

Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission

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DECISION

TOPIC

Land Acquisition Project: Brushy Creek State Recreation Area, Webster
County -- Washington Township, Blanchard Cemetery

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to accept the donation of a parcel of land located approximately 4.5 miles northeast of Lehigh adjacent to the west side of Brushy Creek State Recreation Area. This 50 foot by 50 foot tract would provide critical access to the recently optioned Richardson family parcel approved at the February NRC meeting.

Rick Hansen and Jerry Gibson negotiated this donation.

The property is part of the Blanchard Cemetery that is surrounded on three sides (soon to be four sides) by Brushy Creek State Recreation Area. Grantors stipulated as a condition of the donation that the DNR construct a fence along the new boundary. The tract consists of shrub trees, and acts as a buffer between cropland and cemetery plots.

No survey costs are anticipated. Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the DNR. The Parks Bureau will manage the land in accord with Brushy Creek management plan.

Staff recommends approval of the land acquisition.

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