CHIPPEWA COUNTY

LAND CONSERVATION & FOREST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 19, 2022

CHIPPEWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM 302

4:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Ken Schmitt	Chippewa County	District 3 (Chair)	Present	
Charles Bomar	Chippewa County	District 12 (Vice-Chair)	Absent	
James Flater	Chippewa County	District 1	Present	
David Bischel	Chippewa County	District 4	Absent	
Jason Bergeron	Chippewa County	District 7	Present	
Matthew Peterson	Chippewa County	District 10	Absent	
James Pingel	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Present	

The Chair noted that Supervisors Bischel, Bomar, and Peterson were absent but notified the Chair, as required.

Agency staff present at times throughout the meeting were R. Scholz (Co. Administrator), D. Hutchison (DNR), M. Hansen, K. Klingberg, J. Larson, L. Richardson, L. Schweikert, and J. Schemenauer - Recorder (LCFM).

Members of the public present was P. Popple.

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve the Agenda

2. Approve the Minutes

   Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee - Regular Meeting - Sep 14, 2022 4:30 PM

3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - November 16, 2022

5. REPORTS

1. Cover Crop Cost-Sharing Program Update - L. Schweikert

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

1. Document titled: Update from LCFM on ARPA Project - Well Testing & Contaminate Mitigation in Residential Wells, (LCFM - Distributed 10/12/22 - copy on file & attached). The document provides an update on the ARPA project being administered through the LCFM, to date.

2. Spreadsheet titled: 2022 ARPA Cover Crop Cost Sharing Program, (LCFM - Distributed 10/12/22 - copy on file & attached). The spreadsheet outlines applicants to the program and ranking based on the 9/14/22 Cover Crop Cost-Sharing Policy.

There was general discussion.

2. Overview & Announcement of Proposed Fall 2022 Timber Sale & Bids Opening - M. Hansen

M. Hansen and J. Larson introduced the proposed Fall 2022 Timber Sales. M. Hansen reported that:

1. There are eight (8) numbered tracts in the County Forest that are scheduled for public notice and bidding under the 2022 Fall Timber Sale.

2. Bids will be opened on 11/14/22 with a bid summary to be presented to the LCFM at their 11/16/22 meeting for Committee action.

J. Larson presented the proposed sales. The report was supported by the following materials:

1. Map titled: Chippewa County Timber Sale Locations Fall 2022, (LCFM - Distributed 10/12/22 - copy on file & attached).

2. Prospectus and map titled: Moon Ridge Hardwood Sale - Tract #11-22, (LCFM - Distributed 10/12/22 - copy on file & attached).

3. Prospectus and map titled: Back Woods Hardwood Sale - Tract #12-22, (LCFM - Distributed 10/12/22 - copy on file & attached).

4. Prospectus and map titled: Lowland Oak Shelter Wood Harvest - Tract #13-22, (LCFM - Distributed 10/12/22 - copy on file & attached).

5. Prospectus and map titled: Bear Aspen - Tract #14-22, (LCFM - Distributed 10/12/22 - copy on file & attached).

6. Prospectus and map titled: Foundation Pine - Tract #15-22, (LCFM - Distributed 10/12/22 - copy on file & attached).

7. Prospectus and map titled: Presidential Oak Clearcut - Tract #16-22, (LCFM - Distributed 10/12/22 - copy on file & attached).

8. Prospectus and map titled: Rock of Ages - Tract #17-22, (LCFM - Distributed 10/12/22 - copy on file & attached).

9. Prospectus and map titled: Wis. Conservation Cut - Tract #18-22, (LCFM Distributed 10/12/22 - copy on file & attached).

There was general discussion.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Timber Sale Contract Extensions Approval - M. Hansen

M. Hanson presented an oral report. The report was supported by a table titled: Comprehensive Listing of Contracted Timber Sales Fall 2022, (LCFM - Distributed 10/12/22 - copy on file & attached).

The County Forest Administrator is requesting extension of six (6) timber sale contracts, as presented, per the original contract language.

Motion to approve the six (6) extensions, as presented: Flater/Bergeron. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

2. Scattered & Type B Deed Recommended Actions - M. Hansen

M. Hansen presented an oral report. The report was supported by the following materials:

1. Table titled: Summary of Type B Land Sales and Timber Revenue, (LCFM - Distributed 10/12/22 - copy on file & attached). The table outlines the Tax Deed Type B land sales and timber revenue from 2012 to the present.

2. Table titled: Scattered & Type B Tax Deed Recommended Actions, (LCFM - Distributed 10/12/22 - copy on file & attached). The table shows 20 different Tax Deed Type B parcels in the County and the County Forest Administrator's recommended action (Leave as Tax Deed Type B, transfer to Parks, enter into County Forest, enter into County Forest-Special Unit, or sell) for these parcels.

3. Maps, plat book locations, and public access availability for each of the 20 Tax Deed Type B parcels.

There was discussion that focused on each Tax Deed Type B parcel and the recommended action. Changes to the recommended actions were as follows:

1. #8 - T29N, R8W, Sec. 33 (County Farm). Leave as Tax Deed Type B.

2. #13 - T32N, R8W, Sec. 3 (Sampson). Enter into County Forest after timber harvest completed.

3. #14 - T32N, R10W, Sec. 10 & 15 (Ski Hill). Sell portion of land with encroachment to building owner and keep the rest of parcels as Tax Deed Type B.

4. #19 - T32N, R6W, Sec. 2 (Holcombe Islands). Leave as Tax Deed Type B.

5. #20 - T32N, R6W, Sec. 9 (1440' Frontage). Leave as Tax Deed Type B.

Motion to make changes (to the County Forest Administrator's recommended actions), as recommended by the Committee: Flater/Bergeron. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

3. Resolution to Authorize the Development of a Carbon Offset Program in County Forest - M. Hansen

M. Hansen presented a resolution to the Committee titled: Resolution to Authorize the Development of a Carbon Offset Program in the County Forest, (Distributed 10/12/22 - copy on file & attached). The resolution authorizes the development of a carbon offset program using the County Forest as carbon credits.

There was discussion regarding contributions to towns, % of buffer pool to create, amount of monitoring endowment fund, and developing a process on how the funds will be utilized.

Motion to approve the Resolution to Authorize the Development of a Carbon Offset Program in the County Forest and forward to the Executive Committee: Bergeron/Flater. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

4. Resolution to Create an Ad Hoc Committee for Community Well Drilling - L. Schweikert

L. Schweikert presented a resolution titled: Resolution to Create the Community Well Drilling Project Ad Hoc Committee of the Land Conservation and Forest Management Committee, (Distributed 10/12/22 - copy on file & attached). The resolution authorizes the creation of an ad hoc committee of the Land Conservation and Forest Management Committee, known as the "Community Well Drilling Project Ad Hoc Committee".

There was general discussion.

Motion to amend the resolution to change the language under Financial Impact to read: "The fiscal impact by passage of this resolution would be limited to per diem and/or mileage payments to the members of the committee.": Bergeron/Flater. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion to approve the resolution, as amended, and forward to County Board: Flater/Bergeron. Motion carried by voice vote.

RESULT:	**FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD [UNANIMOUS]**	**Next: 11/8/2022 6:00 PM**
MOVER:	James Flater, District 1	
SECONDER:	Jason Bergeron, District 7	
AYES:	Schmitt, Flater, Bergeron, Pingel	
ABSENT:	Bomar, Bischel, Peterson	

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Possible update on Nawakwa Girl Scout Camp by M. Hansen.

8. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn: Bergeron/Flater. Motion carried at 6:33 p.m. by voice vote.

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

CHIPPEWA COUNTY

LAND CONSERVATION & FOREST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

CHIPPEWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM 302

4:30 PM

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Sep 14, 2022 4:30 PM (Consent Agenda)

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

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Charles Bomar	Chippewa County	District 12 (Vice-Chair)	Present	
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David Bischel	Chippewa County	District 4	Present	
Jason Bergeron	Chippewa County	District 7	Present	
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James Pingel	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Present	

The Chair noted that all supervisors were present.

Agency staff present at times throughout the meeting were R. Scholz (Co. Administrator), D. Hutchison (DNR), M. Hansen, K. Klingberg, J. Larson, L. Schweikert, and J. Schemenauer - Recorder (LCFM).

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Charles Bomar, District 12 (Vice-Chair)
SECONDER:	James Flater, District 1
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Bergeron, Peterson, Pingel

1. Approve the Agenda

2. Approve the Minutes

   Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee - Regular Meeting - Aug 17, 2022 4:30 PM

3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - October 19, 2022

5. REPORTS

1. Overview of Type B Tax Deed and Other Scattered Lands Owned by Chippewa County - M. Hansen
   M. Hansen presented an oral report. The report was supported by a handout which showed the location, acreage, and status of Type B Tax Deed and scattered lands owned by Chippewa County (LCFM -

Distributed 9/8/22 - copy on file & attached). The report provided information on access to these parcels by the public by either road, water, or no access.

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on:

1. The management of the parcels.

2. The possibility of entering select parcels into the County Forest and/or selling.

2. Update on Proposed Chippewa County Carbon Credit Process - M. Hansen
M. Hansen provided an oral report. The report was supported by the following materials:

1. Document titled: Carbon Buffer Pool, (LCFM - Distributed 9/8/22 - copy on file & attached). The document explains what the carbon buffer pool is and how it works within the carbon credit project.

2. Letter to Town of Auburn from M. Hansen (LCFM), (1/28/22), regarding their town severance payment for County Forest revenue collected in 2021, (LCFM - Distributed 9/8/22 - copy on file & attached).

3. Report titled: 2022 Spring Road Ditch Cleanup - Final Report, (LCFM - Distributed 9/8/22 - copy on file & attached). The report provides information specific to the 2022 Road Ditch Cleanup as well as data and trends for the past eight (8) years that the project has been implemented.

There was general discussion.

3. Community Well Advisory Ad Hoc Committee - L. Schweikert
L. Schweikert provided an oral report on the process of creating a Community Well Ad Hoc Advisory Committee. Professionals recommended to invite would include educators, geologists, hydrologists, groundwater specialists, well drillers, and citizen representatives.

It was suggested that town officials in the selected community well areas be invited to participate on the Committee.

There was general discussion.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Chippewa County Cover Crop Cost Share Policy - L. Schweikert
L. Schweikert presented an oral report. The report was supported by a draft policy titled: Cover Crop Cost Sharing Policy, (LCFM 9/7/22 - Distributed 9/8/22 - copy on file & attached). The policy provides the purpose, scope, responsibility and authority of the LCFM Department in implementing the cover crop program. The policy also provides the ranking criteria to be used when evaluating applications and future compliance in the program.

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on changes in the policy wording as follows:

Ranking

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4. Eligibility
   d. 100 acres maximum per contract
      1) If an operator has leases for multiple landowners, the operator is ~~held to~~ eligible for cost sharing up to the 100-acres maximum, not per landowner they lease from
      2) In the case of a corporation or entity, the corporation or entity and the individual members that make up such group ~~is~~ collectively are ~~held to~~ eligible for cost sharing up to the 100-acre maximum, ~~not the individual landowners~~

Motion to approve the policy with the suggestion to add changes under Ranking, 4. d. (1) and (2): Bergeron/Bomar.

Roll call vote: Supervisor Peterson - Yes, Supervisor Bischel - Yes, Supervisor Flater - Yes, Supervisor Bergeron - Yes, Supervisor Bomar - Yes, Representative Pingel - Abstain, Chair Schmitt - Yes. Motion carried 6-0 with 1 member abstaining.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [6 TO 0]**
MOVER:	Jason Bergeron, District 7
SECONDER:	Charles Bomar, District 12 (Vice-Chair)
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Bergeron, Peterson
ABSTAIN:	Pingel

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

The Chair indicated M. Hansen will be bringing back the Type B Tax Deed information to the Committee in the future and if the Committee has any suggestions on future agenda items, to let him know.

8. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn: Flater/Bomar. Motion carried at 5:45 p.m.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	James Flater, District 1
SECONDER:	Charles Bomar, District 12 (Vice-Chair)
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Bergeron, Peterson, Pingel

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CHIPPEWA COUNTY

LAND CONSERVATION & FOREST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 17, 2022

CHIPPEWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM 302

4:30 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

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Jason Bergeron	Chippewa County	District 7	Present	
Matthew Peterson	Chippewa County	District 10	Absent	
James Pingel	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Present	

The Chair noted that all supervisors were present except Supervisor Peterson, who had called earlier to say he could not make the meeting.

Agency staff present at times throughout the meeting were R. Scholz (Co. Administrator), D. Hutchison and J. Vander Loop (DNR), J. Gregory, M. Hansen, K. Klingberg, L. Schweikert, and J. Schemenauer - Recorder (LCFM).

Members of the public present were P. Popple and B. Zimmerman.

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

D. Hutchison (DNR) introduced J. Vander Loop, the DNR Forestry Technician working out of the Jim Falls Ranger Station.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Discussion was held to change the 9/21/22 regular meeting date to 9/14/22 at 4:30 p.m.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda with the amended next meeting date of 9/14/22: Bomar/Bischel. Motion carried by voice vote.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Charles Bomar, District 12 (Vice-Chair)
SECONDER:	David Bischel, District 4
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Bergeron, Pingel
ABSENT:	Peterson

1. Approve the Agenda

2. Approve the Minutes

   Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee - Regular Meeting - Jul 20, 2022 4:30 PM

Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee - Special Meeting - Jul 26, 2022 8:00 AM

3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - Amended to September 14, 2022

5. REPORTS

1. Status of Lake Wissota Stewardship Project - J. Gregory
J. Gregory presented an oral report. The report was supported by the following materials:

1. Graphs and text summarizing the water quality data of Lake Wissota and Little Lake Wissota, at various locations around the lakes, from approximately 2000 to the present (LCFM - Distributed 8/11/22 - copy on file & attached).

2. Map titled: LWSP Volunteer Monitoring Sites, (LCFM 8/17/22 - copy on file & attached). The map shows the location of sites where LWSP volunteers monitor water clarity and turbidity.

There was general discussion regarding the collection of water samples, water quality data, and water clarity.

2. Producer-Led Watershed Update - L. Schweikert
L. Schweikert presented an oral report. She reported that a meeting was held on 7/28/22 to gauge interest in starting a farmer-led watershed council.

The meeting was attended by several area farmers and they indicated that others were interested in participating in the group. B. Panzer offered to be the lead for the group and is planning on setting up another meeting in the future.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Cover Crop Cost Sharing Policy - L. Schweikert
L. Schweikert presented an oral report. The report was supported by the following materials:

1. Document titled: Chippewa County Cover Crop Cost Sharing Guidance, (LCFM 8/16/22 - Distributed 8/16/22 - copy on file & attached). The document provides guidance for the cover crop cost sharing project and a proposed timeline.

2. Form titled: Chippewa County Resource Management Grant Program, Cost-Share Application, (LCFM 8/16/22 - Distributed 8/16/22 - copy on file & attached). The form is an application for the cover crop cost sharing project.

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on:

1. Guidance criteria.

2. Implementation of the cover crop project and data to be collected.

There was general Committee agreement regarding the proposed cover crop cost sharing guidance. The policy for this project will be presented to the Committee at the September LCFM meeting.

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2. Authorize Deer Fly Chase Mountain Bike Race Permit in County Forest - M. Hansen
M. Hansen presented an oral report. The report was supported by the following material:

1. Agreement titled: Chippewa County Forest Special Event Permit and Agreement, (LCFM - Distributed 8/11/22 - copy on file & attached). The agreement grants the Friends of Hickory Ridge exclusive use of the Dog Island Warming House and certain segments of the Chippewa County Forest property trail network to conduct a mountain bike race.

2. Map titled: Attachment A - Tentative Route, likely to change before final race authorization, (Distributed 8/11/22 - copy on file & attached). The map shows the tentative route of the race.

Motion to approve (the Deer Fly Chase Mountain Bike Race Permit): Flater/Bomar. Motion carried by voice vote.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	James Flater, District 1
SECONDER:	Charles Bomar, District 12 (Vice-Chair)
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Bergeron, Pingel
ABSENT:	Peterson

3. Phoenix Orion Leary Memorial Bench - Hickory Ridge Mountain Bike Trail - M. Hansen
M. Hansen presented an oral report. The report was supported by a map showing the Hickory Ridge Trails in the Chippewa County Forest and the proposed location of a memorial bench for P. Leary.

Motion to accept the memorial bench request: Flater/Bergeron. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

4. The LCFM Committee will go into closed session pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(e) for the purposes of "deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session" (Consider real estate transaction for parcel in T32N, R5W, Section 28) - M. Hansen
Motion that the LCFM Committee will go into closed session pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(e) for the purposes of "deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session" (Consider real estate transaction for parcel in T32N, R5W, Section 28), with the LCFM Committee, L. Schweikert, M. Hansen, R. Scholz, and J. Schemenauer in closed session attendance: Bergeron/Bomar. Roll call vote: J. Pingel - Aye, C. Bomar - Aye, J. Bergeron - Aye, J. Flater - Aye, D. Bischel - Aye, and K. Schmitt - Aye. Motion carried.

The Committee went into closed session at 5:31 p.m.

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Motion to go into open session: Bergeron/Flater. Motion carried by voice vote.

The Committee went into open session at 5:51 p.m.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Jason Bergeron, District 7
SECONDER:	Charles Bomar, District 12 (Vice-Chair)
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Bergeron, Pingel
ABSENT:	Peterson

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

M. Hansen indicated that he will be reporting to the Committee in the future regarding an update to the Chippewa County Outdoor Recreation Plan.

8. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn: Flater/Bomar. Motion carried by voice vote at 5:54 p.m.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	James Flater, District 1
SECONDER:	Charles Bomar, District 12 (Vice-Chair)
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Bergeron, Pingel
ABSENT:	Peterson

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STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
OVERVIEW OF TYPE B TAX DEED AND OTHER SCATTERED LANDS OWNED BY CHIPPEWA COUNTY

Chippewa County regularly assumes ownership of properties through enforcement of delinquent taxes. These acquisitions are governed by Section 2-353 of County Code. Type A Tax Deed Parcels are those determined not be retained in County ownership for future use and resold pursuant to State Statutes.

Type B Tax Deed parcels are those retained in County ownership for a specific future use. The director of Land Conservation or Parks and Facilities may request that lands which come into County Ownership be retained for County Forest, public recreation, conservation, environmental protection or County Parks.

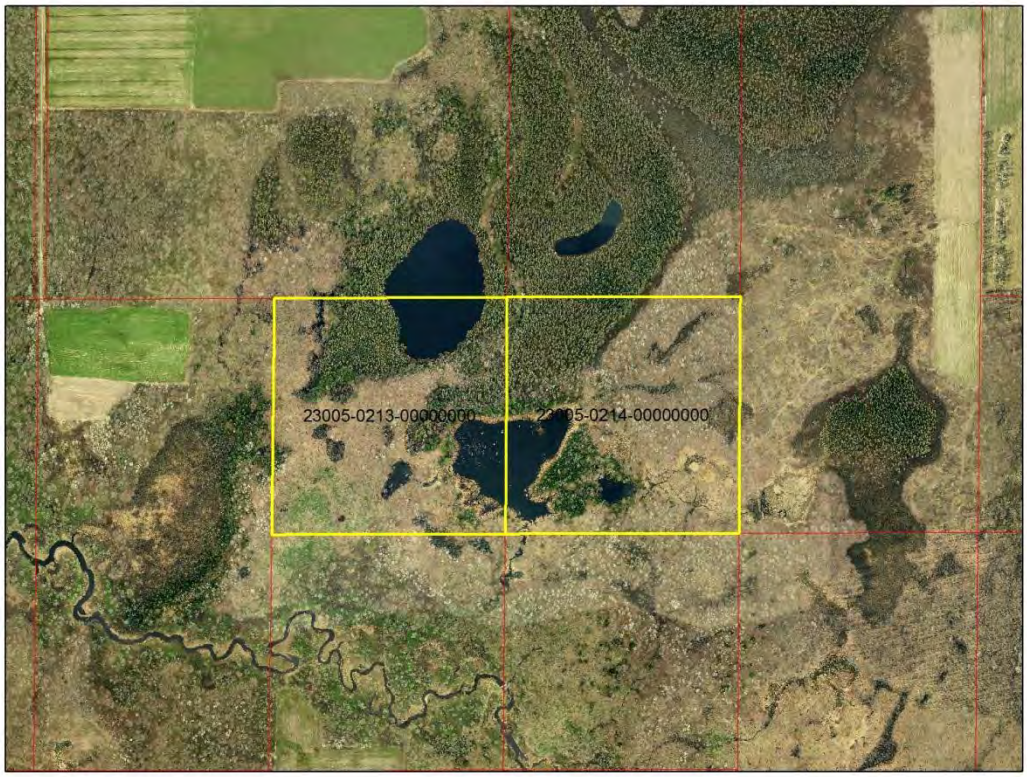
This report will give a general overview of actions taken over the last decade and management challenges associated with Type B parcels and other scattered County lands. The County Forest Administrator will also give a brief review of the pertinent policies and processes.

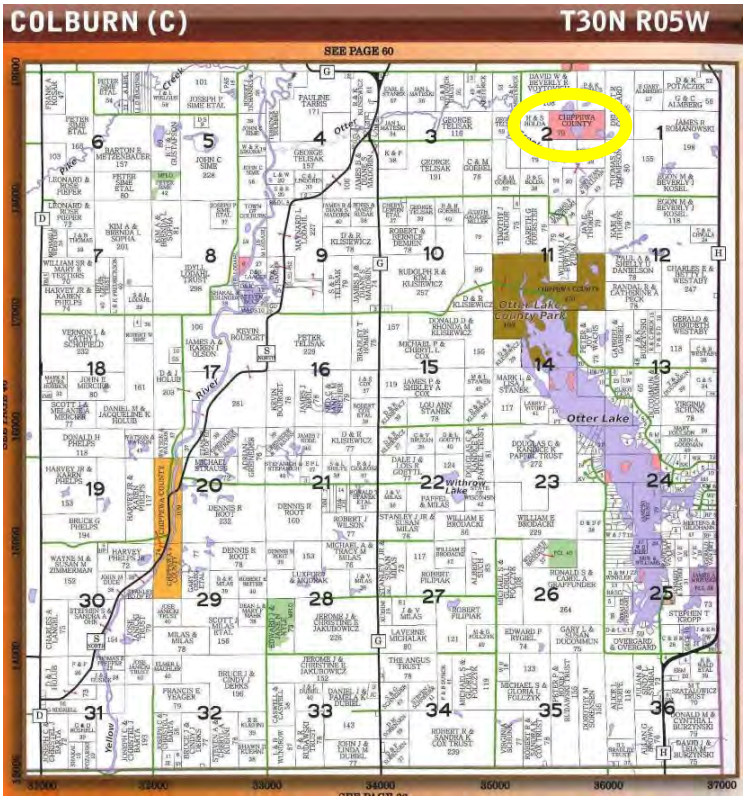
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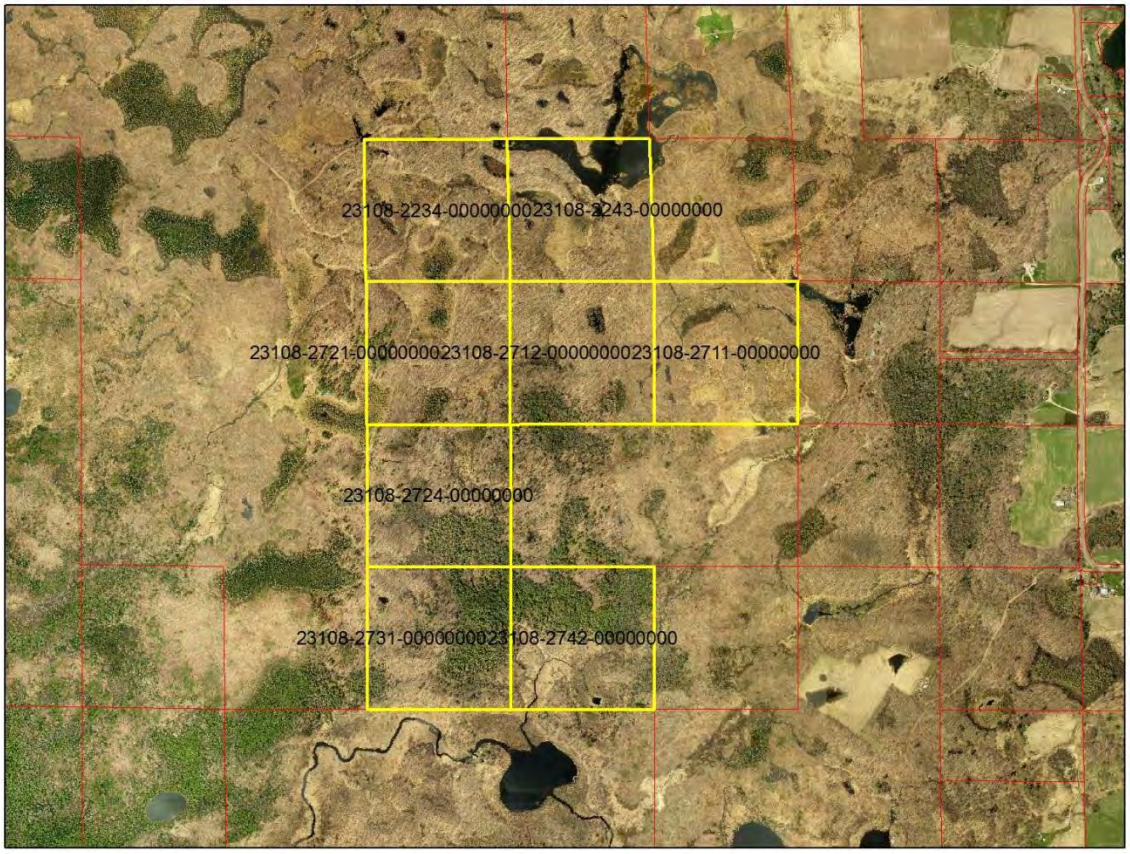
Town of Colburn – 80 acres Forest without Public Access

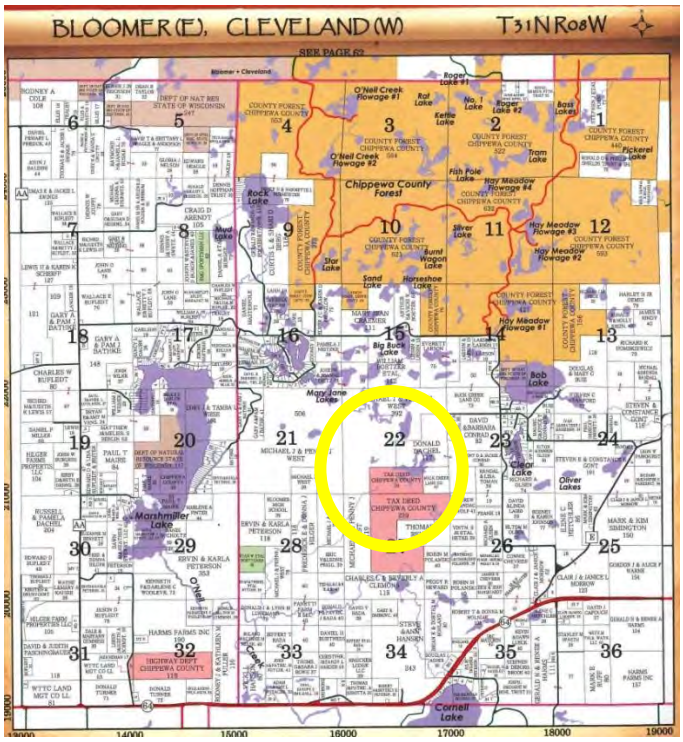




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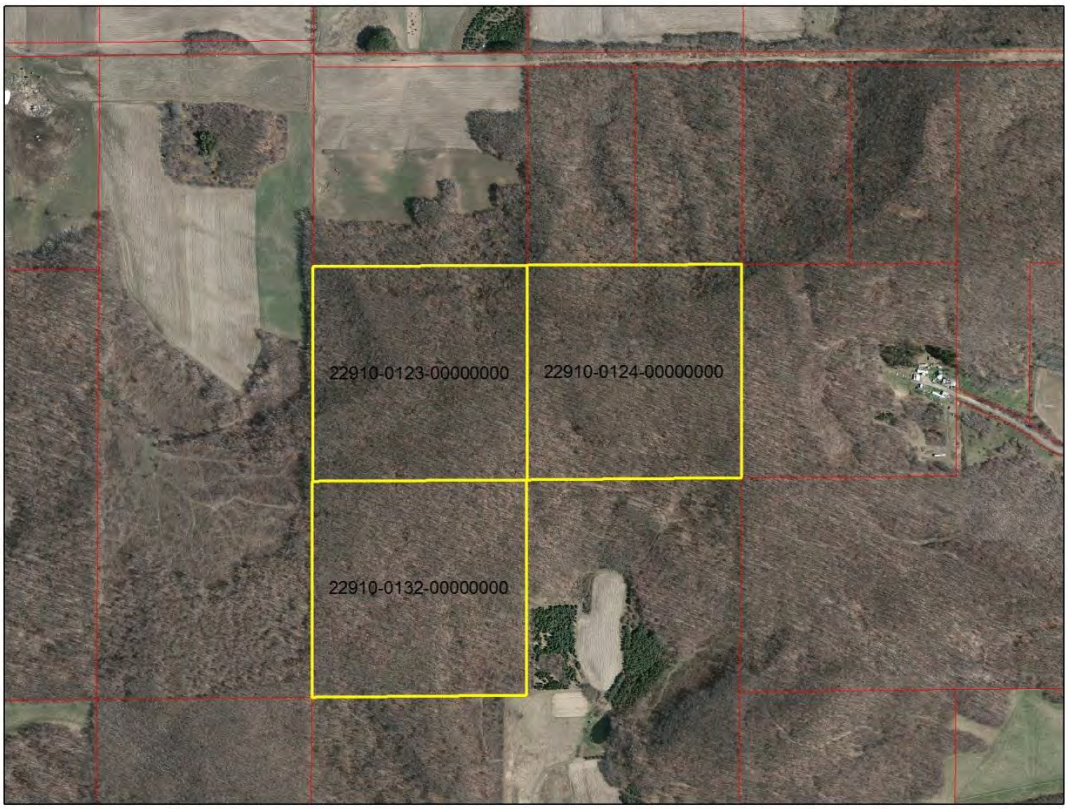
Town of Cleveland- 320 acres Forest without Public Access

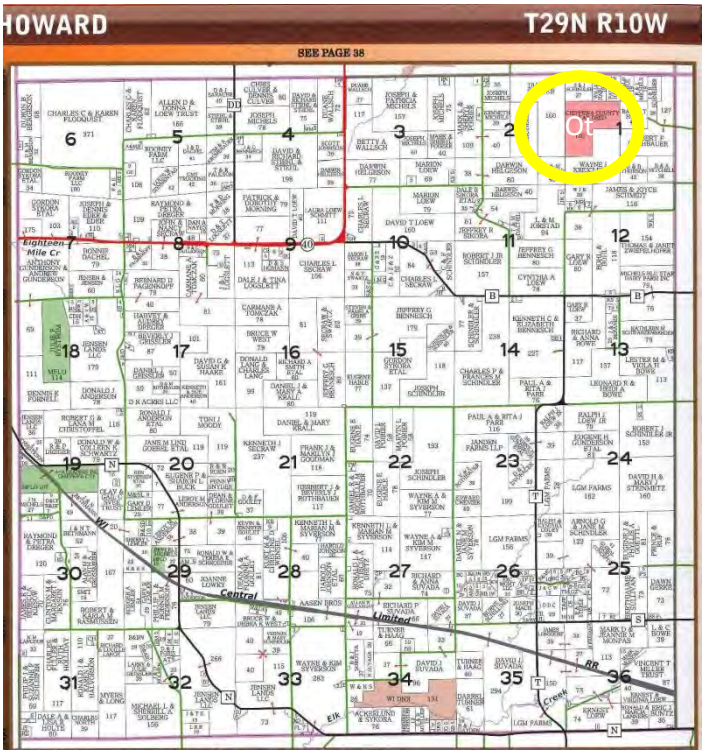




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Town of Howard – 120 acres Forest without Public Access

