## DANE COUNTY CONSERVATION FUND

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Conservation Fund Manager



## What is the Conservation Fund?

 Money used to acquire lands identified in the Dane County Parks & Open Space Plan

 Money used to provide grants to local units of government & non-profit organizations to acquire land

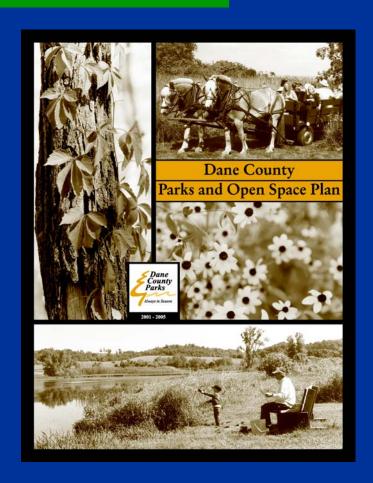
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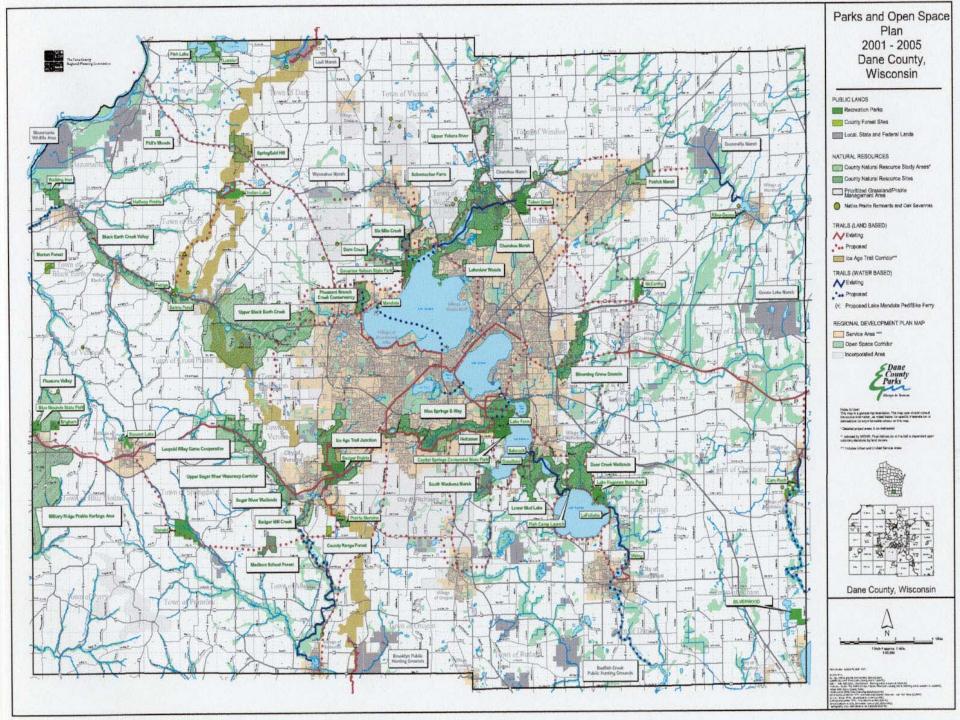
#### County Board Standing Committee 6 Supervisors Appointed by County Board Chair Parks Commission Lakes and Watershed Commission Land Conservation Committee 7 Members 10 Members 7 Members State Statute Defines Members Appointed by the County Board Chair Appointed by County Executive 2 Board Sups; 5 Citizen Members Sub Committees: Budget, Regulation, Public Info/Education 1 Citizen Member, 6 Board Supervisors; Defined by Board Rule County Executive 1.0 FTE Director of Land and Water Resources County Conservationist 1.0 FTE Support Services (5.3 FTE) Office of Lakes and Watersheds (3 FTE) Customer Serv. (2 FTE Parks; 1 FTE Land Corg 0.3 FTE Exec) Lakes and Watershed Prog. Coord. (1 FTE Exec) Accounting/Payroll (1 FTE) Watershed Project Manager (1 FTE Land Con) GIS Analyst (1 FTE); Public Info/Education Coord. (1 FTE Land Con) Land Acquisition Division (4 FTE) Parks Division (25 FTE) Conservation Division (9 FTE) Conservation Fund Manager Parks Director Division 1 FTE Parks 1 FTE Parks 1 FTE Land Con Acquisition and Grants-New Lands Visitor Services and Enforcement Agricultural Services Real Estate Analyst 1 FTE Admin Crew Leader 1 FTE Parks Soil/Water Conservationist 2 FTE Land Con-Grants Specialist 1 FTE + 1LTE Parks (820 hrs.) 8 FTE's + 16 LTE's Parks (7,200 hrs.) Conservation Specialist 2 FTE Land Con-Planner 1 FTE + 2 LTE's Parks (1,500 hrs.) Conservation Engineer 1 FTE Land Con-Maintenance and Development Urban Services Crew Leader 1FTE Parks Urban Conservationist 1 FTE Land Con-10 FTE Parks Erosion Control Engineer 1 FTE Land Con-Erosion Control Spec. 1 FTE Land Con Aquatic Plant Harvesting Lake Levels Lock and Dam Operations Existing Staff Mix Land Con-Manager 0.33 FTE Parks 0.67 FTE + 14 LTEs Parks (10,200 hrs.) Adult Conservation Team Volunteer Program Manager 1 FTE Parks Naturalist 1 FTE + 4 LTE's Parks Lussier Family Heritage Center Manager 1 FTE + 3 LTE's Parks (1,400 hrs.)

