

## AGENDA

Eau Claire County

• **Committee on Parks & Forest** •

Monday, June 12, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

*Room AG 103 and 104*

Join from the meeting link.

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1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Meeting Notice
2. Roll Call
3. Review/Approval of Committee Minutes - **Discussion/Action**
  - a. May 8, 2023
4. Public Comment
5. Light Up the Woods request at Lowes Creek Park, Presented by Nick Meyer (See email attachment.) - **Discussion/Action**
6. Coon Fork 40 Bike Event, Presented by Nick Meyer (PDF attached.) - **Discussion/Action**
7. Jeremy Doro Land Sale (Map attached.) - **Discussion/Action**
8. Resolution 23/24-018 Withdrawal of County Forest Land (See attachments) - **Discussion/Action**
9. Future Committee Meetings and Items for Discussion

*Next Meeting – July 10, 2023, at 5 p.m.*

*Joint Meeting, Committee on Parks & Forest/Committee on Finance & Budget –  
August 14, 2023, at 5 p.m. at the Ag Center*

10. Adjourn

Prepared by Winnie Parker, Parks & Forest

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## MINUTES

Eau Claire County

### • Committee on Parks & Forest •

Monday, May 8, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Agricultural and Resource Center

227 1<sup>st</sup> Street West., Altoona – Rooms 103 and 104

Members Present: Joe Knight, Missy Christopherson, Tami Schraufnagel, Dane Zook

Others Present: Josh Pedersen – Director, Winnie Parker – Administrative Specialist III (Committee Clerk), Erika Gullerud – Finance Analyst, Nick Smiar – Ex Officio Member, Kyle Johnson – DNR County Forest Liaison, Michael Lea – Parks and Forest Advisory Committee Member, Chris Silewski – Ayers Associates

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### Call to Order Committee on Parks & Forest and confirmation of meeting notice

Chairman Knight called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and confirmed public posting of the meeting.

### Public Comment

No members of the public wished to make a comment.

### Review of April 10, 2023, Committee Meeting Minutes

Supervisor Christopherson moved to approve the minutes from April 10, 2023. Motion passed 4-0.

### 2023 Spring Timber Sales May 3

Kyle Johnson highlighted that six (6) of eight (8) bid sales were bid on by nine (9) different loggers. The two (2) sales that were not bid on were 7-23 and 3-20. Supervisor Zook moved to accept the 2023 Spring Bid Sale as posted. Motion passed 4-0.

### Lake Eau Claire Dredge Spoils Site Review

Michael Lea updated the committee regarding the Lake Eau Claire Dredge Spoil Sites. In order to approve the two (2) proposed sand spoil sites adjacent to one another, the land would need to be removed from the County Forest Program. DNR and County Board approval is needed. The size of the sand-spoil sites will ultimately be determined by the floodplain. This site was chosen because of its close proximity to the sand traps near the boat landing on the Eau Claire River, which feeds into Lake Eau Claire and because of low timber quantity and quality on these sites. These traps and sand spoil sites are necessary to keep the boat landings safe and open. The desire is to be able to dredge during the optimal winter months in 2023-2024. No net loss of County Forest Land is preferable.

### Park Master Plan Presentation

Chris Silewski of Ayers Associates presented the Park Master Plan highlighting adjustments made to reflect a more realistic timeframe of completion as well as some additions. A survey went back out and gleaned 80 more responses. After some discussion, the Committee suggested changing the title of the document from Park Master Plan to Strategic Implementation Plan. This document will be available and distributed to the County Board for their review at their next meeting in June. Supervisor Zook moved to accept this document as a guiding strategic plan to forward to the County Board for their approval. Motion passed 4-0.