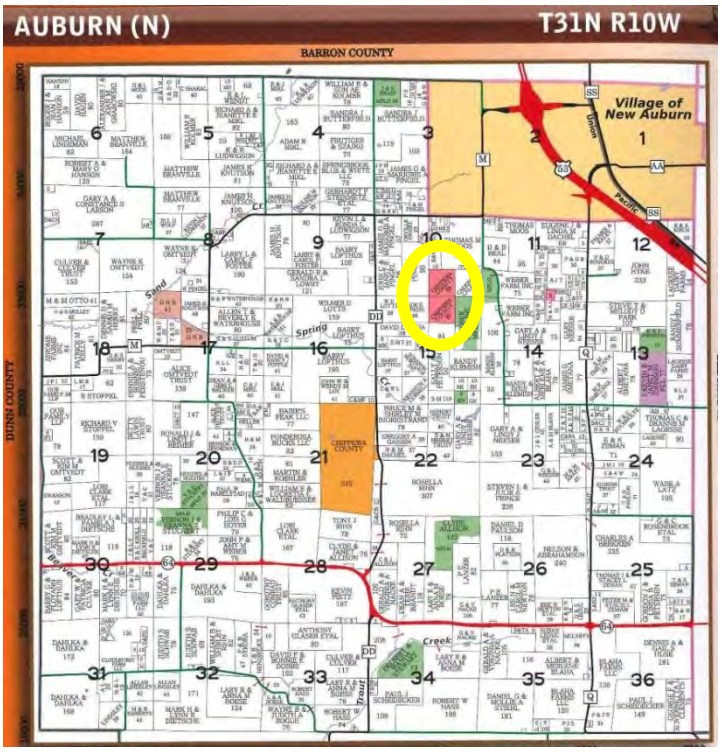




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Town of Auburn – 80 acres Forest without Public Access (previously leased for Ski Hill)



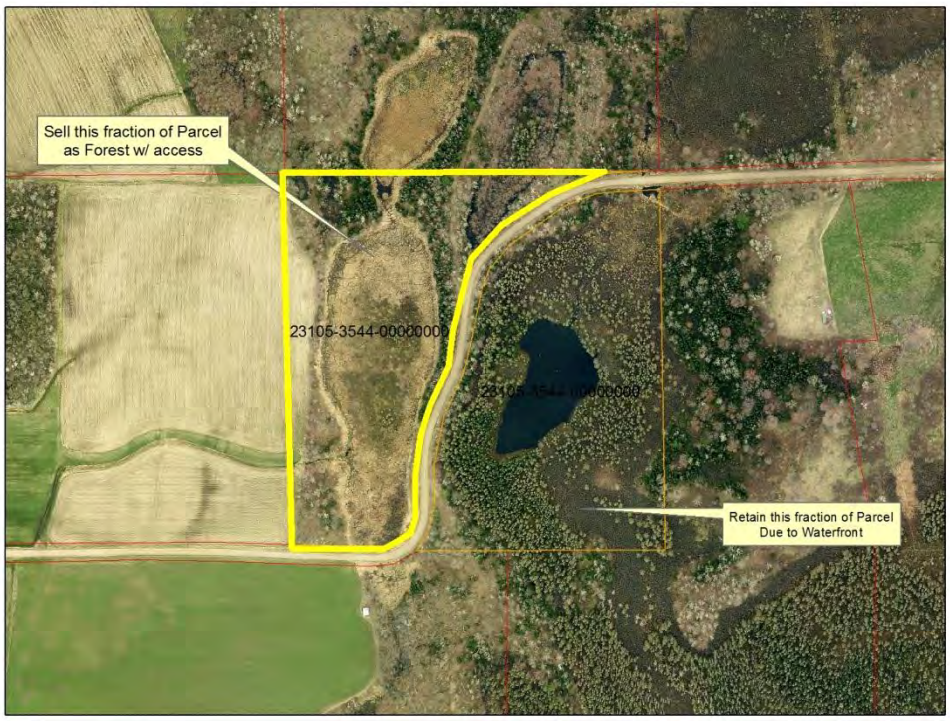


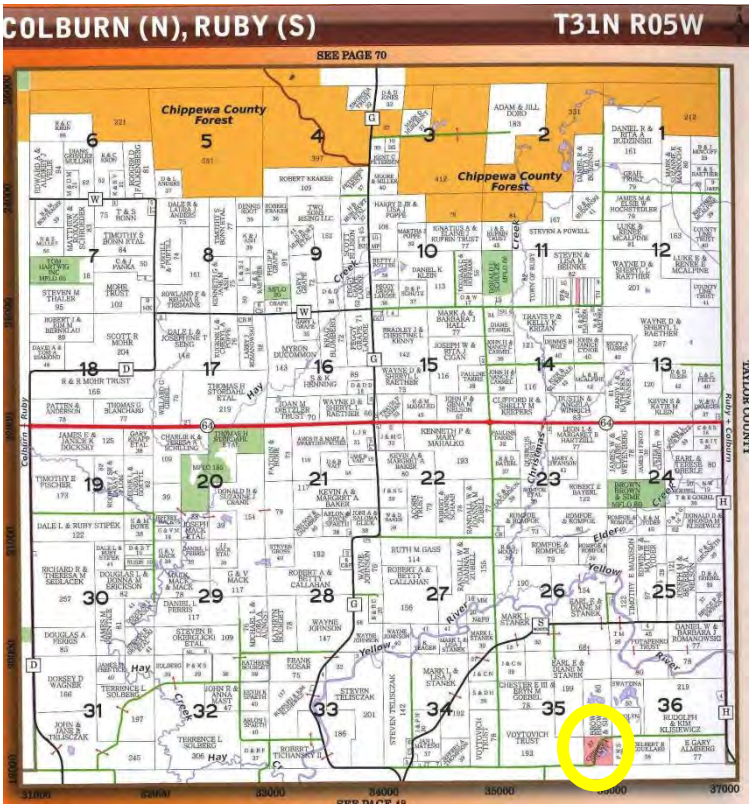
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Forest with Public Access

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Town of Colburn - ~19 acres Forest with Public Access

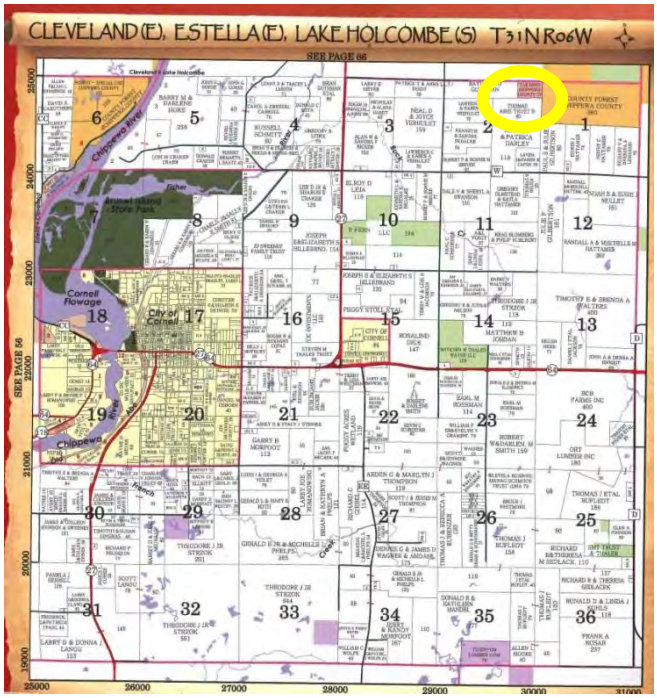




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Town of Estella – 20 acres Forest with Public Access (Adjacent County Forest) (Recommend Enrollment in County Forest)

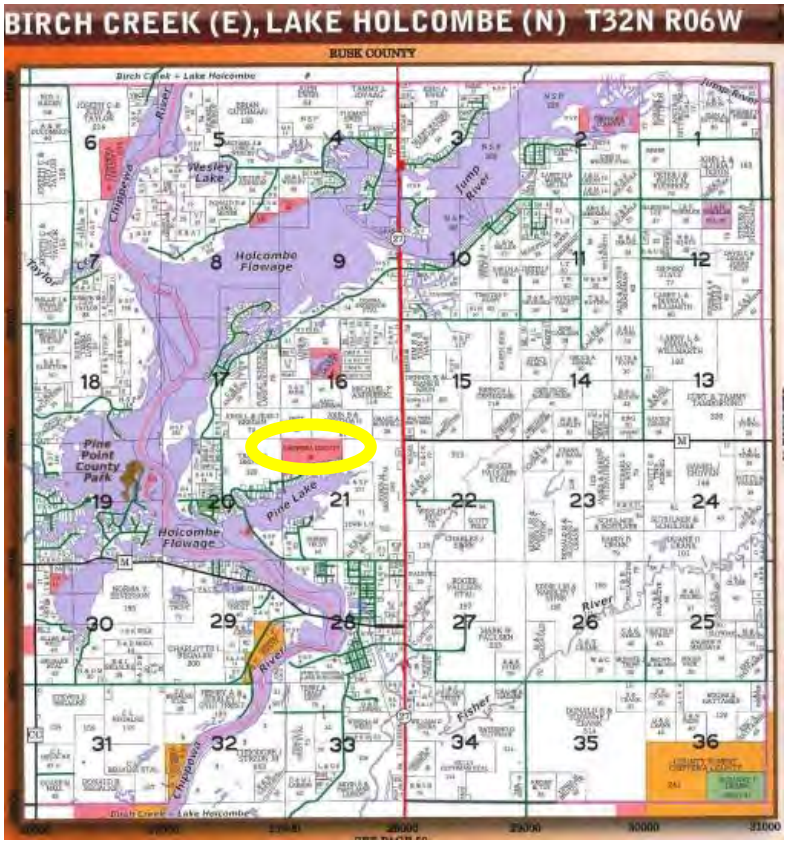




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Town of Lake Holcombe - ~75 acres Forest with Public Access





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Waterfront with Public Access By Road

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66.1006 Department of natural resources approval of discontinuance. No resolution, ordinance, order, or similar action of a town board or county board, or of a committee of a town board or county board, discontinuing any highway, street, alley, or right-of-way that provides public access to any navigable lake or stream shall be effective until such resolution, ordinance, order, or similar action is approved by the department of natural resources.

NR 1.92 Abandonment of access.

(1) NOTICE OF INTENT TO ABANDON AN ACCESS.

(a) Any municipality subject to s. 66.1006, Stats., which proposes to abandon or discontinue any highway, street, alley or right-of-way, which provides public access to a navigable waterway, shall provide a copy of the resolution or ordinance and notify the department at least 10 working days prior to acting on a resolution or ordinance to abandon or discontinue. Within 10 working days of enacting an ordinance or resolution subject to approval under s. 66.1006, Stats., the municipality shall submit a copy of the ordinance or resolution to the department. Upon receipt of the ordinance or resolution, the department shall publish a notice of the proposed abandonment pursuant to the procedures in s. 31.06, Stats. If no hearing is requested, the department shall proceed under sub. (2) to grant or deny the petition.

(b) If a hearing is requested, the department shall hold the hearing as a class 1 contested case in the county in which the public access is proposed to be abandoned. The department shall make its decision based on the standards in sub. (2).

(2) FINDINGS FOR GRANTING. The department may grant the petition to abandon or discontinue the public access only if:

(a) Any access sites or part thereof proposed to be abandoned or discontinued is replaced prior to granting the petition; or

(b) The department finds that the access proposed to be abandoned does not contribute to the quality or quantity of public access on the body of water.

(3) APPROVAL CONDITIONS. The department may order conditions of approval including, but not limited to, a showing of financial capability of the petitioner to provide and maintain an equivalent or superior replacement public access site, and other conditions related to assurance of protection of the interest of the public in the body of water.

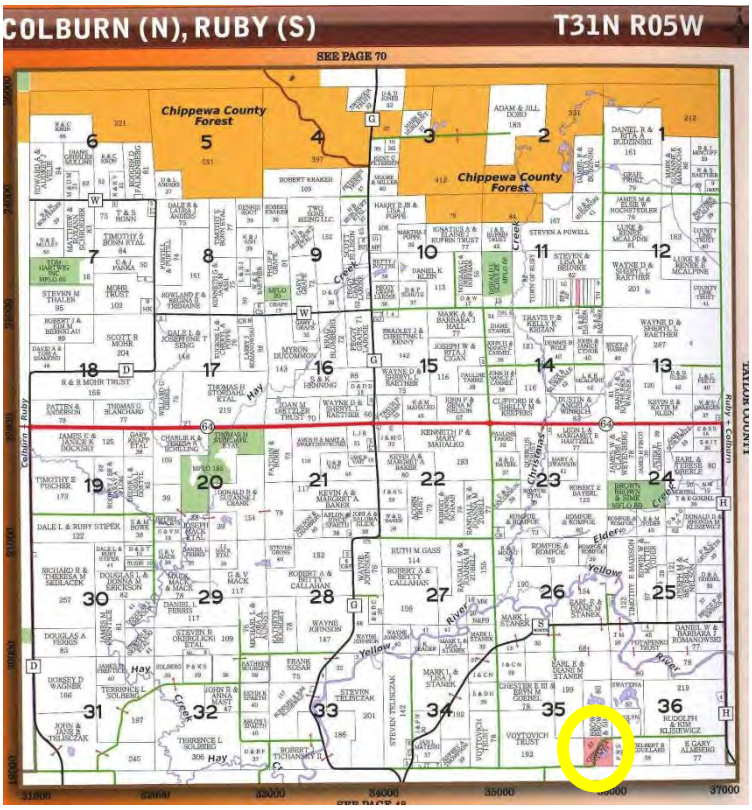
(4) ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION. Access sites may also be abandoned where environmental degradation is occurring at the site as a result of existing use, and abandonment of the access will reduce or eliminate the degradation without reducing public interests in access to that body of water.

History: Cr. Register, April, 1975, No. 232, eff. 5-1-75; renum. from NR 1.32, Register, October, 1977, No. 262, eff. 11-1-77; r. and recr. Register, March, 1994, No. 459, eff. 4-1-94; corrections in (1) (a) made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7., Stats., Register April 2005 No. 592.

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Town of Colburn - ~19 acres Forest with Public Access

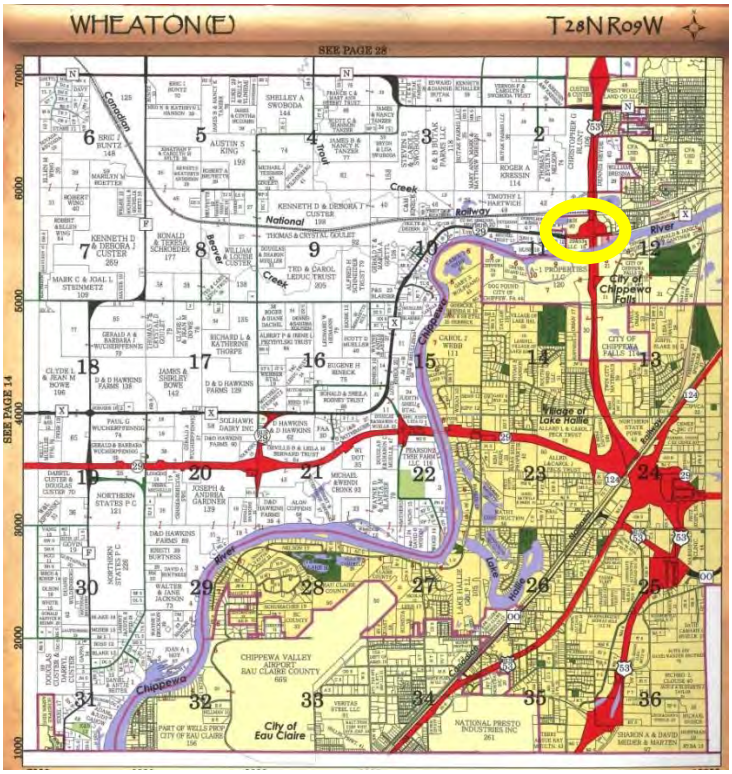




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City of Chippewa Falls –Waterfront on Chippewa River with Public Road Access

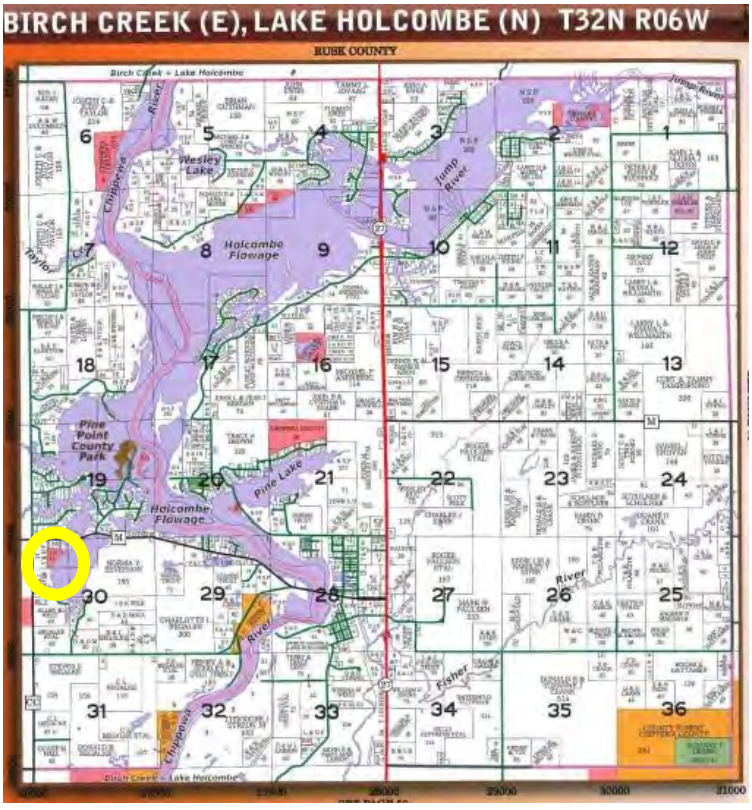




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Town of Birch Creek - ~20 acres Waterfront on Cranberry Lake with Public Road Access

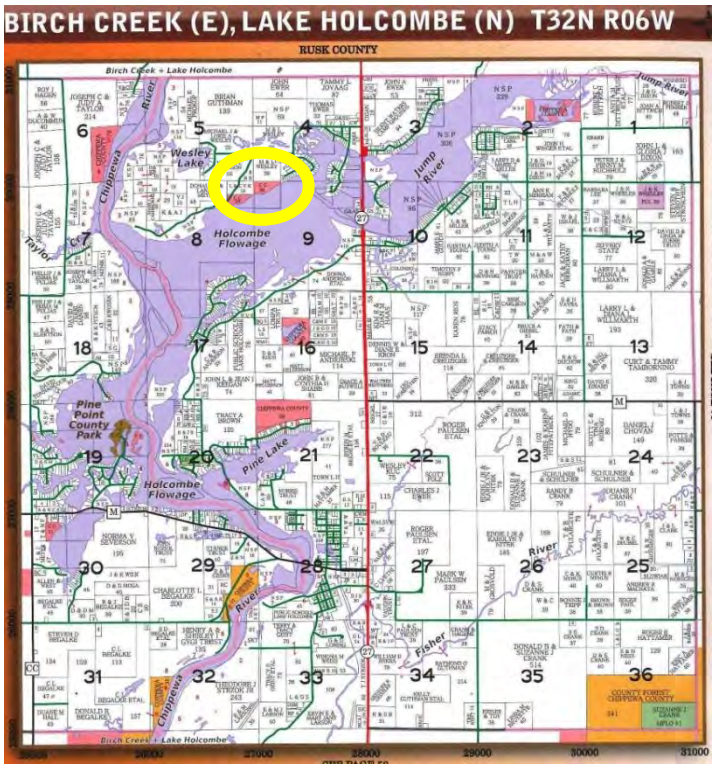




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Town of Lake Holcombe – Waterfront on Lake Holcombe with Public Road and Boat Access

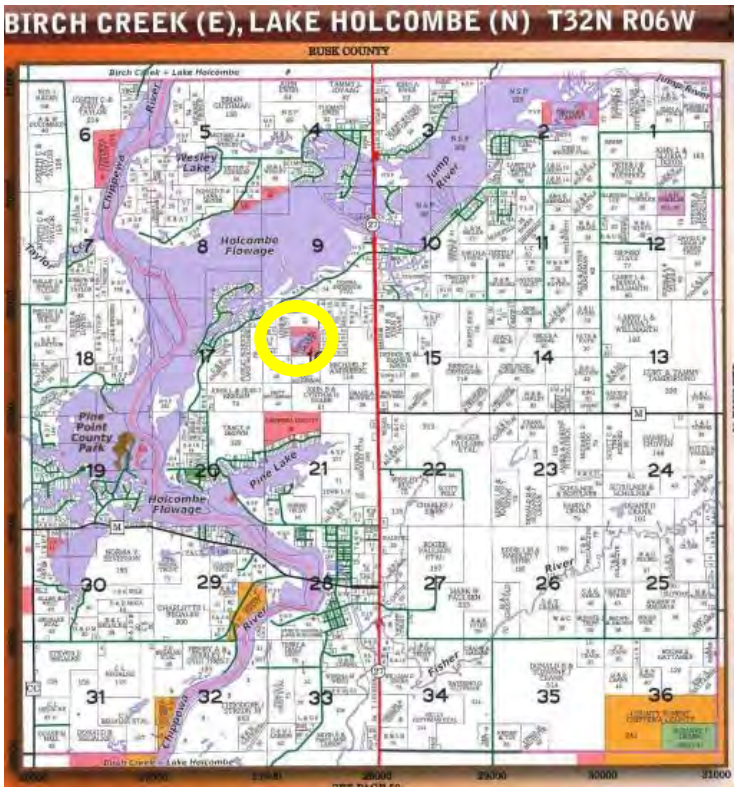




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Town of Lake Holcombe - 40 acres Waterfront containing Roedecker Lake with Public Road Access

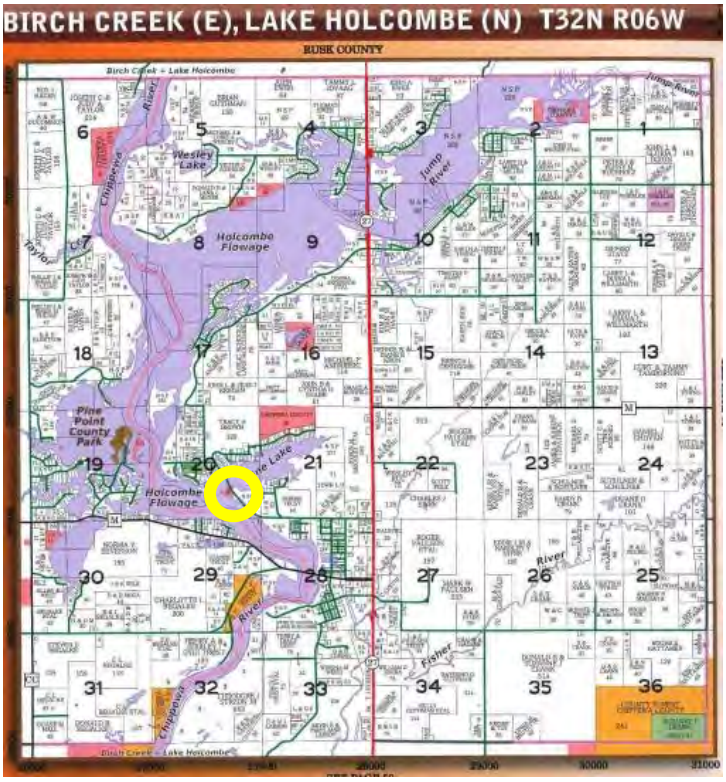




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Town of Lake Holcombe - ~ 3 acres Waterfront on Lake Holcombe with Public Access by Road or Boat





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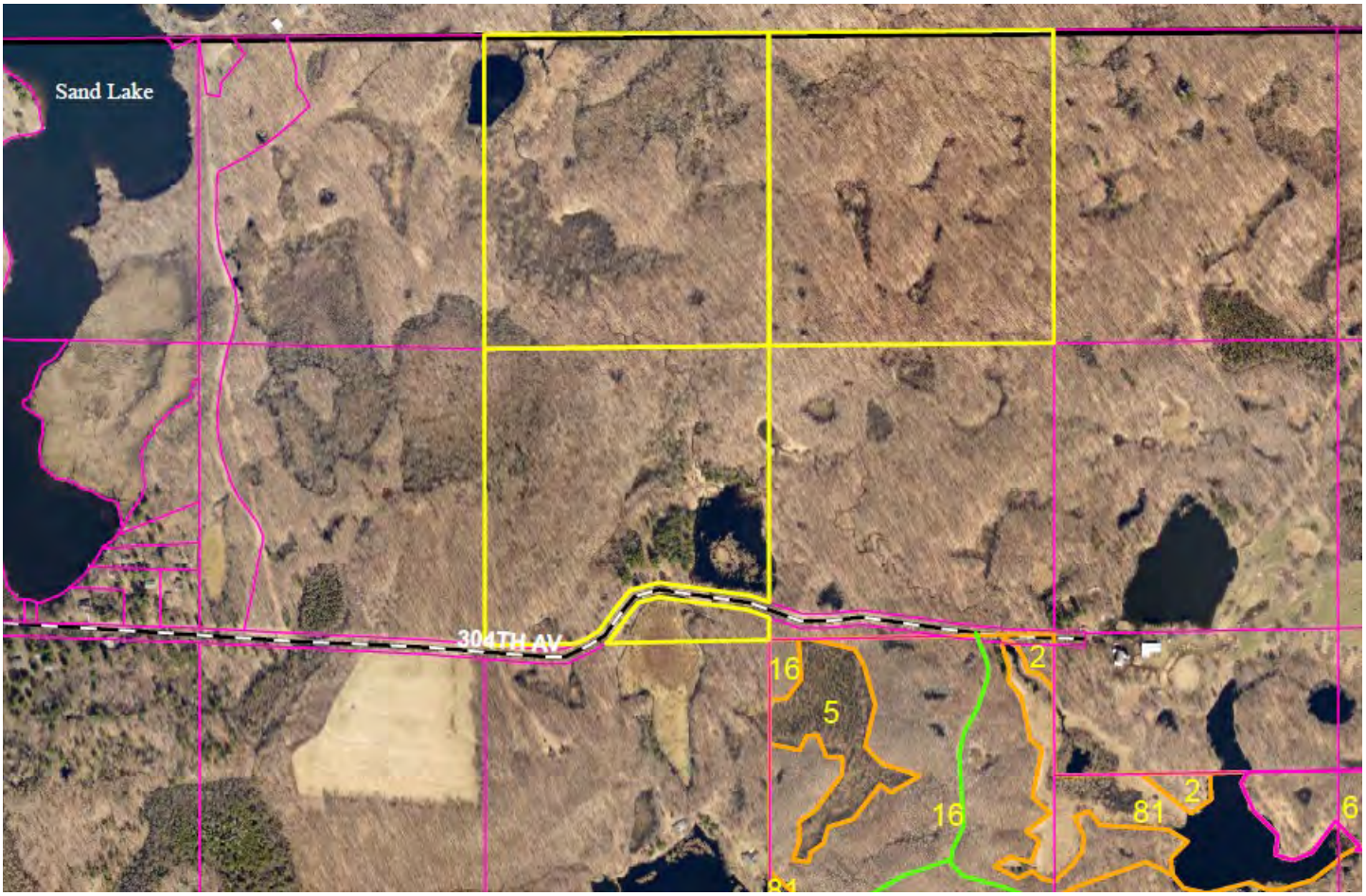
Town of Colburn - ~ 5 acres Waterfront on Yellow River Adjacent Town of Colburn Land with Public Boat Access

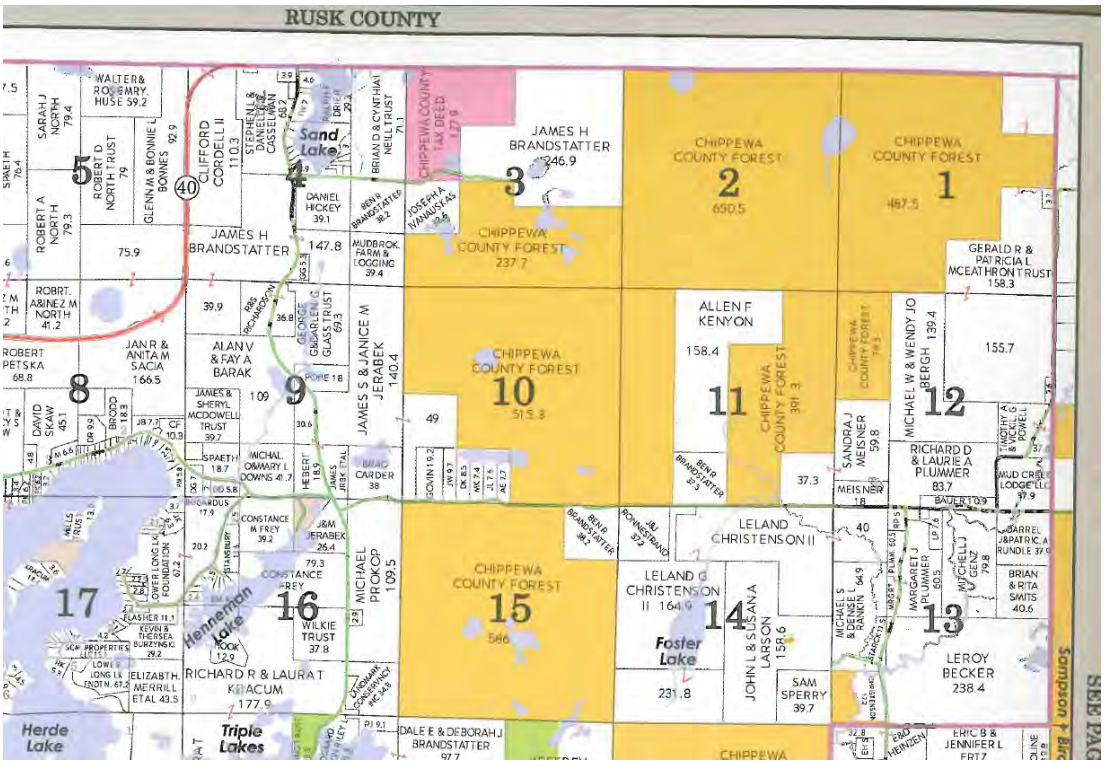




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Town of Sampson – 128 Acres waterfront on unnamed Lake





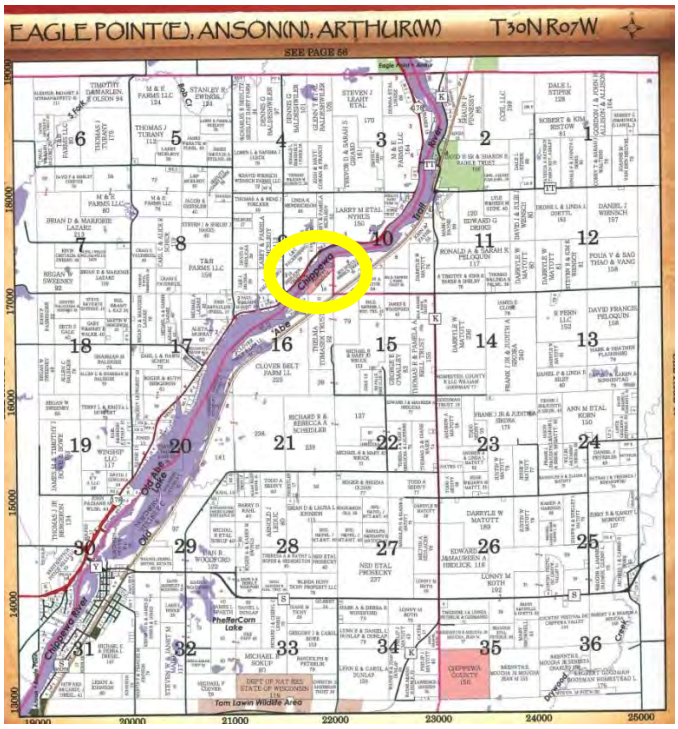
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Waterfront without Public Road Access

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Town of Anson - ~ 14 acres Waterfront on Chippewa River with Boat Access

