

SUBJECT: LAND DONATION - ROWAN CREEK FISHERY AREA- COLUMBIA COUNTY

FOR: OCTOBER 2008 BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Richard Steffes

SUMMARY: Ms. Joan Roth has offered to donate one acre of land to the Department for the Rowan Creek Fishery Area in Columbia County.

The parcel consists of wooded wetland in the Town of Dekorra about one mile west of the Village of Poynette. It is a small piece of land separated from her remaining 85.2-acre ownership by CTH CS. It is located in the project boundary, adjacent to approximately 300 acres of existing state-owned land. Acceptance of the donation will help consolidate state ownership and provide area for public use.

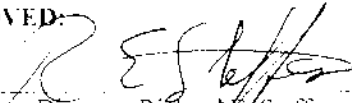
Rowan Creek Fishery Area was established in 1982 and has an acreage goal of 1,064 acres. Rowan Creek drains a 60 square mile area as it flows to Lake Wisconsin through a valley bordered by steep hillsides. The upper four miles of the creek are designated Class 1 and the lower eight miles are Class 2. While the dominant species is brown trout, stream surveys have reported many other native fish such as brook trout, northern pike, walleye, largemouth and rock bass, as well as numerous minnow species such as mottled sculpin, brook stickleback, western mud minnow, blacknose dace, creek chub and northern common shiner. The valley surrounding Rowan Creek still contains areas of intact native vegetation such as bluff prairies, oak woodlands and savanna, and extensive sedge meadows. A hiking and cross-country ski trail provides public recreation, and a variety of wildlife call the watershed home. The primary management of Rowan Creek is for trout.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board accept the donation of one acre of land for the Rowan Creek Fishery Area, that a certificate of appreciation be sent to the donor and that an expression of appreciation be made a part of the official records of the Natural Resources Board.

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

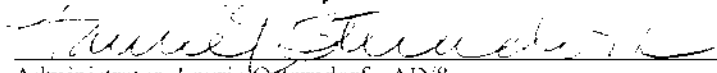
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| No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Environmental Assessment of Impact Statement Required | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No <input type="checkbox"/> | Background Memo | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Attached |

APPROVED:



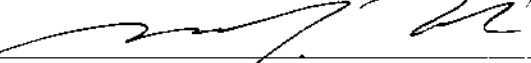
Real Estate Director, Richard E. Steffes - LF 6

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Administrator, Laurie Osterndorf - AD 8

Date 9/15/08

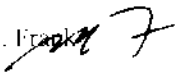


Secretary, Matthew J. Frank - AD 8

Date 10/6/08

- cc: S. Miller - LF 6
 R. Steffes - LF 6
 L. Ross - AD 8
 M. Staggs - FM 4
 L. Eagan - SCR/Fitchburg

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 11, 2008
 TO: Natural Resources Board
 FROM: Matthew J. Frank 
 SUBJECT: Proposed Land Donation, Joan Roth, Tract, File # FM 10008

FILE REF: FM 10008

1. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

Rowan Creek Fishery Area
 Columbia County

Grantor:

Joan Roth
 W8947 CTH CS
 Poynette, WI 53955

Acres: 1.0Price: \$0Interest: Gift of LandImprovements: NoneLocation: The tract is located in southwest Columbia County one mile west of the Village of Poynette.Land Description: The subject land is low and wooded.

<u>Covertypc Breakdown:</u>	Type:	Acreage:
	Lowland Woodland	1.0

Present Use: Part of residential site.Proposed Use: Resource Protection and RecreationTenure: Several yearsAgreement Date: August 15, 2008Stewardship Land Access: This property will be open to the public for all nature-based outdoor recreational activities to include hunting, trapping and cross-country skiing.2. JUSTIFICATION:

Joan Roth has offered to donate one-acre of wooded wetland to the Department in southwest Columbia County about one mile west of the Village of Poynette. It is a small piece of land separated from her remaining 85.2-acre ownership by CTH CS. It is located in the project boundary, adjacent to approximately 300 acres of existing state-owned land.

