

**SUBJECT: EASEMENT DONATION – STATEWIDE FISHERY REMNANT AREAS - RICHLAND COUNTY**

**FOR: MARCH 2008 BOARD MEETING**

**TO BE PRESENTED BY:** Richard Steffes

**SUMMARY:** The Department proposes to accept a 0.28-acre conservation easement from Dairyland Power Cooperative for Statewide Fishery Remnant Area program in Richland County. The item is being submitted because it is a donation.

The easement includes stream access, a parking lot to be built next summer and a total of 100 feet of frontage along Camp Creek. The easement will enhance the public's access to what is one of the country's best Class 1 trout streams and permit the Department to stabilize the eroding stream banks thereby enhancing fish habitat and water quality.

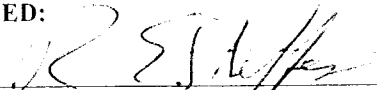
The Statewide Fishery Remnant Areas program was established to protect important springhead, spawning and fish habitat from destruction, to permit stream habitat work, and to provide public access. Camp Creek is designated a Class 1 trout water that is fished regularly by trout anglers. Through the future purchase of easements, the Department seeks several miles of contiguous ownership on the waterway and its tributaries.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board accept the donation of the conservation easement on 0.28 acres of land for the Statewide Fishery Remnant Areas and that a certificate of appreciation be sent to the donors, and that an expression of appreciation be made part of the official records of the Natural Resources Board.

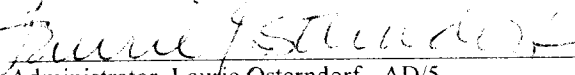
**LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:**

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| No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Fiscal Estimate Required                              | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>            | Attached |
| No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Environmental Assessment of Impact Statement Required | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>            | Attached |
| No <input type="checkbox"/>            | Background Memo                                       | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Attached |

**APPROVED:**

  
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Real Estate Director, Richard E. Steffes - LF/6

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Administrator, Laurie Osterndorf - AD/5

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Secretary, Matthew J. Frank - AD/5

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- cc: S. Miller – LF/6  
 R. Steffes – LF/6  
 L. Ross – AD/5  
 M. Staggs – FH/4  
 L. Eagan – SCR/Fitchburg

DATE: February 7, 2008 FILE REF: E-2096  
 TO: Natural Resources Board  
 FROM: Matthew J. Frank  
 SUBJECT: Proposed Fish Management Easement on the Dairyland Power Cooperative Tract, File # E-2096

1. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

Statewide Fishery Remnant Areas - Camp Creek  
 Richland County

Grantor:

Dairyland Power Cooperative  
 3200 East Avenue South  
 P.O. Box 817  
 La Crosse, WI 54602

Acres: 0.28

Price: N/A - Gift

Interest: Purchase of a fish management easement with public access and parking area

Improvements: None

Location: The tract is located a mile east of the community of Viola in northwest Richland County.

Land Description: The subject area slopes gently down to lowlands along the creek.

Water: There are a total of 100 feet of frontage along Camp Creek.

<u>Covertypes Breakdown:</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
	Parking Area/Stream Access	0.28

Zoning: Agriculture

Present Use: Agriculture

Proposed Use: Public Recreation, Fishery Management and Water Resource Protection

Tenure: Part of a larger parcel acquired in 2006 for a substation.

Easement Date: January 10, 2008

2. JUSTIFICATION:

The Department proposes to accept the gift of an easement on approximately 0.28 acres of land along Camp Creek in the Town of Forest in Richland County. The easement includes stream access, a parking lot and a total of 100 feet of mostly two-bank frontage along Camp Creek. The easement will enhance the public's access to what is one of the country's best Class 1 trout streams and permit the Department to stabilize the eroding stream banks thereby enhancing fish habitat.

The Statewide Fisheries Remnant Area program was established to protect important springhead, spawning and fish habitat from destruction, to permit stream habitat work, and to provide public access. Camp Creek is designated a Class 1 trout water that is fished regularly by trout anglers. Through the future purchase of easements, the Department seeks several miles of contiguous ownership on the waterway and its tributaries.

The Department recommends the acceptance of this easement to provide for fish management activities, to protect the stream's water quality, to enhance public access to Camp Creek, to provide parking and to continue creating a corridor of fish management easements to protect water quality.

3. FINANCING:

No funds are required to complete this gift of an easement.