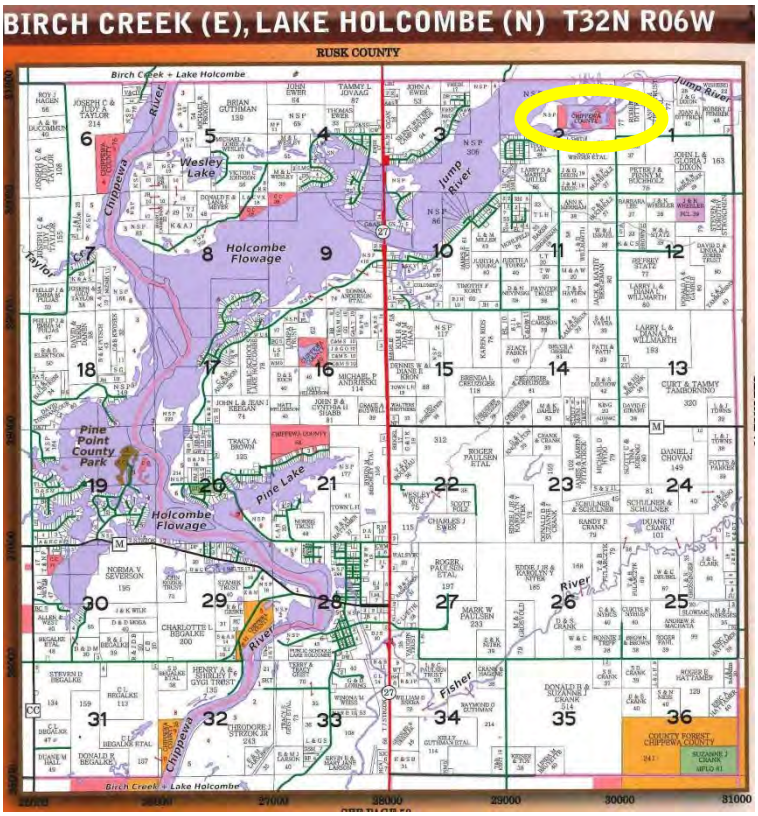




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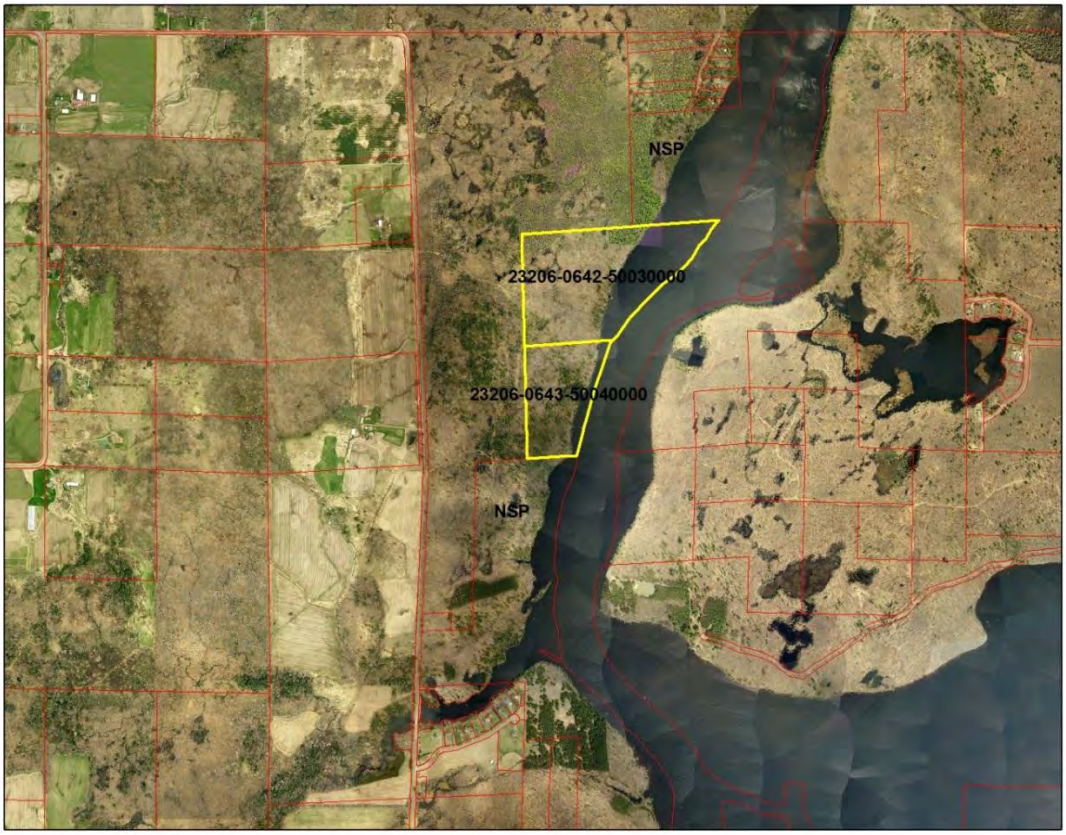
Town of Lake Holcombe - ~ 60 acres Waterfront at Jump River Confluence with Lake Holcombe with Public Access by Boat

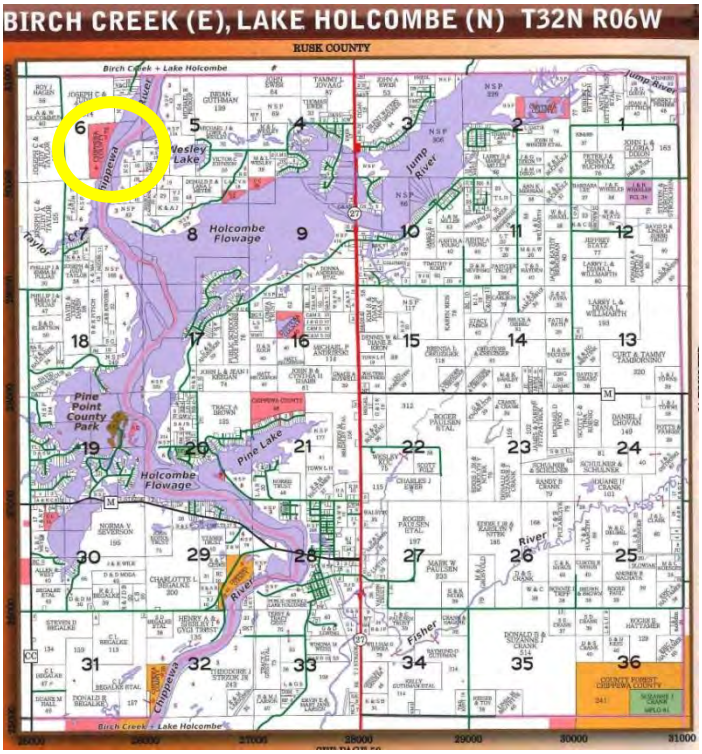




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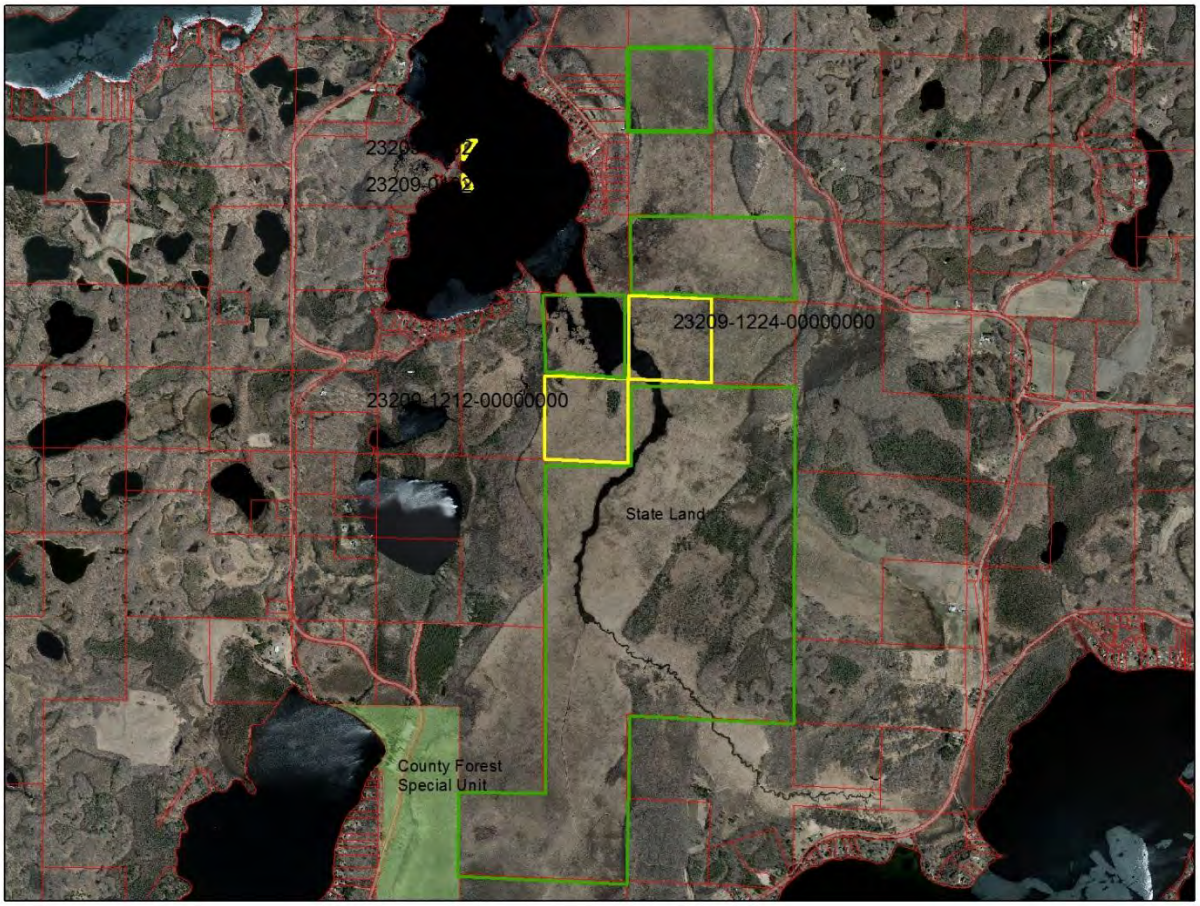
Town of Birch Creek - ~ 76 acres Waterfront on Chippewa River above Lake Holcombe with Public Access by Boat

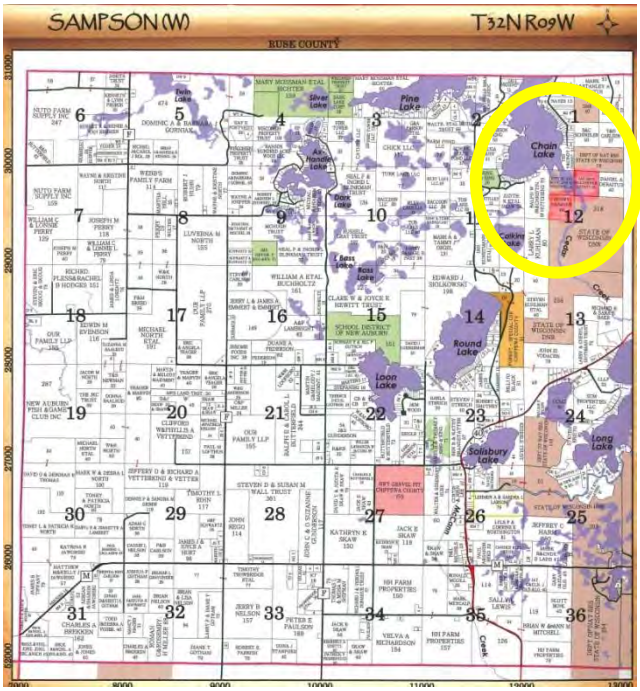




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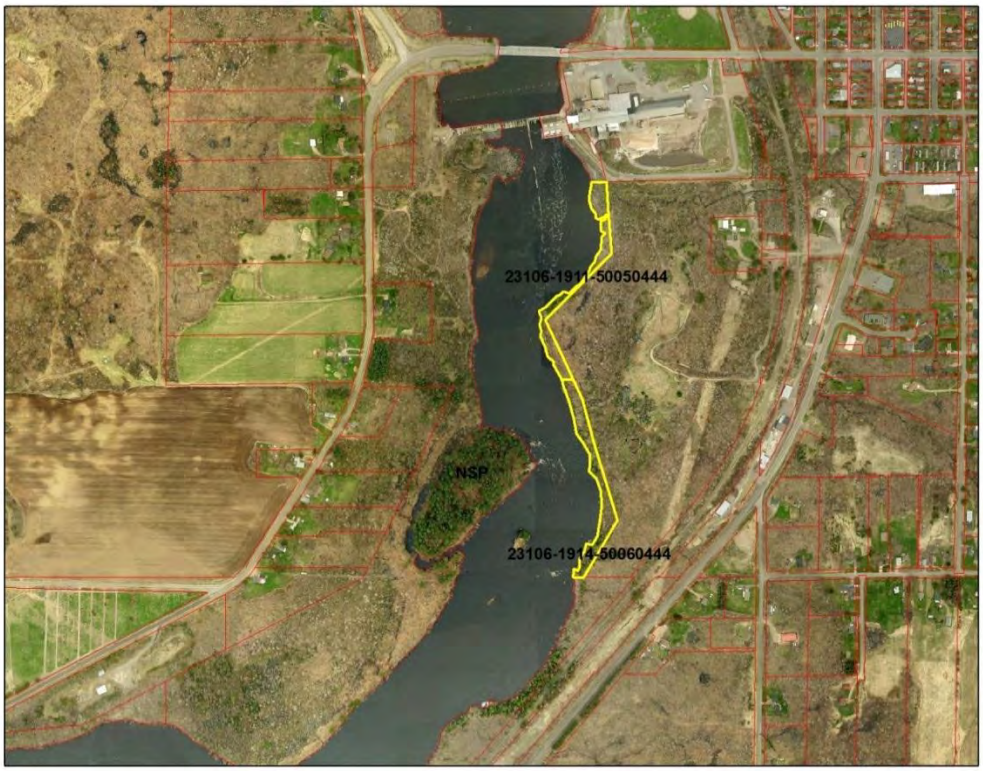
Town of Sampson – Waterfront on Chain Lake with Public Access by Boat

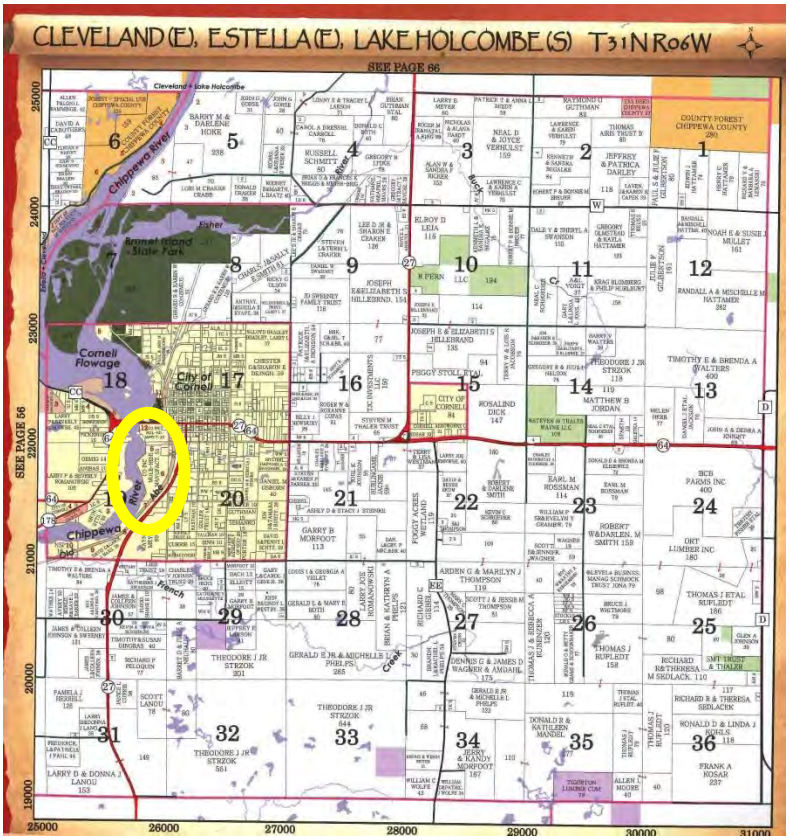




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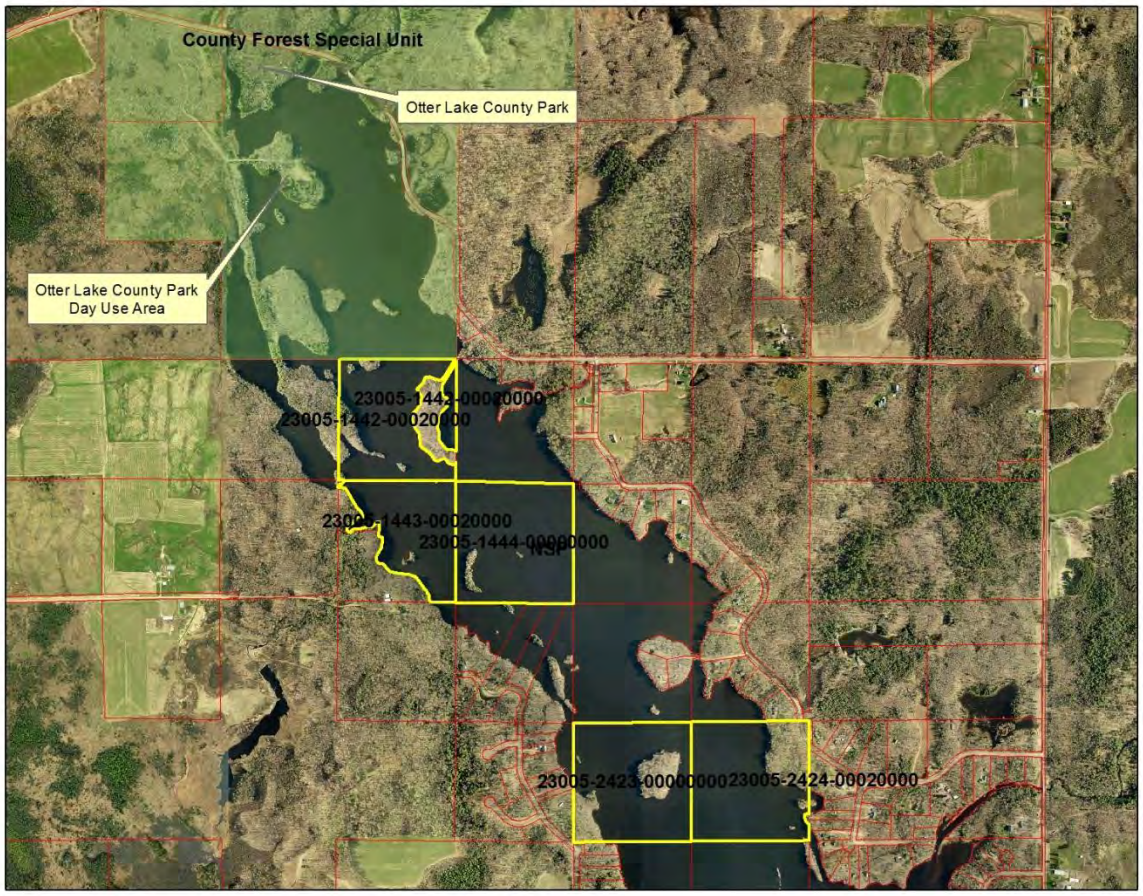
City of Cornell – Waterfront on Chippewa River with Public Access by Boat (public currently accessing site from adjacent property owned by Mule Hide)

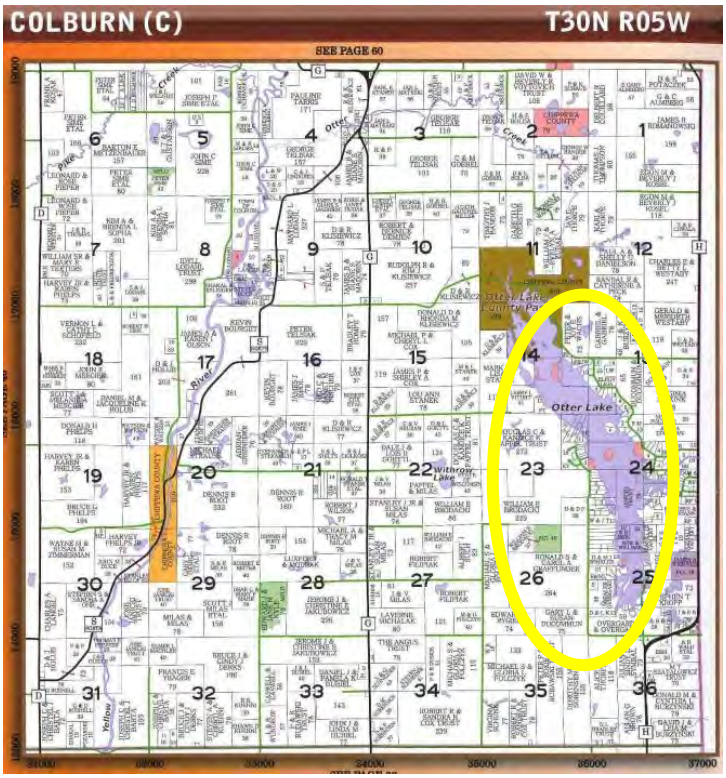




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Town of Colburn – Waterfront on Otter Lake with Public Access by Road, Boat, or Adjacent Public Land

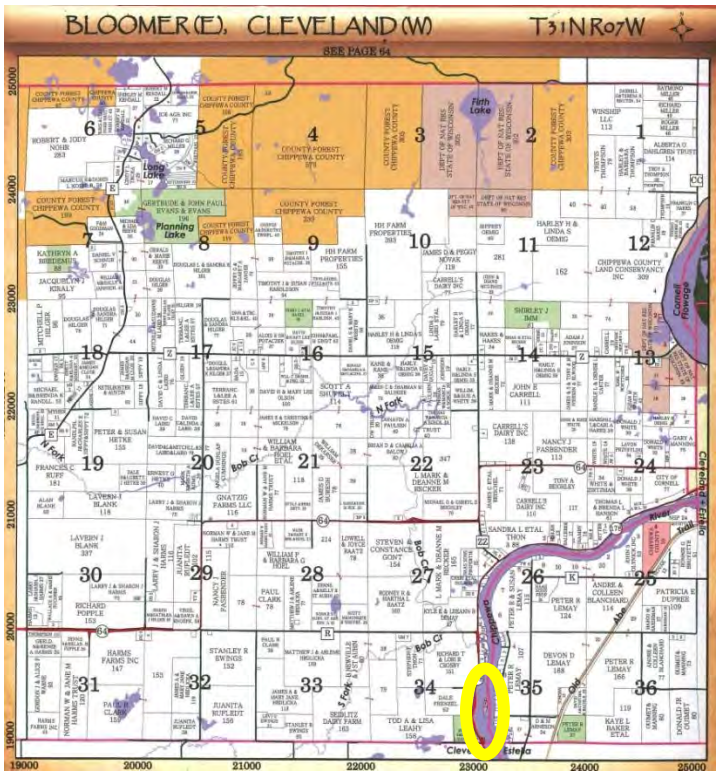




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Town of Cleveland – Waterfront (Island) on Chippewa River with Public Access by Boat





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STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
UPDATE ON PROPOSED CHIPPEWA COUNTY CARBON CREDIT PROCESS

Chippewa County has been examining the possibility of a forest carbon offset project since late 2020. There are several Counties in Wisconsin that are considering or have entered into contracts to create carbon projects in their County Forests.

This report will be used to update the Committee on the ongoing process.

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Carbon Buffer Pool

The owner has little liability for reversals due to natural events beyond their control (i.e. fire, wind, disease, pest). These are covered from the landowner's buffer pool contributions, roughly equal to 18% of credits issued to the project[1]. While buffer contributions in the project summary depicted below are taken directly from the project's own credits, ACR allows for other ACR approved offsets to be utilized to meet buffer requirements. As alternative ACR credits may be available at rates lower than the anticipated sales price of the project's own credit issuance, Anew may procure alternative buffer credits in order to maximize project revenues. If alternative buffer credits are procured for this purpose, the cost of the credits will be directly passed on to the landowner, with zero Anew fee for the procurement effort.

[1] In the unlikely event that an unintentional reversal exhausts the landowner's buffer pool contribution, the landowner is obligated to provide ACR a volume of credits equal to 10% of the difference between the number of credits released and the buffer pool contributions of the project. ACR covers the remaining 90% of the difference.

Chippewa County Forest Carbon Volume and Revenue

Date	Volume Sold (a)	Price (b)	Gross Revenue	Project Expense (c)	Net Revenue	Forest Owner Revenue (d)
2022	63,000	$15.00	$945,000	($184,285)	$760,715	$570,536
2023	61,000	$16.00	$976,000	($23,370)	$952,630	$714,473
2024	61,000	$17.00	$1,037,000	($23,370)	$1,013,630	$760,223
2025	61,000	$18.00	$1,098,000	($23,370)	$1,074,630	$805,973
2026	61,000	$19.00	$1,159,000	($23,370)	$1,135,630	$851,723
2027	61,000	$20.00	$1,220,000	($104,508)	$1,115,493	$836,619
2028	20,000	$21.00	$420,000	($16,400)	$403,600	$302,700
2029	6,000	$22.00	$132,000	($14,020)	$117,980	$88,485
2030	6,000	$23.00	$138,000	($14,020)	$123,980	$92,985
2031	6,000	$24.00	$144,000	($14,020)	$129,980	$97,485
TOTAL	**406,000**		**$7,269,000**	**($440,733)**	**$6,828,268**	**$5,121,201**

Monitoring Endowment (e) **$312,508**

Buffer Pool Deductions: All volumes presented post-deduction of ~18% of issued credits. This mandated "insurance policy" covers unintentional reversals (losses of carbon stocks) due to natural occurrences, such as fire, pest, or disease.

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January 28, 2022

Town of Auburn
Katie Lindsley, Clerk/Treasurer
22904 52nd St
New Auburn, WI 54757

RE: Town Severance Payment for County Forest Revenue Collected in 2021

Dear Sir or Madam:

Chapter 28 of Wisconsin Statutes establishes County Forest Law. Section 28.11(9)(d) of that law states "Of the gross receipts from all timber sales on the County Forest, 10% shall be paid annually to the Towns having County Forest land on the basis of acreage of such lands in the Towns".

Effective 2014, Chippewa County increased the Town's share of timber sale revenues to 12% in recognition of the importance of Town infrastructure to management of the County Forest. Enclosed is payment for your Township's share of the County Forest timber sale revenue generated in 2021.

Please note that in recognition of local infrastructure needs County Forest Administrators and the Wisconsin County Forest Association lobbied the State to increase the County Forest Acreage Share Payment to local municipalities. This Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) had remained at $0.30/acre since 1989. The passage of 2021 Wisconsin Act 58 has increased the PILT payment to $0.63/acre. Townships with County Forest will receive the increased payment from the State in mid-June of 2022.

Please feel free contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours truly,

Matt Hansen
County Forest Administrator and Public Liason
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enclosure

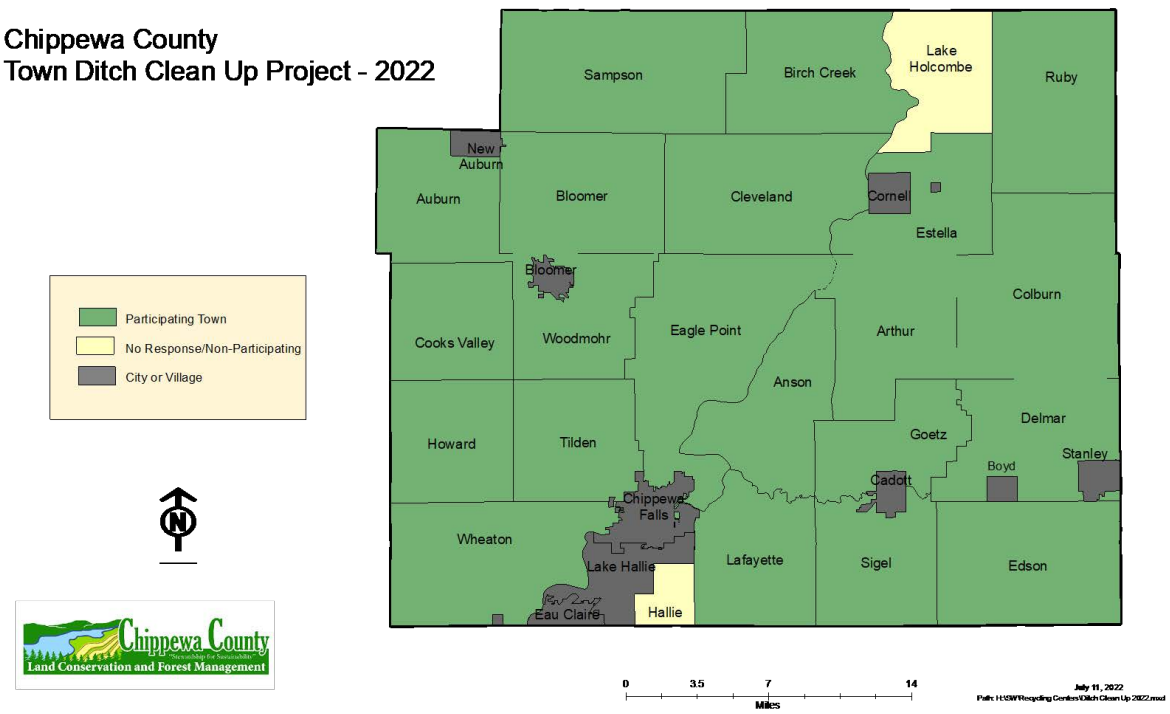
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2022 SPRING ROAD DITCH CLEANUP
Final Report

The Chippewa County Recycling Program recognizes that there is an increase in roadside litter and illegal dumping and that roadside cleanup is a direct and recurring cost to the towns. The Chippewa County Recycling and Forest & Trails Divisions within the Department of Land Conservation and Forest Management implemented a Spring Road Cleanup Pilot Project in 2015. The Chippewa County Recycling Program managed the project and the Forest & Trails Division funded it.

The towns are responsible for inspecting the ditches. Towns are paid $500 to cover these efforts as well as hauling and disposing of trash and recyclable items. While only recyclable items are tracked, Colburn reported this year that only trash was recovered from their town road ditches. Specifically, towns are responsible for transporting tires to a prearranged Chippewa County tire collection day and transporting appliances and/or electronics to First Choice in Eau Claire. The county pays the tire collection program and First Choice directly for disposal fees. The disposal process has changed slightly since the first year where First Choice picked up directly from the towns.

This is the eighth year of the project and again all twenty-three Chippewa County towns were invited to participate in the ditch cleanup project. The number of towns participating went from twelve in 2015 to fourteen for 2016-2018, sixteen in 2019, eighteen for 2020, twenty-two for 2021, and twenty-one for 2022. While there is one town that has not participated in any year, nine towns have participated all eight years.



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Information specific to 2022 is included below as well as data and trends for the eight years.

2022 Appliances Collected:

	Actual Items Collected
Non-Freon Appliances	1
Freon Appliances	4
Total	5

2022 Electronics Collected:

	Actual Items Collected
TVs	46
Other Electronics	20
Total	66

2022 Tires Collected:

	Actual Items Collected
Tires	1138

2022 Chippewa County Disposal Fees: $4,942.00

- Appliances: $60.00
- Electronics: $922.00
- Tires: $3960.00

Note: The 2020-2022 Waste Tire Recycling Contract with Liberty Tire Recycling rates have increased from $120/ton in 2019 to $285/ton in 2020 to $290/ton for 2021 to $330/ton for 2022. The number of tires recycled decreased by 30.5% from 2020 but the disposal costs have increased $5/ton.

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2015-2022 Item Comparison:

	2015**	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Appliances	32/23	4	11	14	27	27	25	5
TVs	53/87	63	52	44	57	87	68	46
Other Electronics (including monitors)	13/37	7	10	5	30	15	6	20
Tires	431/674	587	661	393	436*	1,297	921	1,138***

*2019 includes 18 tires given to a farmer instead of to the tire site

**2015 has two counts per item. Due to a 5-month delay in pick-up of the recycled items, the stockpiled items inventoried changed from the original declared ditch retrieval numbers. Some items may have been scrapped out or given to other recyclers besides First Choice. Other variances could have been new items brought to the recycling center (not found in the ditch). All inventories as of the October pick-up were paid for through the ditch project and the procedures were changed for subsequent years of the project to avoid this issue.

***2022 includes 16 tires kept at Tilden's sand pile instead of being brought to the tire site.

Ditch Clean Up Program trends:

- In 2020, the 87 TVs retrieved was the highest TVs retrieved since the start of the program.
- The 2020 tire retrieval was the highest ever with 1,297 tires.

The chart below shows the costs to date for 2015-2022. The Recycling Program had $10,000 budgeted and transferred from the Forest & Trails Division.

2015-2022 Project Costs:

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Participating Towns	12	14	14	14	16	19	22	21
Town Payments	$6,000	$7,000	$7,000	$7,000	$8,000	$9,500	$11,000	$10,500
Disposal Fees	$3,166	$2,626	$2,975	$1,786	$2,224	$6,801.50	$4,552.09	$4,942
Totals	$9,166	$9,626	$9,975	$8,786	$10,224	$16,301.50	$15,552.09	$15,442

The total disposal fees have decreased by 40% but the payments to the participating towns have increased by 16% from $9,500 to $11,000.

Summary of 2015-2022 Towns Participation:

9 towns have participated all years (Birch Creek, Cleveland, Colburn, Cooks Valley, Eagle Point, Estella, Goetz, Lafayette, Ruby)

1 town has never participated

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STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
COMMUNITY WELL ADVISORY AD HOC COMMITTEE

Discussion regarding recommended professionals invited to assist with the ad hoc committee and guidance on priorities to initiate the location of community wells in the nitrate sensitive regions.

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STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
CHIPPEWA COUNTY COVER CROP COST SHARE POLICY

For the health and safety of the homeowners of Chippewa County who access groundwater to supply their eating/drinking/bathing water, cover crops that decrease the need for and work to prevent nitrogen from leaching into said groundwater will be incentivized to encourage adoption in the Nitrogen Targeted Areas of the County. This policy will lay out the process to prioritize and distribute the funds allocated to the program.

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COVER CROP COST SHARING POLICY

Version 9/7/22

Policy

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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to: expand the adoption of the cover crop conservation practice in the areas susceptible to nitrogen leaching; to encourage proper establishment and successful maintenance of the cover crop and to deter soil erosion with the improvement of soil health qualities. This policy will establish a system that provides guidance for distribution of county cover crop funds, based on identified criteria to address the resource concern.

