:	Peterson

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**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER INTRODUCTION**

5.1

Andy Albarado is recommending to the County Board that Ken Schmitt be appointed to the Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee as the Citizen/Agriculture Representative.

The Board will take action on the recommendation at their meeting on October 14, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

The Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee is meeting the following day (October 15, 2025) at 11:00 am. If approved, this agenda item is designated to allow the appointee to introduce themselves to the committee



STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
LAND CONSERVATION & FOREST MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT DATA
DASHBOARD

5.2

The LCFM dashboard is intended to pull together Department information and metrics that can be shared with the County Administrator and the Board members policy committees to provide an ongoing picture of what is happening in the Department. The data will help improve communication, be more transparent, and improve decision making as we learn more about the departments and have consistent metrics to assess as we move forward.

2025 Land Conservation Forest Management Department Dashboard

LCFM Divisions	Units	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total
Conservation				10/1/2025	1/7/2026	
Animal Waste Storage Permits - Issued	Number			3		
Animal Waste Storage Permits - Certificate of Use	Number			4		
Soil & Water Resource Management Funds Contracted	Dollars			\$ 106,041.00		
Targeted Runoff Management Funds Contracted	Dollars			\$89,858		
Wells Tested - Rural Well Program	Number			4		
Wells Tested - UW Stevens Point	Number			157		
Cover Crop Program	Acres			1853		
Nutrient Management Program	Acres			47033		
Annual Tree Sale	Number					
Non-Metallic Mining						
Permits Issued	Number			1		
Permitted Acres	Acres			5,799		
Acres Reclaimed	Acres			975		
Inspections Performed	Number			32		
Stormwater						
Permits Issued	Number			3		
Plan Reviews	Number			3		
Site Visits	Number			187		
Recycling/Solid Waste						
Tonnage Collected - Towns	Tons					
Tonnage Collected - Hazardous Waste Event	Pounds					
Appliance/Electronics Collection	Tons					
Tire Collection	Participants			45		
Forestry						
Timber Sales - Established	Acres			374		
Timber Sales - Harvested	Acres			298		
Trail Mowing	Hours			160		
Culverts Installed	Number			2		
Snowmobile Bridges Installed	Number			1		
Invasive Species Control	Acres			spot<2 acres		



**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
UW STEVENS POINT STUDY UPDATE**

5.3

Chippewa County Land Conservation & Forest Management (LCFM) is currently contracted to continue the Groundwater Quality Trend Study through 2026. The 2025 Trend Study is wrapping up, results are being sent to homeowners, and we can expect a report by the end of the year.



STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED FALL, 2025 TIMBER SALES

5.4

The Chippewa County Forest is managed to optimize forest health and productivity by applying standard silvicultural treatments to designated timber stands. These treatments are implemented through timber sale contracts with logging contractors.

Timber stands scheduled for harvest are evaluated and sales are established where appropriate. Each year, the County plans and administers two (2) bid openings each consisting of 6-10 timber sales. The bid openings typically occur in May and November.

Following this process, LCFM has prepared eight (8) new County Forest Timber Sales totaling approximately 412 acres. The timber sales will be publicly advertised with a public bid opening held in Room 16 of the Chippewa County Courthouse on November 17, 2025. Bids received will be presented to Committee for approval at the November 19, 2025, meeting.



Legend

Direct Ash

----- Ice Age Trail



245TH AV

Attachment: 2025 Fall Timber Sales (9211 : Overview of Proposed Fall, 2025 Timber Sales)

CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 2-23**Direct Ash - Ash Harvest**

(approximately 17 acres)

Sec. 4 T31N R7W Town of Cleveland, Sec. 33 T32N R7W Town of Birch Creek

The table below contains an estimate of the amount of each species/product. There is no minimum bid for each species; however **the total minimum bid that is acceptable for Tract 2-23 is \$5,558.00.**

Species	Amount		Price/Unit
	Tons	MBF	
Mixed Hardwood cordwood	500		\$3.50
Mixed Hardwood logs		34	\$112.00

Sale Area Description:

The purpose of the proposed harvest system is to promote all swamp hardwood species other than ash. The goal is to shift species composition away from ash in preparation for infestation by the Emerald Ash Borer. Red Maple, Yellow Birch, White Pine, Spruce, Cedar and Tamarac are examples of residual species desired as a seed source.

The boundaries of this sale are marked with red paint line. All clearing and grading required to accommodate hauling is the responsibility of the contractor and must be pre-approved by the County.

There is a board walk for the Ice Age Trail running across the sale area which will need to be avoided. The Ice age trail can be crossed outside the sale area on the western border of the sale.

Cutting Requirements:

Cut all merchantable (5" DBH or greater) ash and aspen trees. **Do not** cut any other species unless necessary for operations and pre-approved by the County. Do not cut sale boundary trees. Cut all slash marked trees in the south east corner of the sale.

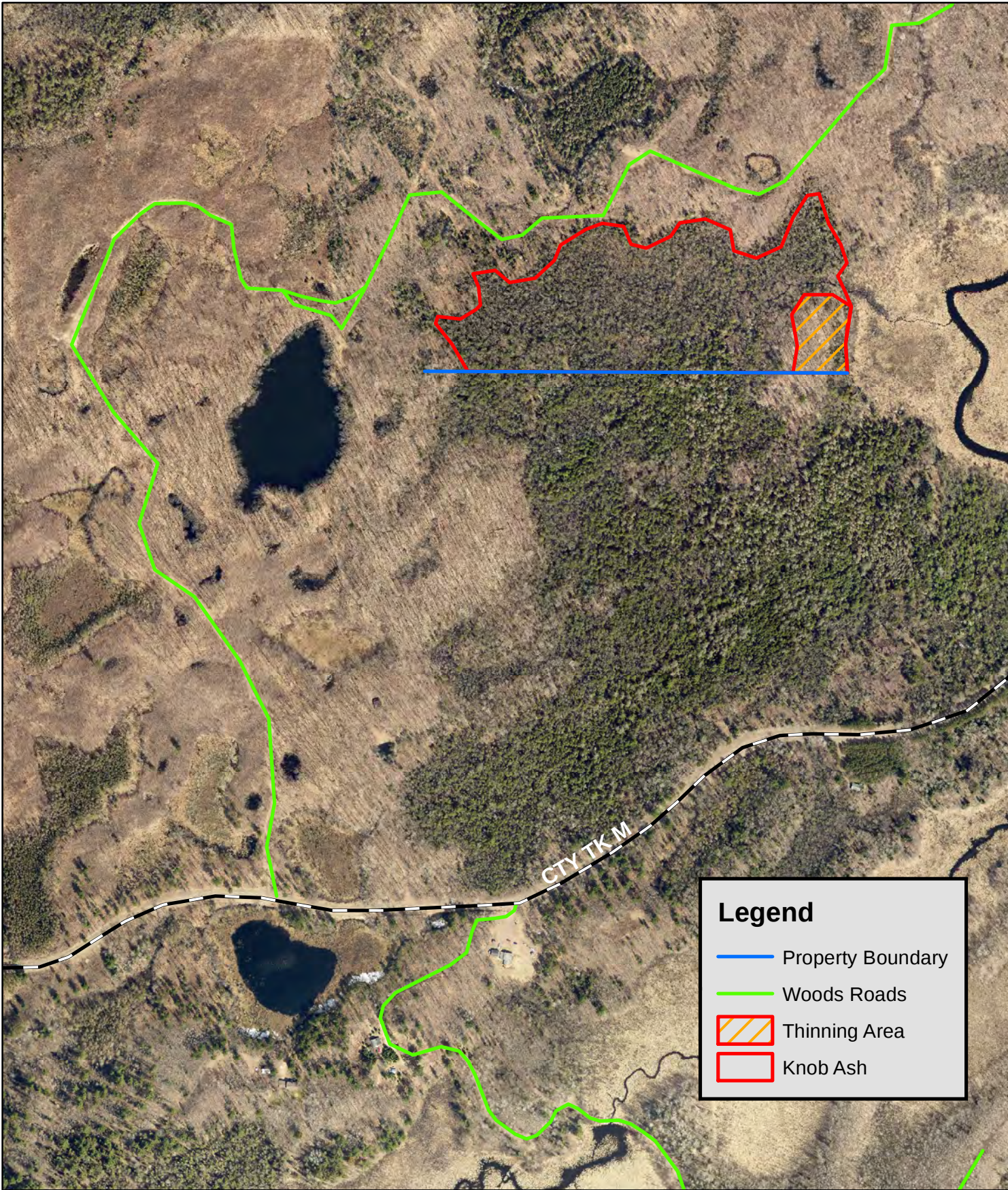
Special Conditions:

- **Harvest activity is permitted only when frozen ground conditions exist.**
- The contract length is approximately 2 years, 2 winter seasons expiring March 31, 2025
- Timber mats or other stream crossing BMP's approved by the County may be required. The County's timber mats may be available at no charge (first-come, first-served). Stream crossings shall be minimized.
- *Leave all snags (dead trees) unless they present a safety hazard. Use caution to limit the disturbance of Course Woody Debris (CWD) on the forest floor.* (ie) down logs greater than 12 inches in diameter.
- All landing locations must be approved.
- All pulp wood shall be utilized down to a 4" top diameter.
- All hardwood logs, (except aspen) 10" or larger on the small end will be charged at the appropriate saw log stumpage rate.