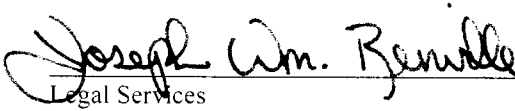
4. ACQUISITION STATUS OF THE STATEWIDE FISHERY REMNANT AREAS:

Established: 1961  
Acres Purchased to Date: 12,075  
Acquisition Goal: 16,849 Acres  
Percent Complete: 71.7%  
Cost to Date: \$6,973,312

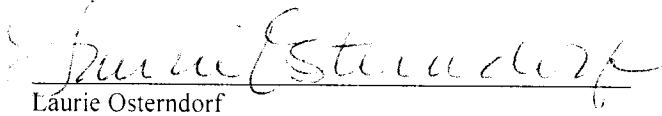
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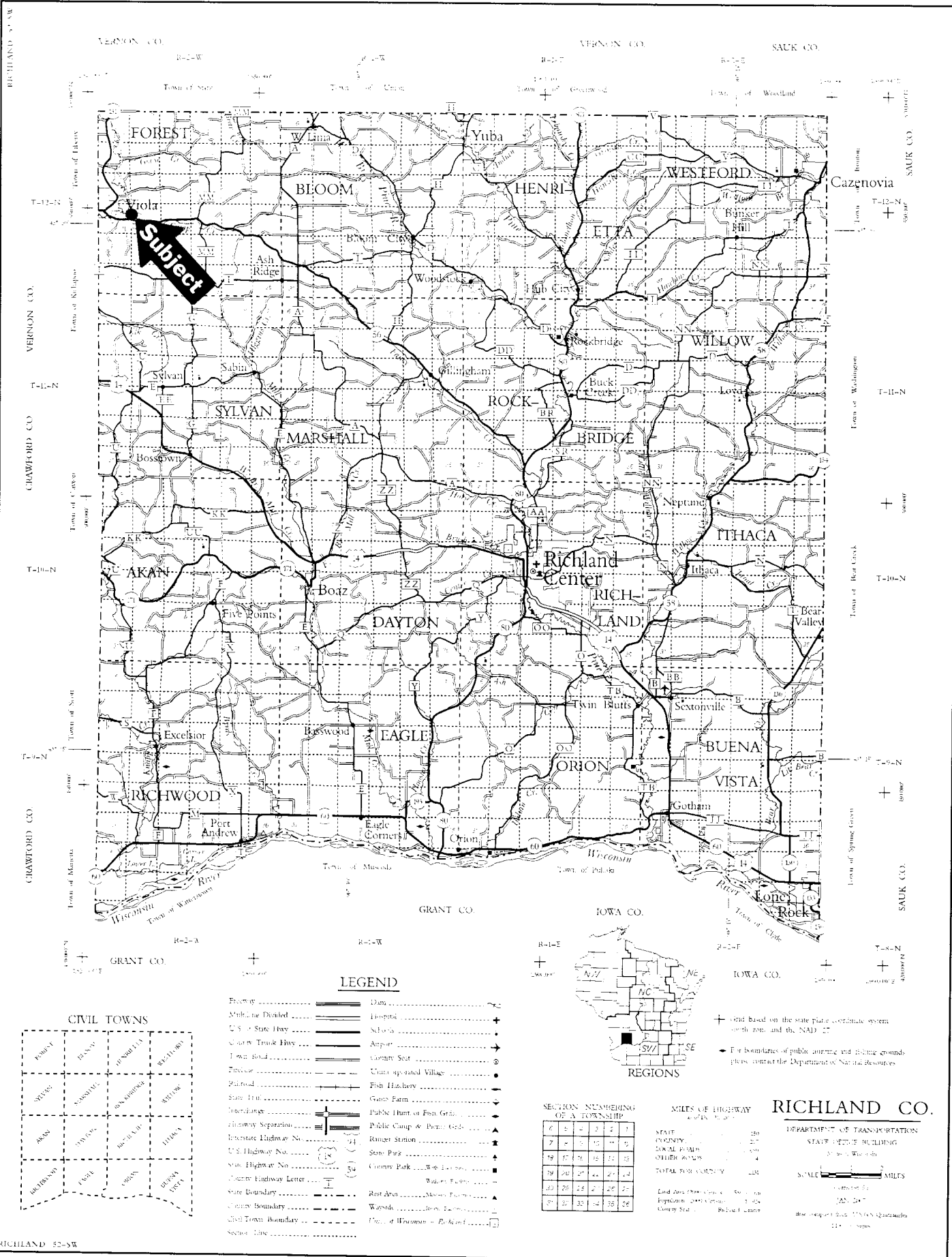
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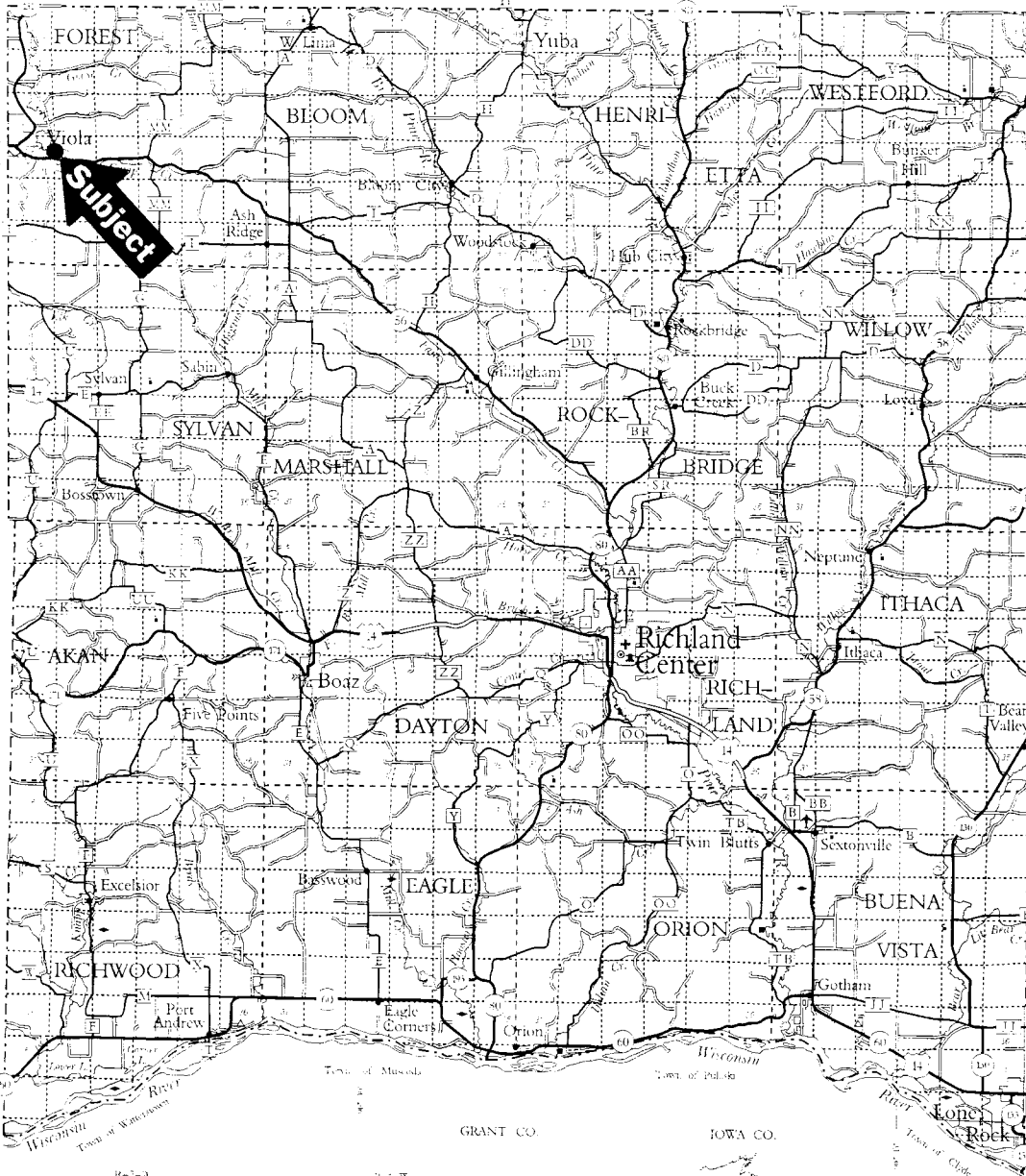
  