Scope

This Policy shall apply to all interested landowners in county cover crop cost sharing.

Definitions

1. Cost Sharing is funding provided by federal, state, and local entities to offset the risk of implementing new conservation practices.

2. Cover Crop is a plant that is used primarily to slow erosion, improve soil health, scavenge nitrogen, enhance water availability, smother weeds, help control pests and diseases, and increase biodiversity.

3. Grant Recipient is the person who has been awarded a cost share contract and has a financial risk in the planting/harvesting of the cover crop

4. High Priority is a rating given to an application, which after assessing all the ranking criteria, shows the highest benefit to assist in the mitigation of the resource concern.

5. Landowner is any person holding fee title or an easement to the property.

6. Low Priority is a rating given to an application, which after assessing all the ranking criteria, may not address all the resource concerns, but still provides an environmental benefit if approved.

7. Nitrogen Water Test is a homeowner's water test that quantifies the amount of nitrate in the groundwater and its relation to the drinking water health standards.

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8. Nitrogen Targeted Areas are areas identified on the Groundwater Nitrogen Targeted Areas of Wisconsin map, developed by WI DNR, to indicate the highest nitrogen leaching potential.

9. NR 151 Statewide Performance Standards are standards and prohibitions developed by the WI Department of Natural Resources for agricultural facilities and practices designed to achieve water quality standards, as required by s. 281.16 (3).

10. Operator is a person who has interest in property which allows the person to undertake cropping, livestock management, land disturbing construction activity, or maintenance on the property.

11. Ranking Criteria are a set of components that comprise a ranking score for an individual assessed application.

12. Ranking Period is the period of time after the application deadline and prior to the signing of contracts, to evaluate and select the high priority applications.

13. Schedule of Implementation is a timeline developed with the landowner that will lay out the implementation of conservation practices to address the resource concerns identified in a Whole Farm Assessment. Implementation may be completed voluntarily, but in order to require it, the Department of Land Conservation and Forest Management (LCFM) must provide a 70% offer of cost sharing, in accordance with NR 151.

14. Whole Farm Assessment is a complete assessment of the resource concerns on an agricultural production facility, in relation to the NR 151 Statewide Performance Standards.

Responsibility and Authority

The LCFM Department is responsible for promoting, ranking, contracting, and ensuring compliance with the applicants of the County Cover Crop Cost Sharing Program. After approval, the LCFM Department will confirm compliance and perform applicable groundwater and soil health testing.

Ranking

1. Criteria Used in Ranking:

    a. Percentage of the Fields present on nitrogen sensitive area
        1) Utilization of the Groundwater Nitrogen Targeted Areas of Chippewa County
            - Groundwater Nitrogen Targeted Areas of Wisconsin (arcgis.com)
        2) Points awarded per percentage
            - 100% = 100 pts
    b. Years of Commitment
        1) 1-4 Years available
        2) 10 Points awarded per year
            - 4 years = 40 pts

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c. Whole Farm Assessment Allowed
   1) Flat Rate
      - Assessment = 50 pts

d. Participation in another cost share program
   1) Program is aimed at 1st time adopters
      - 1st time = 50 points
   2) If currently participating in another cover crop cost share program, applicant will be placed in the low priority category

e. Tie Breaker
   1) If two or more applications rank the same, the date and time the application is received in the office will be utilized to break the tie
      - The earlier of submittals will rank higher

2. High Priority Ranking Pool
   a. 1st time participation in a cost share program for cover crops
   b. 4-year commitment to planting cover crops on the contracted acres
   c. Landowner agrees to permit the LCFM Department Staff to complete a Whole Farm Assessment on all acres owned, not just fields contracted for cover crop
   d. Landowner agrees to develop a schedule of implementation
      1) Approved by Landowner and LCFM Department
      2) Implementation contingent upon the LCFM Department's ability to secure 70% cost sharing for additional practices

3. Low Priority Ranking Pool
   a. If any of the following occur, the application would be considered in the Low Priority Pool
      1) If Landowner is currently participating in a separate cost share program:
         - Regardless of what fields the cost sharing is received for
         - Any participation puts the entire enterprise into the low priority pool
      2) 1-4 years commitment to planting cover crops on the contracted acres
      3) Landowner does not wish to allow a Whole Farm Assessment on all acres owned

4. Eligibility
   a. Land must be located in Chippewa County
   b. Land that follows a row crop such as corn and soybeans
   c. If a landowner rents out the cropland:
      1) The contract will be signed by both the landowner and the operator
      2) The payment will go to the person who runs the risk of the crop
      3) If the operator changes before the contract is completed, the new operator will need to follow the requirements of the contract.
   d. 100 acres maximum per contract
      1) If an operator has leases for multiple landowners, the operator is held to the 100-acre maximum, not per landowner they lease from
      2) In the case of a corporation or entity, the entity is held to the 100-acre maximum, not the individual landowners

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5. Cost Share Rates
   a. High Priority
      1) Rate will be $70/Acre x 4 Years = $280/Acre
         - Cost share recipient will receive all 4 years in an upfront payment
         - Cost share contract will be recorded on the deed to ensure the agreement follows the land in the case of a change in ownership
   b. Low Priority
      1) Rate will be $30/Acre/Year
         - If participating in a separate program and willing to meet all the criteria in Section 5c the cost sharing would be the difference of current cost share up to a total of $70/acre
      2) Grant recipient will receive 1-4 years in an upfront payment
         - Cost share contract will be recorded on the deed if more than one year is contracted.
            - This is to ensure the agreement continues in case the land is sold
   c. If the Landowner is currently participating in a separate cost share program, this will place them into the Low Priority pool. However, if they wish to increase their existing cost share up to $70/acre, they must agree to all of the following:
      1) 4-year commitment to planting cover crops on the contracted acres
      2) Landowner agrees to permit the LCFM Department Staff to complete a Whole Farm Assessment on all acres owned, not just fields contracted for cover crop
      3) Landowner agrees to develop a schedule of implementation
         - Approved by Landowner and LCFM Department
         - Implementation contingent upon LCFM ability to secure 70% cost sharing for additional practices

6. Monitoring
   1) Both pools will receive:
      - Baseline/Follow up nitrate groundwater test
      - Baseline/Follow up soil health test

7. Payment Requirements
   a. Fields must be seeded by October 15th of each year of the contract:
      1) Landowner must contact the LCFM at least two weeks after planting and no later than November 1st of each year of the contract to notify:
         - When the fields were planted
            - Which fields are planted
            - Which cover crop species was used
         - If the deadline will not be met
            - Due to inclement weather conditions
               - An extension may be granted by the LCFM Department
            - Due to neglect of the contract
               - The remaining cost share funds would be refunded to the LCFM Department
                  - Landowner could appeal decision to LCFM Committee

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b. The LCFM Department will confirm cover crop:
   1) Has been planted
   2) Is growing at an approved emergent rate
      - For Fall planted cereal grain – 10 plants/sq. ft
      - For summer planted multi species grass – 50% canopy cover over the soil surface

c. The LCFM Department will conduct:
   1) The baseline nitrate groundwater test at farmstead the first and last year of the contract
   2) The baseline soil health test on representative field for the farm each year of the contract
   3) The Whole Farm Assessment the first year of the contract

d. The LCFM Department and the Landowner will:
   1) Develop Implementation Plan

8. Follow up Years
   a. Landowner will follow section 7a for all subsequent years of contract
   b. The LCFM Department will:
      1) Follow section 7b for all subsequent years of contract
      2) Work with Landowner to develop conservation solutions for resource concerns identified in Whole Farm Assessment
         - Apply for cost sharing as applicable for the conservation solutions

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STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
COVER CROP COST-SHARING PROGRAM UPDATE

On 9/14/22, the LCFM Committee adopted a cover crop cost share policy that established a system that provides guidance for distribution of county cover crop funds, based on identified criteria to address nitrogen leaching and to deter soil erosion with the improvement of soil health qualities.

This agenda item will provide an update on the status of the cover crop cost share project, including the process of advertising the program, application acceptance, and contracting.

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October 10, 2022

Update from LCFM on ARPA Project – Well Testing & Contaminate mitigation in residential Wells

1. Utilized GIS to identify properties located in the high nitrate well test locations
2. Mailed 160 application letters to farms of 100 acres or more in these areas
3. Received 27 applications
4. Ranked according to ARPA Cover Crop Cost Sharing Policy
5. 3 were deemed ineligible
6. 15 were high priority
7. Approved 10 of the 15 high priority applications until funds ran out
8. The remaining 5 high priority applications were offered other cost share funds.
    a. 2 contracted
9. Next steps
    a. Spot check to ensure cover crop is emerged and growing
    b. Soil Health Check
    c. Home Well Water Test
    d. Whole Farm Walkover
    e. Schedule of implementation
    f. Formation of Community Refill Station Ad-Hoc Committee
10. In addition to ARPA Cover Crop Funding there is the following:
    a. Targeted Runoff Management Grant
        i. Yellow River & Little Lake Wissota
            1. $70/Ac for one year
    b. Multi Discharger Variance
        i. Lower Chippewa/Eau Claire/Red Cedar River
            1. $70/Ac for one year
    c. Soil & Water Resource Management Grant
        i. Countywide
            1. $25/Ac up to 4 years
    d. Environmental Quality Incentive Program – USDA/NRCS
        i. Countywide
            1. Variable costs based on type of cover up to 5 years
11. Producer Led Watershed Initiative
    a. Separate effort going on at same time of ARPA Cost Sharing
    b. Cooperative effort between Farmer's Union/Farm Bureau
    c. Promotes Farmer to Farmer conversations regarding current environmental issues
    d. Allows the group to apply for grants to cost share conservation practices

Attachment: Update from LCFM on ARPA Project (7328 : Cover Crop Cost-Sharing Program Update)

2022 ARPA Cover Crop Cost Sharing Program

	Applicant Name	Owner	Renter	% N. Sensitive	Years	Walkover?	1st Time?	Other Program?	TOTAL	Received	Time	Acres	Payment	$ 250,000.00
1	Robert & Thomas Hayden	Thomas Hayden	Hayden Holstiens	95	4	Yes	Yes	No	235	8/30/2022	9:30 AM	100	$ 28,000.00	$ 222,000.00
2	H H Family Farm LLC	Gateway Industrial Park	HH Family Farm LLC	99	4	Yes	No	No	189	9/1/2022	8:50 AM	100	$ 28,000.00	$ 194,000.00
3	Daniel & Susan Kellen	Kellen Trust	Dan Kellen	99	4	Yes	No	No	189	9/1/2022	4:00 PM	50	$ 14,000.00	$ 180,000.00
4	Troy Amelse	Klinger Farm Market, Foker	Klinger Farm Market	98	4	Yes	No	No	188	8/25/2022	10:15 AM	60	$ 16,800.00	$ 163,200.00
5	William Lyrek	William Lyrek	William Lyrek	98	4	Yes	No	No	188	8/31/2022	4:00 PM	100	$ 28,000.00	$ 135,200.00
6	Steve & Sue Wall	Wall Trust	Steve Wall	97	4	Yes	No	No	187	8/26/2022	10:15 AM	100	$ 28,000.00	$ 107,200.00
7	Tony & Amanda Fanetti	D & T Fanetti LLC	D & T Fanetti LLC	97	4	Yes	No	No	187	8/28/2022	10:15 AM	59	$ 16,520.00	$ 90,680.00
8	MMC Farms	Richard Koehler	MMC Farms	97	4	Yes	No	No	187	8/31/2022	3:00 PM	100	$ 28,000.00	$ 62,680.00
9	Lee Jensen	Jensen Lands LLC	Five Star Dairy	96	4	Yes	No	No	186	8/22/2022	1:14 PM	100	$ 28,000.00	$ 34,680.00
10	Peter Lyrek	Peter Lyrek	Peter Lyrek	96	4	Yes	No	No	186	8/31/2022	4:00 PM	100	$ 28,000.00	$ 6,680.00
11	James & Marjorie Pingel	J. Pingle, Pingel Trust	Jim Pingel	95	4	Yes	No	No	185	8/23/2022	1:24 PM	100	$ 28,000.00	$ (21,320.00)
12	Randall and Lynn Wendt	Randall and Lynn Wendt	Randall and Lynn Wendt	95	4	Yes	No	No	185	8/25/2022	4:00 PM	35	$ 9,800.00	$ (31,120.00)
13	Jake Stai	Stai, Huse	Jake Stai	95	4	Yes	No	No	185	8/26/2022	10:15 AM	100	$ 28,000.00	$ (59,120.00)
14	Seibels Organic Dairy, LLC	Klingbeil, Anderson, Woodford, St	Seibel Organic	93	4	Yes	No	No	183	8/25/2022	4:07 PM	100	$ 28,000.00	$ (87,120.00)
15	Joe & Heather Perry	Perry, Breed, Webb Family Farms	Joe Perry	57	4	Yes	No	No	147	8/23/2022	9:30 AM	100	$ 28,000.00	$ (115,120.00)
16	Todd & Brenda Johnson	Marlene Clover	Todd Johnson	0	3	Yes	Yes	No	130	8/31/2022	9:15 AM	20	$ 4,200.00	$ (119,320.00)
17	Jeff & Stephanie Peck	Peck Farms LLC	Peck Farms LLC	99	4	Yes	No	Yes	189	8/29/2022	10:40 AM	80	$ 22,400.00	$ (141,720.00)
18	Rosenbrook Dairy	Dean & Debbie Rosenbrook	Rosenbrook Dairy	98	4	Yes	No	Yes	188	8/22/2022	12:06 PM	100	$ 28,000.00	$ (169,720.00)
19	Klinger Farms Inc.	Marquardt, Harold Berg Trust	Klinger Farms Inc	96	4	Yes	No	Yes	186	8/24/2022	2:00 PM	100	$ 28,000.00	$ (197,720.00)
20	Randall & Julie Woodruff	Randall & Julie Woodruff	Woodruf Farms	98	3	Yes	No	No	178	8/26/2022	10:15 AM	100	$ 21,000.00	$ (218,720.00)
21	Maier Family Dairy	C. Maier & S. Maier	Maier Family Dairy	83	4	Yes	No	No	173	8/30/2022	2:00 PM	100	$ 28,000.00	$ (246,720.00)
22	Jamie Close	Hepfler, Sikora	Jamie Close	76	4	Yes	No	No	166	8/29/2022	1:30 PM	100	$ 28,000.00	$ (274,720.00)
23	Kenneth Steinmetz	Keith Steinmetz, Ken Steinmetz	Steinmetz Farms	75	3	Yes	No	No	155	8/23/2022	1:20 PM	100	$ 21,000.00	$ (295,720.00)
24	Ezra Gotham	Fetting, Fossum	Ezra Gotham	50	4	Yes	No	Yes	140	8/24/2022	1:40 PM	63	$ 17,640.00	$ (313,360.00)
25	Phil & Kari Skaar	Phil & Kari Skaar	Phil & Kari Skaar	92	4	Yes	Yes	No	232	8/24/2022	2:51 PM	95	$ 26,600.00	$ (339,960.00)
26	Erich & Janice Bowe LLC	Erich & Janice Bower LLC	Erich & Janice Bowe							9/2/2022	9:13 AM			
27	Jason & Dana Zwiefelhofer	Jason & Dana Zwiefelhofer	Jason & Dana Zwiefelhofer							9/6/2022	12:00 PM			

High Priority
Low Priority
Ineligible

Attachment: 2022 ARPA Cover Crop Ranking Results (7328 : Cover Crop Cost-Sharing Program Update)

STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
OVERVIEW & ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROPOSED FALL 2022 TIMBER SALE & BIDS OPENING

The LCFM manages the Chippewa County Forest in accordance with the Chippewa County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan and WI Stats. Chapter 28.

Chippewa County manages the County Forest 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.

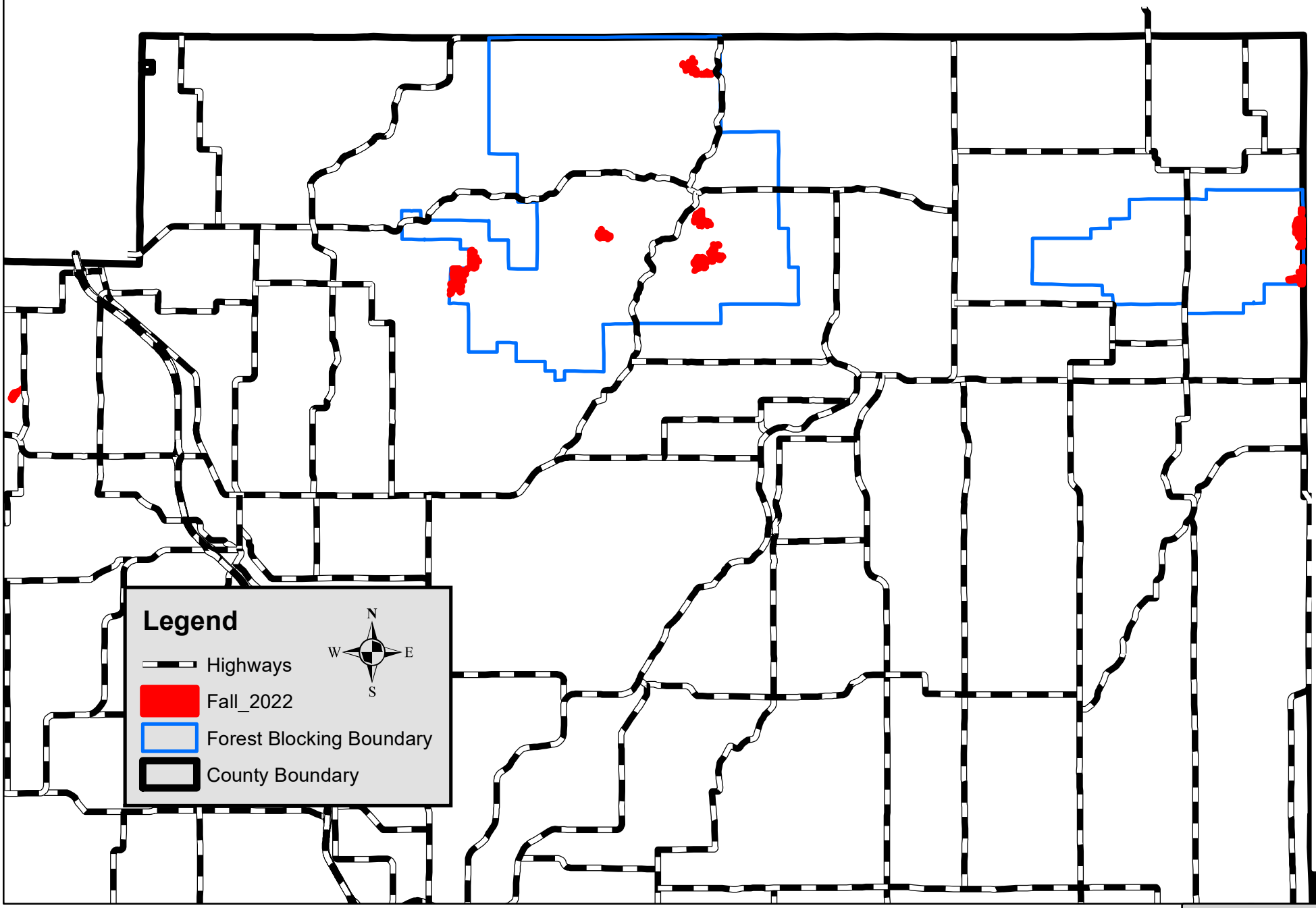
Competitive bids are sought from private sector logging contractors for the value of the timber within each sale tract.

Each year, the County administers two (2) bid openings consisting of 6-10 timber sale tracts. The bid openings typically occur in May and November.

Following this process the FT Division has prepared eight (8) County Forest Timber Sales totaling approximately 370 acres. At the 10/19/2022 LCFM Committee meeting, staff will provide the Committee with an aerial overview and summary of the intended silvicultural treatment for each timber sale.

The timber sales will be publicly advertised with a public bid opening in November, 2022. Bids will be compiled and reported to the LCFM Committee for approval at the November, 2022, LCFM meeting.

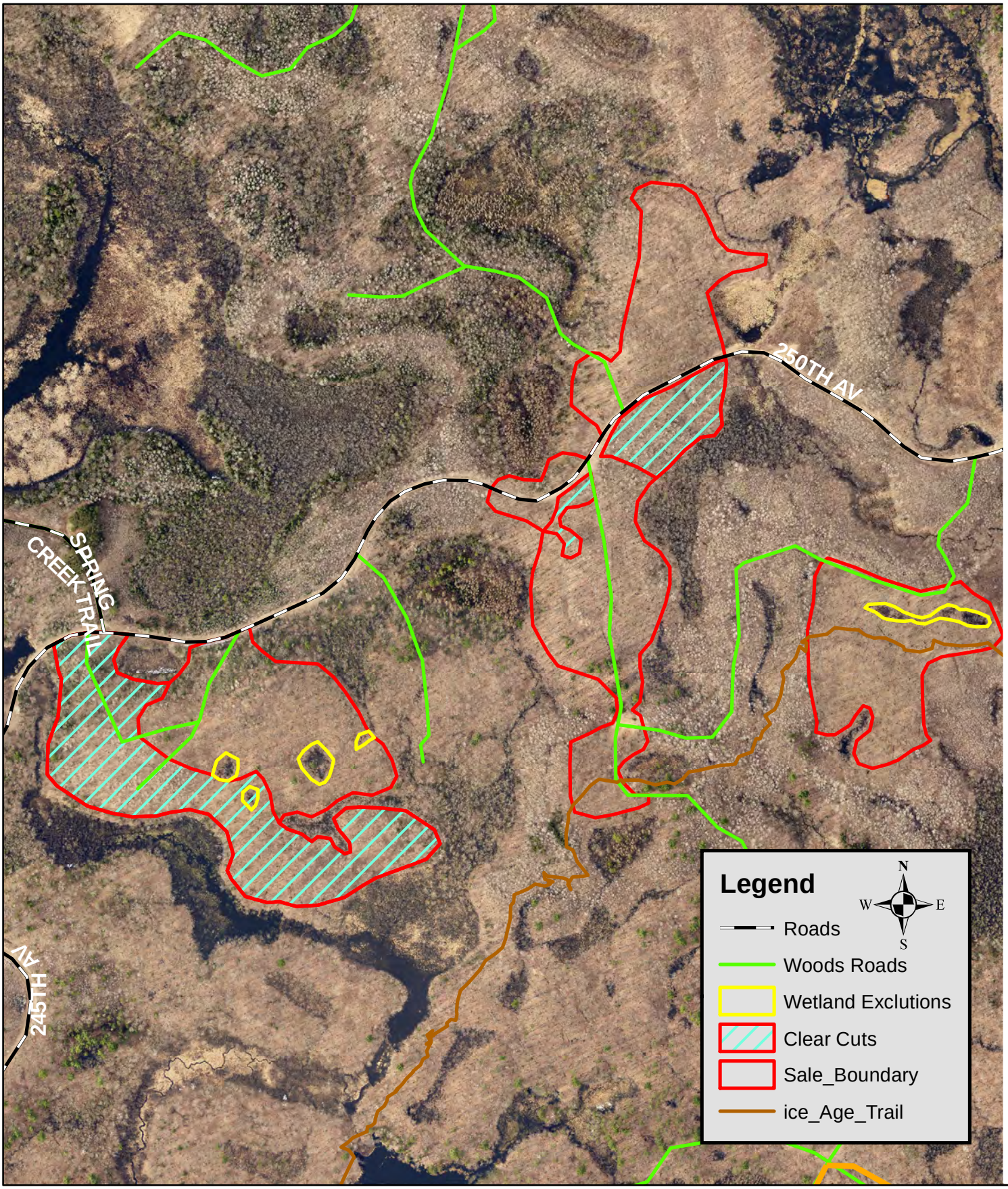
Chippewa County Timber Sale Locations Fall 2022



Attachment: Fall 2022 Timber Sales (7326 : Overview & Announcement of Proposed Fall 2022 Timber Sale

Moon Ridge Hardwood

Approx 15 Acres Clearcut and 53 Acres Single Tree Selection



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CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 11-22

Moon Ridge Hardwood Sale

Located in Sec. 33,34 T32N R7W, Birch Creek and Sec 4 T31N R7W, 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 11-22 is $ 47,322.00**.

Species	Amount	
	Tons	MBF
Mixed Hardwood cordwood	600	
Oak cordwood	480	
Aspen Cordwood	500	
Oak logs		67
Mixed Hardwood logs		37

Sale Area Description:

The boundaries of this sale are marked with red paint lines. These Northern Hardwood stands of approximately 68 acres will be thinned using uneven-aged management silviculture, utilizing single tree selection with canopy gaps. 15 acres of the sale will be clear-cut to release existing oak regeneration and coppice the aspen in areas.

Cutting Requirements:

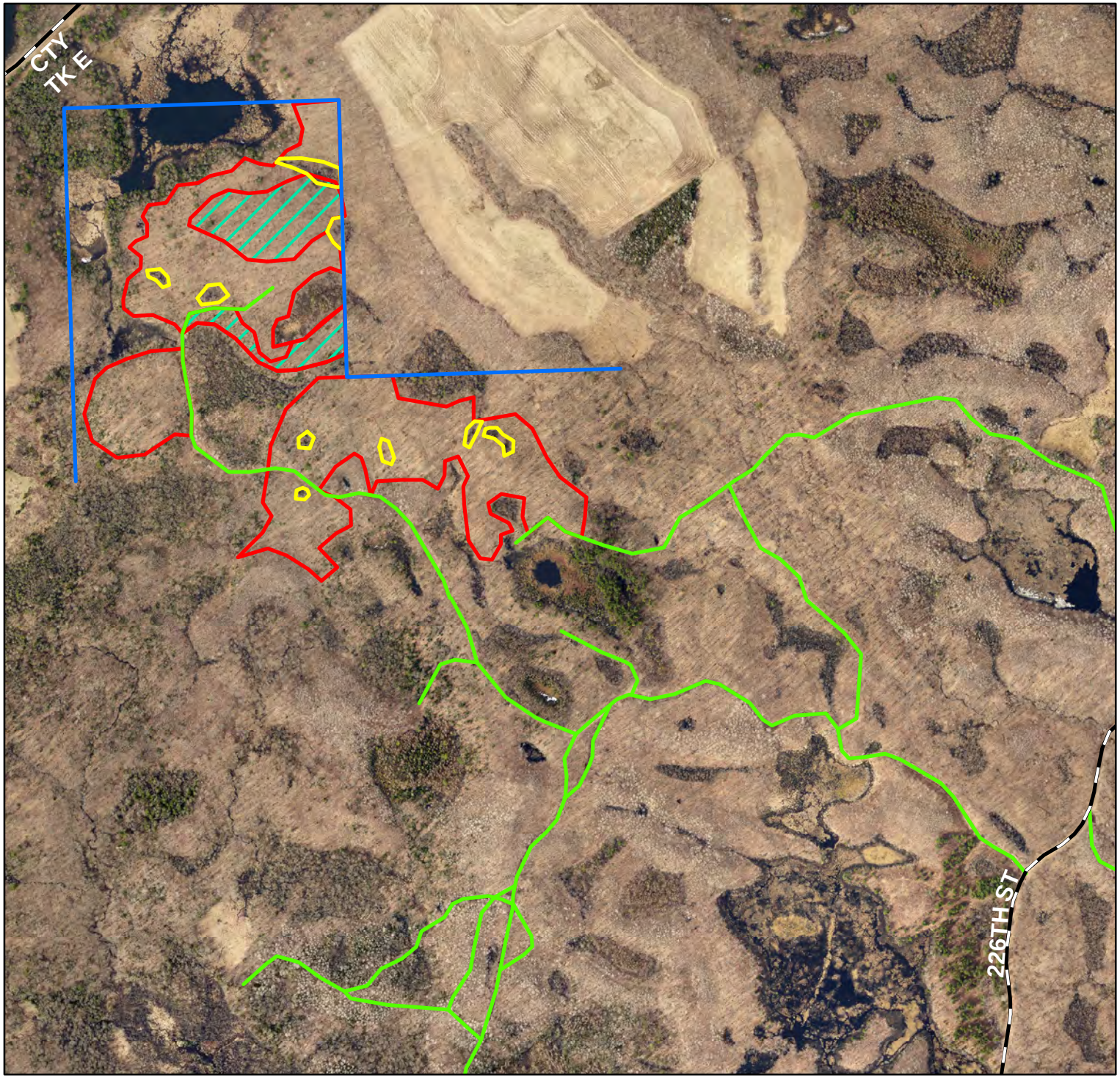
Selection Harvest Area: (53 Acres) Cut all trees marked with orange paint, including non-commercial trees marked with orange paint. Do not cut sale boundary trees marked in red or equipment limitation areas marked in yellow.

Clear Cut Area: (15 Acres) Marked with red paint and delineated on map. Cut all trees 1” and larger. Do not cut sale boundary trees (red paint)

Special Conditions:

- No harvesting activity will be allowed if rutting occurs.
- Oak Wilt Restrictions apply: No harvesting or other operation is allowed within the site between April 1st and July 15th.
- 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.

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Back Woods HW

Approximatly 40 acres

Legend

- Property Boundary
- Woods Roads
- Wetland Exclutions
- Sale_Boundary
- Shelterwood Area

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CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 12-22

Back Woods Hardwood Sale

Located in Sec. 28 T32N R7W, Birch Creek

Total Sale Area**:** (approximately 40 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 12-22 is $ 39,370.00**.

Species	Amount	
	Tons	MBF
Mixed Hardwood cordwood	390	
Oak cordwood	400	
Oak logs		86
Mixed Hardwood logs		18

Sale Area Description:

The boundaries of this sale are marked with red paint lines. These Northern Hardwood and Oak stands of approximately 40 acres will be thinned using uneven-aged management silviculture, utilizing single tree selection with canopy gaps. 2 acres of the sale will be clear-cut to release existing oak regeneration and 4.5 acres of the sale will be cut a shelterwood first cut.

Cutting Requirements:

Selection Harvest Area: (33.5 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 property Boundary trees marked in Blue or equipment limitation areas marked in yellow.

Clear Cut / Shelterwood Area: (6.5 Acres) Marked with red paint and delineated on map. Cut all trees 1" and larger. Do not cut Leave Trees Marked with Green or sale boundary trees (red paint)

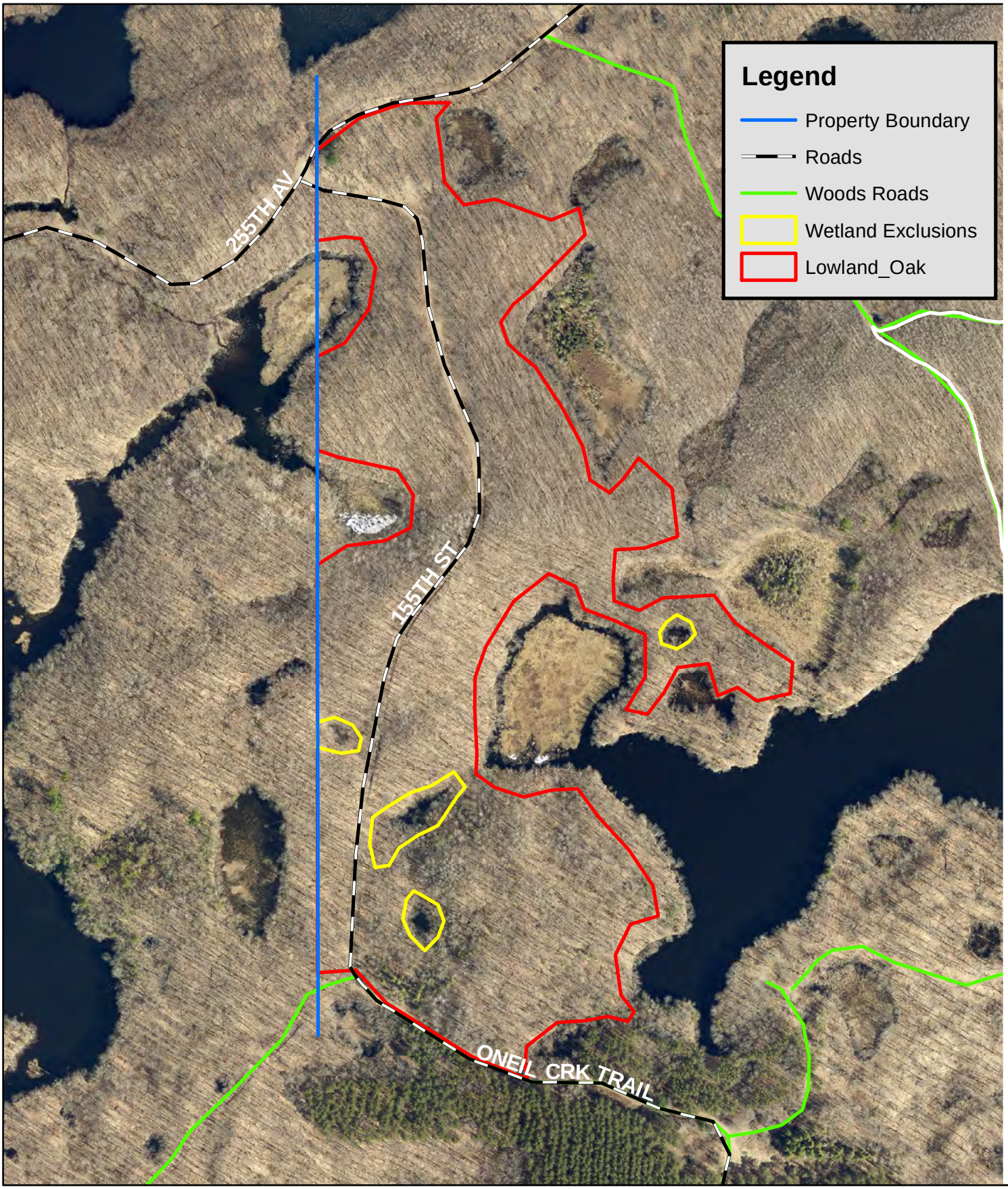
Special Conditions:

- No harvesting activity will be allowed if rutting occurs.
- Oak Wilt Restrictions apply: No harvesting or other operation is allowed within the site between April 1st and July 15th.
- 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.

