

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

ITEM

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DECISION

TOPIC Sac City Access, Sac County -- Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested for the acquisition of a parcel of land located on the Southwest side of Sac City approximately one mile south of U.S. Highway 20. Eighty acres of the subject tract are within the city limits of Sac City. The 356.17-acre tract is offered for \$238,800. The land was appraised for \$282,356 after being encumbered by a Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) easement.

Donald Kearn, Licensed Appraiser of Smith Land Service Co., Atlantic, Iowa submitted the appraisal. Jerry Gibson negotiated the purchase agreement.

The subject tract has 353.17 acres of recreational land, and 3.0 acres of road right-of-way. After restoration the tract will contain 101.3 acres of restorable/enhanced wetlands, 3 acres of abandoned railroad right-of-way, and 249 acres seeded to native prairie grasses. The tract will provide for much needed waterfowl production and migration habitat, and habitat for upland game as well as non-game wildlife species. The average CSR is not applicable since the majority of the tract is enrolled in the WRP.

Acquisition funding will be Prairie Lakes I Wetland Initiative - NAWCA Grant (85% see Capital Link item #5 - 35% state funds and 50 % federal funding) and Pheasants Forever-local chapters (15%) Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department.

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TOPIC **Eight Mile Pits Wildlife Management Area, Winnebago County --
Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation**

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested for the acquisition of a parcel of land located 4 miles east of Forest City and one half mile from the Eight Mile Pits Wildlife Management Area. The 160-acre tract is offered for \$100,000. The land was appraised for \$172,000 after being encumbered by a Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) easement. [The Natural Resource Conservation Service acquired the WRP easement from the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation for \$305,000 in October 2006.] Sellers have stipulated as a condition of sale that they retain the 2007 agricultural rights.

Fred Greder, Licensed Appraiser of Benchmark Agribusiness, Mason City, Iowa submitted the appraisal. Jerry Gibson negotiated the purchase agreement.

The subject tract has 16.15 acres of tillable land; 132.94 acres encumbered by a WRP easement; 3.46 acres in the building site (unencumbered); and 7.45 acres of road right-of-way and waste. After restoration the tract will contain 40 acres of cropland, 30 acres of wetlands, 5 acres of woodland, and 80 acres of grassland. There is a "turn of the century" wood frame house and Flat barn with no contributory value to the property. The tract will provide excellent habitat for nesting waterfowl and upland wildlife. The average CSR is not applicable since the majority of the tract is enrolled in the WRP.

Acquisition funding will be Prairie Lakes II Initiative - NAWCA (see Capital Link item #5). Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department.

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TOPIC **Honey Creek / Destination State Park, Appanoose County Grace
Whitehead**

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to purchase a sewer line easement in Appanoose County. The sewer line is part of the larger sewer line corridor that stretches from the planned new facilities, at Destination State Park, to a DNR-owned wastewater treatment site. Grace Whitehead offers the 660 foot x 65 foot easement for \$1,000.

Travis Baker negotiated the purchase agreement.

This property is located in north central Appanoose County, Iowa. The small town of Iconium is located three-quarters of a mile to the west. The proposed sewer line would consist of the north 65 feet of the Whitehead property directly south county highway J-18.

State of Iowa appropriated Destination State Park funding will be used for this acquisition (see Capital Link item #171). Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department.

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**Honey Creek/Destination State Park, Appanoose County -- Thomas
and Barbara Teno**

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to purchase a sewer line easement in Appanoose County. The sewer line is part of the larger sewer line corridor that stretches from the planned new facilities, at Destination State Park, to a DNR owned wastewater treatment site. Thomas and Barbara Teno offer the 1,875-foot x 50-foot easement for \$10,000.

Travis Baker negotiated the purchase agreement.

This property is located in north central Appanoose County, Iowa. The small town of Iconium is located adjacent to the west. In May of 2004 the NRC approved the purchase, for \$4,000, of a 20 foot wide easement over the same area. It has been determined that an additional 50 feet is needed for construction, maintenance and repair of the sewer line. This acquisition would increase the easement area from 20 feet to 70 feet.

State of Iowa appropriated Destination State Park funding will be used for this acquisition (see Capital Link item #171). Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department.

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