### **Director's Report**

Director Pedersen provided information on the Lake Eau Claire Clubhouse revitalization project. There are two (2) different material areas where asbestos remediation is necessary, which will result in additional cost. This project will be ready for bids by the end of May. The Lake Altoona Park Parking Lot Project is well underway with curbs and guttering being poured. They are on track to complete the project by the end of May. Director Pedersen is working with the County's legal counsel on a contract to allow for a legal easement to one property being accessed through the parking lot at Lake Altoona Park. While landscaping still needs to be done, the Harstad Park Pavilion masonry is complete. This has been a busy and challenging spring as we are operating on limited staff as Tom Mayer has retired and two (2) of our staff are out on Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA). The Lake Eau Claire Boat Landing has received temporary repair and will need a more permanent solution. A Recreational Boating Grant will be accepted in June, and we anticipate completing the renovation this fall.

### **Future Parks & Forest Committee Meetings and Items for Discussion**

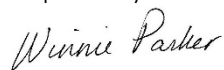
Next Parks & Forest committee meeting date is set for June 12, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Possible future items for discussion include Lake Eau Claire Dredge Spoils Site and Lake Eau Claire Clubhouse Revitalization Project bids.

### **Committee on Parks & Forest Adjournment**

The Committee on Parks & Forest adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,



Winnie Parker

Committee Clerk

Administrative Specialist III

**From:** [Nick Meyer](#)  
**To:** [Josh Pedersen](#)  
**Cc:** [Brandon LaFave](#); [Jon Olstadt](#); [Jeff Mares](#); [Jereme Rauckman](#)  
**Subject:** Light Up the Woods  
**Date:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 5:04:46 PM  
**Attachments:** [Light up the Woods map.png](#)

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Hi Josh –

Thanks for the couple of quick chats this week.

Here's what we're looking to do for the event at Lowes Creek Park on Friday, September 15 that we discussed. Name isn't finalized, but its basically a "Light Up the Woods" sort of event. The attached map shows the intention of the event to light up 3 sections of trail (red lines) with colored uplighting and other light-based installations, with two power generator trailers on either end. The middle double track will be the center of it all, with tents for food/drink tastings, bike trail/org promotion, etc, that are part of a ticket price and become like the social commons of the event. We have a handful of connections that make this all possible with lighting, projectors, etc. The other two attached photos are sort of what it might look like at parts.

This would all be a fundraiser / awareness builder for the Lowes Creek Bike Park this year, but would hopefully continue as an ongoing CORBA fundraiser in the future.

As of now, the concept is to have beer and soda tastings, and possibly food tastings – all included in a ticket price and not being sold. Likely \$20-25ish ticket price. But we're still determining how we best want to approach that and what's do-able in the park.

We are in communication with Eau Claire Youth Cycling and NICA about the race event there that weekend and all is good to go, as this serves as sort of a kickoff to that weekend there. They approved us doing this on Friday just before their event starts on Saturday. We will be coordinating set up with them.

**What time is the meeting on June 14?** That's unfortunately the same time as our CORBA board meeting. So perhaps we can figure out the agendas so I can make it to both.

Thanks so much for being open to ideas like this! Let me know if you have any questions.

Nick

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# THE COON FORK 40

**A BEACH-TO-BEACH, WOOSY GRAVEL RIDE ADVENTURE  
FEATURING 28, 42, & 64-MILE ROUTES + ONE BIG PARTY!**

**9:30am, Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>**

(Aug 5 also an option)

**After party from noon-4pm**

## **ROUTES:**

- 28 miles / 1,000 feet / Rock Dam Stop at mile 15
- 42 miles / 1,900 feet / Rock Dam Stop at mile 21
- 64 miles / 2,100 feet / Rock Dam Stop at mile 30

## **WHAT TO EXPECT:**

Traverse deep swaths of pine forests, classic Amish farm country, and picturesque Wisconsin waterways across 42 miles of beautiful gravel roads through both Eau Claire County and Clark County lands. Whether you ride it as a race or ride it as a ride, either way you'll enjoy 1,900 feet of timbered elevation and the camaraderie of a gravel party done right! Not sure what bike to ride? Anything is fair game – a gravel bike, mountain bike, fat bike, or a road bike with beefier tires would all do the trick! Want something shorter? How about 28 miles and 1,000 of elevation? Or maybe something longer? Jump into 64 miles and 2,100 feet. There's something for everyone, and all rides feature 85% or more gravel riding with a few paved connectors.