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Lowland Oak

Approximately 37 acre Oak Shelterwood.



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CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 13-22

Lowland Oak Shelter Wood Harvest Total Sale Area**:** (approximately 37 acres)

Located in T32N R8W Section 33, 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 13-22 is $ 47,900.00**

Species	Amount	
	tons	MBF
Oak cordwood	940	
MX HW cordwood	470	
Aspen Cordwood	400	
Red Oak Logs		72
White Oak Logs		7
MX HW logs		20

Sale Area Description:

The boundaries of this sale are marked with red and blue paint lines along State property. This sale is 37 acres of oak shelterwood first harvest. This harvest system will be implemented to regenerate an oak stand. Scarification by logging equipment will be encouraged in shelterwood area. Sale is located along the north end of O'Neil creek trail and 155th St.

Cutting Requirements:

Shelter wood area: (37 acres) Cut all trees 1" or greater. Do not cut reserve trees marked in Green, sale boundary trees (red or blue paint) or trees that are marked with yellow paint to identify riparian management zones and wetlands.

Special Conditions:

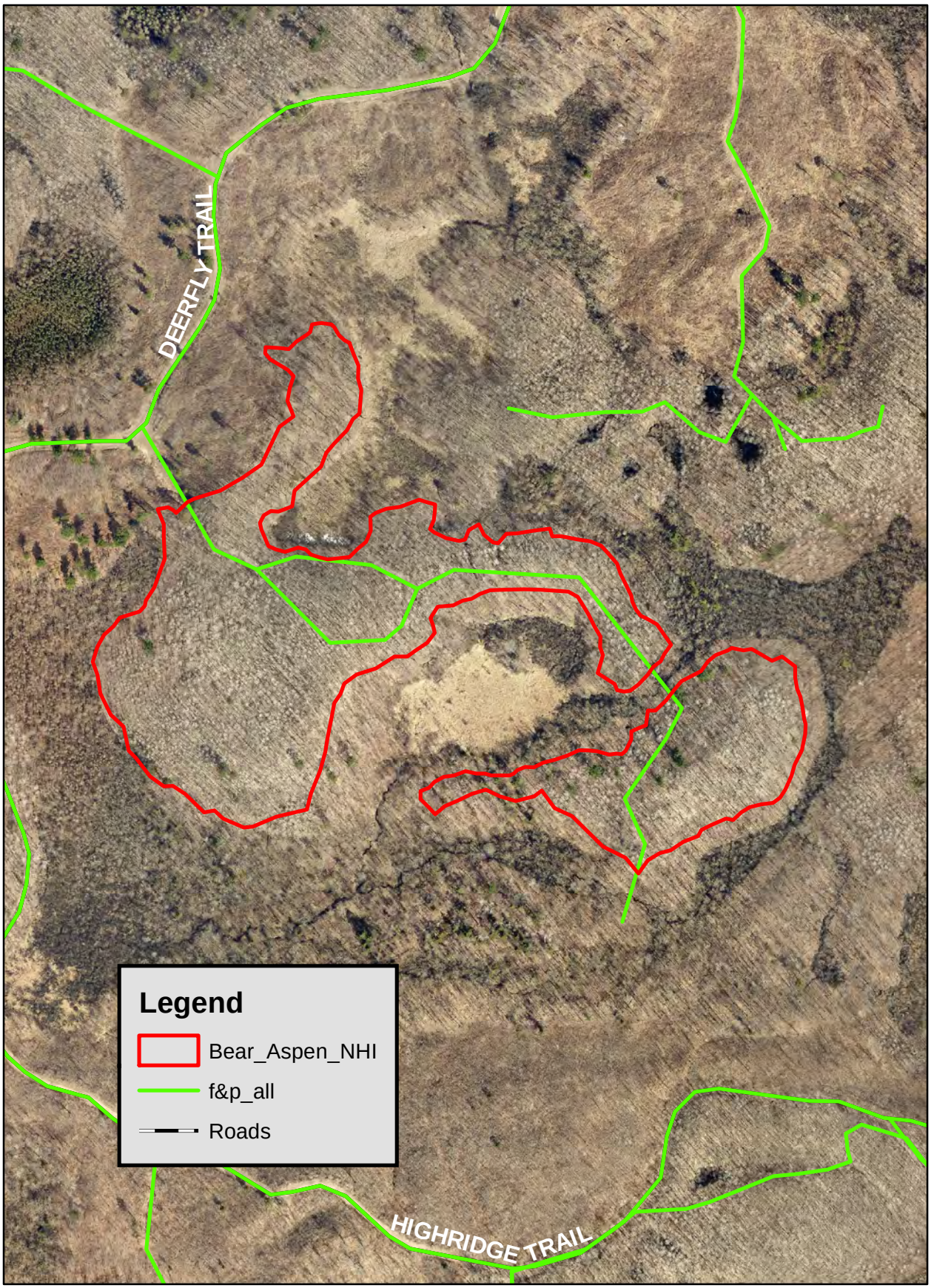
- No harvesting activity will be allowed if rutting occurs.
- Oak Wilt and NHI Restrictions apply: No harvesting is allowed between April 1 and August 10th.
- No equipment operation is allowed within wetland areas delineated by yellow paint.
- All logging debris must remain within the sale boundaries 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

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Tract 14-22 Bear Aspen

Approximatly 21 acres aspen coppice



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CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 14-22

Bear Aspen (approximately 21 acres)

Located in T32N R7W, Sec 26,36 T32N R7W, Sec 31 , 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 14-22 is $ 34,200.00**.

Species	Amount	
	Tons	MBF
Aspen cordwood	1500	
Mixed Hardwood cordwood	400	
Mixed Hardwood Logs		11

Sale Area Description:

This sale will be a clear-cut to coppice the aspen in the stand. The boundaries of this sale are marked with red paint line and red to delineate wetland boundaries. The sale is accessed off of the Deer Fly Trail. This sale has a good road running through the center of the sale. A small drainage crossing will need to be crossed using mats to minimize rutting.

Cutting Requirements:

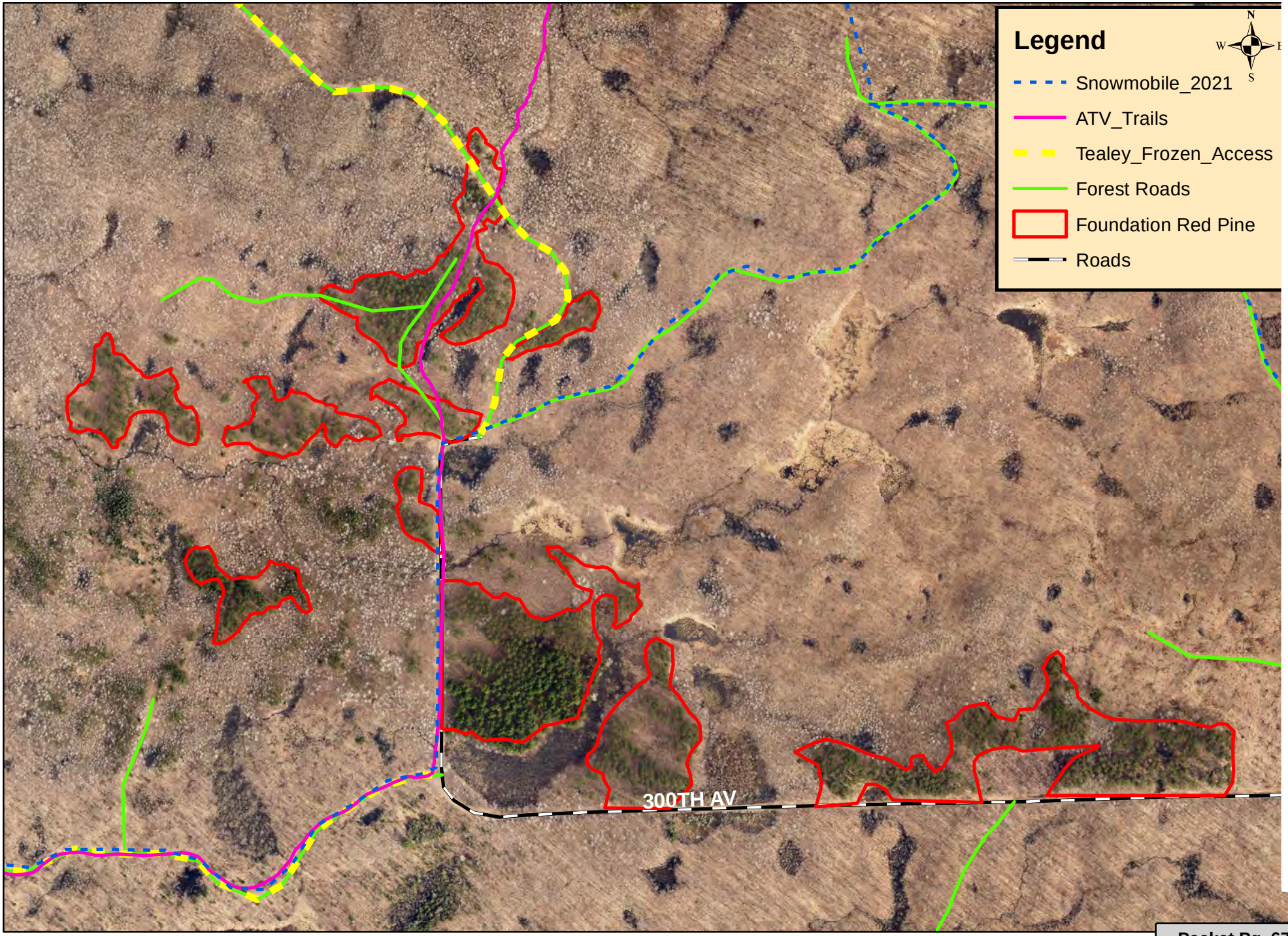
Aspen Harvest Areas: (21 acres) Cut all trees one inch in diameter and larger. **Do not** cut any boundary trees or pine. (red paint)

Special Conditions:

- The contract length is 2 years.
- *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 logging debris must remain within the sale boundaries and kept from wetlands.
- 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.
- All landing locations must be approved.

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Tract 15-22 Foundation Red Pine +/- 26 Acres



CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 15-22
Foundation Pine Total Sale Area**:** (approximately 26 acres)
Located in T32N R7W Section 4, 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 15-22 is $ 26,875.00**

Species	Amount	
	tons	MBF
Red Pine cordwood	1400	
Aspen cordwood*	200	
White Pine cordwood	125	

*Aspen cordwood includes +/- 2% Mixed Hardwood

Sale Area Description:

The boundaries of this sale are marked with red paint. This sale is 26 acres of Red Pine thinning by single tree selection with canopy gaps. This harvest system will release natural regeneration and transition to the stand Northern Hardwoods. Access is from 300th Ave.

Cutting Requirements:
Red Pine Thinning: (5 acres) Cut all trees, including not commercial trees, marked with orange paint. Do not cut sale boundary trees (red paint) or trees that are marked with yellow paint to identify RMZs and wetlands.

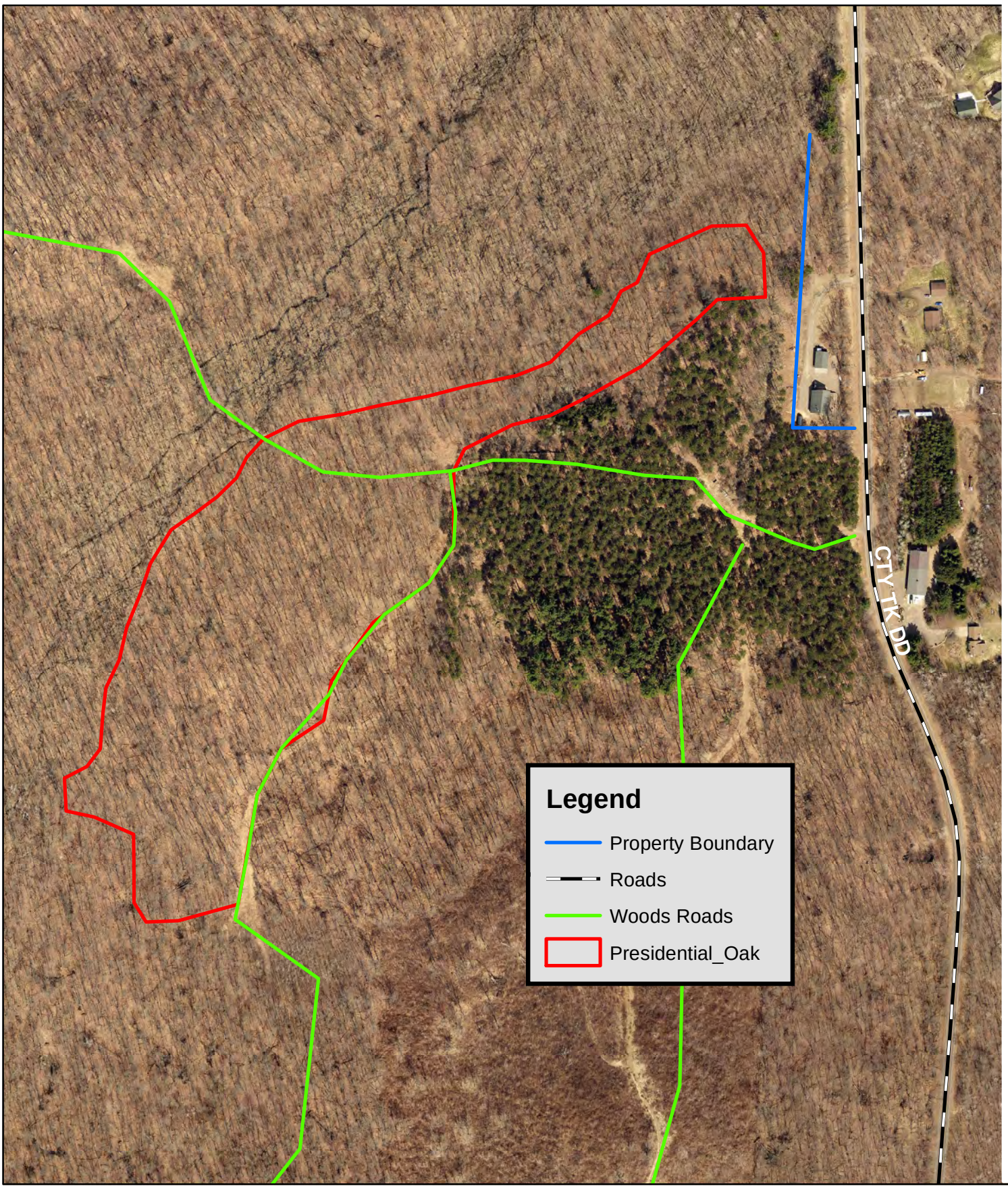
Special Conditions:

- **Restricted to FROZEN ground conditions**. The County may waive the restriction if conditions in the sale area become dry enough to support harvesting equipment.
- No harvesting activity will be allowed if rutting occurs.
- The site is not within 25-miles of a known stand of HRD. If a HRD confirmation occurs within 25 miles of this site, the County will stump treat for HRD.
- If the logging contractor comes from a site with HRD they will be required to clean all equipment with pressurized water prior to entering Chippewa County Forest.
- All logging debris must remain within the sale boundaries and kept from wetlands, lakes and trails.
- All road and landing locations must be approved. All merchantable timber 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.
- The contract length is two years.

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Presidential Oak

Approximatly 16 acres oak clearcut



Map Not to Scale

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CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 16-22

Presidential Oak Clearcut Total Sale Area**:** (approximately 16 acres)

Located in T31N R10W Section 21, Town of Auburn

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 16-22 is $ 41,460.00**.

Species	Amount	
	tons	MBF
Oak cordwood	720	
Red Maple Cordwood	1000	
Red Maple logs		4
Red Oak logs		68
White Oak logs		23

Oak cordwood includes red and white oak.

Sale Area Description:

The boundaries of this sale are marked with red and blue paint lines. This oak stand totaling 16 acres will be clear-cut to promote an even aged stand of oak. Existing oak regeneration and some stump sprouting will result in a new stand of oak on this site.

Cutting Requirements:

Clear-Cut : Cut all trees 1" or greater. Do not cut sale boundary trees (red paint). ***Do not cut or damage any conifers.***

Special Conditions:

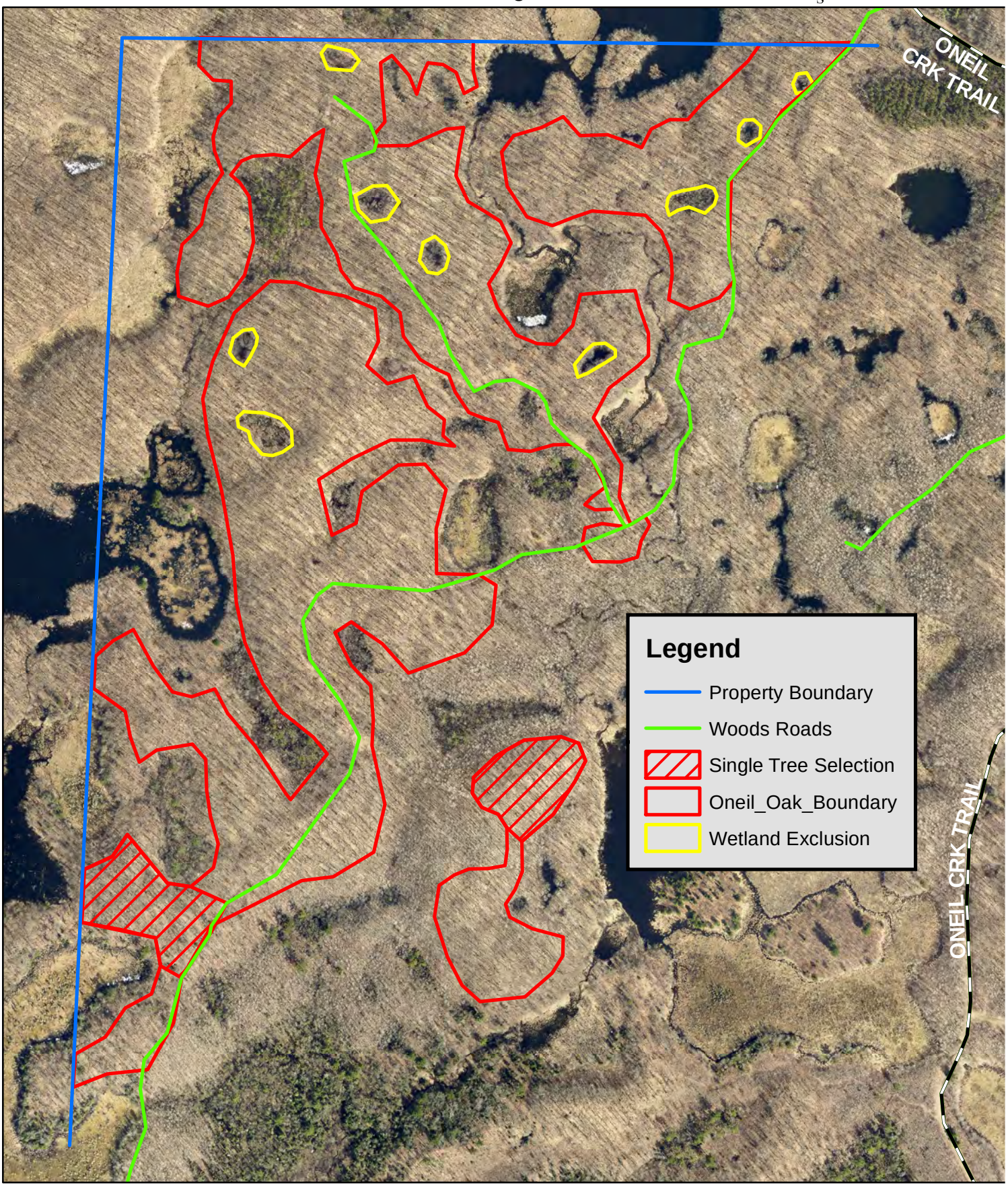
- No harvesting activity will be allowed if rutting occurs.
- Oak Wilt Restrictions apply: No harvesting is allowed between April 1st and July 15.
- All logging debris must remain within the sale boundaries.
- All landing locations must be approved. All merchantable timber that is removed along landings 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, (except aspen) 10" or larger on the small end will be charged at the appropriate saw log stumpage rate.
- The contract length is 2 years.

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Rock Of Ages

Approximatly 65 acres Oak Shelterwood
5 acres Single Tree Selection



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CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 17-22

Rock of Ages Total Sale Area**:** (approximately 70 acres)

Located in T31N R8W Section 4, 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 17-22 is $ 83,470.00**

Species	Amount	
	tons	MBF
Oak cordwood	1800	
MX HW cordwood	1100	
Red Oak Logs		165
MX HW logs		40

Sale Area Description:

The boundaries of this sale are marked with red and blue paint lines along State property. This sale is 65 acres of oak shelterwood first harvest and 5 acres Single tree selection. This harvest system will be implemented to regenerate an oak stand. Scarification by logging equipment will be encouraged in shelterwood area. Sale is located along the wood's road the leads to the north side of Rock Lake.

Cutting Requirements:

Shelter wood area: (65 acres) Cut all trees 1" or greater. Do not cut reserve trees marked in Green, sale boundary trees (red or blue paint) or trees that are marked with yellow paint to identify riparian management zones and wetlands.

Single Tree Selection area: (5 acres) Cut all trees including not commercial trees marked with orange paint. Do not cut sale boundary trees (red or blue paint) or trees that are marked with yellow paint to identify riparian management zones and wetlands.

Special Conditions:

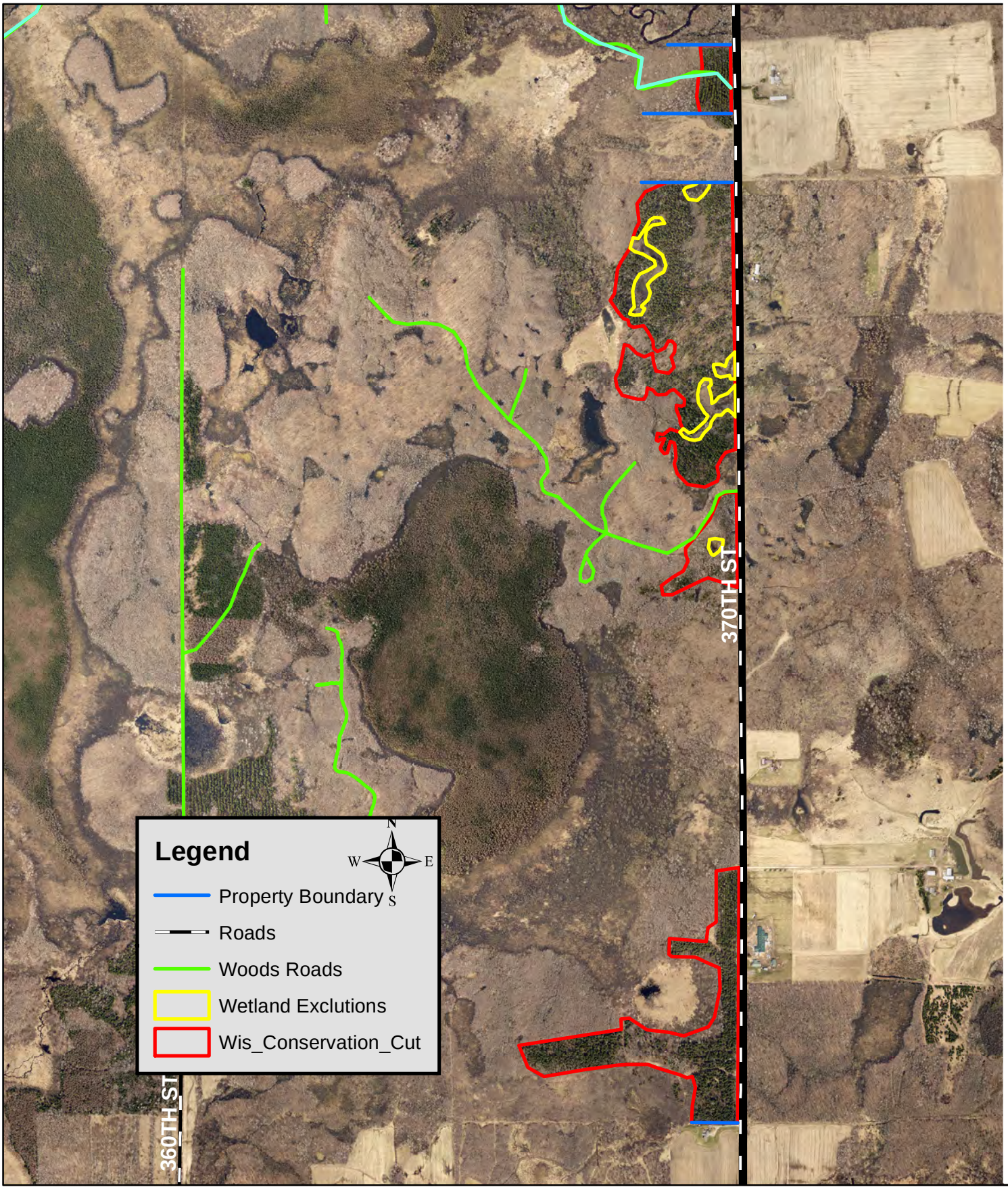
- No harvesting activity will be allowed if rutting occurs.
- Oak Wilt and NHI Restrictions apply: No harvesting is allowed between April 1 and August 10th.
- No equipment operation is allowed within wetland areas delineated by yellow paint.
- All logging debris must remain within the sale boundaries 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.

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Tract 18-22 Wis Conservation Cut

Approximatly 90 acres Spruce Clearcut



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CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 18-22

Wis Conservation Cut Total Sale Area**:** (approximately 90 acres)

Located in T32N R5W Section 25,36, 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 18-22 is $ 39,750.00**

Species	Amount	
	tons	MBF
White Spruce cordwood	3500	
Aspen cordwood	1000	
Mixed Hardwood cordwood	450	

Sale Area Description:

The boundaries of this sale are marked with red and blue paint lines along property lines. This sale is 90 acres of white spruce plantation clear-cut. The goal of this harvest is to transition these stands to hardwood by cutting all spruce and mature hardwood. There are existing landings in the sale area but many will need ditch work to access the landings. This is also heavy low ground. Summer harvesting will be allowed but caution will need to be taken to minimize ground disturbance.

Cutting Requirements:

Clear Cut area: (90 acres) Cut all trees 4" or greater. Do not cut Oak, sale boundary trees (red or blue paint) or trees that are marked with yellow paint to identify riparian management zones and wetlands. Minimize damage to small diameter trees.

Special Conditions:

- No harvesting activity will be allowed if rutting occurs.
- 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.
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- All cordwood shall be utilized to a 4" top diameter.
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- The contract length is two years.

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STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
TIMBER SALE CONTRACT EXTENSIONS APPROVAL

The County Forest Administrator will report on the Department's recommendation to extend six (6) timber sale contracts, per original contract language.

The affected logging contractors requiring extensions are listed in the following spreadsheet.

The maximum time duration of a timber sale contract, including extensions, shall be four (4) years. Extension beyond this period of time shall be considered by the Chippewa County Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee only in the event of special justification.

Comprehensive Listing of Contracted Timber Sales Fall 2022

Producer	Sale	Description	Value	2022 Oct	Nov	Dec	Calendar Year 2023 Jan	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Burmeister	1324-2	Tealey Aspen	$24,066.00	Active									Expires 1st 0% 6 mo					
						Frozen Ground Required												
Hetke	1337-2	Hwy M Snowmobile Trail As	$4,000.00															Expire
						Frozen Ground Required												
Hetke	1338-2	Ash Hill	$3,100.00															Expire
						Frozen Ground Required												
Hetke	1356-2	Wagon Trail Oak	$49,830.00							Oak Wilt Restrictions								
Hakes	1289-1	Moon & Norway Ash	$14,775.00										Expires 3rd 10% 6 mo					
													Expires 3rd 10% 6 mo					
Hakes	1290-1	Moon & Hwy M Ash	$15,715.00															
Hakes	1305-2	O'Neil Ash	$4,600.00									Expires 1st 0% 6 mo						
						Frozen Ground Required												
Hakes	1322-2	Moses II	$13,170.00	Active									Expires 1st 0% 6 mo					
						Frozen Ground Required												
Hakes	1333-2	We All Fall Down Ash	$4,581.00										Expires 1st 0% 6 mo					
						Frozen Ground Required												
Hakes	1341-2	Right Flank	$55,140.00															
						Frozen Ground Required												Frozen
Hakes	1350-2	Burnt Wagon	$75,909.00									Oak Wilt Restrictions						
						Recreational Trail Restrictions												Recrea
Hakes	1355-2	Double Porcupine	$115,150.00							Oak Wilt Restrictions								
Flannel Fleet	1339-2	Sand Lake Oak	$25,325.00	Active						Oak Wilt Restrictions								
Flannel Fleet	1340-2	Fishpole Drainage	$31,809.00	Active			Harvest activity only permitted from August 10 to December 1 Unless no operations on or adj the sl											
Flannel Fleet	1343-2	Gilberts 56	$68,483.00	Active						Oak Wilt Restrictions								
Flannel Fleet	1347-2	Knickerbocker Overstory	$123,399.00	Active						Oak Wilt Restrictions								
Franzen Forest Prod	1302-2	Birch Creek Hardwood	$13,056.00				Expires 1st 0% 6 mo											
Franzen Forest Prod	1303-2	Meadows Lake	$5,220.00				Expires 1st 0% 6 mo											
Franzen Forest Prod	1304-2	High Banks Hardwood	$8,491.00							Oak Wilt Restrictions		Expires 1st 0% 6 mo						
Franzen Forest Prod	1313-2	Mud Creek Mash-Up	$8,996.00			ozen Ground Requir						Expires 1st 0% 6 mo						
Franzen Forest Prod	1314-2	Aesthetic M	$6,750.00				Expires 1st 0% 6 mo						Expires 2nd 20% 12 mo					
Kafka	1323-2	Mallard Hardwood	$19,400.00			ozen Ground Requir				Expires 1st 0% 6 mo					Expires 2nd 20% 12 mo			
Kafka	1328-2	O'Neil HW	$36,360.00							Oak Wilt Restrictions			Expires 1st 0% 6 mo					
Kafka	1331-2	Maxfield Clearcut	$36,950.00			Frozen Ground Required							Expires 1st 0% 6 mo					
Kafka	1327-2	New ATV Hardwood	$21,135.00							Oak Wilt Restrictions								Expire
Kron Forest Produc	1351-2	Deer Cam Pine	$13,175.00															
Lakeland Forestry	1298-2	Ruby Red Maple	$21,293.50			Frozen Ground Required				Expires 1st 0% 6 mo					Expires 2nd 20% 12 mo			
Northwest	1342-2	Big Ash Sale	$79,518.00	Active						Oak Wilt Restrictions								
Northwest	1346-2	Kenyon Release	$206,510.00							Oak wilt restrictions								
Prokop	1354-2	Old Stove	$55,642.00	Active														
Prokop	1359-2	Robinson Lake	$4,028.80															
Strzok	1284-1	East Firth Lake Hardwood	$63,325.50										Expires 3rd 10% 6 mo					
Strzok	1285-1	Hickory Ridge	$32,440.00	Active									Expires 3rd 10% 6 mo					
Strzok	1291-1	Tram Lake Oak	$133,425.00	Active			Expires 2nd 20% 12 mo											
Strzok	1306-2	Blue Rock Oak	$18,105.00				Expires 1st 0% 6 mo						Expires 2nd 20% 12 mo					
Strzok	1307-2	Fire Stump Aspen	$107,842.00				Expires 1st 0% 6 mo						Expires 2nd 20% 12 mo					
Strzok	1310-2	Wolf Aspen	$43,478.60				Expires 1st 0% 6 mo						Expires 2nd 20% 12 mo					
Strzok	1315-2	High & Low Aspen	$45,429.00			ozen Ground Requir						Expires 1st 0% 6mo						Expire
Strzok	1316-2	Spring Creek Oak	$155,585.00							Oak Wilt Restrictions			Expires 1st 0% 6mo					
Strzok	1317-2	Scrape Line HW	$47,610.00							Oak Wilt Restrictions			Expires 1st 0% 6mo					
Strzok	1318-2	Frosty Aspen	$36,560.00	Active									Expires 1st 0% 6mo					
Strzok	1325-2	Ruby 330th HW	$19,165.00							Oak Wilt Restrictions			Expires 1st 0% 6mo					
Strzok	1326-2	Ruby HW Resale	$91,175.00			ozen Ground Requir							Expires 1st 0% 6mo					
Strzok	1329-2	North Bradley Lake Oak	$84,475.00							Oak Wilt Restrictions			Expires 1st 0% 6mo					
Strzok	1332-2	Ol Misty Aspen	$103,520.00										Expires 1st 0% 6mo					
Strzok	1334-2	Bert and Ernie Aspen	$53,055.00										Expires 1st 0% 6mo					
Strzok	1344-2	Too Steep Oak	$82,250.00							Oak wilt restrictions								
Strzok	1345-2	Compaction Aspen	$39,750.00															
Strzok	1348-2	Long Hike	$32,750.00							Oak wilt restrictions								
Strzok	1352-2	Birch Creek Winter Sale	$156,310.00			ozen Ground Requir										Frozen Ground		
Strzok	1358-2	Posted Oak	$49,960.00							Oak wilt restrictions								
Total Estimated Value of All Sales			$2,480,791.40															

Attachment: Fall 2022 Timber Sales with Extensions (7331 : Timber Sale Contract Extensions Approval)

STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
SCATTERED & TYPE B DEED RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Chippewa County regularly assumes ownership of properties through enforcement of delinquent taxes. These acquisitions are governed by Section 2-353 of County Code. Type A Tax Deed Parcels are those determined not be retained in County ownership for future use and resold pursuant to State Statutes.