Environment, Agriculture, and Natural Resource Committee

# Dane County Parks & Open Space Plan

- Identifies <u>county</u> recreation and resource protection needs
- Broad scope, low detail
- Concept plan, not land use
- Updated every 5 years
- Keeps Dane Co. eligible for DNR grant awards





# **Project Plans**

Identify specific resources to be protected and establish acquisition boundaries

Patrick Marsh

**Black Earth Creek** 

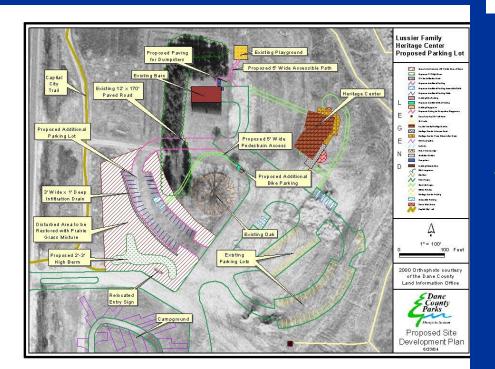
Good opportunity to meet landowners

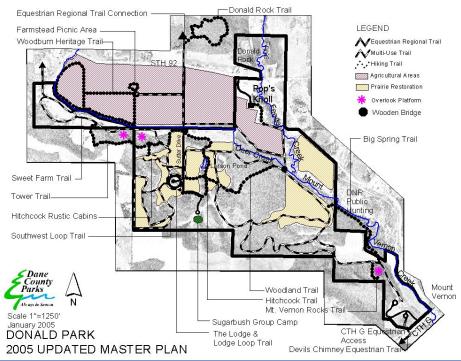


**Patrick Marsh** 

#### **Master Plans**

 Provide Vision for orderly development





## Site Development

- Highly detailed
- Permits
- Kiosks, signage, etc.

## DANE COUNTY CONSERVATION FUND

Established in 1990 to acquire parklands.

Expanded following a 1999 advisory referendum that was approved by over 75% of voters countywide:

- \$30 million over 10 years
- Money can only be spent on lands identified in the Dane County Parks & Open Space plan
- 20% of the funds are set aside annually for grants to local units of government and nonprofit organizations.
- Supported by Madison Area Builders Association & Realtors Association of South Central WI