MAP ON BACK

Knob Ash

Approximately 17 acre Ash Removal



Attachment: 2025 Fall Timber Sales (9211 : Overview of Proposed Fall, 2025 Timber Sales)

Map Not To Scale

CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 7-23**Knob Ash - Ash Harvest**

(approximately 17 acres)

Located in Section 23, T32N R8W, Town of Sampson

The table below contains an estimate of the amount of each species/product. There is no minimum bid for each species; however **the total minimum bid that is acceptable for Tract 7-23 is \$10,150.00.**

Species	Amount		Price/Unit
	Tons	MBF	
Mixed Hardwood cordwood	900		\$3.50
Mixed Hardwood logs		50	\$140.00

Sale Area Description:

The purpose of the proposed harvest system is to promote all swamp hardwood species other than ash. The goal is to shift species composition away from ash in preparation for infestation by the Emerald Ash Borer. Red Maple, Yellow Birch, White Pine, Spruce, Cedar and Tamarac are examples of residual species desired as a seed source.

The boundaries of this sale are marked with red and blue paint line. On the tall knob in the south east corner, cut all trees marked with red slash marks. All boundary marks are blobs of paint on the inner side of the tree facing the sale area. All clearing and grading required to accommodate hauling is the responsibility of the contractor and must be pre-approved by the County.

Cutting Requirements:

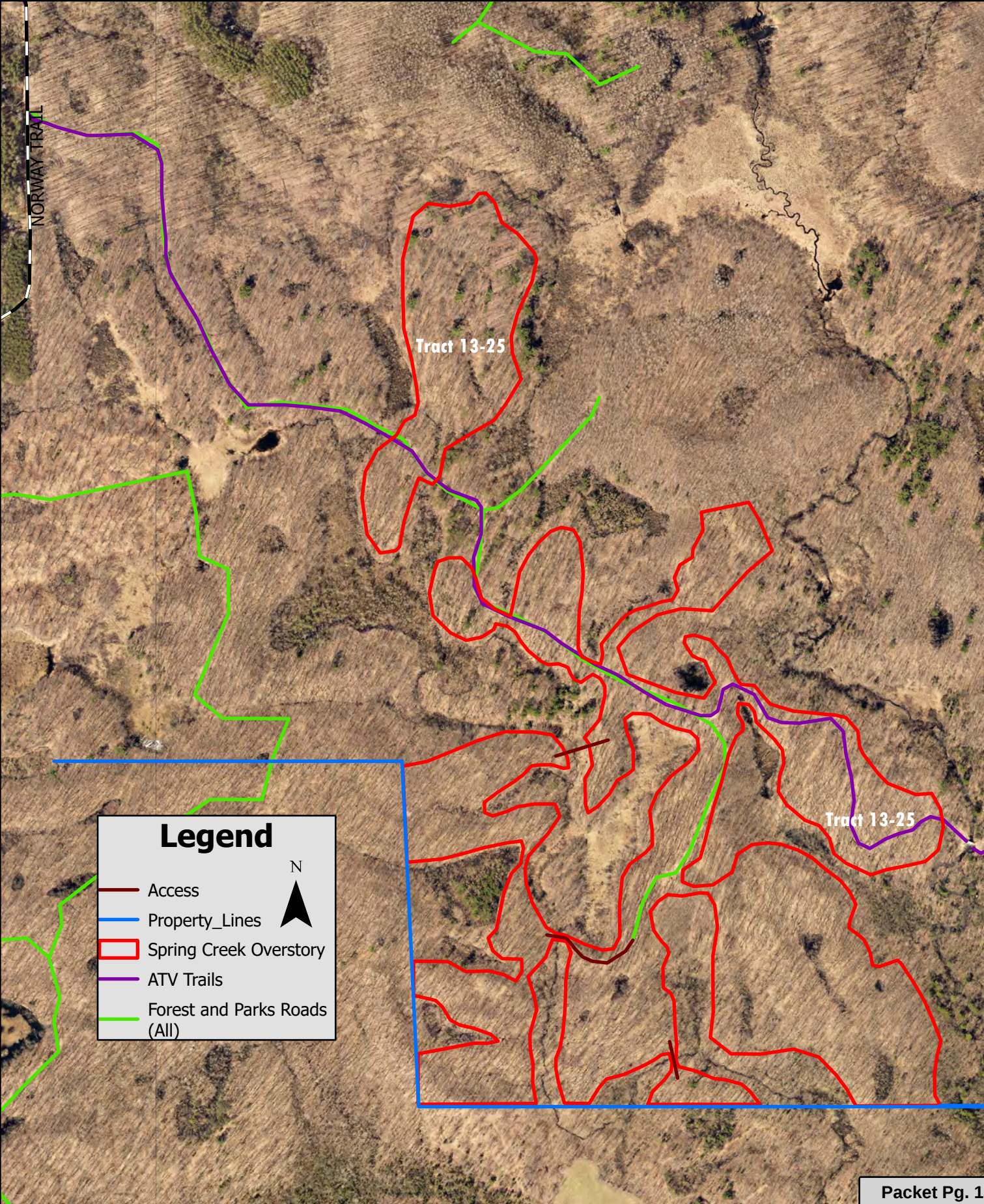
Cut all merchantable (5" DBH or greater) ash and aspen trees. **Do not** cut any other species unless necessary for operations and pre-approved by the County. Do not cut sale boundary trees. Cut all slash marked trees in the south east corner of the sale.

Special Conditions:

- **Harvest activity is permitted only when frozen ground conditions exist.**
- The contract length is approximately 2 years, 2 winter seasons expiring March 31, 2025.
- Timber mats or other stream crossing BMP's approved by the County may be required. The County's timber mats may be available at no charge (first-come, first-served). Stream crossings shall be minimized.
- *Leave all snags (dead trees) unless they present a safety hazard. Use caution to limit the disturbance of Course Woody Debris (CWD) on the forest floor. (ie) down logs greater than 12 inches in diameter.*
- All landing locations must be approved.
- All pulp wood shall be utilized down to a 4" top diameter.
- All hardwood logs, (except aspen) 10" or larger on the small end will be charged at the appropriate saw log stumpage rate.

MAP ON BACK

Tract 13-25 Spring Creek Overstory Removal
Approximately 58 acres



CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 13-25**Spring Creek Oak Overstory Removal**

Located in T31N R7W Sections 4 and 9, Town of Cleveland

Total Sale Area: (approximately 58 acres)

The table below contains an estimate of the amount of each species/product. There is no minimum bid for each species; however **the total minimum bid that is acceptable for Tract 13-25 is \$ 86,000.00.**

Species	Amount	
	tons	MBF
Oak cordwood	2150	
Red Oak Logs		185
White Oak Logs		30

Sale Area Description:

The boundaries of this sale are marked with red and blue paint lines along private property. This sale is 58 acres of oak shelterwood overstory removal. This harvest system will be implemented to release existing oak regeneration and rotate the stand. The sale is accessed from the Norway Trail and the ATV Trail.

Cutting Requirements:

Overstory Removal area: (58 acres) Cut all trees 1" or greater. Do not cut sale boundary trees (red or blue paint), pine or trees that are marked with yellow paint to identify riparian management zones and wetlands.