## **DEPARTURE:**

Roll out at 10am in an exciting mass group start from the hidden waterfall bridge just north of the Coon Fork Lake Park Beach, outside Augusta, WI. Find your pace and enjoy the wooded rural surroundings.

## **HALFWAY HANG:**

Ride beach to beach! Plan a midway stop in the charming town of Rock Dam at the wooded lake pavilion for the Halfway Hang. Whether you stay for five minutes or forty, with tunes and good vibes all around, here you can refuel with free snacks and beverages, or cool off with a dip in the lake thanks to changing rooms right on site (pack your suit!).

## **FINISH LINE PARTY:**

After crossing the finish line at the hidden waterfall bridge, make your way back to Coon Fork Beach for the after party with food, fun, beer, swimming, and even sandcastles (must build your own)! Invite the whole family or friend gang to join you for live music from BAND HERE, awards for top finishers in their age brackets, and short trolley rides to and from the waterfall finish line. After riders enjoy their free beer and brat, support CORBA through additional food and beverage purchases!

## **REGISTRATION**

### **Registration:**

Before July 15 - \$40

After July 15 - \$50

CORBA members receive a \$5 discount

Rain or shine event! *A little weather just adds to the adventure!*

**Registration includes:**

- Riding the event
- Snacks and Drinks at the Halfway Party
- A Commemorative Stainless Steel Coon Fork 40 Cup
- Ticket for Free Brat and Beer
- Live Music at the After Party
- One County Park Parking Day Pass
- Wooden Medallions for Top Finishers

**Swag Upgrades:**

- + \$15 - Coon Fork 40 t-shirt
- + \$15 - CORBA t-shirt
- + \$10 - CORBA socks

**EVENT TIMELINE**

- 9:00am Registration
- 10:00am Mass Roll Out
- 10:45am Rock Dam Halfway Party Opens
- 11:45am Coon Fork Beach After Party Opens
- 12:45pm Rock Dam Halfway Party Closes
- 1:30pm Top Finisher Awards
- 4:00pm Finish Line Closes / Event Concludes

**CAMPING**

Camping available at the start/finish at Coon Fork County Park Campground (across the small lake from the party) and at the Rock Dam County Park and Campground (near the halfway point in Clark County).

**FAMILY & FRIENDS**

Invite your family and friends to join you at Coon Fork Beach for the finish line party and/or at the Rock Dam Lake pavilion and park for the half way hang At both locations there are great playgrounds, beaches, restrooms, and more. The main event for friends and family will be the after party at Coon Fork Beach, with food and drinks for sale.

**PARKING**

Plenty of parking available at Coon Fork Beach or along the road when full.

**WINNERS**

First, Second, and Third place Wooden medallions will be awarded for men and women in five age categories. All medallions will be awarded at the after party at 1:30pm.

**Sponsored by:**

- CORBA
- The Nxrth
- Volume One
- Mechanical Support Shop?
- Many Others!

**VENDORS NEEDED**

- Beer Supplier
- Food Supplier
- Band
- Stage/Sound

**VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS**

- Those securing sponsors, food, and drink
- Course Marking (arrow signs)
- Registration + Start/Finish Line
- Rock Dam Halfway Hang: food/drink
- Coon Fork Party: Cooking, Serving, Beer tent, awards, etc
- Photographer(s) + Videographer
- Parking, etc