## Dane County Conservation Fund ANNUAL ALLOCATIONS 1990 - 2005

	"Old"		"New"		To	otal Annual	% Change		
<u>Year</u>		<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>			<u>Funding</u>	From Prior Yr.		
1990	\$	500,000			\$	500,000	-0-		
1991	\$	700,000			\$	700,000	40.00%		
1992	\$	700,000			\$	700,000	0.00%		
1993	\$	550,000			\$	550,000	-21.43%		
1994	\$	865,000			\$	865,000	57.27%		
1995	\$	1,700,000			\$	1,700,000	96.53%		
1996	\$	1,215,000			\$	1,215,000	-28.53%		
1997	\$	1,000,000			\$	1,000,000	-17.70%		
1998	\$	1,300,000			\$	1,300,000	30.00%		
1999	\$	1,400,000			\$	1,400,000	7.69%		
2000	\$	846,500	\$ 4,000,000		\$	4,846,500	246.18%		
2001	\$	746,600	\$ 3,000,000		\$	3,746,600	-22.69%		
2002	\$	646,600	\$ 3,000,000		\$	3,646,600	-2.67%		
2003	\$	646,600	\$ 2,750,000	*	\$	3,396,600	-6.86%		
2004	\$	500,000	\$ 2,000,000		\$	2,500,000	-26.40%		
2005	\$	646,600	\$ 3,000,000		\$	3,646,000	45.84%		
Totals	\$	13,962,900	\$ 17,750,000		\$3	31,712,300			

#### **ACRES OWNED OR LEGAL INTEREST IN:**

	TOTAL	TOTAL FEE	ESMT	TOTAL	PARKS FEE	ESMT	RE TOTAL	ES. AREAS FEE	ESMT
As of 1990	3,625	-	-	<u>2,556</u>	-	-	1,069	-	-
As of 4-30-99	5,780	5,712	68	3,204	3,204	-	2,576	2,509	68
As of 2-25-05	9,518	<u>8,528</u>	<u>989</u>	<u>4,551</u>	4,241	309	<u>4,967</u>	4,287	680

#### **Acres Acquired**

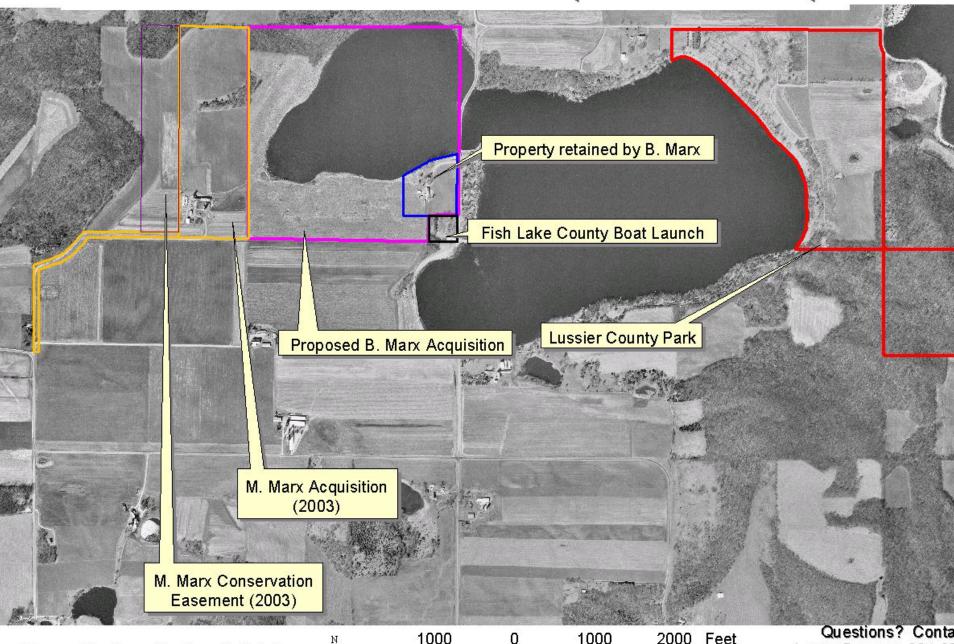
1991 to 5/99 2,155 8-1/2 yrs. 253/Acres/Yr.

5/99 to 2/05 3,738 5.75 yrs. 650/Acres/Yr.