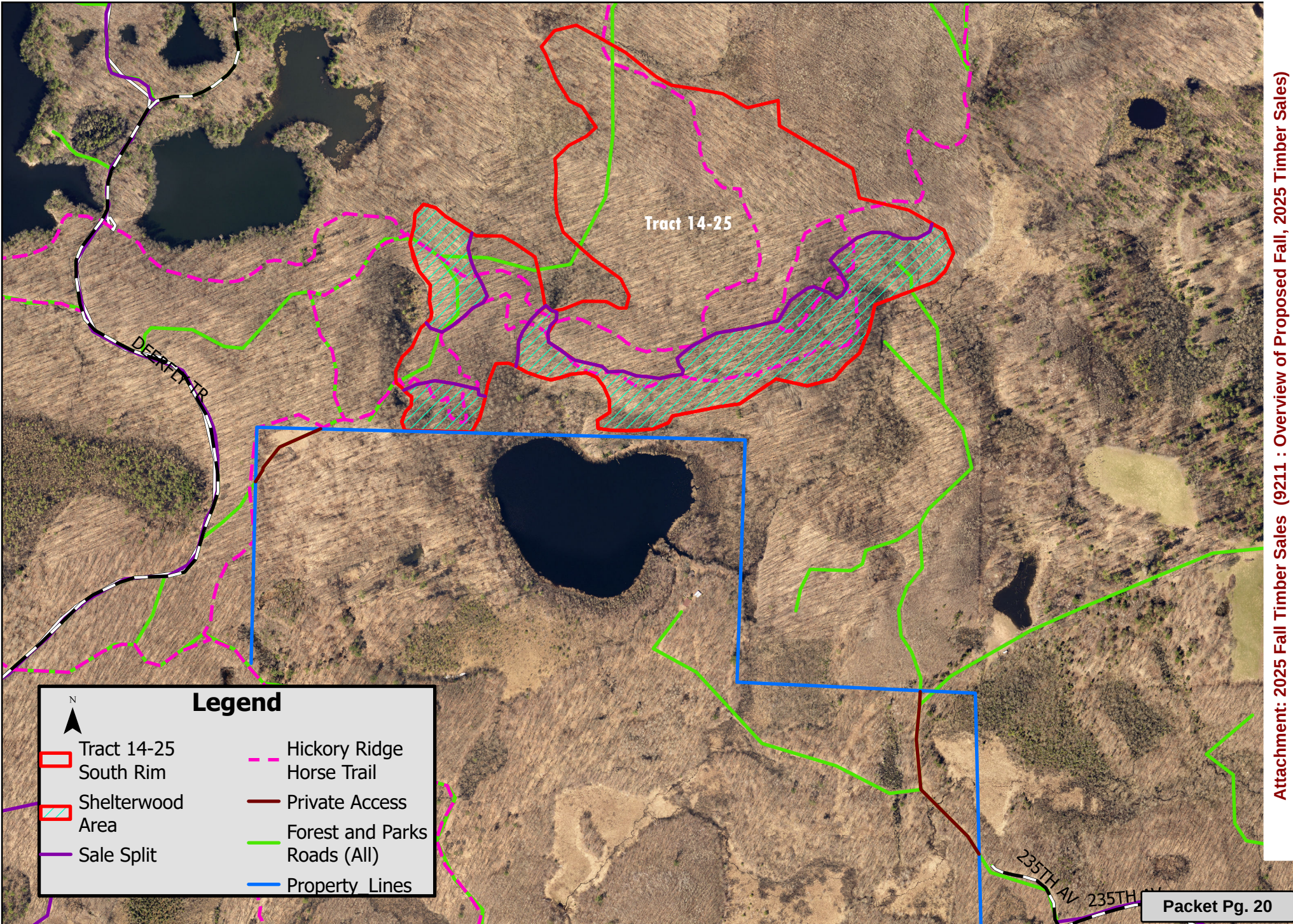
Special Conditions:

- No harvesting activity will be allowed if rutting occurs.
- Oak Wilt Restrictions apply: No harvesting is allowed between April 1 and July 15.
- Timber mats may be required. County timber mats are available for use, at no charge, on a first come first served basis.
- Designated stream crossing areas must be used and restored following harvest.
- No equipment operation is allowed within wetland areas delineated by yellow paint.
- All logging debris must remain within the sale boundaries and kept from wetlands, lakes and trails.
- All landing locations must be approved. All merchantable timber that is removed along landings or skid trails must be utilized and accounted for through mill slips or log scales.
- *Leave all snags (dead trees) unless they present a safety hazard. Use caution to limit the disturbance of Course Woody Debris (CWD) on the forest floor. (ie) down logs greater than 12 inches in diameter.*
- All cordwood shall be utilized to a 4" top diameter.
- All hardwood logs, (except aspen) 10" or larger on the small end will be charged at the appropriate saw log stumpage rate.
- The contract length is two years.

Map is Located on Back

Tract 14-25 South Rim

Approximately 54 acres single tree selection and 23 acres shelterwood harvest.



CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 14-25**South Rim**

Located in Sec. 1 T31N R8W, Town Of Cleveland

Total Sale Area: (approximately 77 acres)

The table below contains an estimate of the amount of each species/product. There is no minimum bid for each species; however **the total minimum bid that is acceptable for Tract 14-25 is \$ 56,725.00.**

Species	Amount	
	Tons	MBF
Mixed Hardwood Cordwood	789	
Mixed Hardwood Logs		78
Oak Cordwood	1356	
Oak Logs		152

Sale Area Description:

The boundaries of this sale are marked with red paint or blue to represent private property lines. Purple paint is used to separate the shelterwood and single tree selection areas. These northern hardwood and oak stands of approximately 77 acres will be thinned using uneven-aged management, utilizing single tree selection with canopy gaps with 23 acres being cut as a shelterwood first entry. This sale is accessed from the Deerfly Trail or through an easement from 235th ave. Horse Trail runs through the sale area and will remain open during harvest. Trails must remain clear of debris.

Cutting Requirements:

Selection Harvest Area: (54 Acres) Cut all trees marked with orange paint, including non-commercial trees marked with orange paint. Do not cut sale boundary trees marked in red, purple or blue paint

Shelterwood Area: (23 Acres) Cut all trees 1 inch or larger, except those marked with green paint and conifers. The shelterwood area is bounded by purple paint. Do not cut sale boundary trees marked in red purple or blue paint.

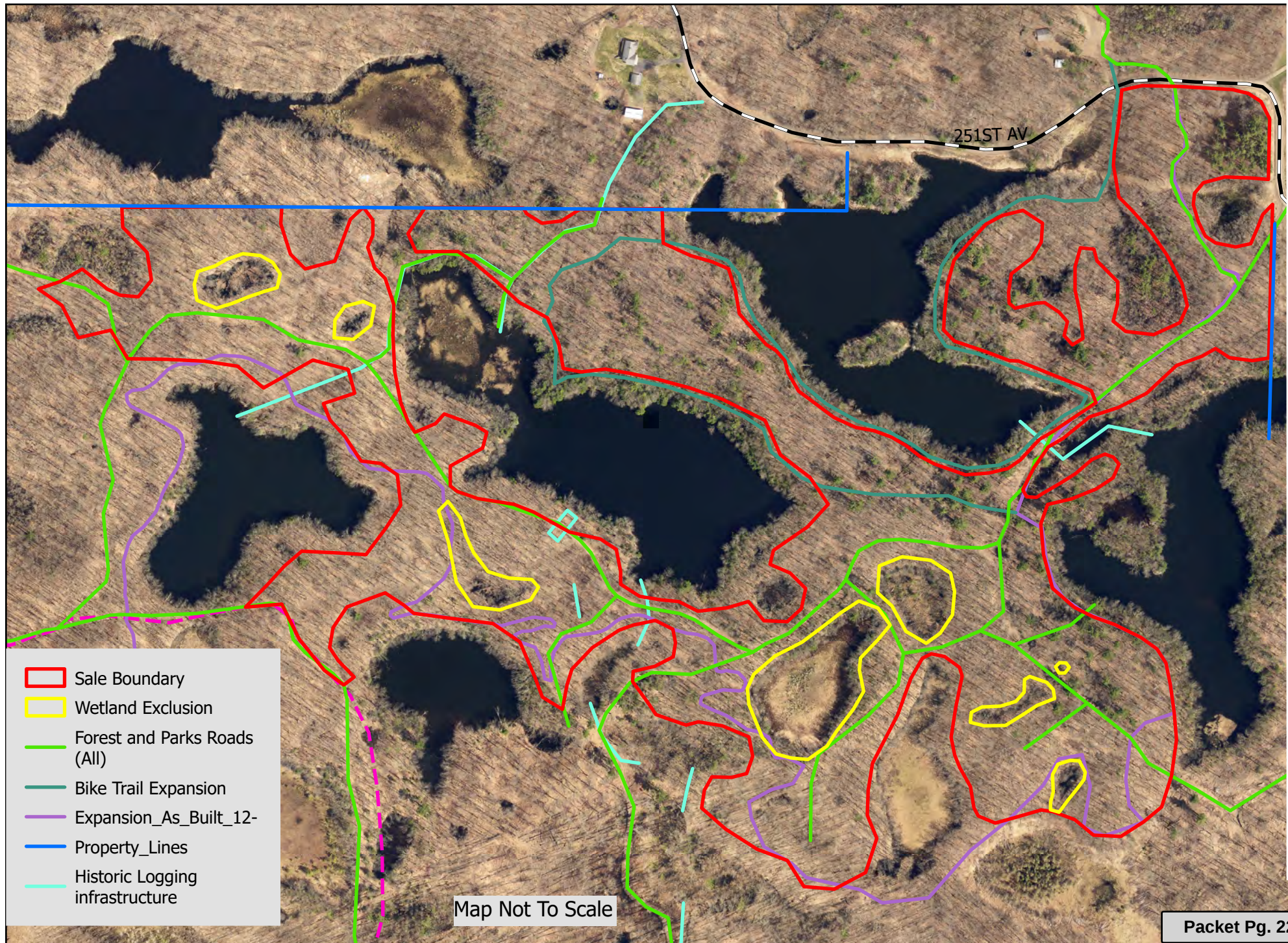
Special Conditions:

- Hot saws will be allowed but high-quality operations are expected and will be shut down if damage to the site is observed.
- No harvesting activity will be allowed if rutting occurs.
- Easement road must be maintained and restored to owners satisfaction.
- Oak Wilt Restrictions apply: No harvesting or other operation is allowed within the site between April 1st and August 10th.
- All logging debris must remain within the sale boundaries and kept from wetlands and trails.
- All landing locations must be approved. All merchantable timber that is removed along landings or skid trails must be utilized and accounted for through mill slips or log scales.
- *Leave all snags (dead trees) unless they present a safety hazard. Use caution to limit the disturbance of Course Woody Debris (CWD) on the forest floor. (ie) down logs greater than 12 inches in diameter.*
- All hardwood logs, 10" or larger on the small end will be charged at the appropriate saw log stumpage rate.
- All cordwood shall be utilized to a 4" top diameter.
- The contract length is 2 years.