# ROUTE MAP DRAFTS:

## The Coon Fork 42

Cycling Route

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### Details

📍 41.78 mi ⚡ 1,900 ft

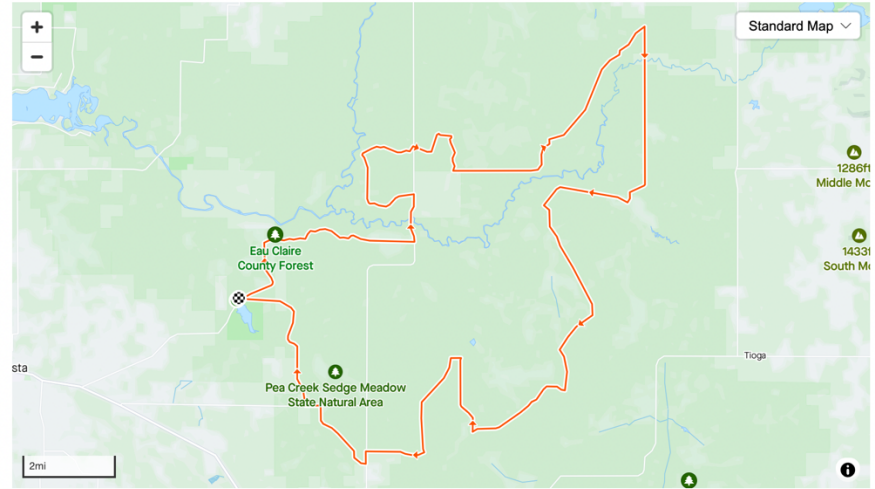
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Nick Meyer  
May 8, 2023 · Public



### Route and Elevation



## The Coon Fork 28 (alternate)

Cycling Route

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### Details

📍 27.59 mi ⚡ 1,150 ft

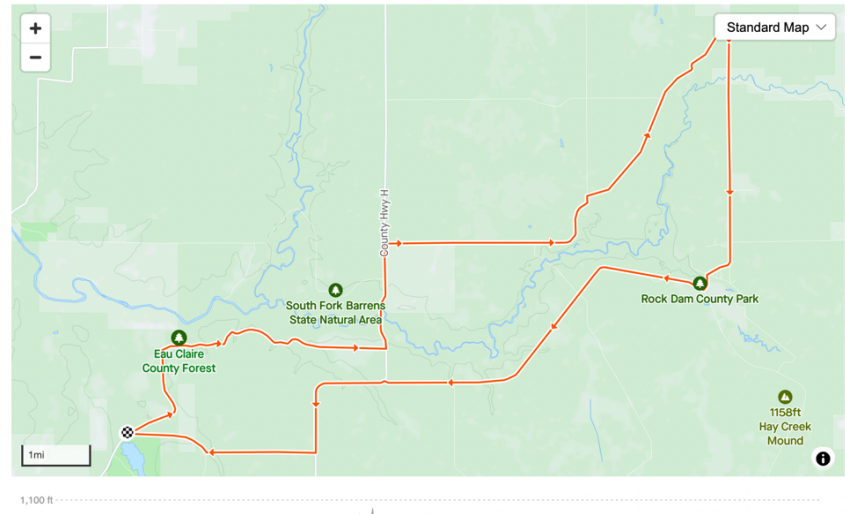
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### Route and Elevation