Rowan Creek Fisheries Area was established in 1982 with an acreage goal of 1,064 acres. Current ownership is about 654 acres. Rowan Creek drains a 60 square mile area as it flows through a valley bordered by steep hillsides to Lake Wisconsin. The upper four miles of the creek are designated Class 1 and the lower eight miles are Class 2. While the dominant species is brown trout, stream surveys have reported many other native fish such as brook trout, northern pike, walleye, largemouth and rock bass, as well as numerous minnow species such as mottled sculpin, brook stickleback, western mud minnow, blacknose dace, creek chub and northern common shiner. The valley surrounding Rowan Creek still

contains areas of intact native vegetation such as bluff prairies, oak woodlands and savanna, and extensive sedge meadows. A hiking and cross-country ski trail provides public recreation, and a variety of wildlife call the watershed home. The primary management of Rowan Creek is for trout.

The Department recommends the acceptance of this donation to consolidate state ownership in Rowan Creek Fishery Area, to protect water quality and to provide additional opportunities for public outdoor recreation.

3. FINANCING:

No funding is required for this transaction.

4. ACQUISITION STATUS OF THE ROWAN CREEK FISHERY AREA

Established: 1982
Acres Purchased to Date: 653.52
Acquisition Goal: 1,064.00
Percent Complete: 61.42
Cost to Date: \$544,143.18

RECOMMENDED:

Richard E. Steffes
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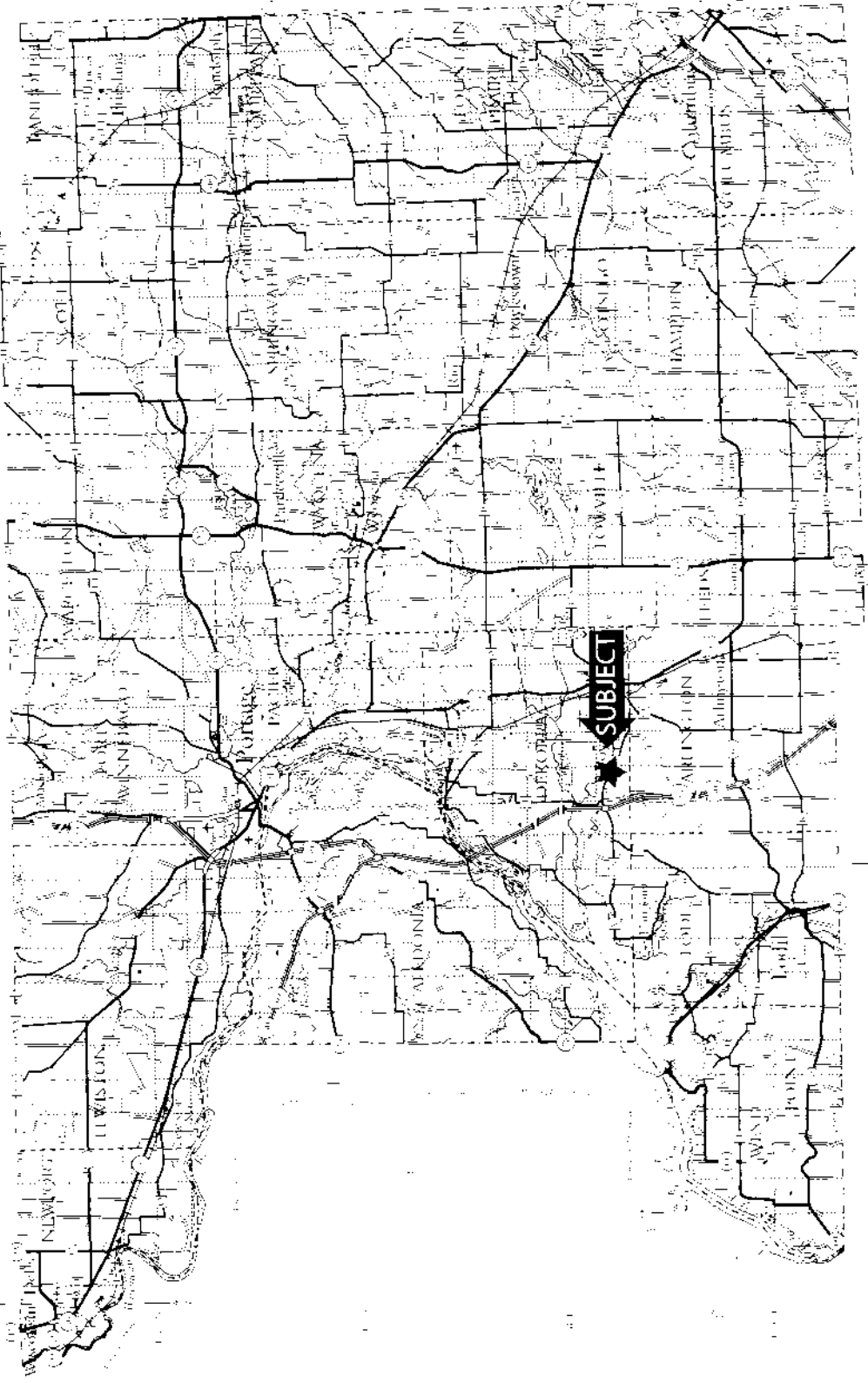
Joseph Wm. Remick
Bureau of Legal Services