Tract 15-25 Bear Den Hardwood

Approximately 68 acres single tree selection

5.4.a



CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 15-25**Bear Den**

Located in Sec. 2 T31N R8W, Town Of Cleveland

Total Sale Area: (approximately 68 acres)

The table below contains an estimate of the amount of each species/product. There is no minimum bid for each species; however **the total minimum bid that is acceptable for Tract 15-25 is \$ 68,065.00.**

Species	Amount	
	Tons	MBF
Mixed Hardwood Cordwood	631	
Mixed Hardwood Logs		24
Oak Cordwood	1242	
Oak Logs		154

Sale Area Description:

The boundaries of this sale are marked with red paint or blue to represent private property lines. These northern hardwood and oak stands of approximately 68 acres will be thinned using uneven-aged management, utilizing single tree selection with canopy gaps. This sale is accessed from 251st Thrumman gate. The main haul road through the sale is ski trail. Use of this trail will not be allowed December 1st - April 1st. Bike trail runs through the sale area and will be closed during harvest operations. Trails must remain clear of debris. There will be new bike trail construction on the northern end of the sale which is mostly outside the sale boundary. No felling of trees outside the sale area will be allowed.

Cutting Requirements:

Selection Harvest Area: (68 Acres) Cut all trees marked with orange paint, including non-commercial trees marked with orange paint. Do not cut sale boundary trees marked in red or blue paint

Special Conditions:

- Hot saws will be allowed but high-quality operations are expected and will be shut down if damage to the site is observed.
- Use of the Ski trail will not be allowed December 1st – April 1st.
- No harvesting activity will be allowed if rutting occurs.
- Oak Wilt and NHI Restrictions apply: No harvesting or other operation is allowed within the site between April 1st and August 10th.
- Old logging infrastructure must be avoided and not damaged.
- All logging debris must remain within the sale boundaries and kept from wetlands and trails.
- All landing locations must be approved. All merchantable timber that is removed along landings or skid trails must be utilized and accounted for through mill slips or log scales.
- *Leave all snags (dead trees) unless they present a safety hazard. Use caution to limit the disturbance of Course Woody Debris (CWD) on the forest floor. (ie) down logs greater than 12 inches in diameter.*
- All hardwood logs, 10" or larger on the small end will be charged at the appropriate saw log stumpage rate.
- All cordwood shall be utilized to a 4" top diameter.
- The contract length is 2 years.

CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 16-25**North Pole**

(approximately 94 acres)

Located in T31N R5W Section 2 and T32N R5W Section 36, Town of Ruby

The table below contains an estimate of the amount of each species/product. There is no minimum bid for each species; however **the total minimum bid that is acceptable for Tract 16-25 is \$ 34,450.00.**

Species	Amount	
	Tons	MBF
Aspen cordwood	750	
White Spruce cordwood	3025	
Mixed Hardwood cordwood	350	
Tamarack cordwood	365	
Mixed Hardwood Sawlogs		15

Sale Area Description:

This sale will be a clear-cut to transition this stand to aspen and hardwood. With areas of row thinning and marked thinning. The boundaries of this sale are not marked. Purple paint line marks the transition between harvest methods represented on the map. No equipment is allowed to operate past one machine width outside of the species transition from conifer to hardwood. The sale is located on the Christmas Creek Game Trail or 350th ave.

Cutting Requirements:

<u>Clear Cut Areas:</u>	(74 acres) harvest all stems 1" DBH and greater. Do Not Cut green marked trees, Tamarack or sale boundary trees (Purple and Blue)
<u>Row Thin Areas:</u>	(15 acres) Cut every third row Do Not Cut Property boundary trees (Blue)
<u>Marked Thin Areas:</u>	(5 acres) Cut all trees marked with orange paint. Do Not Cut sale boundary trees (Purple)

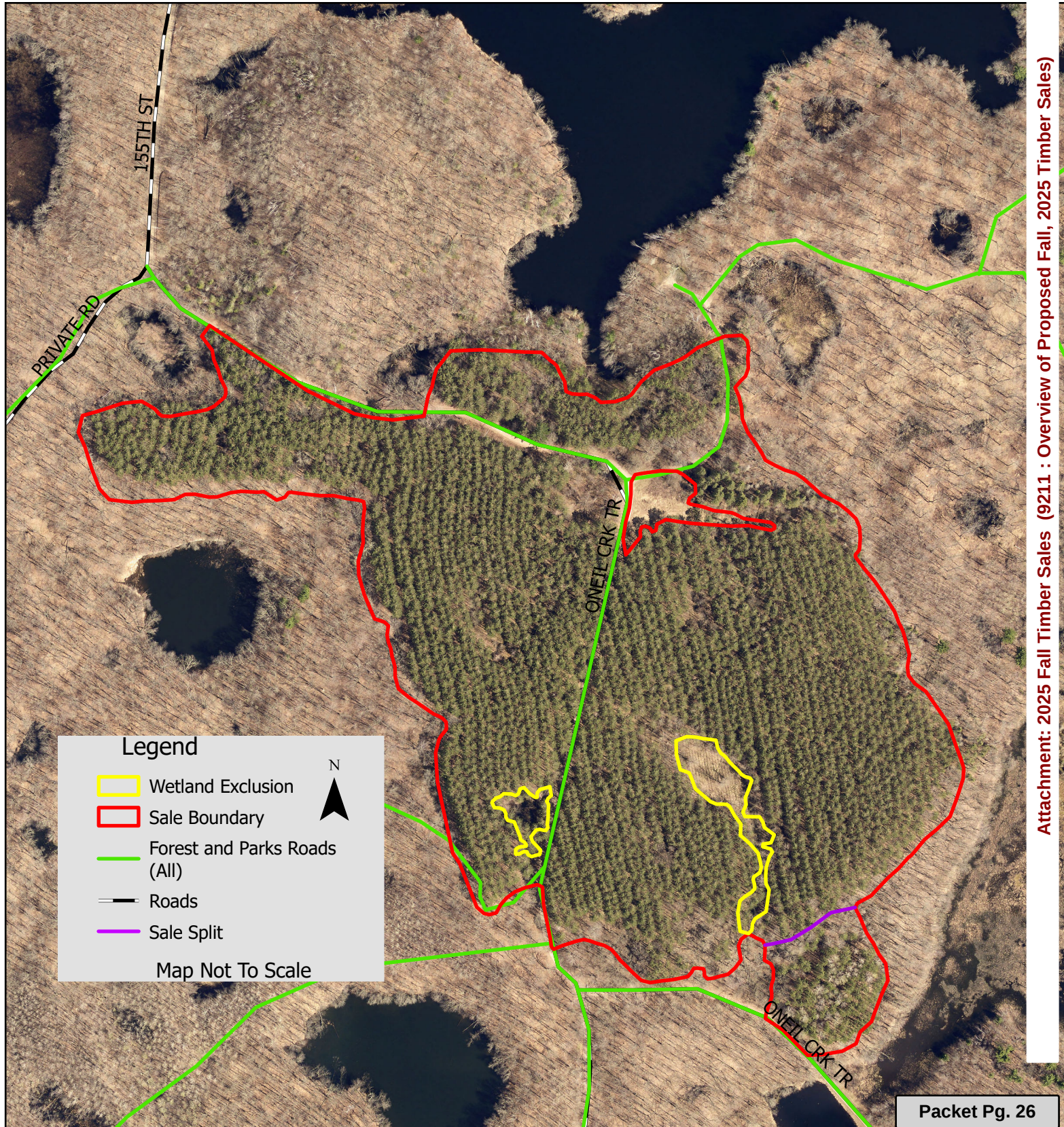
Special Conditions:

- The contract length is 2 years.
- Frozen Ground restrictions apply
- No harvesting activity will be allowed if rutting occurs.
- *Leave all snags (dead trees) unless they present a safety hazard. Use caution to limit the disturbance of Course Woody Debris (CWD) on the forest floor. (ie) down logs greater than 12 inches in diameter.*
- All hardwood logs, 10" or larger on the small end will be charged at the appropriate saw log stumpage rate.
- All cordwood shall be utilized to a 4" top diameter.
- All slash must lie within two feet of the ground.
- All logging debris must remain within the sale boundaries and kept from wetlands and trails.
- All landing locations must be approved by the county.