## The Coon Fork 64

Cycling Route

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### Details

📍 63.5 mi ⚡ 2,118 ft

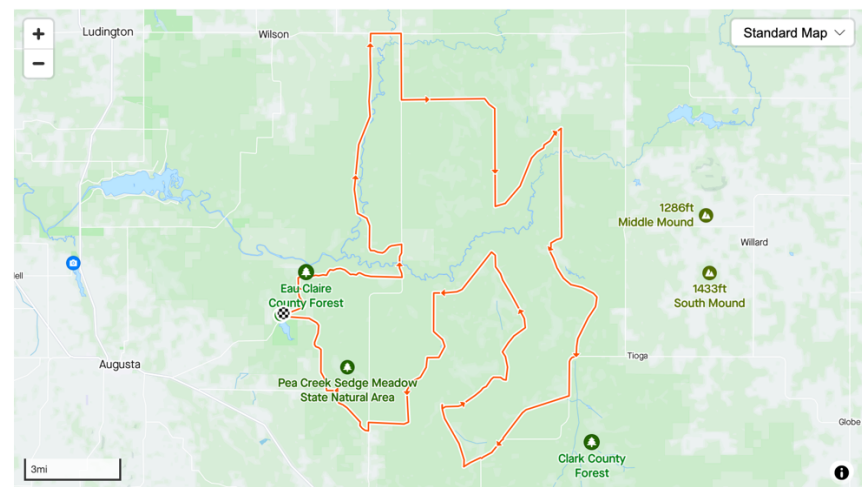
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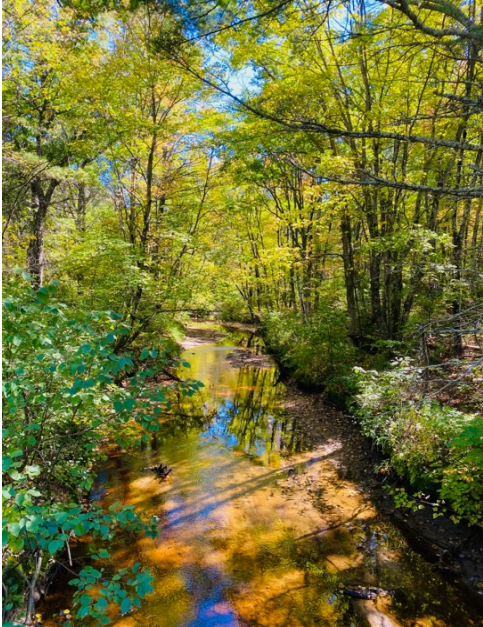


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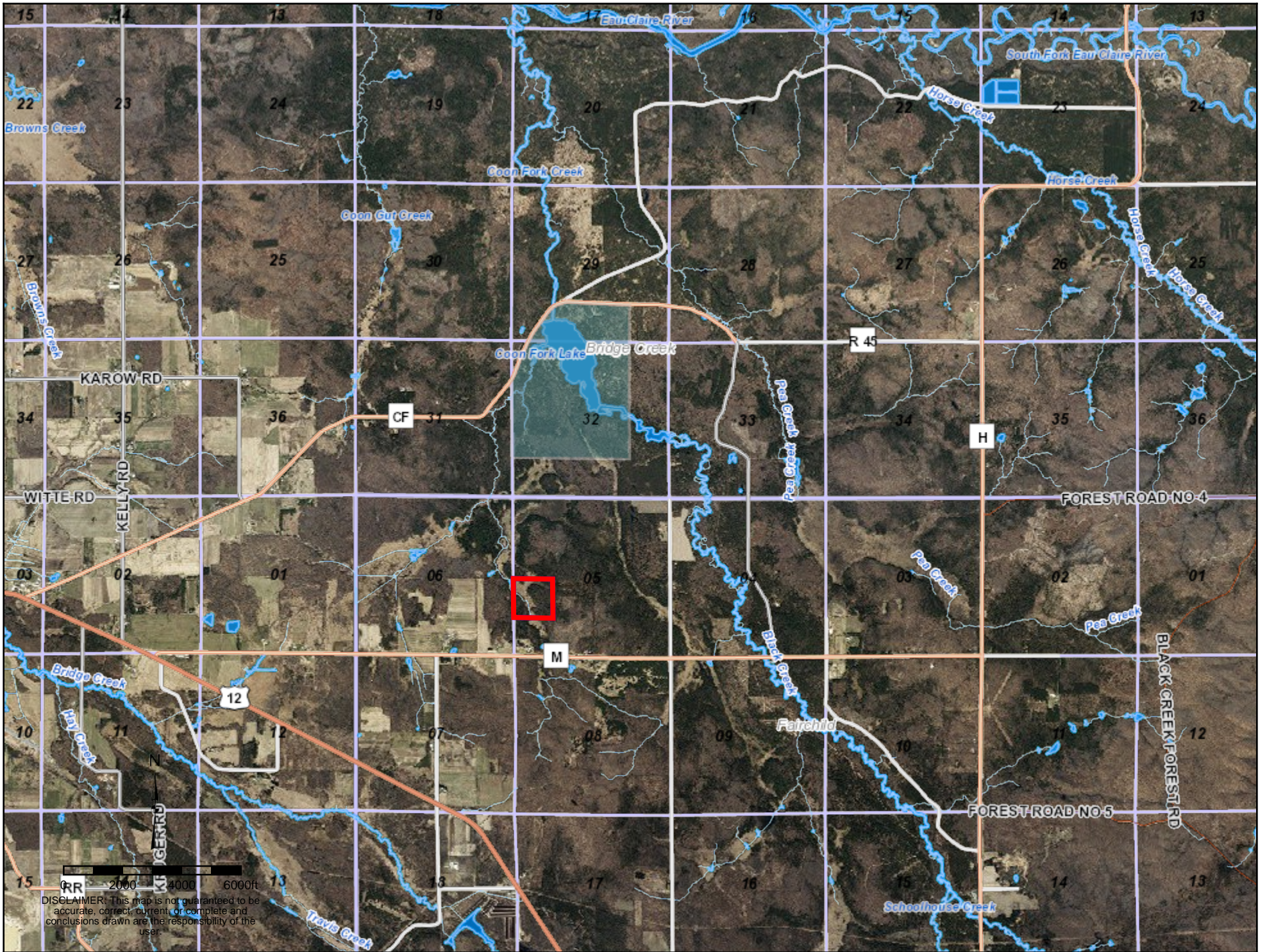