Type B Tax Deed parcels are those retained in County ownership for a specific future use. The director of Land Conservation or Parks and Facilities may request that lands which come into County Ownership be retained for County Forest, public recreation, conservation, environmental protection or County Parks.

On 9/14/22, a report was given on actions taken over the last decade and management challenges associated with Type B parcels and other scattered County lands. The County Forest Administrator also gave a brief review of the pertinent policies and processes.

This agenda item will be used to review staff recommendation and provide guidance to the process of selecting Type B Tax Deed parcels to be sold.

Summary of Type B Land Sales and Timber Revenue

Transaction & Township	Property Size	Year Completed	Total Revenue	Revenue Per Acre	Characteristics	
Sale - Cleveland	120	2012	$163,000	$1,358	Landlocked Forest	
Gift - Colburn	80	2016	$0		Forest W/Access	
Gift - Lake Holcombe	3	2016	$0		Forest W/Access	
Sale - Colburn	80	2017	$131,000	$1,638	Landlocked Forest	
Sale - Cleveland	320	2017	$750,000	$2,344	Landlocked Forest	
Sale - Sampson	40	2017	$10,500	$262.50	Landlocked	
Sale - Sampson	40	2017	$14,000	$350	Landlocked	
Pending Sale - Lake Holcombe	1	2022	ESTIMATE $40,000	$40,000	Forest W/Access	
Totals	684		$1,044,000.00	$1,673 avg		
Harvest - Howard	120	2017	$124,794	$1,040	Landlocked Forest	Sell
Harvest - Lake Holcombe	80	2018	$33,159	$414	Forest W/Access	Sell
Harvest - Colburn	2	2020	$1,200	$600	Forest W/Access	Sell
Pending Harvest - Estella	21	2023	$10,647	$507	Forest W/Access	Enter CF
Totals	223		$169,800	761 avg		

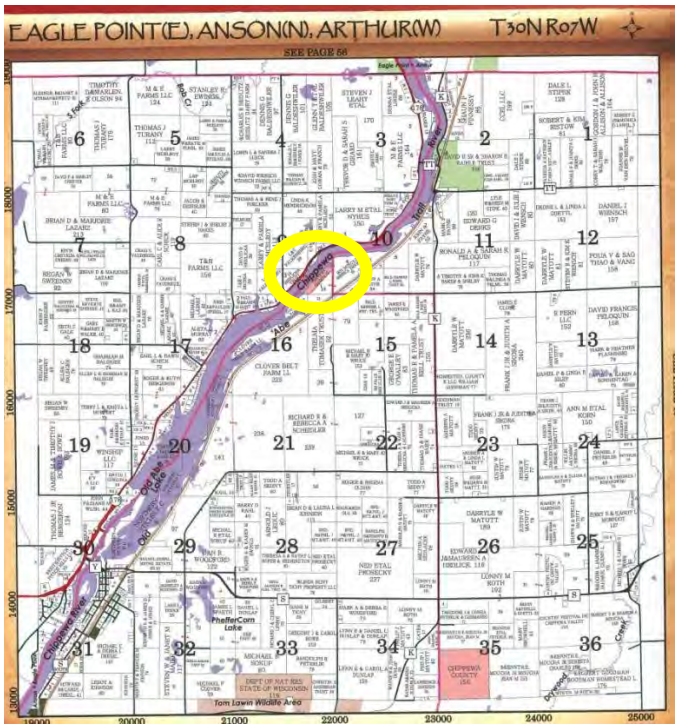
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	Scattered & Type B Tax Deed Recommended Actions					
Page	Municipality	Location	Acres	Characteristics	Action	Description
2	Anson	30N 7W Sec 9	16	Forested Boat Only	Leave	Chippewa Old Abe
3	Cleveland	31N 7W Sec 35	2	Forested Boat Only	Leave	Chippewa Island
4	Cornell	32N 6W Sec 19	5	Forested Boat Only	Leave	Below Dam-MuleHi
5	Sampson	32N 9W Sec 1	1	Forested Boat Only	Leave	Chain Lake Island
6	Birch Creek	32N 6W Sec 19	5	Pine Point Park	Parks	Islands & Shoreline
7	Birch Creek	32N 6W Sec30	11	Forested W/Access	Parks	Cranberry Lake
8	Chippewa Falls	29N 8W Sec 33	83	Forested W/Access	Enter CF-SU	County Farm
9	Anson	30N 7W Sec 35	157	Forested W/Access	Enter CF-SU	Peterlik
10	Colburn	30N 5W Sec 14	10	Forested Boat Only	Enter CF-SU	Otter Islands
11	Lake Holcombe	32N 6W Sec 16	40	Forested W/Access	Enter CF-SU	Roedecker Lake
12	Estella	31N 6W Sec 2	21	Forested W/Access	Enter CF	Sale #1298-20
13	Sampson	32N 8W Sec 3	128	Forested W/Access	Enter CF	304th Ave
14	Auburn	32N 10W Sec 10&15	80	Forested No Access	Sell	Ski Hill
15	Birch Creek	32N 6W Sec 6	76	Forested Boat Only	Parks	2900' Frontage
16	Colburn	30N 5W Sec 8	5	Forested Boat Only	Sell	1000' Yellow River
17	Colburn	31N 5W Sec 35	17	Forested W/Access	Sell	192nd Ave
18	Howard	29N 10W Sec 1	120	Forested No Access	Sell	Harvested 2017
19	Lake Holcombe	32N 6W Sec 2	60	Forested Boat Only	Sell	Holcombe Islands
20	Lake Holcombe	32N 6W Sec 9	13	Forested Boat Only	Sell	1440" Frontage
21	Lake Holcombe	32N 6W Sec 21	75	Forested W/Access	Sell	Pine Lake
			925	Total Acres		
	Sell - 9	Leave - 4	Parks	CF-SU - 4	CF -2	# of Properties
	446	24	16	290	149	Acres

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Town of Anson - ~ 16 acres Waterfront on Chippewa River with Boat Access

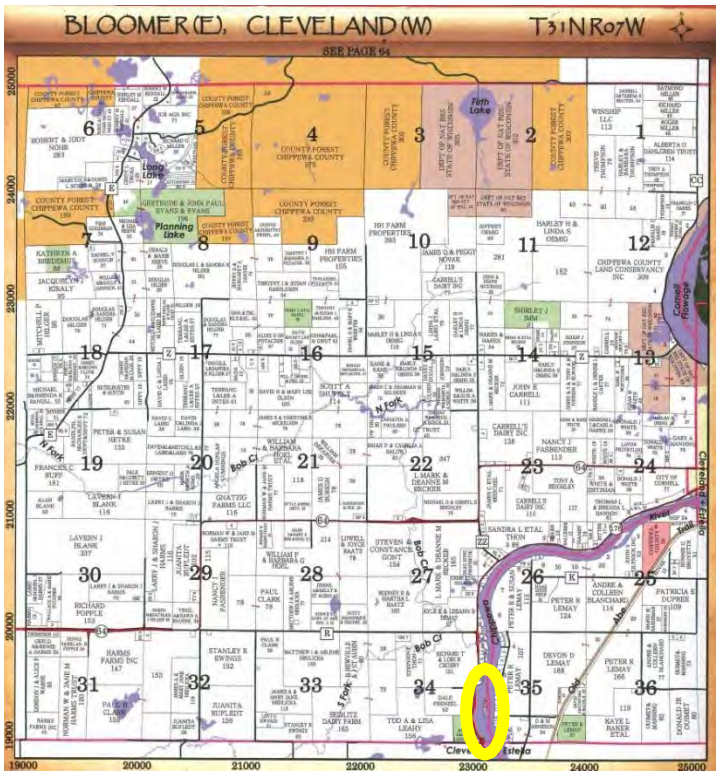




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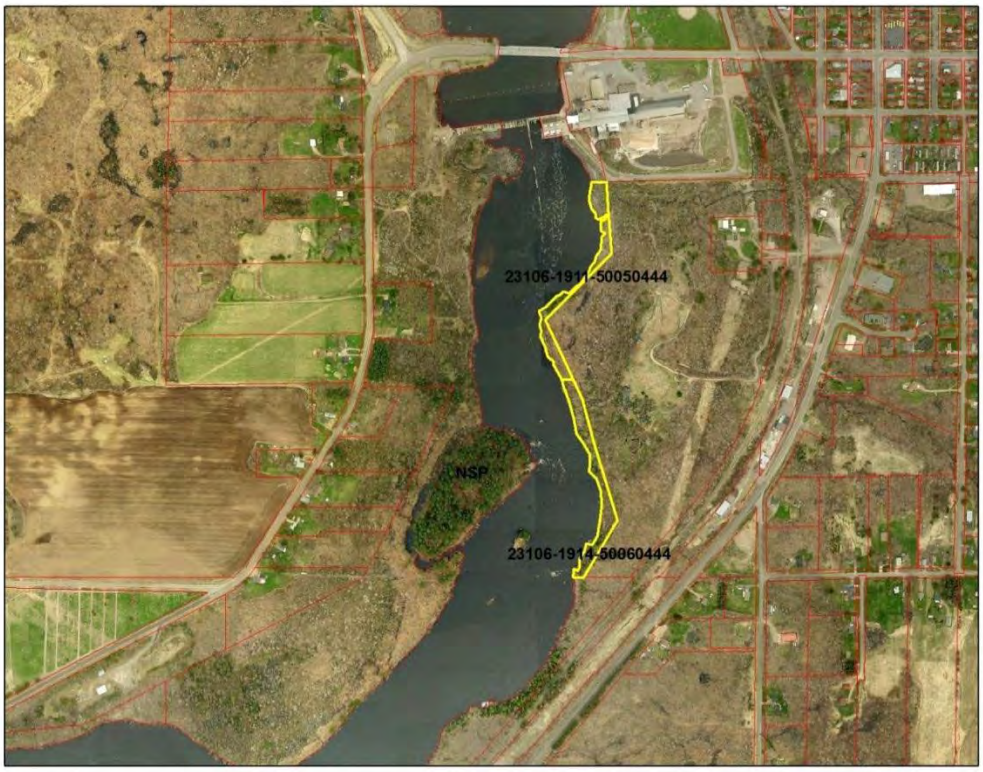
Town of Cleveland – Waterfront (Island) on Chippewa River with Public Access by Boat

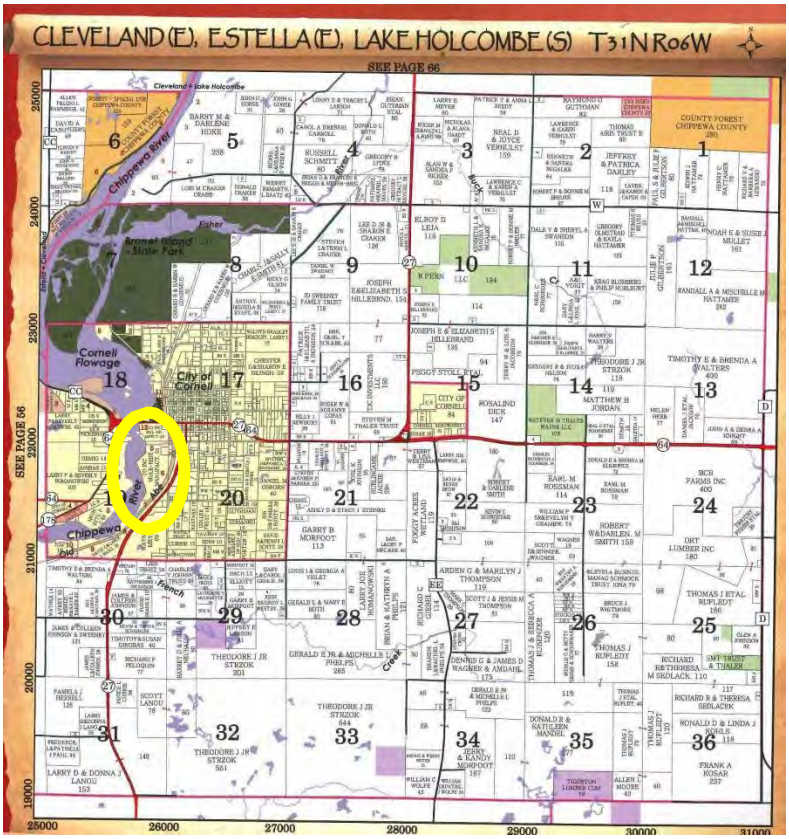




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City of Cornell –~ 5 acres Waterfront on Chippewa River Public Access by Boat

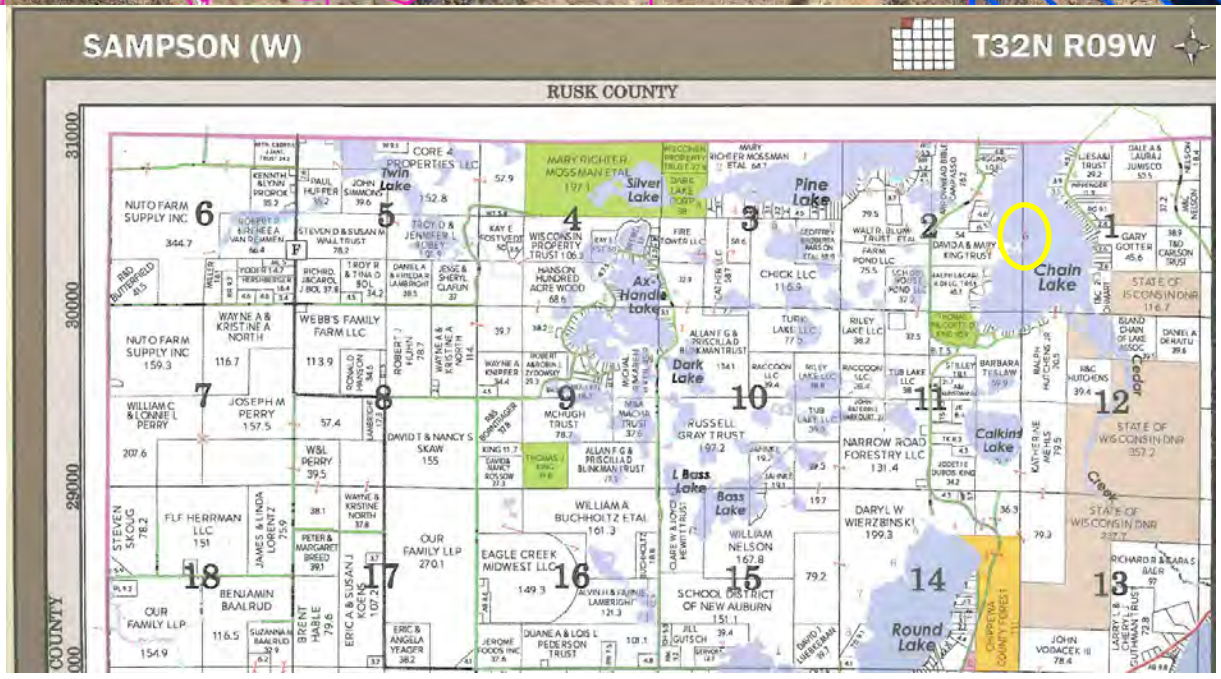




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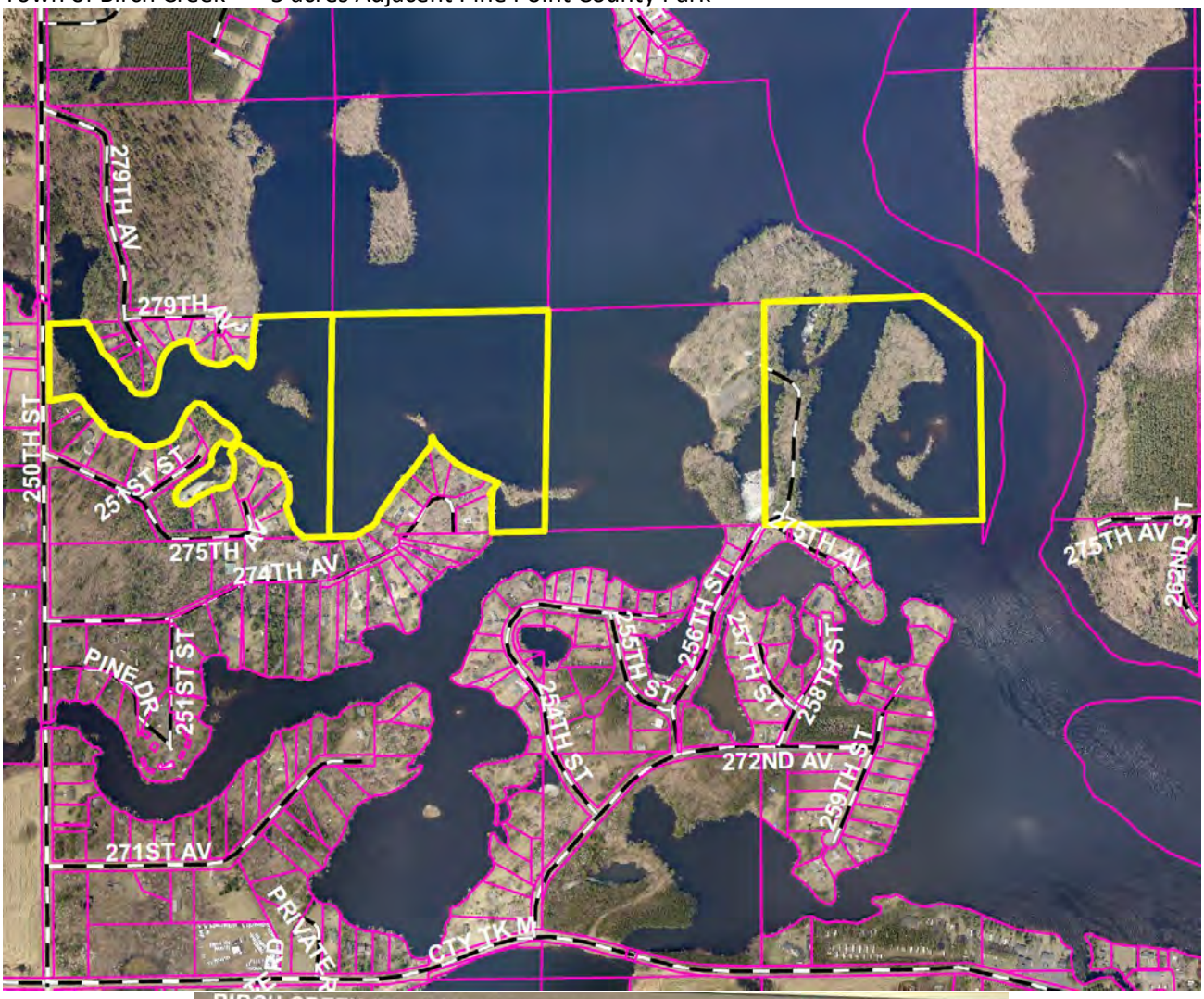
Town of Sampson – Waterfront (island) Chain Lake with public access by boat

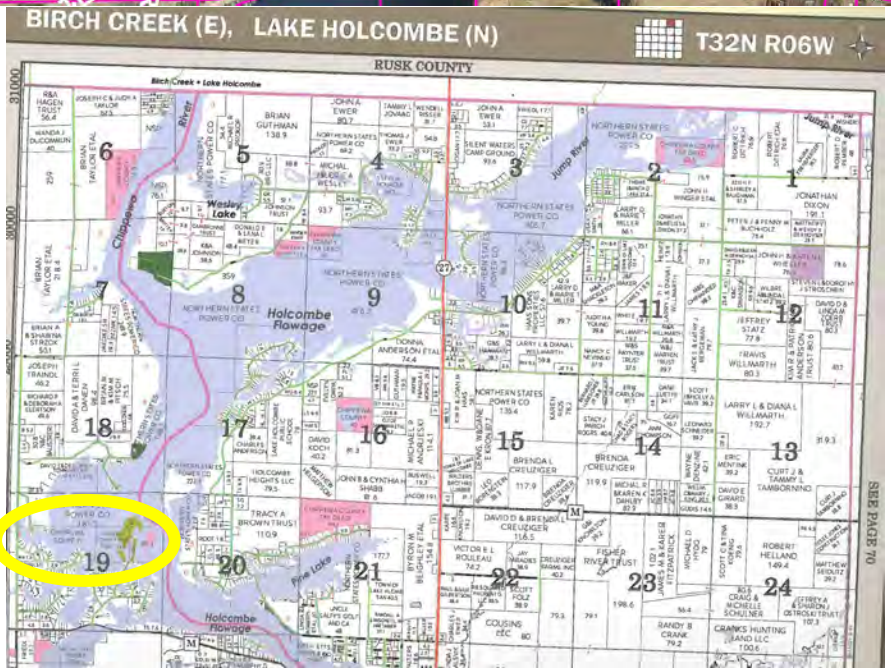




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Town of Birch Creek – ~ 5 acres Adjacent Pine Point County Park

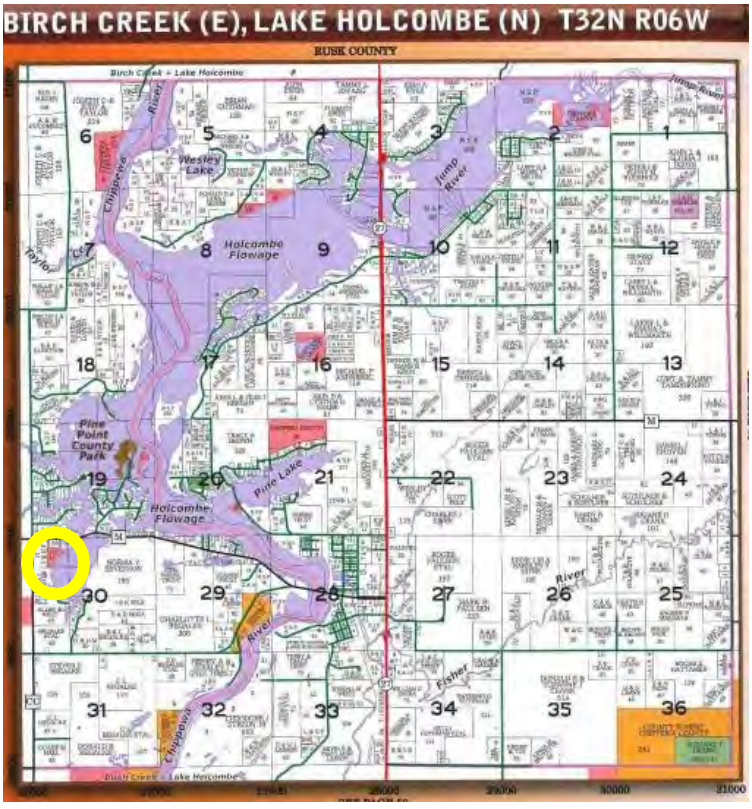




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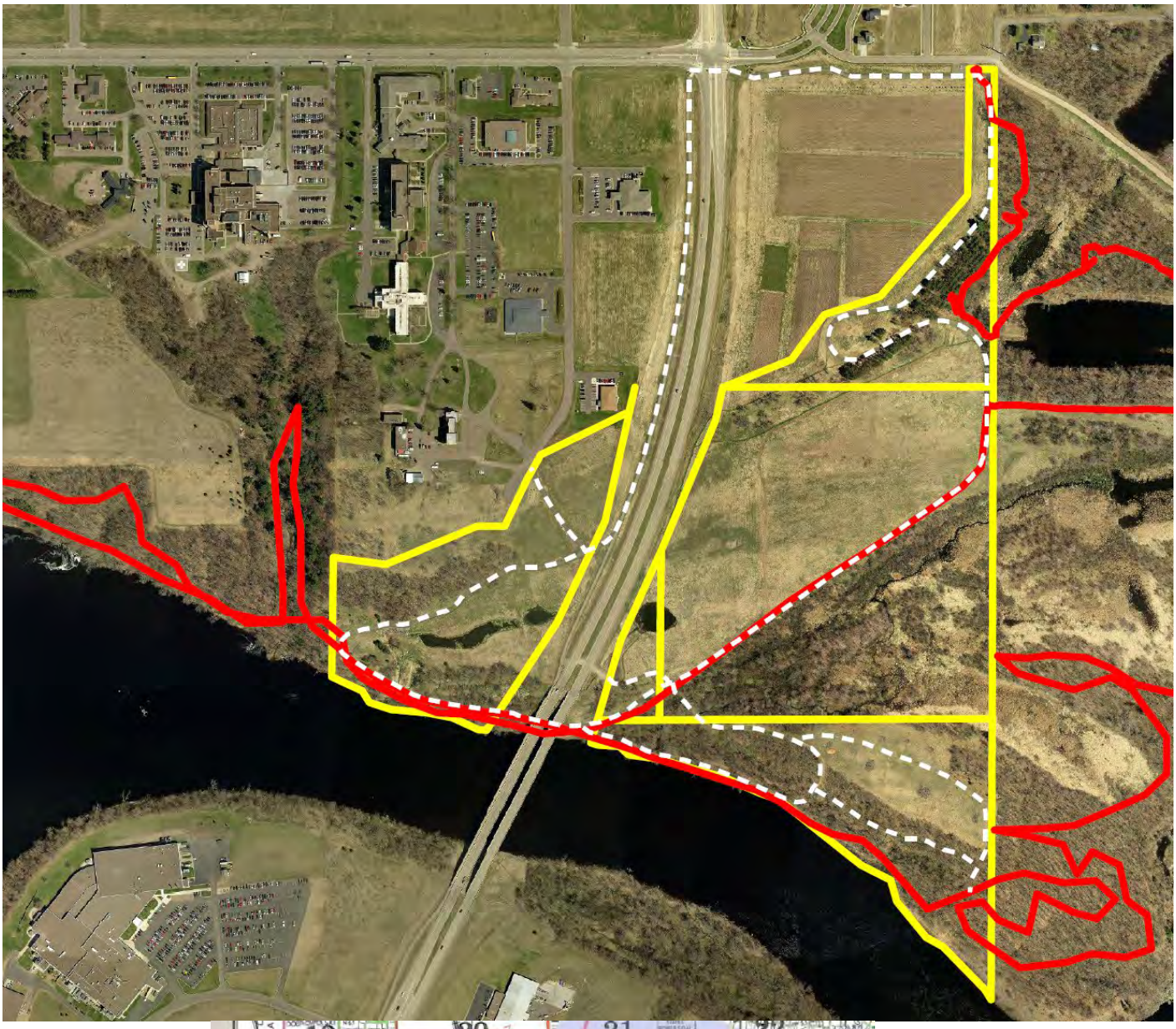
Town of Birch Creek - ~20 acres Waterfront on Cranberry Lake with Public Road Access

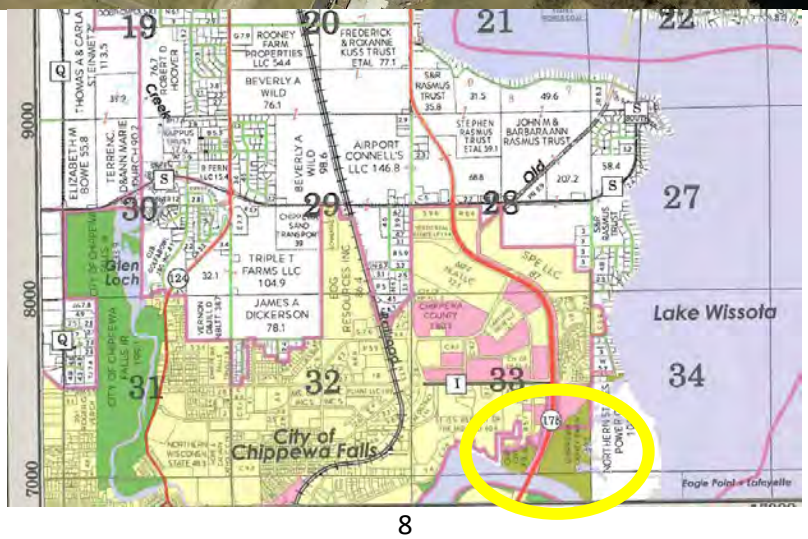




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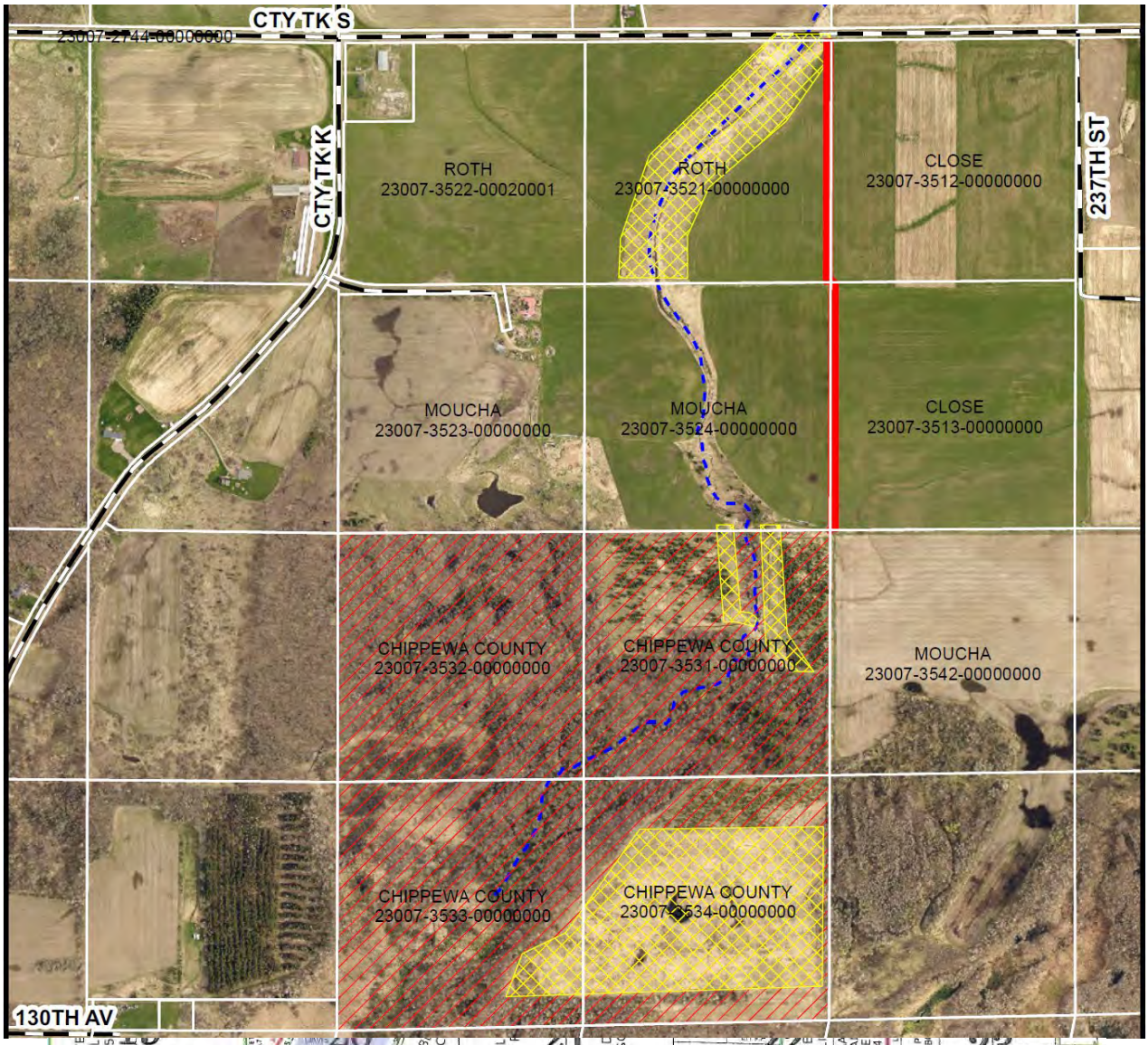
City of Chippewa Falls - ~ 83 acres Riverview Conservancy was County Farm