# Land Acquisition Analysis: 1991 - 2005

	No. Acres	<u>Value</u>	Per/Acre Value		
Appraised Value	5,768.00	\$39,258,450.43	\$6,806.25		
Purchase Price	5,768.00	\$29,887,732.50	\$5,181.64		
Revenues to County	5,768.00	\$10,448,942.20	\$1,811.54		
Net Cost to County	5,768.00	\$19,438,790.30	\$3,370.11		

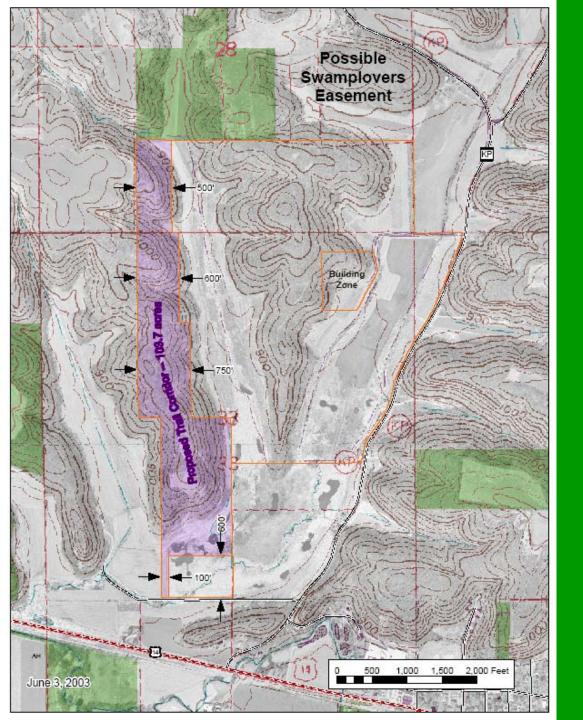
### Fish Lake Natural Resource Site: Proposed B. Marx Acquisition

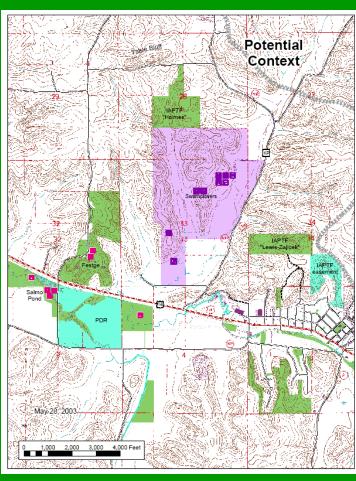


Town of Roxbury, Sections 2, 3 & 4 Dane County, WI (2000 Ortho) 1000 0 1000 2000 Feet

Questions? Conta Laura Guyer at 224-37 guyer@co.dane.wi

# Sunnyside Seed Farms Phases I and II Sunnyside Phase I Sunnyside Phase II 1000 Feet Natural Heritage LAND TRUST Black Earth Creek 1995 orthophoto produced and copyrighted by Dane County. Additional graphics produced by the Natural Heritage Land Trust.





# **Conservation Fund Grant Program**

- ✓ American Farmland Trust
- √ City of Madison
- √ City of Middleton
- √ Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy
- √ Friends of the Madison School Forest
- ✓ Natural Heritage Land Trust
- ✓ Nature Conservancy
- ✓ Patrick Marsh Conservancy
- ✓ Perry Hauge Log Church Preservation Assn.
- ✓ Prairie Enthusiasts
- ✓ Sun Prairie Area School District
- ✓ Town of Dunn
- √Town of Middleton
- ✓ Town of Perry
- √Town of Primrose
- ✓ Town of Westport
- ✓ Urban Open Space Foundation
- √ Village of Cottage Grove

Every Conservation Fund grant project has also had the benefit of funding assistance through the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program.

# **Conservation Fund Grant Program**

		ACRE	S	2	COSTS						
Year	Agricultural Easements	Conservation Easements	Fee Acquisition	Total Protected	Total Project	County Grants	Total Per Acre	County Per Acre	County % of Project		
2000	264.1	51	286.84	601.94	\$2,668,255	\$961,636	\$4,433	\$1,598	36%		
2001	265	46	260	571	\$2,542,769	\$765,739	\$4,453	\$1,341	30%		
2002/* 2003	94.36	131	79.7	305.06	\$3,272,586	\$819,939	\$10,727	\$2,687	25%		
2004	218	0	20	238	\$1,139,555	\$115,645	\$4,788	\$485	10%		
Totals	841.46	228	646.54	1,716	\$9,623,165	\$2,662,959	\$6,100 (avg.)	\$1,528 (avg.)	25% (avg.)		

# **Questions?**