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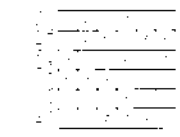
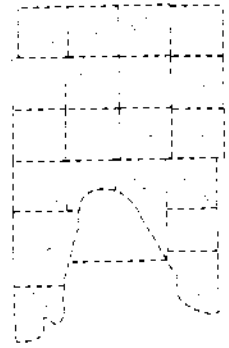
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LEGEND

- 1. City
- 2. Town
- 3. Village
- 4. Unincorporated Community
- 5. Railroad
- 6. Interstate Highway
- 7. U.S. Highway
- 8. State Highway
- 9. County Road
- 10. Private Road
- 11. Water
- 12. Contour Interval
- 13. Elevation
- 14. Spot Elevation
- 15. Bench Mark
- 16. Section Line
- 17. Township Line
- 18. County Line
- 19. State Line
- 20. National Boundary
- 21. International Boundary
- 22. Magnetic Declination
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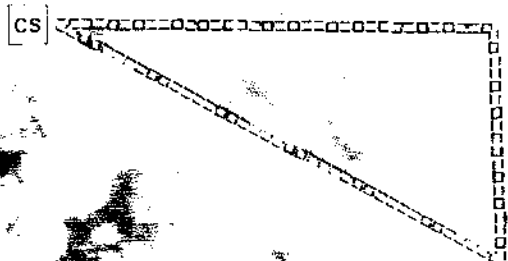
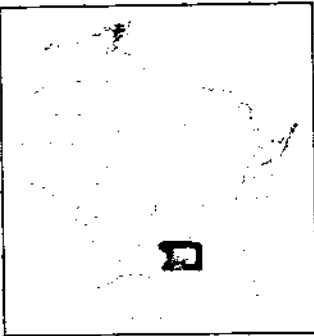



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Roth Property

T 11N, R 9E, Section 32, Town of Dekorra, Columbia County



 Subject Parcel

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 DNR Eased Land



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Real Estate Section
September 8, 2008



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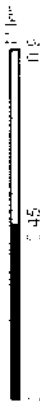
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Ice Age Trail

Project Boundary



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Map of Wisconsin showing the location of the Rowan Creek Fishery Area.