Map Located on the Back

Tract 17-25 Restoration Pine

28 acres Red Pine thinning



CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 17-25**Restoration Pine**

(approximately 28 acres)

Located in Section 4, T31N R8W, Town of Cleveland

The table below contains an estimate of the amount of each species/product. There is no minimum bid for each species; however **the total minimum bid that is acceptable for Tract 17-25 is \$ 7,290.00.**

Species	Amount	
	Tons	MBF
Red Pine Comingled products	695	
Aspen Cordwood	95	
Mixed Hardwood Cordwood	120	
Mixed Hardwood Logs		8

Sale Area Description:

The purpose of this thinning will be to remove intermediate and co-dominant trees to reduce the basal area allowing good crown spacing for future growth while releasing hardwood advanced regeneration to facilitate the transition to a hardwood stand long term. The boundaries of this sale are marked with red paint line. Yellow paint line represents equipment exclusion areas. The southernmost 1 acre of this stand against the Oniel flowage trail will be clearcut to coppice the mature aspen in this area. This area is designated by a purple paint line. There are green marked leave trees in this area.

Cutting Requirements:

Red Pine Thinning Area: (28 acres) Cut all trees marked with orange paint including non-merchantable trees. **Do Not** cut green marked hardwood trees or cross yellow equipment exclusion areas.

Special Conditions:

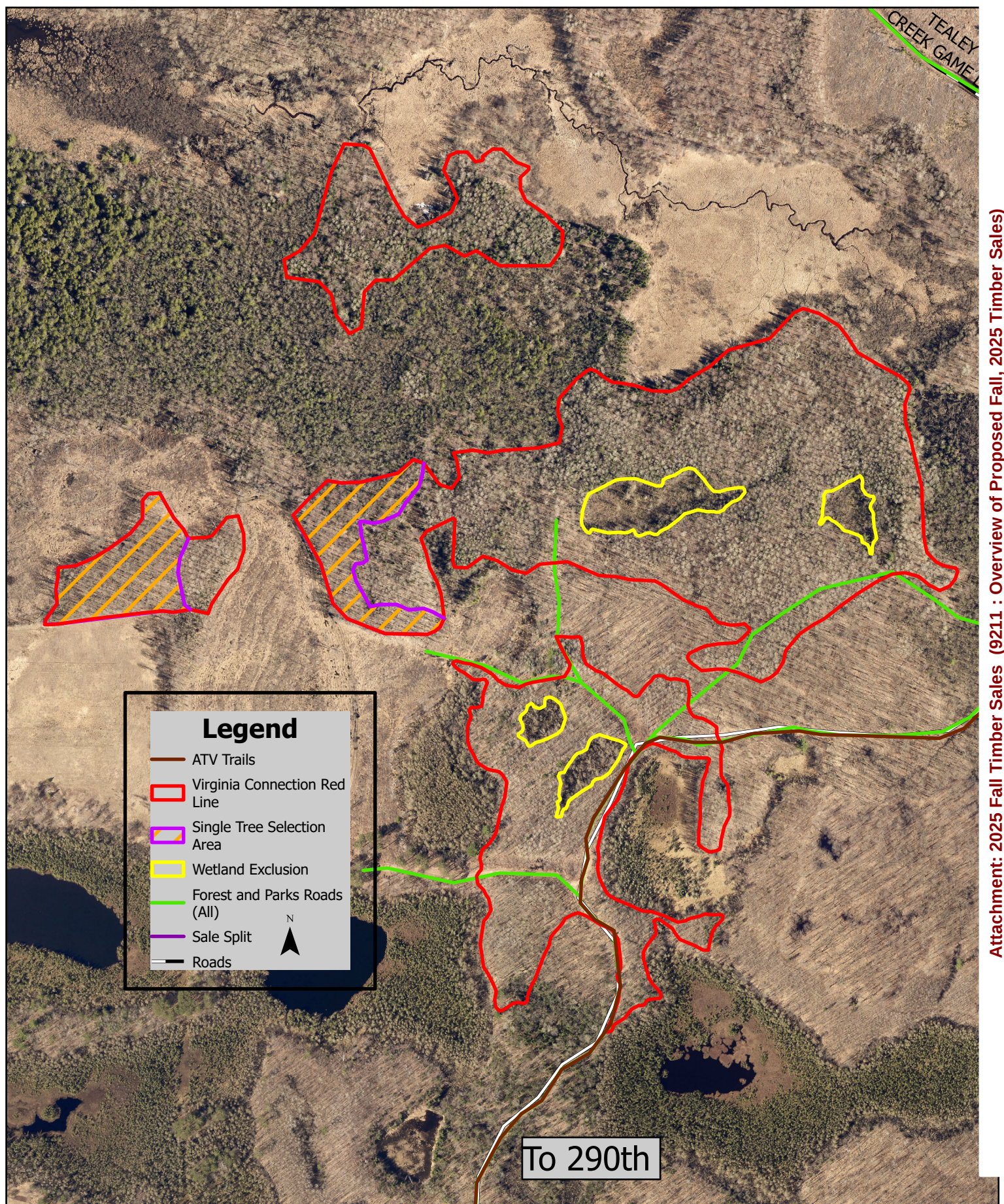
- The contract length is 2 years.
- Hot Saws will not be allowed in this sale.
- If the logging contractor last cut a site that contained HRD and/or was within 25 miles of an infected site, the contractor will be required to clean all logging equipment with pressurized water prior to entering Chippewa County Forest- preferably on the previous site or at a commercial washing facility.
- The site is not within a 25-mile buffer of the location of a known stand of HRD as of 10/1/2025. In the event of confirmation of HRD within 25 miles of this site, the County will undertake, at its own expense, stump treatment as recommended by the WI DNR
- *Leave all snags unless they present a safety hazard. Use caution to limit the disturbance of Course Woody Debris on the forest floor.*
- All logging debris must remain within the sale boundaries and kept from wetlands.
- All landing locations must be approved.
- All cordwood shall be utilized to a 4" top diameter.
- All hardwood logs, (except aspen) 10" or larger on the small end will be charged at the appropriate saw log stumpage rate.

Map Located on Back

Tract 18-25 The Virginia Connection

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45 acres aspen coppice 4 acres single tree selection



Attachment: 2025 Fall Timber Sales (9211 : Overview of Proposed Fall, 2025 Timber Sales)

Map Not To Scale

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CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 18-25**The Virginia Connection**

(approximately 49 acres)

Located in T32N R7W Section 8, Town of Birch Creek

The table below contains an estimate of the amount of each species/product. There is no minimum bid for each species; however **the total minimum bid that is acceptable for Tract 18-25 is \$ 47,570.00.**

Species	Amount	
	Tons	MBF
Aspen cordwood	1975	
Mixed Hdwd cordwood	860	
Baslam Fir cordwood	95	
Mixed Hdwd Logs		48

Sale Area Description:

This sale will be a clear-cut to coppice the aspen in the stand. Along with 2 small areas of single tree selection. The boundaries of this sale are marked with red paint line with purple separating the coppice and single tree selection areas. There are also wetland exclusion areas marked with yellow paint. No equipment is allowed to operate in these areas. Green marked trees in the Aspen stand will be left for wildlife. The sale is accessed on the ATV trail north of 290th.

Cutting Requirements:

Aspen Harvest Areas: (45 acres) Cut all trees one inch in diameter and larger. **Do not** cut sale boundary trees or green marked trees.

Selection Areas: (4 acres) Cut all trees marked with orange paint. Do not cut sale boundary trees.

Special Conditions:

- The contract length is 2 years.
- No harvesting activity will be allowed if rutting occurs.
- *Leave all snags (dead trees) unless they present a safety hazard. Use caution to limit the disturbance of Course Woody Debris* down logs greater than 12 inches on the forest floor.
- All hardwood logs, 10" or larger on the small end will be charged at the appropriate saw log stumpage rate.
- All cordwood shall be utilized to a 4" top diameter.
- All slash must lie within two feet of the ground.
- All logging debris must remain within the sale boundaries and kept from wetlands and trails.
- All landing locations must be approved by the county.

Map Located on the Back



STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
CAMP NAWAKWA REVIEW OF STEWARDSHIP FUND APPLICATION

5.5

A representative of "Our Nawakwa" will give a report on the history of their acquisition of the former Girl Scout Camp and their mission. The report will allow the Committee an opportunity to hear directly from the organization about their Stewardship Grant application and ask any question they might have. This report will be used to facilitate that interaction before the Committee makes a decision on the application under the business items of the agenda.



**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
CAMP NAWAKWA STEWARDSHIP APPLICATION**

6.1

"Our Nawakwa" has applied for a Chippewa County Stewardship Grant to offset the costs it incurred in the 2024 acquisition of the former Girl Scout Camp. LCFM staff have reviewed the application and found all materials to be in order and the application meets the criteria set forth by the Committee. This action item will be used to discuss the application and make a decision on grant approval.

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM
APPLICATION FOR NONPROFIT CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS**

Chippewa County Dept. of Land Conservation & Forest Management

Notes:

1. Use of this form is required for eligible organizations and units of government that apply for a grant for property or easement acquisition under the Chippewa County Stewardship Fund. To encourage the use of County funds as local match to State grant programs, this County form has been developed to be consistent with forms used by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program.
2. Please send your completed application form with support materials listed on the Application Checklist to the Chippewa County Dept. of Land Conservation & Forest Management, 711 N. Bridge Street, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729.