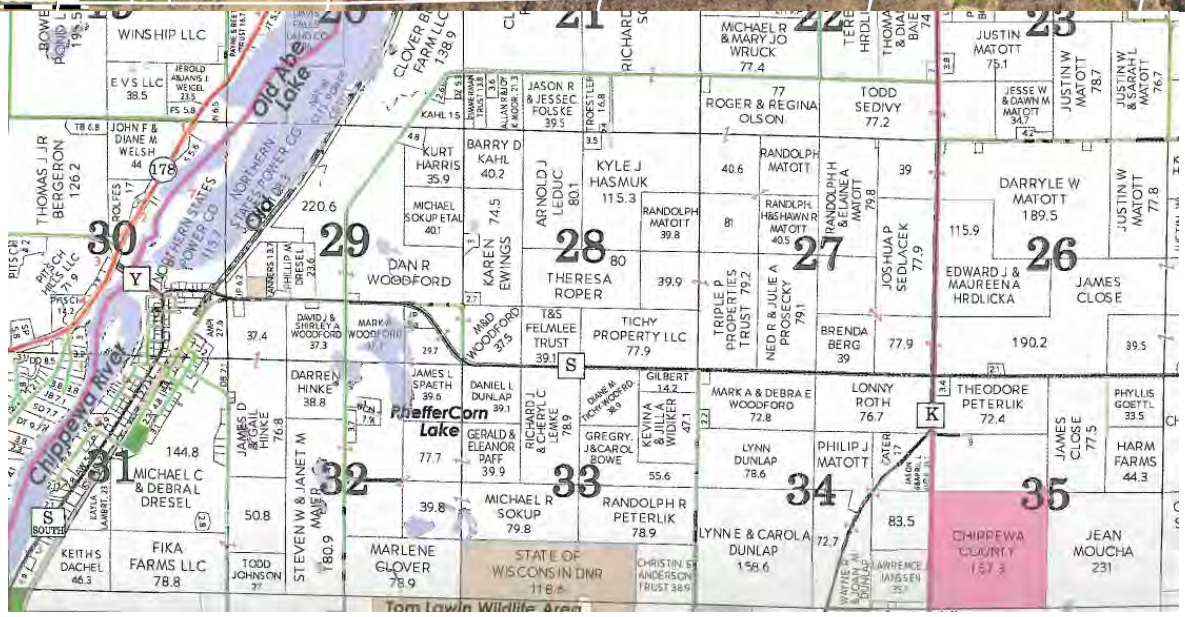




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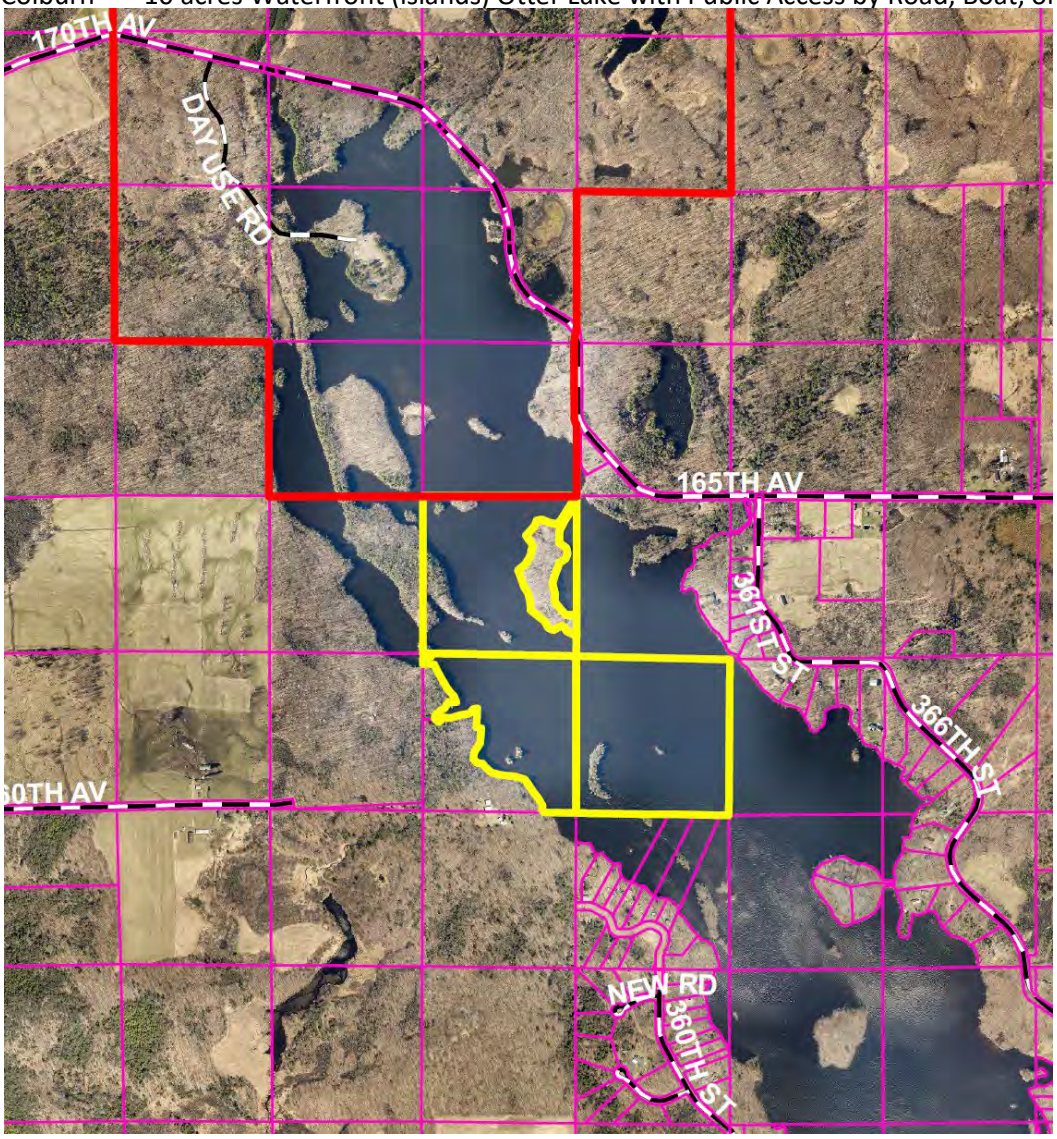
Town of Anson - ~ 157 acres Peterlik Wildlife area – Forested with Access

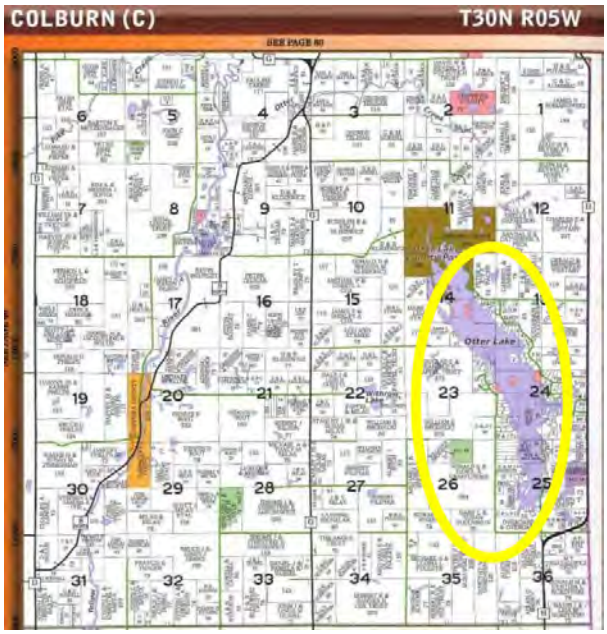




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Town of Colburn – ~ 10 acres Waterfront (islands) Otter Lake with Public Access by Road, Boat, or Adjacent Public Lar

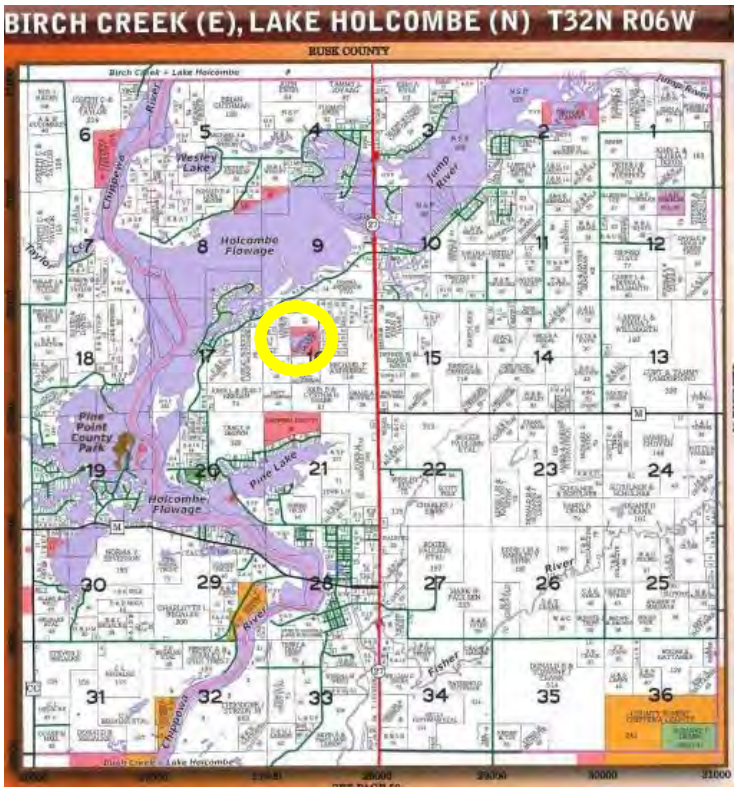




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Town of Lake Holcombe - 40 acres Waterfront containing Roedecker Lake with Public Road Access

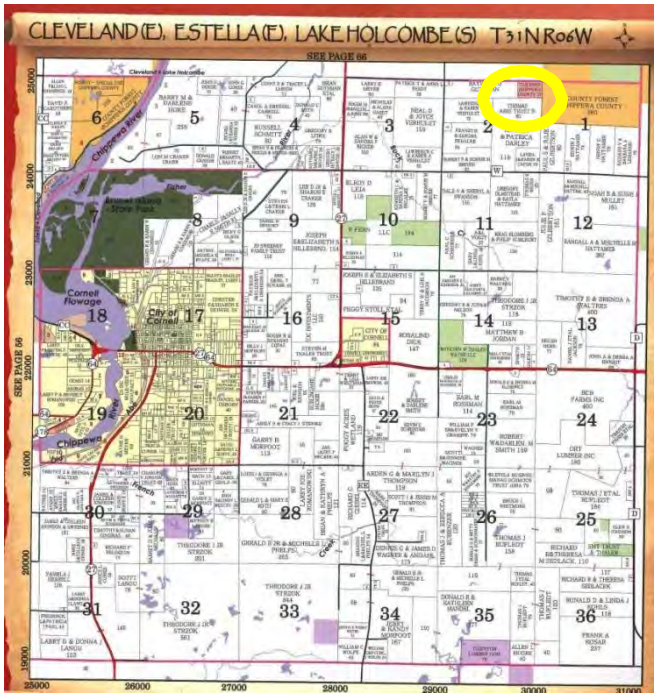




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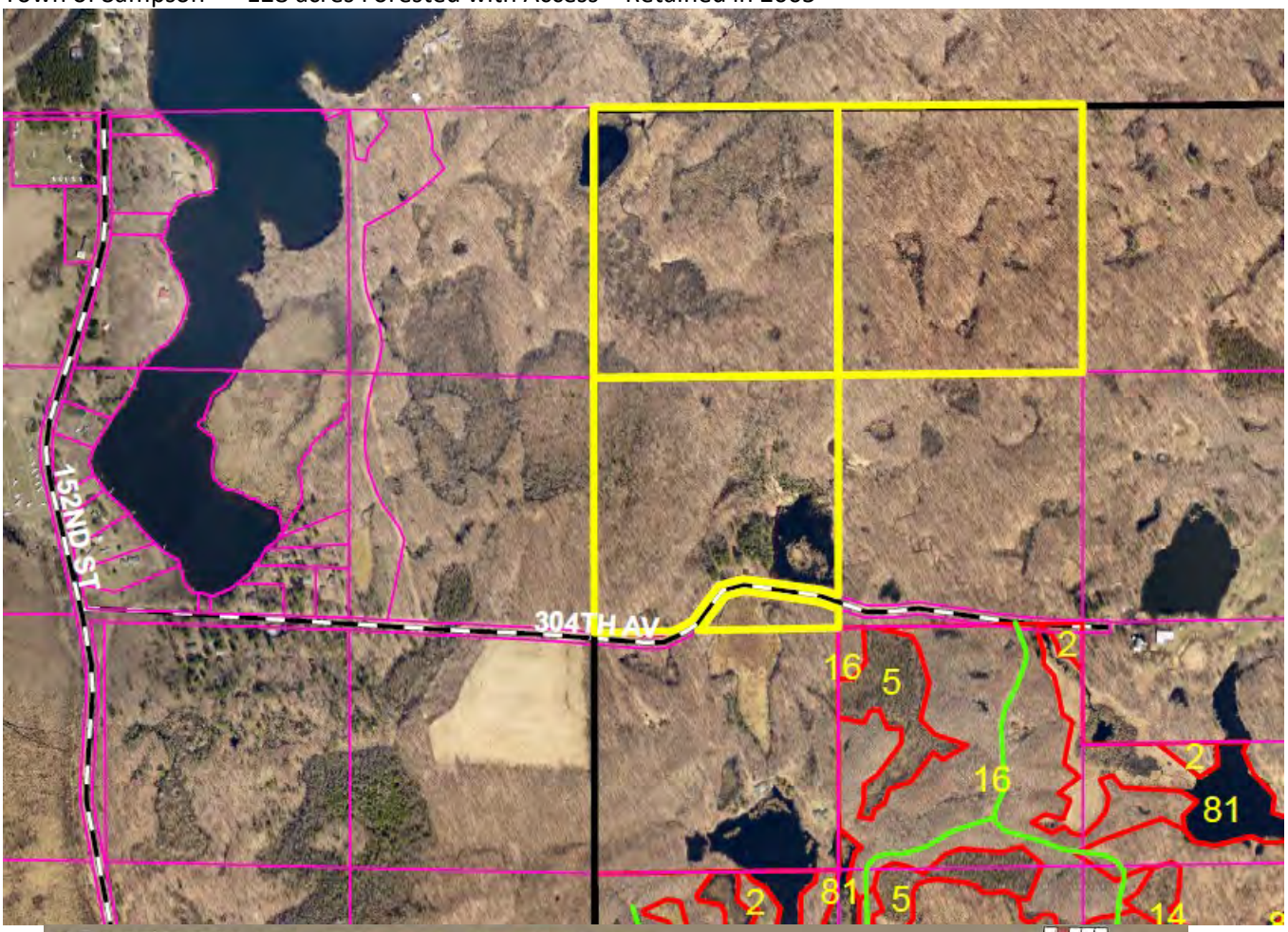
Town of Estella – 21 acres Forest with Public Access

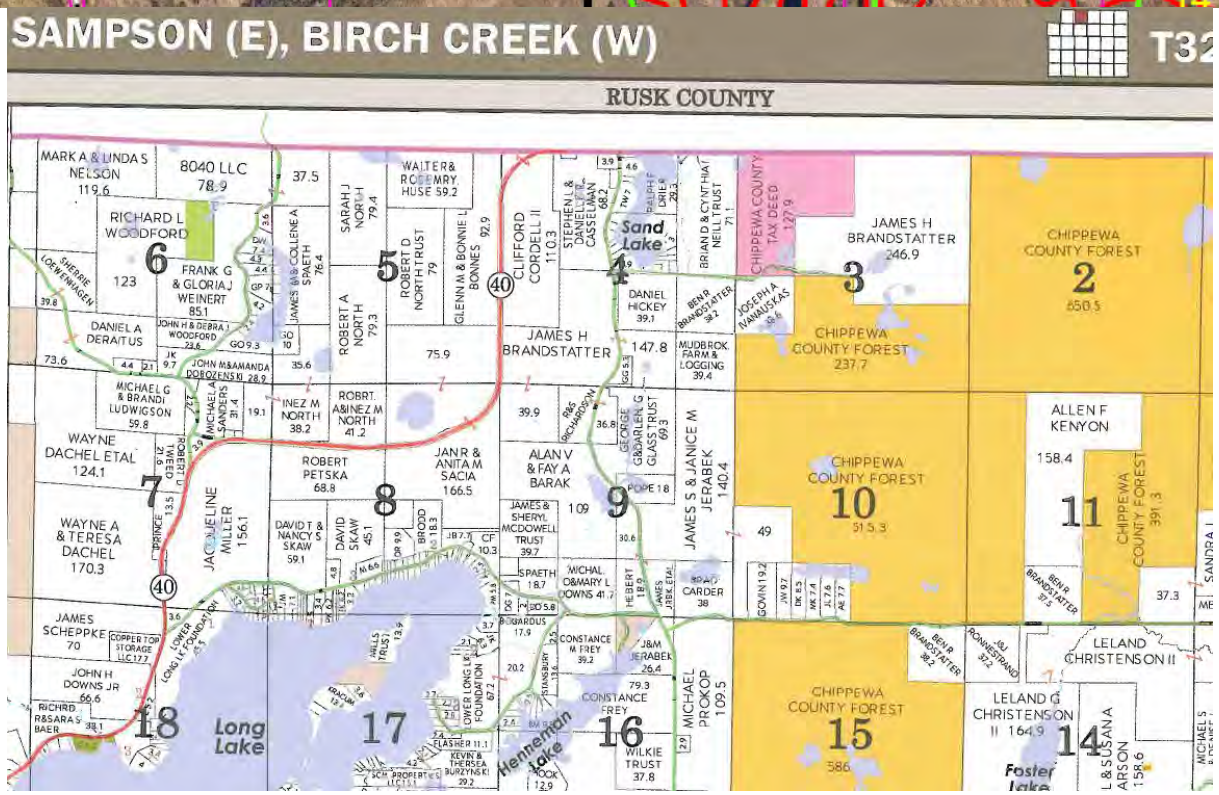




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Town of Sampson - ~ 128 acres Forested with Access – Retained in 2005

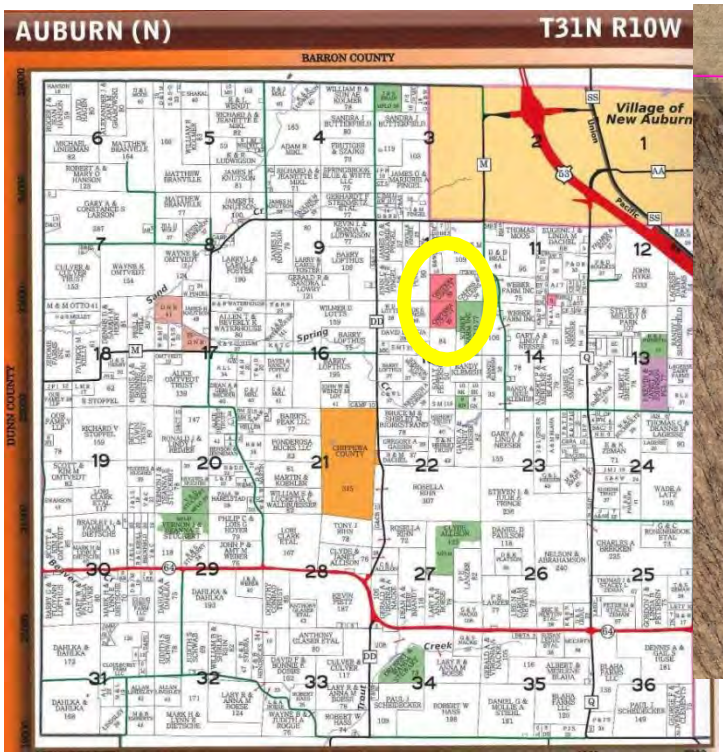




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Town of Auburn – 80 acres Forest without Public Access (previously leased for Ski Hill)

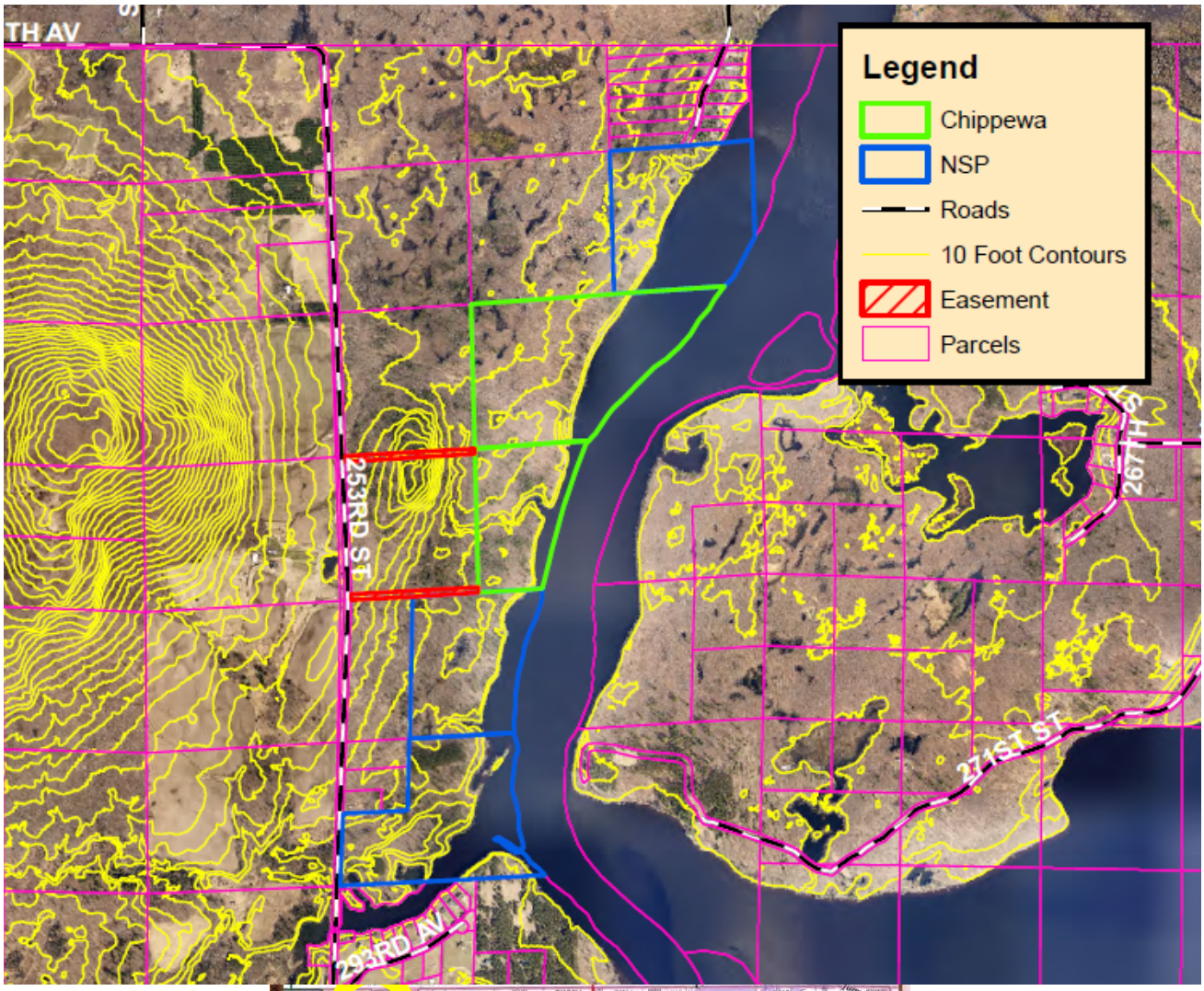


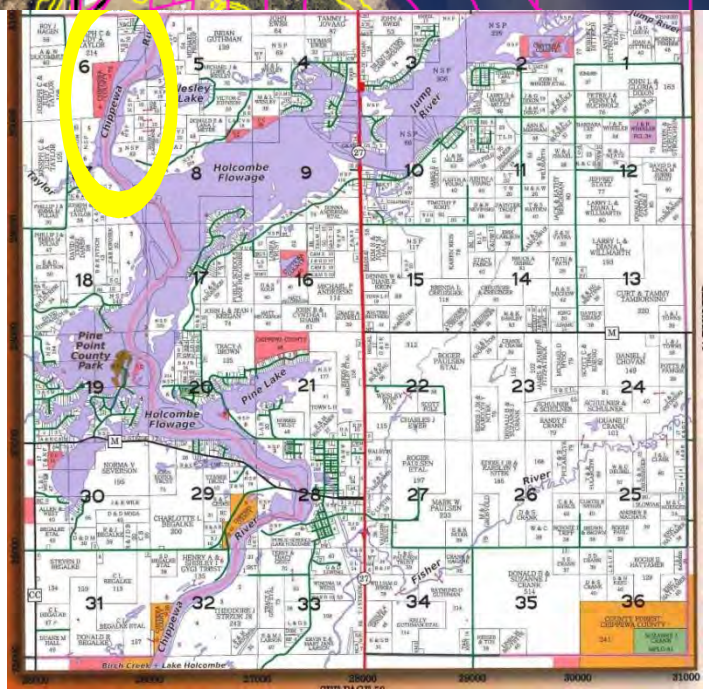




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Town of Birch Creek - ~ 76 acres Waterfront on Chippewa River above Lake Holcombe - Public Access

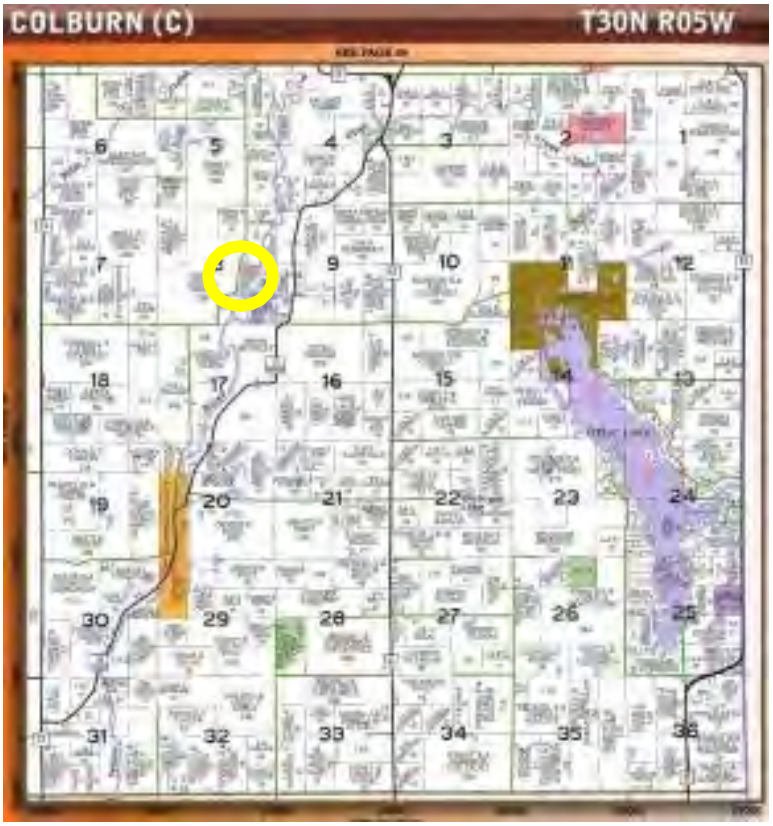




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Town of Colburn - ~ 5 acres Waterfront on Yellow River Adjacent Town of Colburn Transfer Station

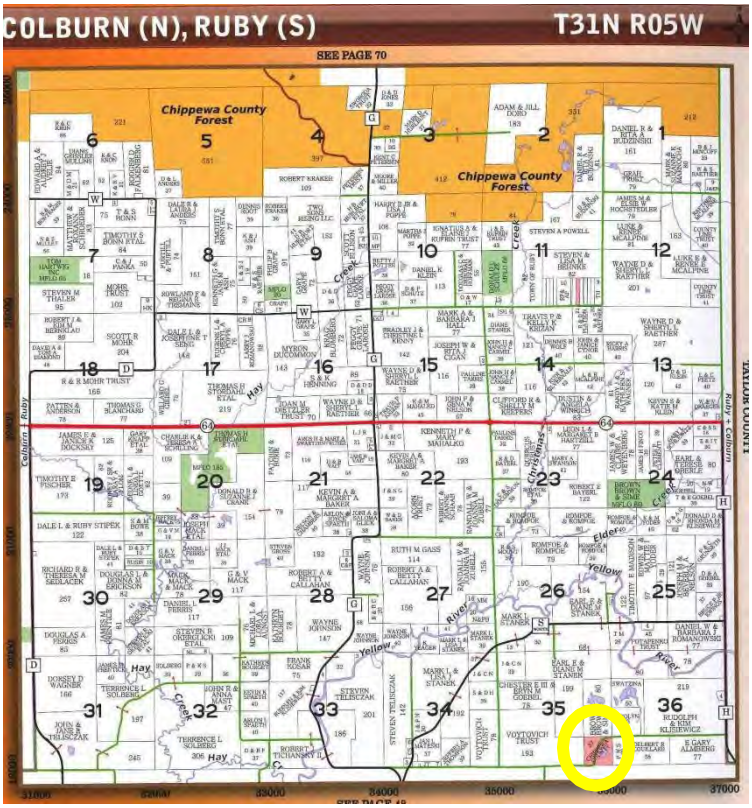




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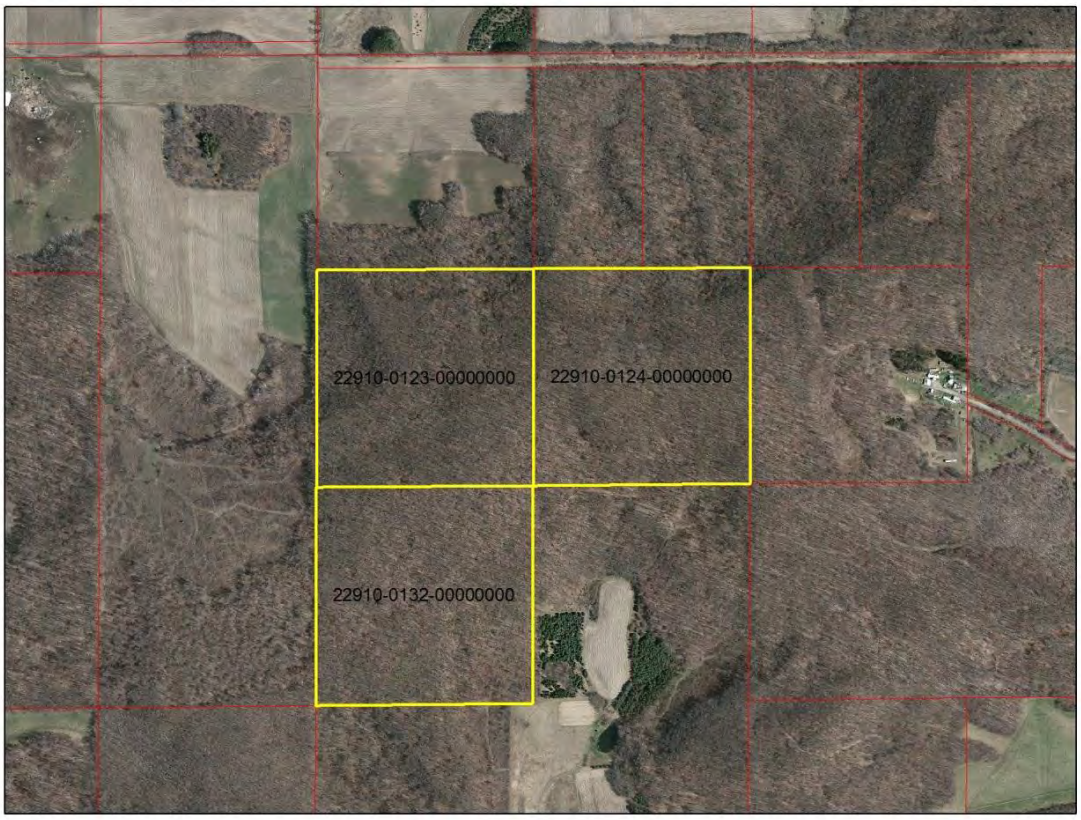
Town of Colburn - ~17 acres Forest with Public Access