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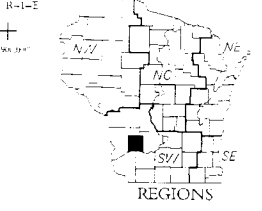
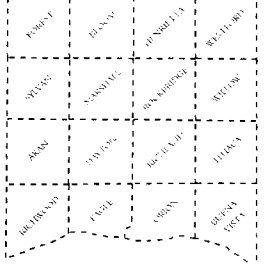
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**LEGEND**

- ..... Fence
- Multi-line Dotted
- == U.S. State Hwy
- == County Trunk Hwy
- Town Road
- Private
- Railroad
- State Trunk
- Interchange
- Highway Separation
- Interstate Highway No.
- U.S. Highway No.
- State Highway No.
- County Highway Letter
- State Boundary
- County Boundary
- Civil Town Boundary
- Section Line
- Dam
- Hospital
- School
- Airport
- County Seat
- Unincorporated Village
- Fish Hatchery
- Game Farm
- Public Hunt or Fish Ground
- Public Camp & Picnic Ground
- Ranger Station
- State Park
- Game Park
- Rest Area
- Wapnet
- Point of View

**CIVIL TOWNS**



**SECTION NUMBERING OF A TOWNSHIP**

6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	32	33	34	35
36	37	38	39	40	41

**MILES OF HIGHWAY**

STATE	150
COUNTY	217
SUBTOTAL	367
LOCAL ROAD	100
OTHER ROAD	4
TOTAL ROAD MILEAGE	471

**RICHLAND CO.**

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
STATE OFFICE BUILDING  
300 W. Washington  
DES MOINES, IOWA

SCALE 1" = 2 MILES

Vertical Scale 1" = 200'

Horizontal Scale 1" = 200'

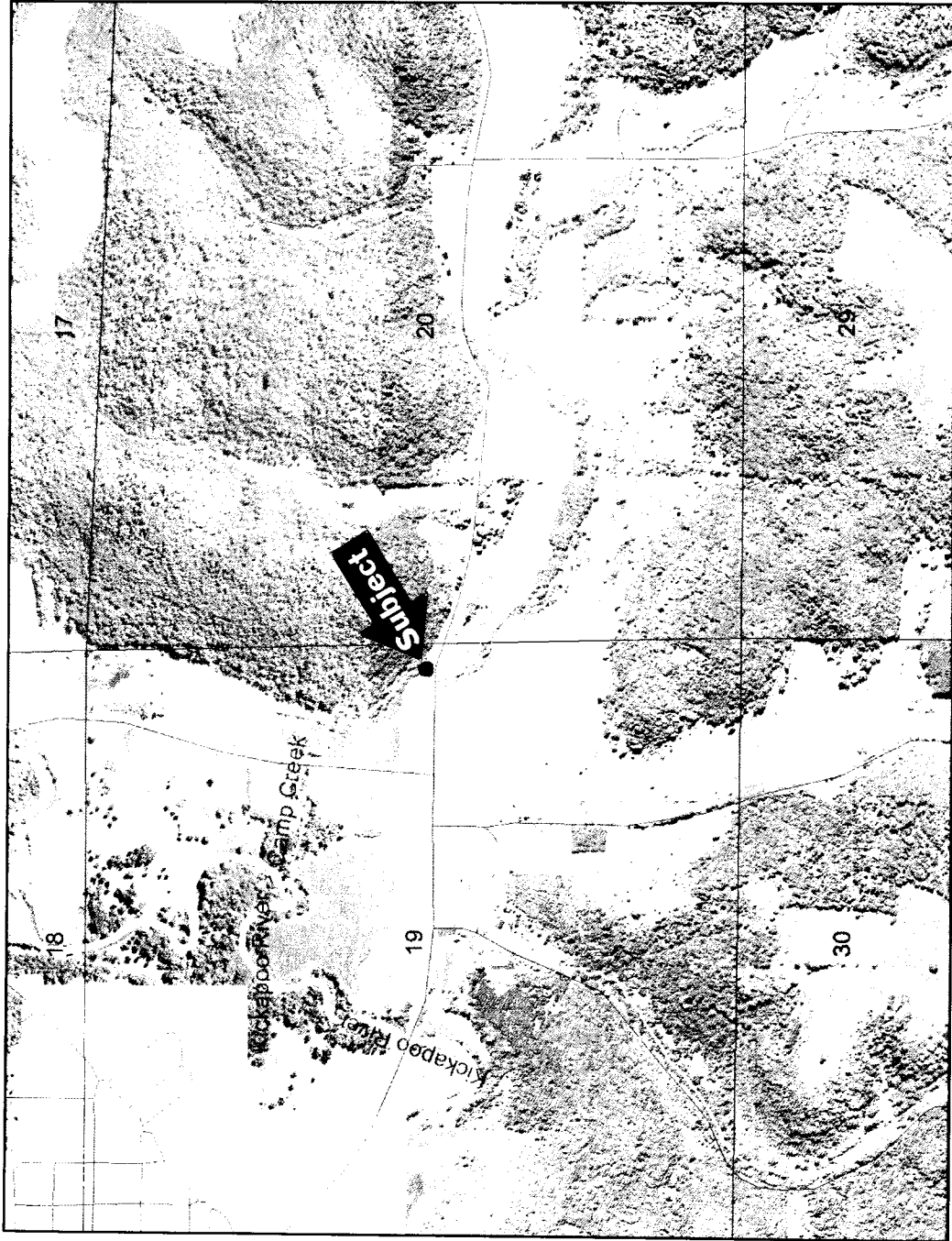
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# DAIRYLAND POWER CO