Project Name
Camp Nawakwa

Project location (Must be in Chippewa Co.)
25336 County Hwy E, Cornell, WI 54732
Chippewa County

Project type

☒ Land acquisition
☐ Easement acquisition
☐ Other

Number of acres
75

Name and address of organization
Camp Nawakwa
25336 County Hwy E, Cornell, WI 54732

Name and title of contact person
Sherry Jasper
President of the Board

Telephone number (including area code)
715-944-4562

Does this project implement a recommendation contained in an approved Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, a land use plan, the National Heritage Inventory, or another type of comprehensive plan? If yes, indicate name of plan.

Land management plan

Status of negotiations with landowners (check one):

☐ Discussions are underway with the landowners.
☐ An option has been assigned.
☐ An offer to purchase has been signed.
☐ An easement has been signed.
☒ The property has been purchased.

Expiration date: _____
Expected closing date: _____
Date: _____
Date transfer recorded: January 9, 2024

Is your organization a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization? ☒ Yes ☐ No Date November 14, 2022

I certify that the information in this application and supporting materials is true and correct and in conformity with applicable Wisconsin Statutes.

Name
Lydia Heilman

Title
School Forest Coordinator - Anthony Acres

Signature

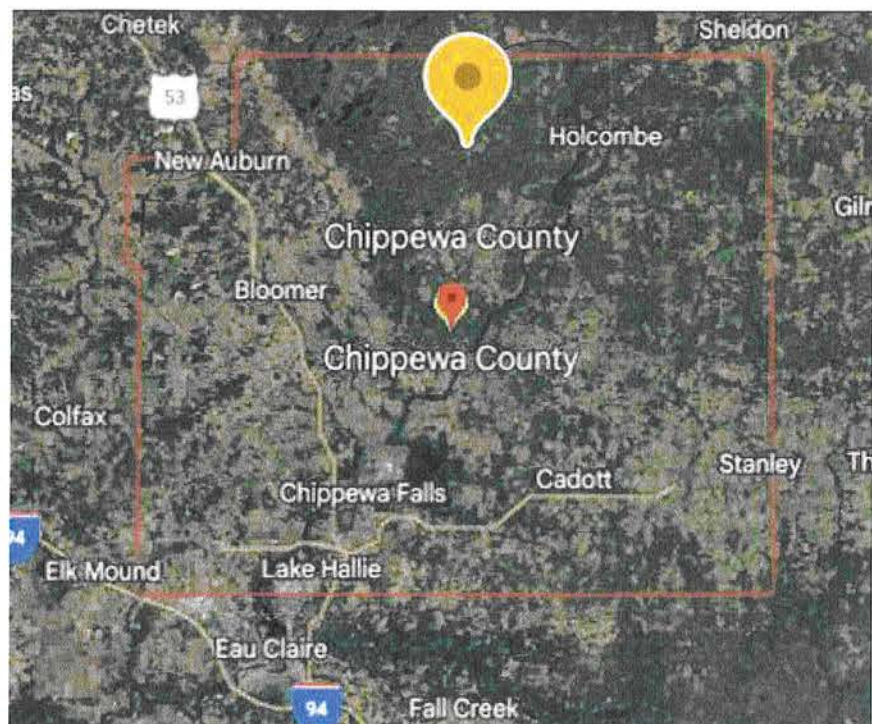
Date
5/16/2025

Borrower's Final Settlement Statement

Legends Title Services, LLC
 2225 Brackett Avenue
 Eau Claire, WI 54701
 Phone: (715)514-5748 Fax: (715)514-3716

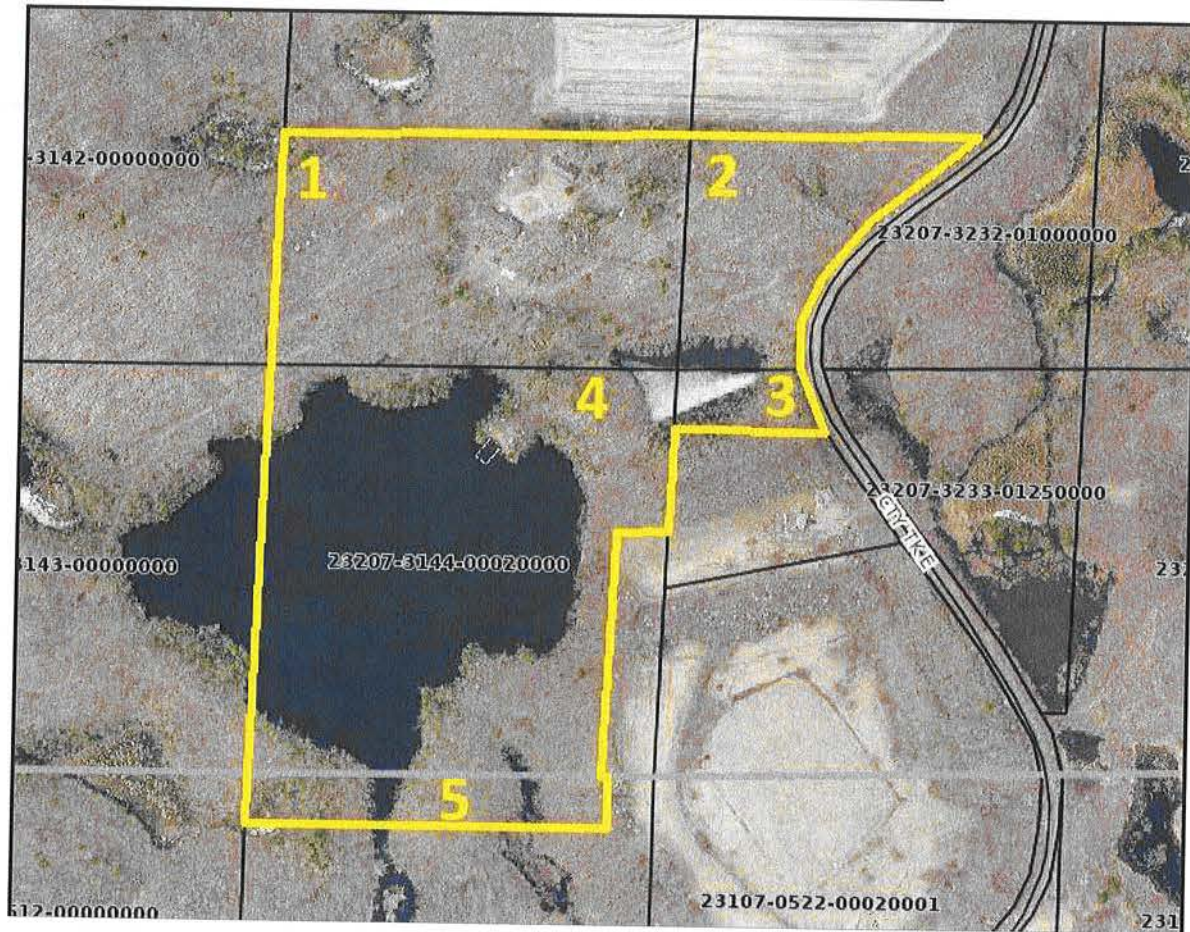
Settlement Date: January 9, 2024
Escrow officer/Closer: Jan Porath
Order Number: 23-20937
Borrower: Our Nawakwa, Inc.
 7623 196th St
 Chippewa Falls, WI 54729
Seller: Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes, Inc.
 4359 N. Lynndale Dr.
 Appleton, WI 54913
Lender: Northwestern Bank
Property Location: 25336 County Highway E
 Cornell, WI 54732

	Borrower	
	Debit	Credit
Financial Consideration		
Sale Price of Property	680,000.00	
Sale Price of Any Personal Property Included in Sale	50,000.00	
Loan Amount		500,000.00
Prorations/Adjustments		
LP Proration Tank 1 Residence 500 gal x 65% remaining x \$1.549	503.43	
LP Proration Tank 2 Cookstove 123 gal x 60% x \$1.549	114.32	
LP Proration Tank 3 Hobbs Hall/Camp office 500 gal x 70% x \$1.549	542.15	
LP Proration Tank 4 Troop H (Heyde House) 500 gal x 70% x \$1.549	542.15	
Escrow/Title Charges		
Closing Fee to Legends Title Services LLC	100.00	
Lender's Title Insurance to Legends Title Services LLC	750.00	
Coverage: \$500,000.00		
Premium: \$750.00		
Version: 2021 ALTA Loan Policy (07/01/21)		
Transfer Return Preparation to Legends Title Services LLC	37.50	
ALTA Endorsement (GAP) to Legends Title Services LLC	125.00	
Owner's Title Insurance to Legends Title Services LLC	1,076.50	
Coverage: \$680,000.00		
Premium: \$2,153.00		
Version: 2021 ALTA Owner's Policy (07/01/21)		
Special Assessments Search to Legends Title Services LLC	62.50	
Recording Charges		
Recording Fees Deed and Mortgage to Register of Deeds	45.00	
Wisconsin Transfer Tax to Register of Deeds	1,020.00	
Subtotals	734,918.55	500,000.00
Balance Due FROM Borrower		234,918.55
TOTALS	734,918.55	734,918.55



