

Lake Iowa Park

On January 1, 1957 the Iowa County Conservation Board was organized. There were 5 board members appointed by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors. The Conservation Board started with 4 goals in mind (1) obtain a convenient fishing lake with picnic area and a beach for swimming (2) provide better access roads and lands to the Iowa River (3) plant cover for wild game and birds, establishing conservation for better hunting (4) locate sites and maintain roadside parks.

In July 1958 the State Commission approved a 259 acre purchase of land from H.C. Fiene and T.K. Barber, 40 acres purchased from Oliver and Elam VanVoltenburg, and 70 acres from Cecil Gorsh after being condemned and in 1968 another 5 acres was acquired from Harry Hawkins. Lake Iowa's design was based on Hannan Lake In Benton County.

In January of 1961 brush was cleared out of the lake basin. Construction contracts for the dam and spillway were approved in 1962 costing \$103, 700 and work began in June. That summer the first maintenance staff was hired. In September of 1962 work began on the beach.

During 1963 the lake was stocked with 200,00 Largemouth Bass, and crappie fingerlings, 1200 adult crappies, 200,000 Red-ear Sunfish, with Channel catfish and Bullheads being added at a rate of 100 per acre in the 97 acre lake. No bluegill were added at this time.

In May of 1964 the electrical work was designed and installed throughout the park. In June, two restrooms and well pits were built.

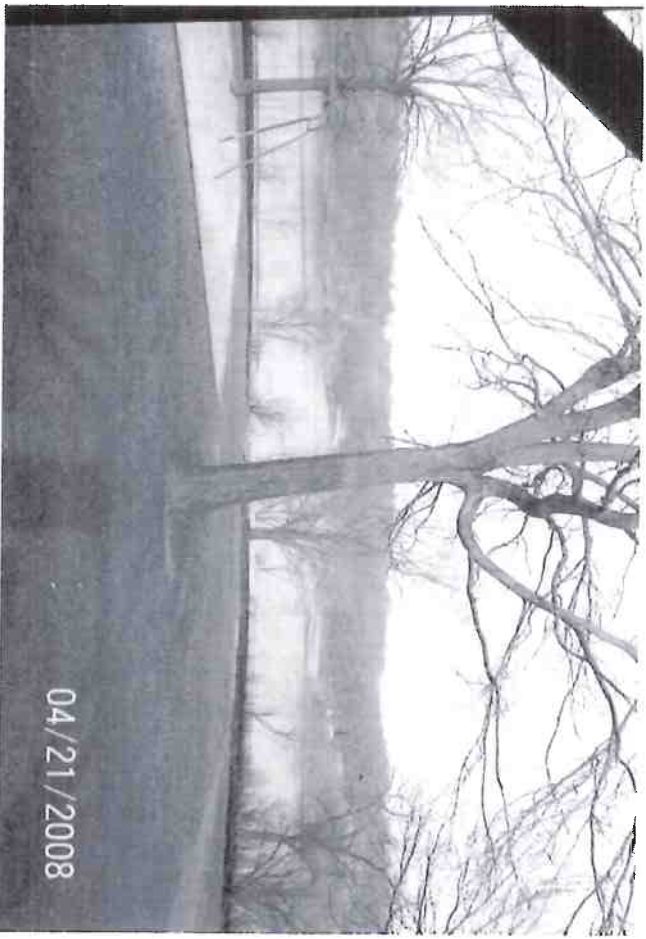
Lake Iowa Park officially opened in July 1964 to 50 campers. It is estimated that during the children's fishing July 1-4 approximately 2000 Bass and 2000 Bullheads were caught. Another 2000 each were caught on July 5 when the park was opened to the public.

1958-1962	Lake Iowa Park-	Purchased by ICCB (596 acres with 97 acre lake)
1980	I-80 Wildlife Area	ICCB entered into management agreement with IDNR (13 acres)
1980	Berstler Timber	ICCB purchased (69 acres)
1981	Pilot Grove Preserve	ICCB entered into management agreement with IDNR (7 acres)
1981	Lantze Timber	Gifted to the ICCB (20 acres)
1984	Butler Timber	ICCB purchased (69 acres)
1984	Big Bend Conservation Area	ICCB purchase (320 acres)
1985	Burr Oak	ICCB entered into a management agreement with IDNR (28 acres)
1985	Simmons Timber	Gifted to ICCB in Lieu of inheritance tax on the estate (93 acres)
1988	Schesselman Wildlife Area	Donated to ICCB in lieu of inheritance tax on estate (11 acres)
1988	Fuller	Purchased by three counties, Iowa, Keokuk and Washington (493 acres)
1998	Pheasant Ridge	Land swap and purchase watershed project for Lake Iowa (40 acres)
2000	Gateway Park and Preserve	ICCB purchased with REAP grant (131 acres)
2001	Gunderson Wildlife Area	Gifted to the Iowa County Conservation Board (69 acres)

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I-80 Wildlife Area

The State Conservation Commission received the I-80 wildlife area from Wilfred Furler. This area is an irregular shape which lies adjacent to the south side of I-80. With rolling topography seeded with a tall grass and shrubs.