**EVENT START/FINISH MAP & ROUTE PHOTOS:**







DISCLAIMER: This map is not guaranteed to be accurate, correct, current, or complete and conclusions drawn are the responsibility of the user.



## FACT SHEET

### TO FILE NO 23-24/018

The Lake Eau Claire Protection Rehabilitation District “Lake District” has requested an additional site for the placement of dredging spoils from a new Eau Claire River dredge site. Current disposal sites for dredge materials at the “gravel pit” is which is nearing capacity and at Connector Road are not viable options for the new dredge site spoils. County personnel, DNR staff, along with the representatives from the Lake District have reviewed several alternative sites prior to the current site selection. The selected site is anticipated to have a 25-year capacity based upon current dredging rates.

By authorizing this withdrawal and subsequent DNR approval, the county could potentially benefit financially. Any revenues generated from the sale of spoils would be split 50/50 between the county and the Lake District. Terms of the DNR withdrawal application specify that revenue generated from future sales of spoils would be deposited into the Parks and Forest land acquisition fund. This condition will help assure that the withdrawal application has a higher likelihood of being approved by the DNR.

Current land use of the proposed site is of scrub oak/jack pine cover type with no merchantable timber standing on it. The site was a failed planting site with poor soil and not conducive to growing even low-quality timber. If adopted, the 9.94-acre site will continue to be owned by the county and managed by the Parks and Forest Department.

A recommendation to replace the withdrawn acres with newly purchased county forest lands may also be included within this resolution. Replacement acres are not a requirement for a withdrawal request to be approved.

**Fiscal Impact:** Revenues are not anticipated from any sales of dredge spoils.

The potential cost of replacement lands to the county for this 9.94-acre site is variable. Assuming an average cost of \$3,000 per acre to purchase replacement lands, the total cost could be around \$30,000 for replacement acreage. The county would be eligible to apply for 50% matching funds from the DNR for a potential purchase, bringing the net cost down to around \$15,000 for replacement lands.