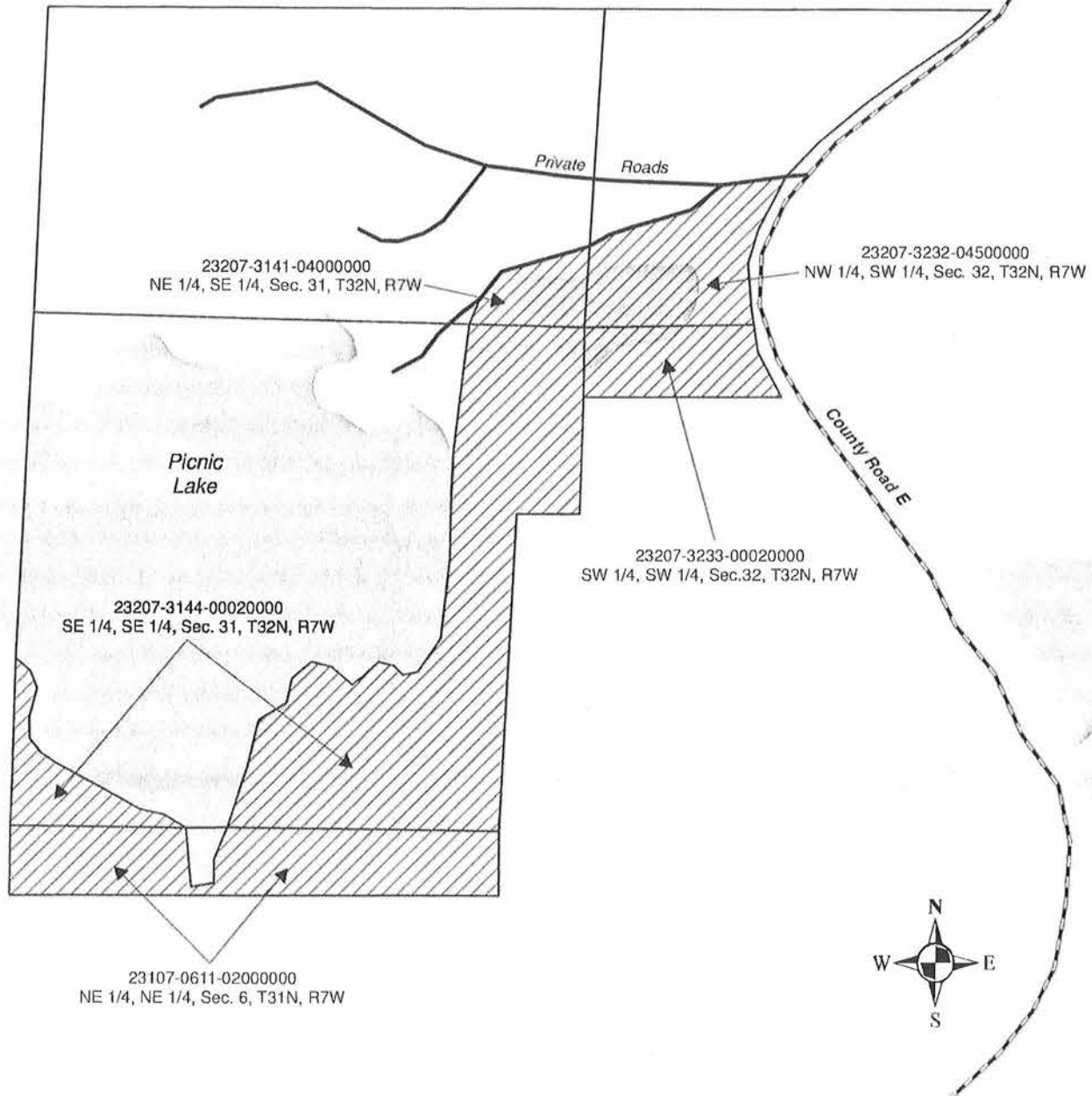
Factual Data

Plat Map / Aerial Photo – Chippewa County GIS



Attachment: Nawakwa Application for Committee (9225 : Camp Nawakwa Stewardship Application)

Ice Age Trail Easement Exhibit B - Trail Easement Area



 Easement Area
Property Boundaries are approximate

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING AND SELECTING PROJECTS SUBMITTED TO THE CHIPPEWA COUNTY STEWARDSHIP FUND LOCAL MATCH GRANT PROGRAM

Purpose

The purpose of this program is to establish the County Stewardship Fund to assist municipalities, local units of government, and non-profit organizations to meet land conservation and resource management objectives in the County. Annually the LCFM Committee shall review objectives and set priorities for funding allocations.

This fund may be used to:

1. Purchase land through fee title for future community needs. Including, but not limited to open space uses, access or recreational corridors or other environmental land conservation uses.
2. Purchase development rights or conservation easements to preserve prime farmland, woodlots, environmental corridors, or planned open space
3. Purchase land or easements in support of local fish and wildlife habitat development and improvement projects.

Application Evaluation Criteria

Applications shall specify all intended outdoor recreational uses.

Applications shall list all parties directly involved with the project proposal and long-term custodial management of the property

Priority will be given to:

- a. Projects that provide permanent public access for nature-based outdoor activities, defined in WI Stats. 23.0916(1)(b), including hunting, fishing, trapping, hiking, cross country skiing, and any other nature-based outdoor activity designated by the DNR.
- b. Projects that request funds for acquisition of land or easements to establish green space, bicycle or pedestrian trail corridors, or nature-based park space, as identified in a current land use or public recreation, or trail corridor plan.
- c. Projects that request funds for the purchase of land (or options to purchase), located within or adjacent the County Forest Blocking Boundary, or for acquisition of parcels which will be managed as part of the County park system
- d. Projects that result in the acquisition of land or conservation easements to protect shoreland corridors or areas of unique geological, environmental, or biological significance.
- e. Projects that maximize the sponsor match
- f. Applicants who propose projects that will be matched by other grant sources.
- g. Applicants who have not previously received a grant.
- h. Applicants who propose projects with a purchase price of less than or equal to the appraised value.

Eligible Sources Of Sponsor Match

Sponsor match is that portion of eligible acquisition costs not funded by a State Stewardship grant. The sponsor must provide at least 50% of project costs from non-state sources. Eligible sources of sponsor match include:

- cash from the sponsor and/or third-party contributions.
- funds from a local government or the federal government.
- property value donated by the seller - a "bargain sale"; and

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- the value of a property donated to the sponsor or acquired with non-state funds, if the applicant acquired such land within three years of the closing date for the parcel in the application.

Applicant is responsible for any costs associated with:

1. Property appraisals.
2. Title Insurance.
3. Survey
4. Recording
5. Legal fees.

A complete outline of standing administrative policy is established in Chippewa County Stewardship Fund Policy and Procedures for Program Administration, (12/7/99).



STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
DEADLINE FOR 2025 WILDLIFE CROP DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS IN
CHIPPEWA COUNTY

6.2

Wisconsin has a program that assists farmers when wildlife damages their agricultural crops. The Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program (WDACP) provides damage prevention assistance and partial compensation to farmers when wild deer, elk, bear, geese and turkeys damage their agricultural crops. Each year the County agrees to establish a date when 90% of the crops have been harvested in the county.

According to WI State Statute **NR 12.37 Wildlife damage claims. (1) (c)** Row and forage crops remaining unharvested after 90% of these crops have been harvested in the county are not in compliance with normal agricultural practices, as required by :
s. [29.889 \(6\) \(dm\)](https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/document/statutes/29.889(6)(dm)) <[https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/document/statutes/29.889\(6\)\(dm\)](https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/document/statutes/29.889(6)(dm))>, Stats. *Compliance with normal agricultural practices*. In order to be eligible for wildlife damage claim payments, a person seeking wildlife damage claim payments shall have managed the seedings, crops, orchard trees, nursery stock, apiaries or livestock which the person is seeking the claim payments in accordance with normal agricultural practices.

Deadline for Wildlife Crop Damage Assessments Announced In Chippewa County

- Row and forage crops remaining unharvested after 90% of these crops have been harvested in the county are not eligible for wildlife damage claims.
- Overwintered row crops are not eligible for wildlife damage claims.

- Justification for proposed date: Not enough information is available at this time to project the 90% harvest date. Therefore, December 20th is the proposed date, since it's the last day of fall.

2. ☐ If different than the proposed date, Chippewa County is declaring _____, 2025 as the last day that wildlife crop damage assessments can be requested for the current cropping year under Wisconsin's Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program. Justification for different date:

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STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION 2025 COMMODITY PRICE APPROVALS

6.3

Wisconsin has a program that assists farmers when wildlife damages their agricultural crops. The Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program (WDACP) provides damage prevention assistance and partial compensation to farmers when wild deer, elk, bear, geese and turkeys damage their agricultural crops. Each year the County agrees to establish crop prices in accordance with the WDACP Technical Manual or approve prices as recommended by APHIS-WS.

The county committee that oversees the damage program has the authority to establish crop prices annually for crops that wildlife damage appraisals have been submitted. Often the county damage specialist will prepare a preliminary crop price list available for the committee to consider. The basic premise for crop pricing is to obtain the most accurate value for the crop throughout the year that it was damaged. This price is generally obtained by averaging quarterly values.

