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Xcel Energy sells natural area to state

Public access to continue at prime site along Chippewa River

EAU CLAIRE, Wis. (April 25, 2017) – Xcel Energy’s long history of partnering with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has expanded to include the sale of a portion of the company’s Tyrone property in Dunn County.

The Joint Finance Committee approved the sale of nearly 1,000 acres along the Chippewa River to the WDNR for approximately \$1.9 million during a meeting on April 24. The property is located just northeast of Durand in the Lower Chippewa River State Natural Area. Xcel Energy has owned the land since the mid-1970s.

“We would like to thank everyone, especially the Joint Finance Committee, Rep. Warren Petryk- (R-Eleva) and many local groups for their support and work to complete the transition of this unique asset to state ownership,” said Mark Stoering, president, Xcel Energy-Wisconsin. “Successful completion of this land transaction ensures continued land management and recreational opportunities for years to come.”

The WDNR has served as a valuable land management partner with Xcel Energy for many years, particularly at the Tyrone site. The property includes access to the Lower Chippewa River, Chippewa River State Trail and a canoe landing. In addition, there are several rare prairie and oak savannahs with a rich diversity of notable bird, plant and insect species.

Over the last decade Xcel Energy has managed significant cleanup and land management efforts at the Tyrone property. Many of the improvements can be attributed to partnerships with the WDNR, Lower Chippewa River Alliance, National Wild Turkey Federation and The Prairie Enthusiasts.

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