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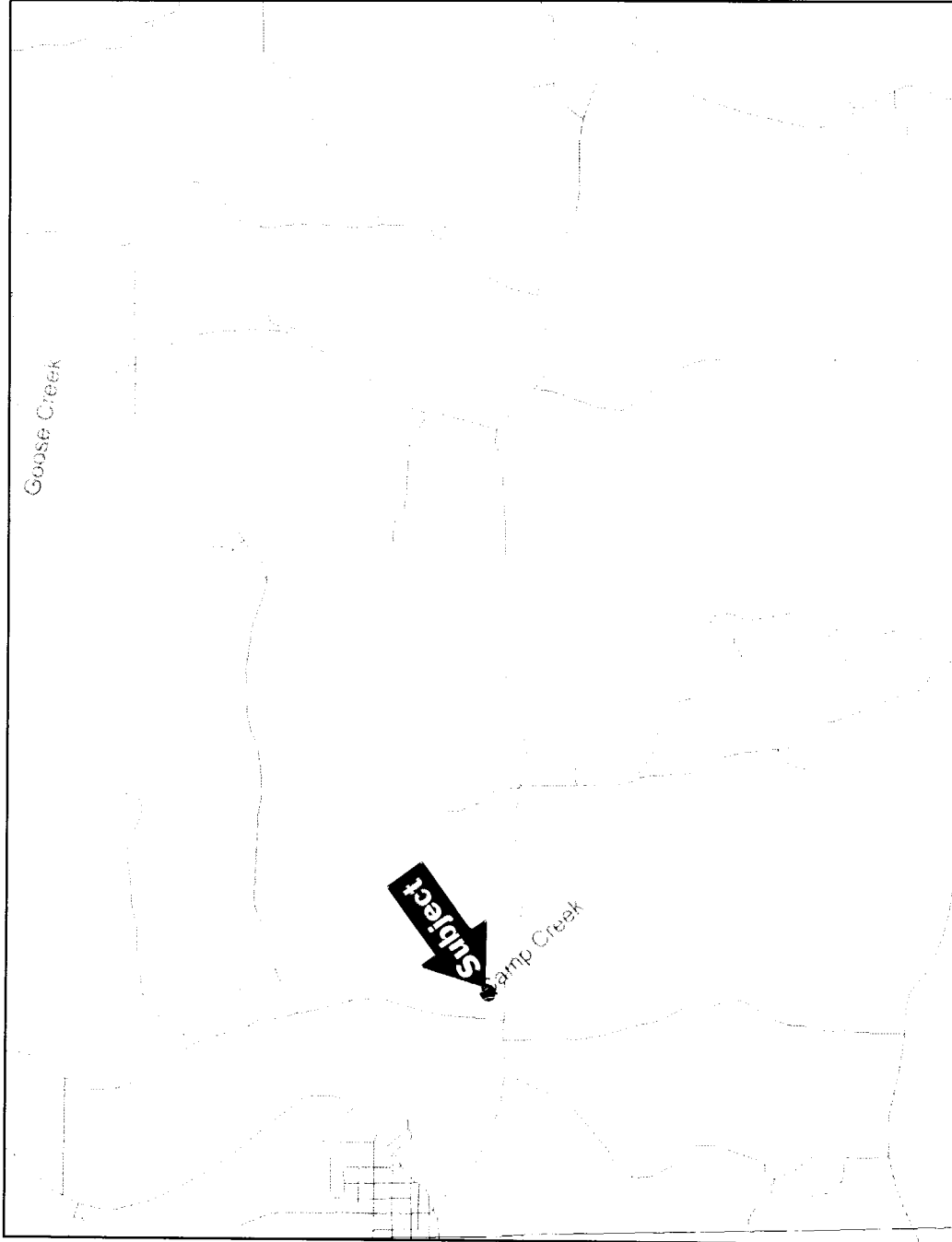
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## *Acknowledgment Of Gift*

This is to certify that at its March 2008 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of a 0.28-acre easement from the

### **DAIRYLAND POWER COOPERATIVE**

The easement will be used for the Statewide Fishery Remnant Areas program at Camp Creek in Richland County. It is significant that companies such as yours are interested in helping protect Wisconsin's natural heritage and contribute materially toward this end.

An expression of our appreciation is a part of the official records of the Natural Resources Board. We present this certificate of sincere appreciation on behalf of present and future generations to thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

*Natural Resources Board*

Christine L. Thomas, CHAIR