Respectfully submitted,

Josh Pedersen  
Parks & Forest Director

4 WITHDRAWAL OF APPROXIMATELY 9.94 ACRES (MORE OR LESS) FROM COUNTY  
5 FOREST LAW; DIRECTING THE PARKS AND FOREST DIRECTOR TO MAKE  
6 APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR  
7 WITHDRAWAL OF SAID COUNTY LAND FROM THE COUNTY FOREST LAW  
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9 WHEREAS, under Article VIII. A. of the 2013 dredge spoils site agreement between Eau  
10 Claire County and the Lake Eau Claire Protection Rehabilitation District "Lake District" the  
11 county proposes to withdraw Site 5 consisting of approximately 9.94 acres (more or less); and  
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13 WHEREAS, the land withdrawn is described as: Part of the Northeast of the Northwest,  
14 Northwest of the Northeast, Southeast of the Northwest, and Southwest of the Northeast, Section  
15 11, Township 26 North, Range 6 West, Town of Bridge Creek, Eau Claire County, Wisconsin  
16 described as follows:

17 Commencing at the South Quarter Corner of said Section 11;  
18 Thence S89°04'38"E 2613.79' along the South line of the Southeast Quarter to the  
19 Southeast corner of said Section 11;  
20 Thence N34°10'35"W 3880.66 feet to the Point of Beginning;  
21 Thence N52°00'28"W 232.28 feet;  
22 Thence N07°00'44"W 49.74 feet;  
23 Thence N40°07'33"E 149.93 feet;  
24 Thence N86°12'55"E 404.48 feet;  
25 Thence N07°45'39"E 110.20 feet;  
26 Thence N87°26'46"W 256.71 feet;  
27 Thence N57°46'38"W 732.91 feet;  
28 Thence N13°45'42"W 220.23 feet;  
29 Thence N81°05'23"E 80.46 feet;  
30 Thence S69°57'23"E 267.23 feet;  
31 Thence S52°21'33"E 182.39 feet;  
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33 Thence S36°13'03"E 223.16 feet;  
34 Thence S03°12'12"E 294.22 feet;  
35 Thence S07°45'39"W 110.20 feet;  
36 Thence S50°53'09"E 115.30 feet;  
37 Thence S06°48'24"E 52.08 feet;  
38 Thence S32°52'42"W 80.84 feet;  
39 Thence S68°42'59"W 389.40 feet to the point of beginning  
40 Said parcel contains 433,095 square feet or 9.94 acres, more or less  
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42 ; and  
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44 WHEREAS, unless the land is withdrawn any dredge deposits can only be used for  
45 public works purposes; and  
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47 WHEREAS, withdrawal will allow the district to enter into an agreement to use the  
48 dredge spoils as reclamation material; and  
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50 WHEREAS, the 9.94 acres (more or less) site will allow continued use for future dredge  
51 spoils for approximately 25 years; and  
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53 WHEREAS, any proceeds gained from the sale of forest products or spoils shall be

1 deposited into the non-lapsing Forest Land Acquisition account; and

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3 WHEREAS, the committee on parks and forest recommends sufficient funds be allocated  
4 in 2024 to purchase a replacement parcel for the withdrawn area.

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6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Eau Claire County Board of  
7 Supervisors that it hereby approves withdrawal of the parcel consisting of approximately 9.94  
8 acres (more or less) from the county forest law.

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parks & Forest Director is hereby directed to  
11 make application to the Department of Natural Resources for withdrawal of said county land  
12 from the County Forest Law.