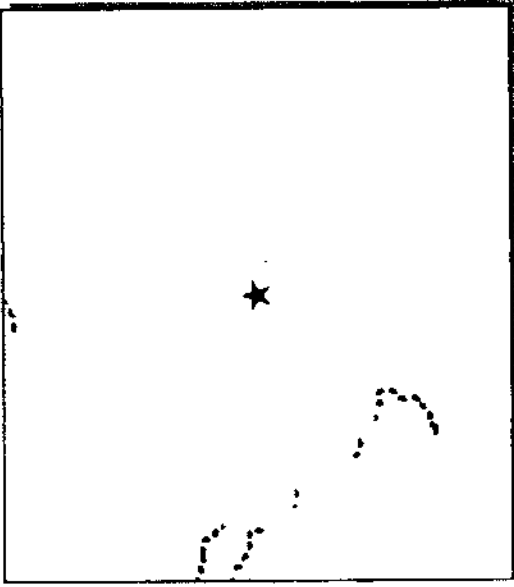
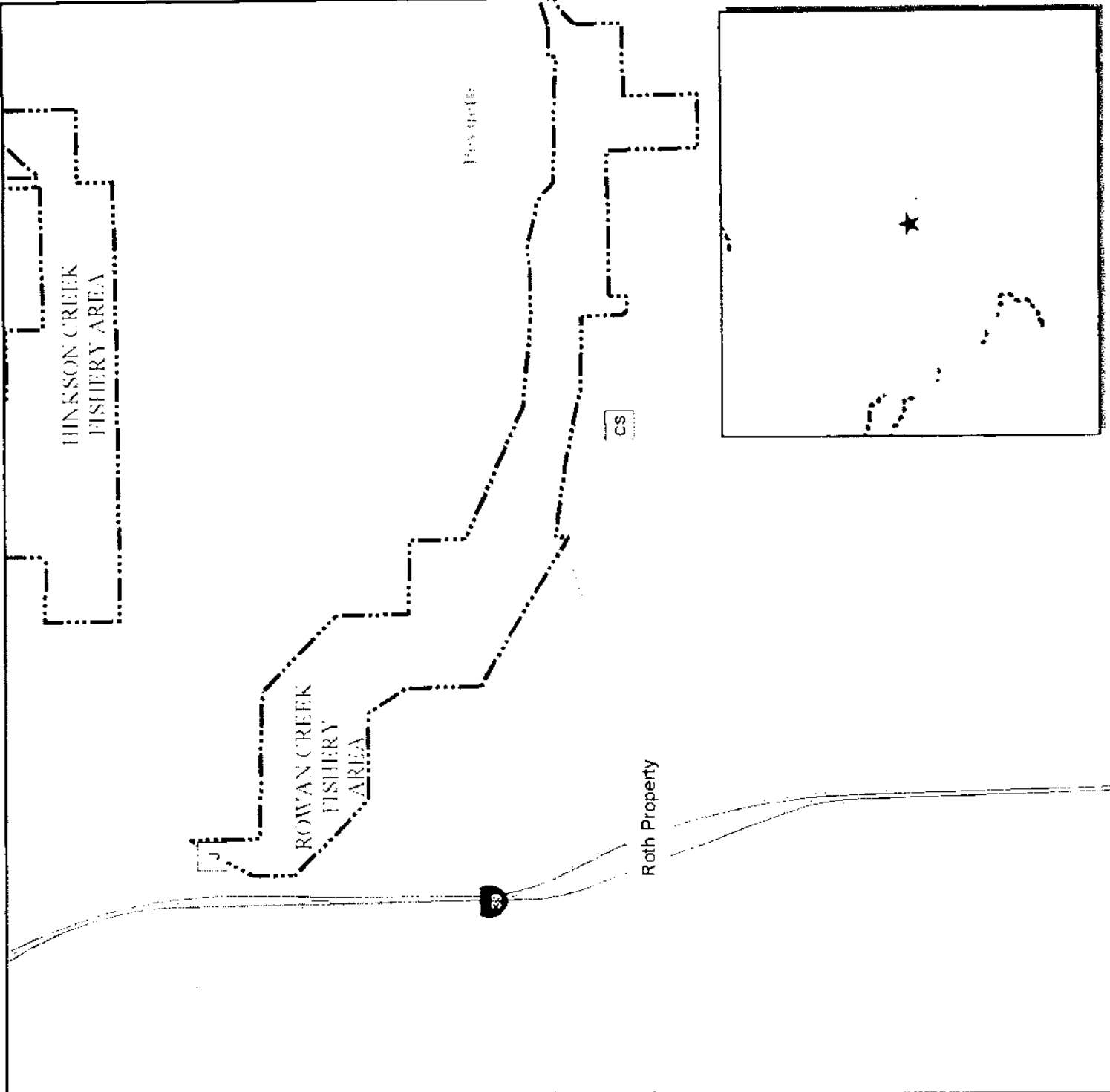
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES



Bureau of Facilities and Lands

September 2000



Acknowledgment Of Gift

This is to certify that at its October 2008 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted gift of one acre of land in Columbia County for the Rowan Creek Fishery Area from

JOAN M. ROTH

It is significant that individuals like you 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 Thomas, CHAIRMAN