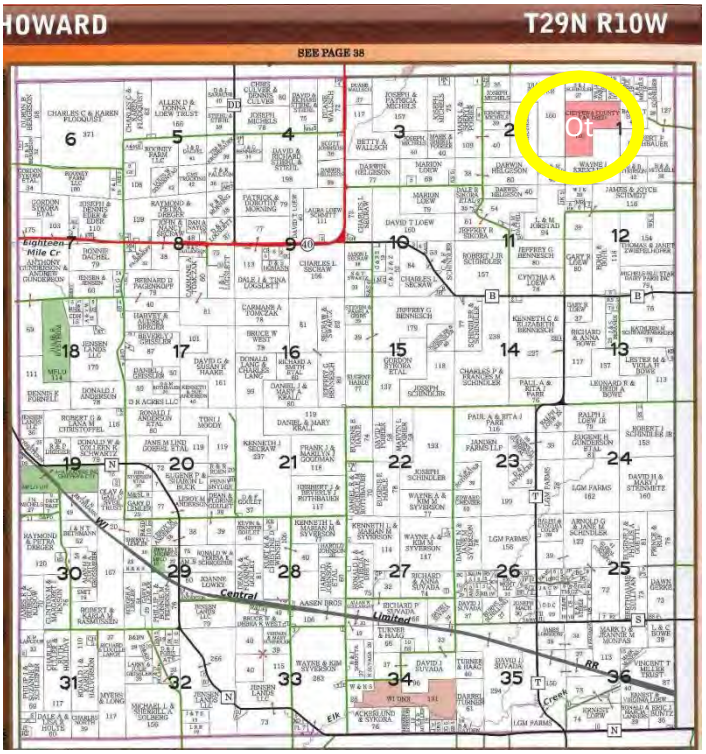




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Town of Howard – 120 acres Forest without Public Access

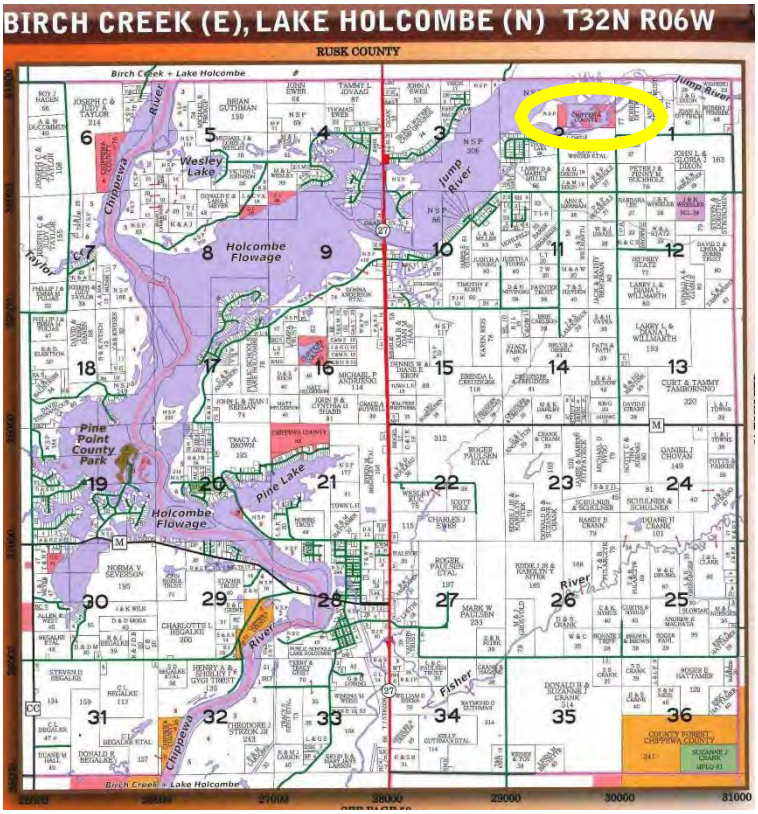




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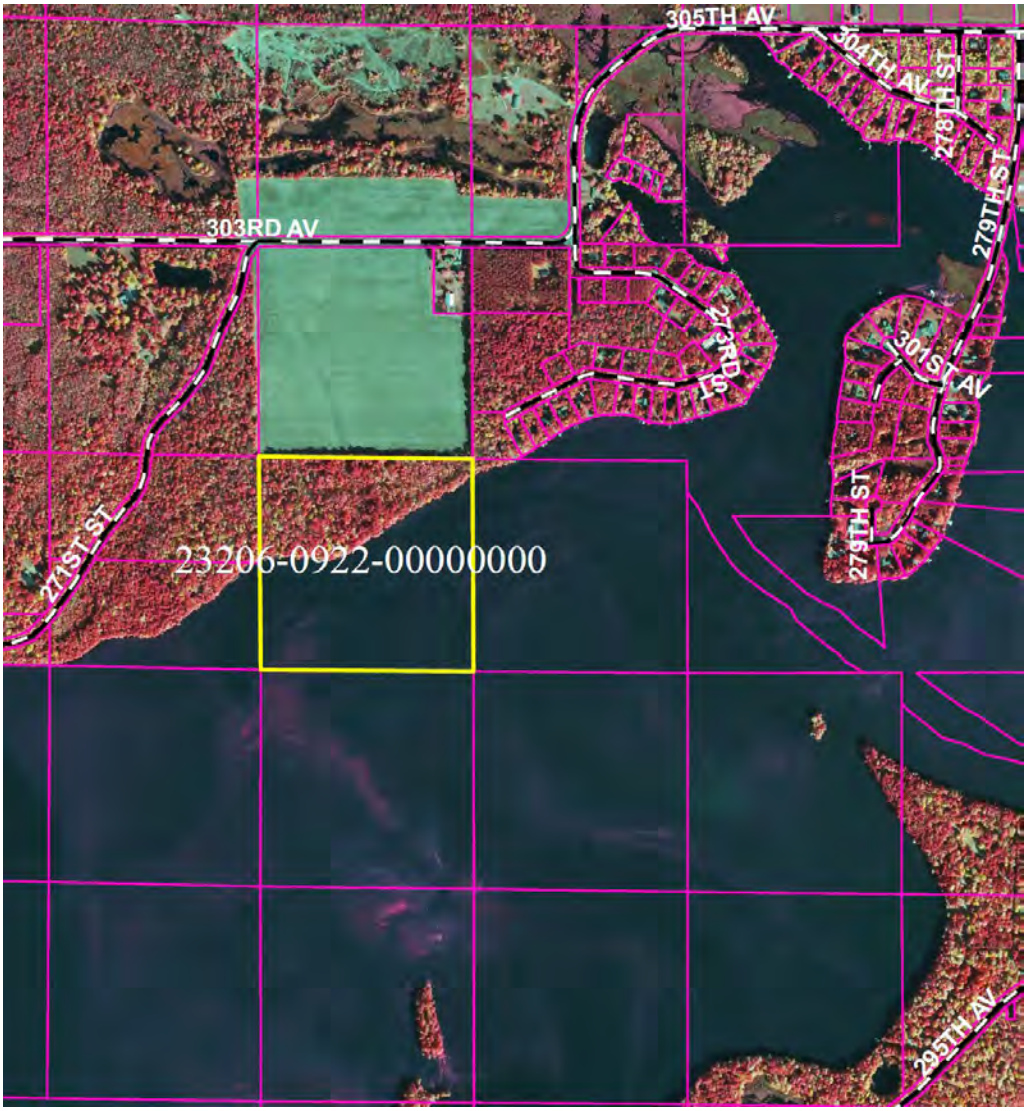
Town of Lake Holcombe - ~ 60 acres Waterfront at Jump River Confluence with Lake Holcombe with Public Access by Boat

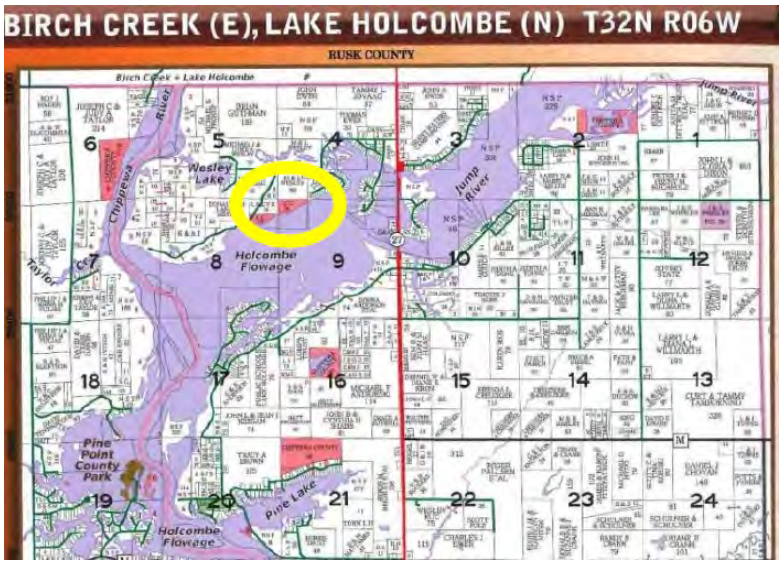




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Town of Lake Holcombe – 1440 feet Waterfront

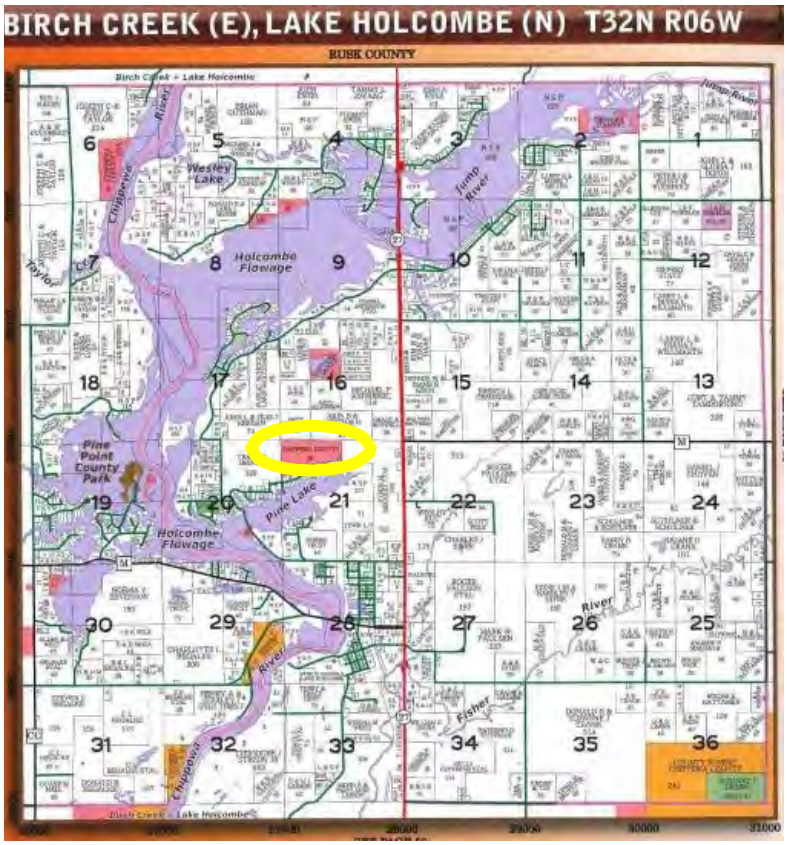




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Town of Lake Holcombe - ~75 acres Forest with Public Access





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STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION

Resolution No.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CARBON OFFSET PROGRAM IN THE COUNTY FOREST

Passage of this resolution will authorize the County Administrator and the County Forest Administrator to develop a carbon offset program using the County Forest as carbon credits. The resolution also authorizes the County Administrator and the County Forest Administrator to contract with Anew to create and administer the program. It is anticipated by Anew that the County will generate over $5,100,000 in revenues over a 10 year period of time. In acknowledgement of the potential revenues that will be generated from the sale of carbon credits, the County would increase the County Forest severance payments made to towns pursuant to Sec. 28.11, Wis. Stats., from the current 12% to 15% during the 10-year term of the contract with Anew.

This resolution also directs the Land Conservation and Forest Management Committee to develop a policy to determine how the revenue generated by the carbon offset program will be utilized. The policy is to be approved by the County Board prior to any of the revenue being allocated. That revenue is to be utilized for the protection and improvement of the environment, remediation of groundwater contamination, and the enhancement of the County Forest.

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RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CARBON OFFSET PROGRAM IN THE COUNTY FOREST

WHEREAS, Chippewa County's certification of sustainable forest management practices has provided the County with an opportunity to financially benefit through a carbon offset program; and

WHEREAS, carbon offset is any activity that leads to a reduction in emissions of carbon dioxide or other greenhouse gases to compensate for emissions made somewhere else or, in other words, the County can receive payments from other entities to cancel out their carbon emissions by investing in projects in Chippewa County that reduce carbon dioxide or greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the County Forest sequesters and stores carbon and the certification of the County's forest management practices allows the County to receive carbon offset payments; and

WHEREAS, carbon offset markets certify and sell emissions reductions that can count against an emissions-generating practice, resulting in a neutral emissions impact; and

WHEREAS, since 2020, the Land Conservation and Forest Management Department has researched the merits of enrolling Chippewa County owned lands in a carbon offset program; and

WHEREAS, the Land Conservation and Forest Management Department has consulted experts, the Wisconsin County Forest Association, and the State of Wisconsin to ensure that participation in a forest carbon offset project aligns with the mission of the County Forest program; and

WHEREAS, the Land Conservation and Forest Management Department recommends that the County develop a carbon offset project involving the majority of Chippewa County Forest lands for participation in the voluntary carbon offset market under the American Carbon Registry (ACR) Improved Forest Management (IFM) program; and

WHEREAS, the Land Conservation and Forest Management Department also recommends that the County contract with a carbon offset company to assist in the development of a project that would include marketing and selling carbon offsets; and

WHEREAS, Anew has been a leader in carbon offset markets since 2001 and has developed the continent's largest portfolio of carbon credits; and

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WHEREAS, Anew plays a dominant role in domestic carbon development and marketing, including all County Forest projects in Wisconsin, and is responsible for over 60% of all carbon credits developed and registered as part of the ACR IFM program; and

WHEREAS, Anew has developed a carbon project proposal for the Chippewa County Forest that has the potential to generate an estimated $5,100,000 of revenue for the County over 10 years; and

WHEREAS, the revenue generated from the carbon offset program would be used for the protection and improvement of the environment, remediation of groundwater contamination, and the enhancement of the County Forest; and

WHEREAS, in acknowledgement of the potential revenue that will be generated from from the sale of carbon credits, the County would increase the County Forest severance payments to towns made pursuant to Sec. 28.11, Wis. Stats., from the current 12% to 15% during the 10-year term of the contract with Anew; and

WHEREAS, the proposed carbon offset program with Anew would contain an 18% buffer pool to act as an insurance policy against a reversal of credits as well as a monitoring endowment of $300,000 set aside in the last three years of Anew's contract to account for the full length of the project's 40 year monitoring obligation; and

WHEREAS, for the length of the contract with Anew, including all aspects of carbon offset project development and administration, marketing and selling of carbon credits, there would be no direct out-of-pocket budgetary expenses incurred by Chippewa County; and

WHEREAS, the Land Conservation and Forest Management Committee has reviewed this project and does support the County moving forward with a carbon offset program;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the County Forest Administrator and County Administrator, on behalf of Chippewa County and in consultation with Chippewa County Corporation Counsel, to develop a 40-year forest carbon offset project for appropriate County Forest lands for participation in the voluntary carbon market under the ACR IFM program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Forest Administrator and County Administrator are authorized to negotiate and execute a 10-year contract directly with Anew to assist in the development of said forest carbon project, in consultation with Chippewa County Corporation Counsel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County will increase the County Forest severance payments to towns made pursuant to Sec. 28.11, Wis. Stats., from the current 12% to 15% during the 10-year term of the contract with Anew; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, the Land Conservation and Forest Management Committee shall develop a policy for the use of funds received from the sale of carbon credits to be used for the protection and improvement of the environment, remediation of groundwater contamination, and the enhancement of the County Forest; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said policy shall be presented to and approved by the County Board prior to the use of any carbon offset generated revenue.

Forwarded to the County Board by the Executive Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There are no unbudgeted costs associated with this resolution. It is anticipated that the County will receive revenue up to $5,121,201.00 over 10 years. The revenue projections are set out in the attached document that was presented to the County Board on September 13, 2022.

11/15/2022 Executive Committee

Approved as to Form:

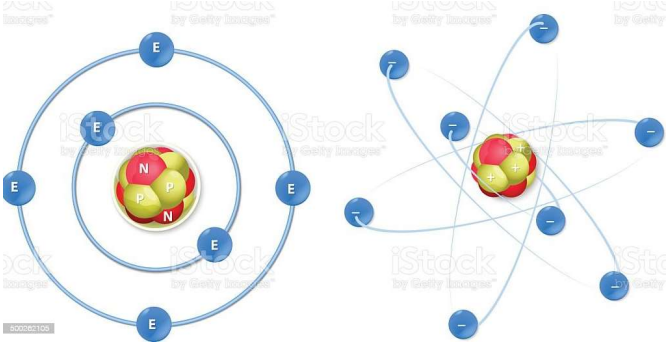
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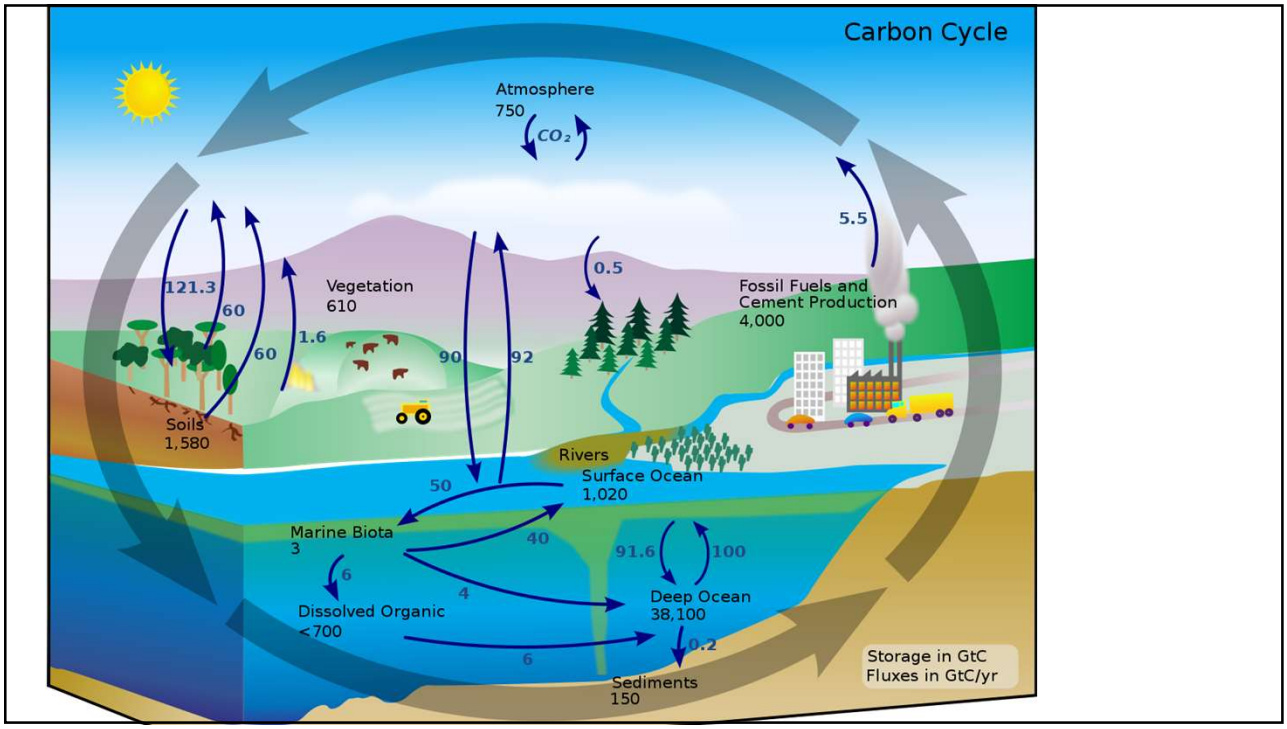
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Chippewa County Forest Carbon Credit Opportunity

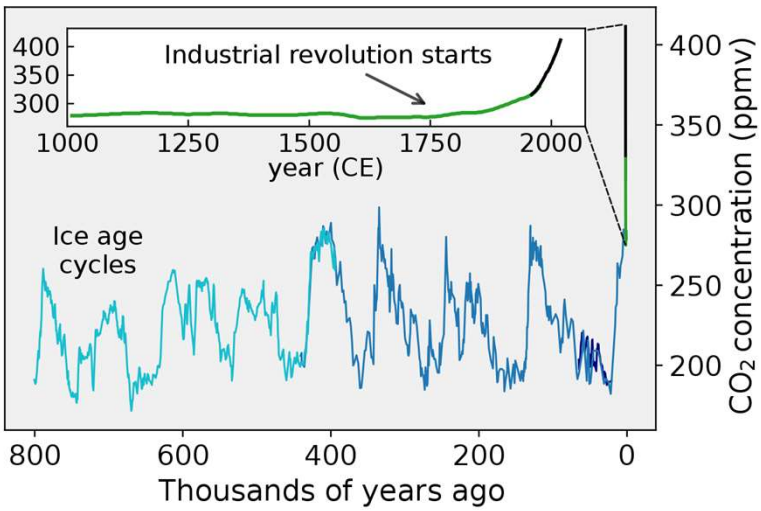


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CO_2 concentrations over the last 800,000 years as measured from ice cores (blue/green) and directly (black)



What does that have to do with County Forests?

- The United States has 766 million acres of forestland, which absorb nearly 16 percent of carbon dioxide emissions per year.
- Forests sequester (or absorb) and store carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, helping reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Forests absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and store it in different repositories, called carbon pools, which include trees (both living and dead), root systems, undergrowth and soils. Live trees have the highest carbon density, followed by soils and the forest floor.
- Harvested wood products and landfills also store carbon.
- State and federal policies can help maximize forest carbon storage, promote sustainable forest practices, benefit the environment and support forest product industries.

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Carbon Offsets

Carbon markets create an economic value for activities that have a positive impact on carbon sequestration and storage. Offset markets certify and sell emissions reductions that can count against an emissions-generating practice, resulting in a neutral emissions impact.

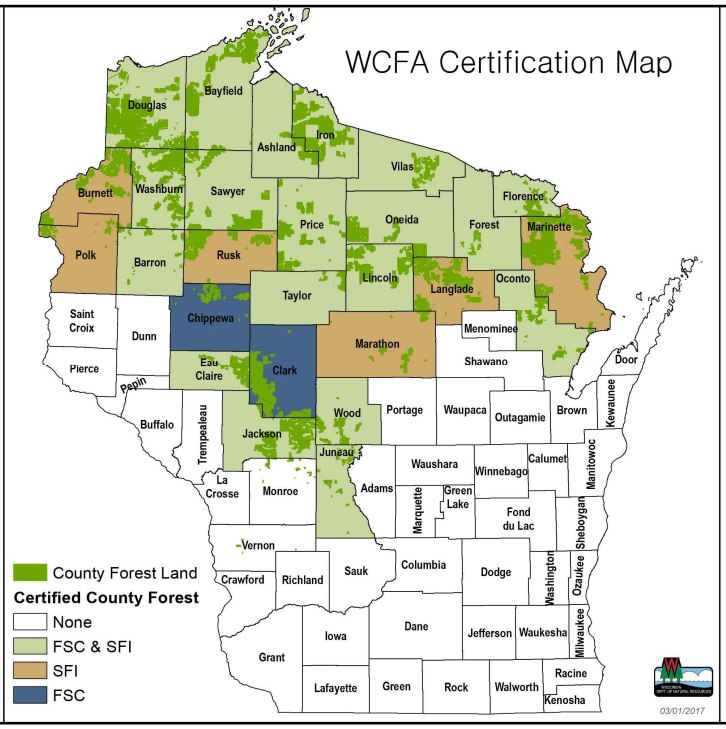
Common forest offsets include afforestation (establishing a new forest), reforestation, improved forest management and avoided deforestation.

The American Carbon Registry, a private non-profit, is a voluntary greenhouse gas registry, which certifies carbon credit projects.

Improved Forest Management Projects

IFM projects on working forestlands reward current and ongoing maintenance of carbon stocks above the *baseline* scenario. The baseline is a legally permissible harvest scenario that would maximize net present value (NPV) of harvests on the project area.

While the baseline serves as the reference point against which carbon project activities are compared, forests participating in IFM projects **can** continue to manage and harvest timber.



Properties on which commercial harvesting occurs are required to maintain sustainable forest management certification by FSC, SFI, or ATFS, to be eligible for this type of the project.

Anew

Anew has been developing and selling carbon credits in North American markets since 2001. We have developed some of the first projects for the voluntary carbon markets with clients including Google, Disney, Microsoft, Interface and Chevrolet.

Anew offers a turnkey project development solution, leading, and financing every step required from initial feasibility assessment, through contracting for the sale of credits to end-users

With the Chippewa County Forest providing so many positive social and environmental benefits, we believe that Chippewa County Forest credits would achieve very favorable prices in the voluntary market.

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Long-term forest owner commitments

Forest project owners agree to a number of long-term requirements intended to ensure the "permanence" of carbon stocks that have been sold as offsets. These include:

- Annual reporting of estimated carbon stocks and known harvests or disturbances
- 5-Year Site Verification by accredited verifier
- 10-Year Re-inventory schedule
- Repayment of carbon credits "reversed" due to harvesting
- Transfer of project (with associated benefits and commitments) to subsequent forest owners

Chippewa County Forest Carbon Volume and Revenue

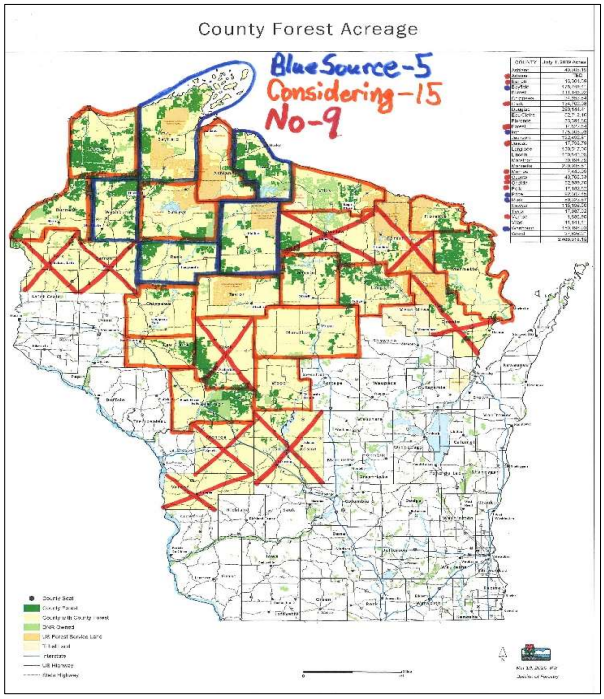
Date	Volume Sold (a)	Price (b)	Gross Revenue	Project Expense (c)	Net Revenue	Forest Owner Revenue (d)
2022	63,000	$15.00	$945,000	($184,285)	$760,715	$570,536
2023	61,000	$16.00	$976,000	($23,370)	$952,630	$714,473
2024	61,000	$17.00	$1,037,000	($23,370)	$1,013,630	$760,223
2025	61,000	$18.00	$1,098,000	($23,370)	$1,074,630	$805,973
2026	61,000	$19.00	$1,159,000	($23,370)	$1,135,630	$851,723
2027	61,000	$20.00	$1,220,000	($104,508)	$1,115,493	$836,619
2028	20,000	$21.00	$420,000	($16,400)	$403,600	$302,700
2029	6,000	$22.00	$132,000	($14,020)	$117,980	$88,485
2030	6,000	$23.00	$138,000	($14,020)	$123,980	$92,985
2031	6,000	$24.00	$144,000	($14,020)	$129,980	$97,485
TOTAL	**406,000**		**$7,269,000**	**($440,733)**	**$6,828,268**	**$5,121,201**

Monitoring Endowment (e) **$312,508**

Buffer Pool Deductions: All volumes presented post-deduction of ~18% of issued credits. This mandated "insurance policy" covers unintentional reversals (losses of carbon stocks) due to natural occurrences, such as fire, pest, or disease.

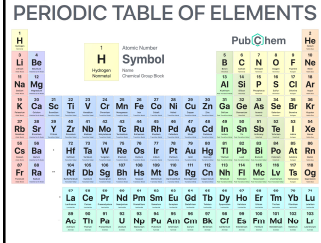
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Which other Counties are considering a carbon credit project?



Questions??







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Resolution No. 57 - 22

RES. 57-22: RESOLUTION TO CREATE THE COMMUNITY WELL DRILLING PROJECT AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE LAND CONSERVATION AND FOREST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - RANDY SCHOLZ AND LYNDA SCHWEIKERT

Passage of this resolution will create an ad hoc committee of the Land Conservation and Forest Management Committee. The committee will be known as the "Community Well Drilling Project Ad Hoc Committee" and its purpose will be to do the following:

1. Locate areas that would benefit from a community well to provide safe drinking water for those affected by high nitrates in the ground water.
2. Analyze existing permitted non-transient, non-community wells to see if those wells could be utilized as refill stations.
3. In the absence of existing wells, identify locations to drill community wells in priority areas that will have the highest success rate of producing safe drinking water.
4. Present the ad hoc committee's findings and recommendations to Land Conservation and Forest Management Committee.

It is anticipated that members of the ad hoc committee would include a groundwater education specialist, a hydrologist, a DNR water supply specialist, a Wisconsin Water Well Association representative, and representatives from effected towns. These members would be solicited and approved by the Land Conservation and Forest Management Committee. The meetings will be facilitated by the Director of the Land Conservation and Forest Management Department.

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WHEREAS, certain areas of Chippewa County have high nitrate levels in the groundwater to such an extent that some residents in those areas are not able to drink the wellwater; and

WHEREAS, the Land Conservation and Forest Management (LCFM) Committee has determined that American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds should be used to study, develop and implement a community well program for use by County citizens whose groundwater is affected by nitrates; and

WHEREAS, the LCFM committee has determined that an ad hoc committee of the LCFM Committee should be created with a membership of various groundwater experts and representatives from the towns affected to do the following:

-Locate areas in the County that would benefit from a community well to provide safe drinking water for those affected by high nitrates in the ground water.

-Analyze existing permitted non-transient, non-community wells to see if those wells could be utilized as refill stations.

-In the absence of existing wells, identify locations to drill community wells in priority areas that will have the highest success rate of producing safe drinking water.

-Present the committee's findings and recommendations to the LCFM Committee; and

WHEREAS, the membership of the ad hoc committee would be solicited and approved by the LCFM Committee; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that members of the ad hoc committee would include a groundwater education specialist, a hydrologist, a DNR water supply specialist, a Wisconsin Water Well Association representative, and representatives from affected towns; and

WHEREAS, the committee will be known as the "Community Well Drilling Project Ad Hoc Committee" and the meetings will be facilitated by the Director of the Land Conservation and Forest Management Department; and

WHEREAS, this ad hoc committee will hold meetings as needed to complete its mission;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Land Conservation and Forest Management Committee hereby creates the Community Well Drilling Project Ad Hoc Committee to study, develop and recommend to the Land Conservation and Forest Management Committee how to implement a community well drilling project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the membership of the Community Well Drilling Project Ad Hoc Committee shall include various groundwater experts such as a groundwater education specialist, a hydrologist, a DNR water supply specialist, and a Wisconsin Water Well Association representative, as well as representatives from towns in the County affected by nitrates in the groundwater; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the mission of the Community Well Drilling Project Ad Hoc Committee shall be on the following:

-Locating areas in the County that would benefit from a community well to provide safe drinking water for those affected by high nitrates in the ground water.

-Analyzing existing permitted non-transient, non-community wells to see if those wells could be utilized as refill stations.

-In the absence of existing wells, identifying locations to drill community wells in priority areas that will have the highest success rate of producing safe drinking water; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Community Well Drilling Project Ad Hoc Committee shall present its findings and recommendations to the Land Conservation and Forest Management Committee and the County Board after completion of its mission.

Forwarded to the County Board by the Land Conservation and Forest Management Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact by passage of this resolution would be limited to per diem and/or mileage payments to the members of the committee.

10/19/2022	**Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee**
RESULT:	**FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD [UNANIMOUS]** **Next: 11/8/2022 6:00 PM**
MOVER:	James Flater, District 1
SECONDER:	Jason Bergeron, District 7
AYES:	Ken Schmitt, James Flater, Jason Bergeron, James Pingel
ABSENT:	Charles Bomar, David Bischel, Matthew Peterson

Approved as to Form:

Todd A. Pauls, Corporation Counsel 10/11/2022

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