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28 VOTE: \_\_\_\_\_ AYE \_\_\_\_\_ NAY

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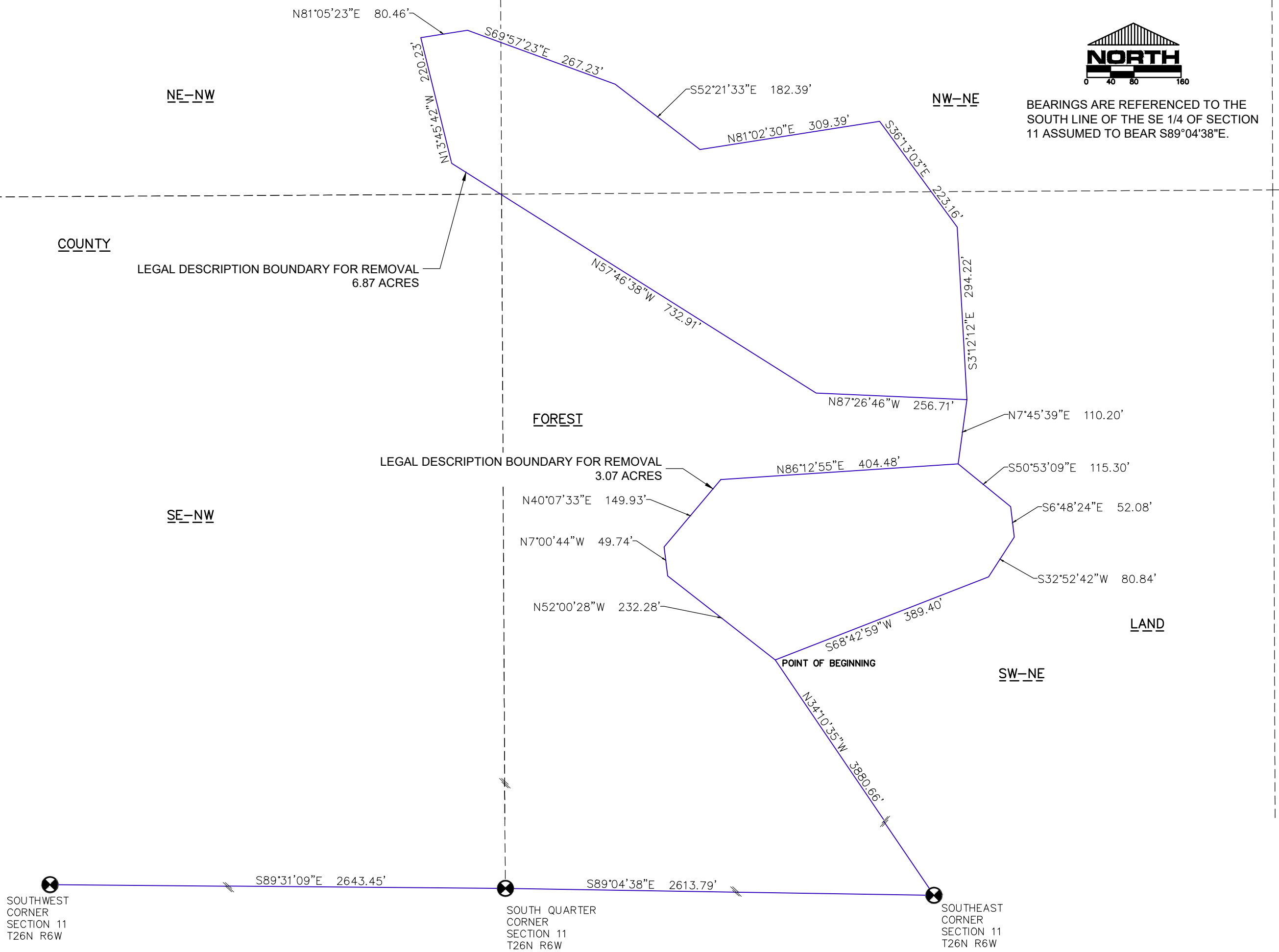
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LAKE EAU CLAIRE DREDGE DEPOSIT SITE  
LANDS TO BE REMOVED FROM FOREST LAND  
TOWN OF BRIDGE CREEK-EAU CLAIRE COUNTY, WI

SHEET NO:  
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-Description of lands to be removed from Eau Claire County Forest-

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