



# Department of Natural Resources Fact Sheet



## 2009 POLICY FACT SHEET DNR Lands Bill

### CONTENT

Lands addressed by the bill possess characteristics that statutorily restrict their purchase or sale (riparian lands, lands located within certain management units such as state parks, or sales directed to a specific individual or governmental unit). These land transactions must first be reviewed and approved by the legislature.

### OVERVIEW

#### ARTICLE 1

**Section 1.** Every year the DNR seeks to resolve a few inadvertent trespasses on state land by seeking legislation for a direct sale or going through the land exchange process. This language would authorize the DNR to sell land directly to an adjoining landowner in order to resolve trespass, thus eliminating the need for legislation or land exchange.

**Sections 2 and 3.** Technical changes required to correct errors in legal descriptions for state park deletions authorized in legislation enacted in 2008.

- ◆ Lake Shetek State Park
- ◆ Moose Lake State Park

**Section 4.** The DNR proposes to expand the boundaries of two state parks in order to better protect natural resources.

- ◆ Fort Snelling State Park will be expanded by 1.69 acres.
- ◆ Mille Lacs Kathio State Park will be expanded by 123 acres

**Section 5.** The DNR proposes to remove parcels that no longer meet the criteria for inclusion in the state park system.

This will occur at two state parks. These parcels are not contiguous with the main boundaries of the respective parks.

- ◆ Lake Bemidji State Park will delete 2.59 acres
- ◆ Great River Bluffs State Park will delete 17 acres.

#### ARTICLE 2

Sections 1 to 25 authorize the sale of DNR administered land. Legislation is required for the sales because the parcels border water or a direct sale is being proposed.

**Section 1. Washington County.** Authorizes DNR to sell by public or private sale 31.55 acres of land within the city of Stillwater that was acquired by gift. The land borders Long Lake.

**Section 2. Aitkin County.** Authorizes DNR to sell by public sale a total of 9.21 acres of acquired forestry land that borders Big Sandy Lake.

**Section 3. Anoka County.** Authorizes DNR to sell by private sale to the City of Ham Lake 20 acres of acquired fisheries land. The city currently leases the land for a hiking trail and would be used in connection with the county's adjoining county park.

**Section 4. Anoka County.** Authorizes DNR to sell by public sale 40 acres of school trust land bordering Sand Shore Lake.

**Section 5. Beltrami County.** Authorizes DNR to sell by public sale 22 acres of school trust land bordering Bass Lake.

**Section 6. Beltrami County.** Authorizes DNR to sell by public sale 80 acres of acquired forestry land bordering Grant Creek.

**Section 7. Blue Earth County.** Authorizes DNR to sell by public sale a total of 11.69 acres of acquired

wildlife land bordering the Watonwan River. (Hog Island WMA).

**Section 8. Cass County.** Authorizes DNR to sell by public sale 3.03 acres of land acquired as a gift bordering Washburn Lake.

**Section 9. Cass County.** Authorizes DNR to sell by public sale 81.15 acres of acquired forestry land, acquired in an exchange in 2001. The land borders Mable Lake.

**Section 10. Cass County.** Authorizes DNR to sell by public sale 11.16 acres of school trust land bordering Ten Mile Lake.

**Section 11. Clearwater County.** Authorizes DNR to sell by private sale 6.89 acres of acquired forestry land with a building (Roy Lake Station). The sale would be to the White Earth Band of Ojibwe. The land may be sold for less than the appraised value, provided that the property reverts to the state if it is no longer used for the public. An easement may be reserved for ingress and egress to adjoining state land.

**Section 12. Crow Wing County.** Authorizes DNR to sell by public sale a total of 64.55 acres of acquired forestry land bordering Shaffer Lake.

**Section 13. Crow Wing County.** Authorizes DNR to sell by public sale 32 acres of acquired forestry land bordering Pine River.

**Section 14. Fillmore County.** Authorizes the DNR to sell by private sale 4.53 acres of acquired forestry land. The sale would be to the Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center for installation of a geothermal heating system.

**Section 15. Hennepin County.** Authorizes the DNR to sell by private sale 3.02 acres of acquired land to complete a transfer of small parcels bordering Minnehaha Creek to the City of St. Louis Park.

**Section 16. Hubbard County.** Authorizes DNR to sell by public sale 14.6 acres of school trust land bordering Lake Paine.

**Section 17. Itasca County.** Authorizes DNR to sell by public sale 0.31 acres of acquired forestry land bordering Eagle Lake.

**Section 18. Murray County.** Authorizes DNR to sell by private sale a road area to Murray Township. Road is being removed from Lake Shetek State Park.

**Section 19. St. Louis County.** Authorizes DNR to sell by public sale 7.88 acres of school trust land bordering Silver Lake.

**Section 20. St. Louis County.** Authorizes DNR to sell by public sale 26.5 acres of school trust land bordering St. Mary's Lake. DNR may not sell any land that is being used for airport purposes or is proposed to be used for airport purposes by the City of Eveleth.

**Section 21. Sherburne County.** Authorizes DNR to sell by public sale 40 acres of school trust land bordering Elk River.

**Section 22. Todd County.** Authorizes DNR to sell by private sale 0.19 acres of acquired wildlife land. The sale would resolve an unintentional trespass by an adjacent owner. (Grey Eagle WMA) A survey in 2003 identified part of a private dwelling and a septic system on state land.

**Section 23. Waseca County.** Authorizes DNR to sell by public sale 33 acres of acquired wildlife land, acquired by gift, bordering Clear Lake. (Tom Cliff Jr. Memorial WMA)

**Section 24. Washington County.** Authorizes DNR to sell by private sale a total of 0.0755 acres of acquired parks land that is outside the boundary of Afton State Park. The sale would be to Afton Alps

**Section 25.** The effective date is the day after final enactment.

#### **PRIORITY-SETTING**

For additions or deletions of management units, the process is initiated at the local level within DNR. The proposal is reviewed by DNR regional management teams and by the managing division.

Where appropriate the proposal is shared with the public and local governmental units. Decisions to proceed with legislation are made by the commissioner of DNR with review by the Governor.

Proposals for the sale, purchase or exchange of lands can be initiated by the DNR, another state agency, a local unit of government, or a private individual. The proposal is then reviewed by DNR regional management teams and by managing divisions.

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proceed with legislation are made by the Commissioner of DNR with review by the Governor.

**PROJECT LOCATIONS**

Aitkin County  
Anoka County  
Beltrami County  
Blue Earth County  
Cass County  
Clearwater County  
Crow Wing County  
Fillmore County  
Hennepin County  
Hubbard County  
Itasca County  
Murray County  
St. Louis County  
Sherburne County  
Todd County  
Waseca County  
Washington County

**KEY MEASURES AND OUTCOMES**

Lands will be placed into an ownership status that will maximize their ability to be managed and used.

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