General commodity crops such as corn, soybeans, oats, wheat, hay, etc. can be priced by contacting local feed dealers, grain distribution centers, hay auctions, or feed mills. The price set for these crops should be averaged between numerous sites, preferably all local. Price trends near harvest can be a factor in setting the price. Organic crops are often at a higher value, research or documentation may be necessary to establish a price.

Specialty crops such as Christmas trees, nursery stock, apiaries, orchards, fruit farms etc. need to have prices set by contacting several similar operations and averaging the prices.

Prepared by: USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services

2025 CROP PRICE PROPOSALChippewa COUNTY

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CROP	PRICE PROPOSED	PRICE IF DIFFERENT THAN PROPOSED
Corn -	\$ 3.95 / Bu	\$ _____
Soybeans -	\$ 9.76 / Bu	\$ _____
Holstein Heifer Calf -	\$ 3,360.00 / Each	\$ _____
Pumpkins -	\$ 10.00 / Each	\$ _____
Sweet Corn -	\$ 8.00 / Dozen	\$ _____
Honey -	\$ 9.00 / Lb	\$ _____
Bee Hives -	\$ 150.00 / Each	\$ _____
Pollen -	\$ 24.00 / Lb	\$ _____
_____ -	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____
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_____ -	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____

☐Chippewa county approves the prices as proposed (column A).☐Chippewa county approves prices different than proposed (column B). Justification for different prices:

Select One

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Title: _____



STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION DATCP SEGREGATED GRANT FUNDS TRANSFER

6.4

ATCP 50.34 (5m) INTER-COUNTY TRANSFERS. The department may approve an agreement between counties to transfer uncommitted grant funds if all of the following apply:

- (a) The grant funds subject to the transfer were not previously extended by the transferring county.
- (b) The county transferring the grant funds certifies to the department that it has an uncommitted portion of its allocation equal to or greater than the transfer amount, and has approval of its land conservation committee to make these funds available for transfer.
- (c) The county receiving the grant funds has made a commitment to use the transferred funds on one or more specific projects, and has the approval of its land conservation committee to accept the transferred funds for cost-sharing on the specific projects.
- (d) The counties apply for the transfer of grant funds on a form provided by the department. The department may require any information on the form reasonably necessary for the department to approve the transfer of funds.
- (e) The grant funds being transferred were not part of their staffing allocation.

Chippewa County was allocated \$75,000 of Segregated (SEG) Funding to provide cost sharing for Nutrient Management Plans (NMP). If a landowner already has an NMP, funds could be utilized to provide cost sharing for Cover Crops. In 2025, LCFM was able to allocate \$32,587 in cover crop cost share contracts amounting to 561 acres.

If a county transfers unallocated funds to another eligible county, the underspending does not count against said county in future grant requests. Shawano and Dane Counties have asked for \$5,872 and \$36,538 respectively, utilizing the remainder of the SEG funds for Chippewa County.



Wisconsin Dept. of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
Agricultural Resource Management Division
2811 Agriculture Drive, PO Box 8911
Madison, WI 53708-8911
Phone: (608) 224-4648 or (608) 224-4610

**Soil and Water Resource
Management Program**

DATCP Received:

Cost-Share Funds Transfer Agreement

Submit transfer requests no later
December 1 of the grant year

Grant Year: 2025 Fund Type: SEG **TOTAL AMOUNT OF TRANSFER: \$5875** (whole dollars only)

County Transferring Cost-Share Funds: Chippewa County Receiving Cost-Share Funds: Shawano

It is understood and agreed that:

- GPR and SEG revenue funds for conservation practices allocated to counties for the grant year indicated above may be transferred from, or to, any county consistent with the terms in the annual grant contracts and ss. ATCP 50.28 (as modified by department waiver), 50.34, and 50.36. A county may not transfer redirected cost-share funds originally awarded as an annual staffing grant.
- The county transferring the cost-share funds ("Transferring County") certifies that it has an uncommitted portion of its cost-share allocation equal to or greater than the transfer amount listed above, has not previously extended the grant funds which are the subject of the transfer, and has approval of its Land Conservation Committee to make these funds available for transfer.
- The county receiving the cost-share funds ("Receiving County") certifies that it has made a commitment to use the transferred funds on one or more specific projects and has the approval of its Land Conservation Committee to accept the transferred funds for cost-sharing on the specific projects.
- The Transferring County agrees to the transfer of funds in the amount listed above to the Receiving County to be used to cost-share projects involving appropriate practices.
- The transfer must be approved by DATCP, consistent with the recommendation of the Land and Water Conservation Board. DATCP will not approve a transfer that exceeds the Transferring County's current available cost-share grant allocation as shown in DATCP's records for the grant year indicated above.
- DATCP is authorized to modify the allocation plan and amend the grant contracts for the Transferring and Receiving Counties to carry out the terms of this AGREEMENT.
- The counties signing this AGREEMENT are responsible for tracking their cost-share balances and accurately calculating transfer amounts. Reimbursement requests submitted to DATCP will be processed in accordance with the revised cost-share amounts authorized by this AGREEMENT. Reimbursement request(s) submitted by either the Transferring County or Receiving County that would create an overage of the revised cost-share grant allocation will not be paid.
- Funds transferred by this Agreement to the Receiving County may be extended into the subsequent grant year for the same project, subject to s. ATCP 50.34(6).

LCC Chair, County Board Chair, Executive, or Administrator from Transferring County Date

LCC Chair, or County Board Chair, Executive, or Administrator from Receiving County Date

After both the transferring county and receiving county have signed this agreement, the receiving county should e-mail it to: datcpswrm@wisconsin.gov.

For DATCP use

The LWCB recommended approval of this transfer of funds through its delegated representative.

Approval of cost-share funds transfer of \$ _____ from _____ County to _____ County to be reflected in the Final Allocation Plan for the grant year indicated above. This Agreement hereby serves as a fully executed amendment to the grant contracts of the two counties signing this Agreement for the grant year indicated above.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Dept. of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Secretary Designee



Wisconsin Dept. of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
Agricultural Resource Management Division
2811 Agriculture Drive, PO Box 8911
Madison, WI 53708-8911
Phone: (608) 224-4648 or (608) 224-4610

**Soil and Water Resource
Management Program**

DATCP Received:

Cost-Share Funds Transfer Agreement

Submit transfer requests no later
December 1 of the grant

Grant Year: 2025 Fund Type: SEG **TOTAL AMOUNT OF TRANSFER: \$36,538** (whole dollars only)
County Transferring Cost-Share Funds: Chippewa County Receiving Cost-Share Funds: Dane

It is understood and agreed that:

- GPR and SEG revenue funds for conservation practices allocated to counties for the grant year indicated above may be transferred from, or to, any county consistent with the terms in the annual grant contracts and ss. ATCP 50.28 (as modified by department waiver), 50.34, and 50.36. A county may not transfer redirected cost-share funds originally awarded as an annual staffing grant.
- The county transferring the cost-share funds ("Transferring County") certifies that it has an uncommitted portion of its cost-share allocation equal to or greater than the transfer amount listed above, has not previously extended the grant funds which are the subject of the transfer, and has approval of its Land Conservation Committee to make these funds available for transfer.
- The county receiving the cost-share funds ("Receiving County") certifies that it has made a commitment to use the transferred funds on one or more specific projects and has the approval of its Land Conservation Committee to accept the transferred funds for cost-sharing on the specific projects.
- The Transferring County agrees to the transfer of funds in the amount listed above to the Receiving County to be used to cost-share projects involving appropriate practices.
- The transfer must be approved by DATCP, consistent with the recommendation of the Land and Water Conservation Board. DATCP will not approve a transfer that exceeds the Transferring County's current available cost-share grant allocation as shown in DATCP's records for the grant year indicated above.
- DATCP is authorized to modify the allocation plan and amend the grant contracts for the Transferring and Receiving Counties to carry out the terms of this AGREEMENT.
- The counties signing this AGREEMENT are responsible for tracking their cost-share balances and accurately calculating transfer amounts. Reimbursement requests submitted to DATCP will be processed in accordance with the revised cost-share amounts authorized by this AGREEMENT. Reimbursement request(s) submitted by either the Transferring County or Receiving County that would create an overage of the revised cost-share grant allocation will not be paid.
- Funds transferred by this Agreement to the Receiving County may be extended into the subsequent grant year for the same project, subject to s. ATCP 50.34(6).

LCC Chair, County Board Chair, Executive, or Administrator from Transferring County Date

LCC Chair, or County Board Chair, Executive, or Administrator from Receiving County Date

After both the transferring county and receiving county have signed this agreement, the receiving county should e-mail it to: datcpswrm@wisconsin.gov.

For DATCP use

The LWCB recommended approval of this transfer of funds through its delegated representative.

Approval of cost-share funds transfer of \$ _____ from _____ County to _____ County to be reflected in the Final Allocation Plan for the grant year indicated above. This Agreement hereby serves as a fully executed amendment to the grant contracts of the two counties signing this Agreement for the grant year indicated above.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Dept. of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Secretary Designee