Unfortunately there is not access to this property. The value of this property was estimated at \$2,600 in 1980.

In April of 1980 the Iowa County Conservation Board entered into a management agreement with the State Conservation Commission (Iowa Department of Natural Resources).

This area is managed for a wildlife nesting area and public hunting.

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I-80 Wildlife Area
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Berstler Woods

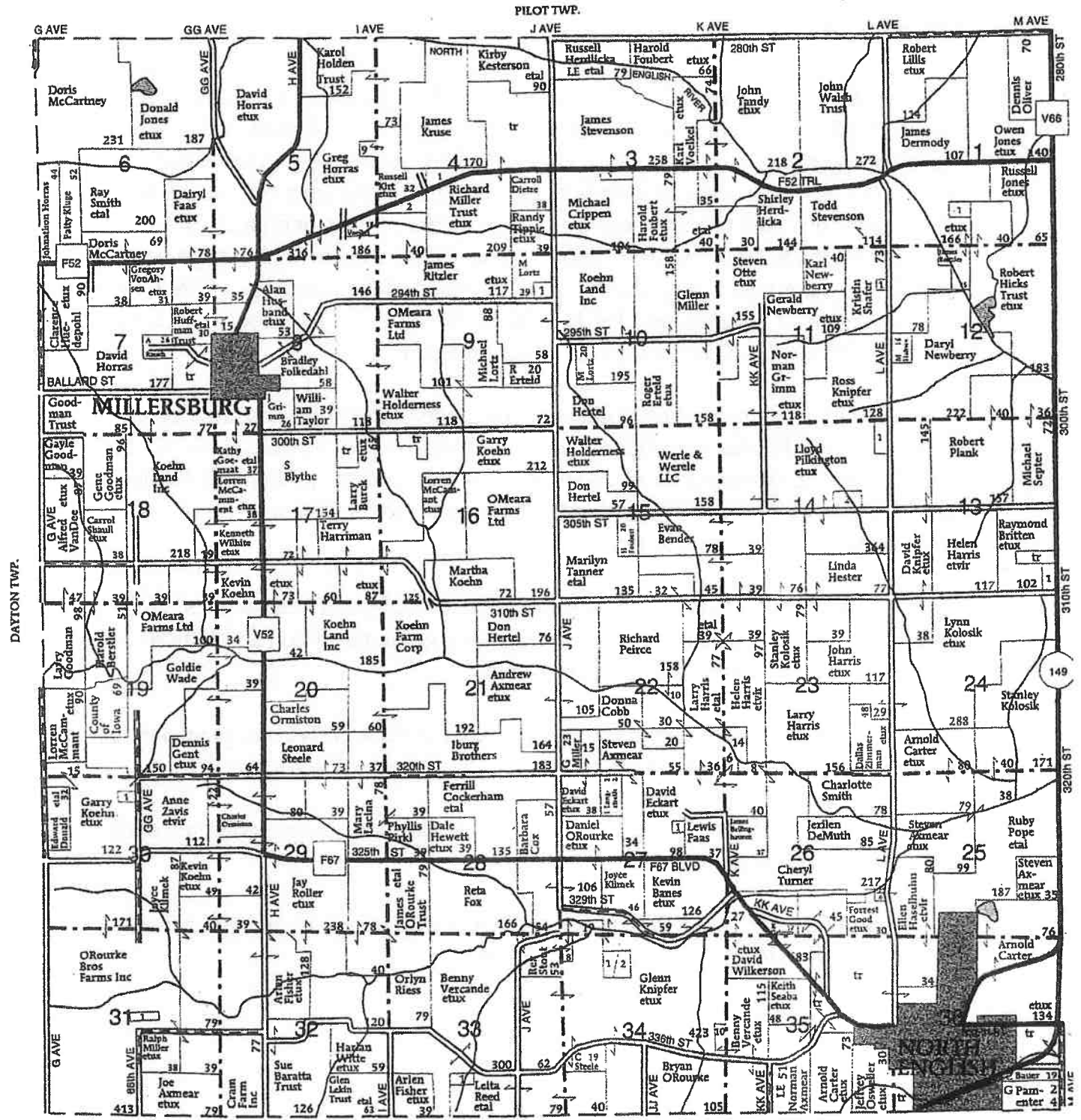
On May 15, 1980 the Iowa County Conservation Board purchased a 69 acre track from Harold Berstler and Ruth S. Berstler. This property was purchased with the aid of the Habitat Stamp Fund from the State Conservation Commission (IDNR). The total cost of the project was \$41,875 with the grant covering \$31,406 of the cost. The selling price was \$600 per acre.

This area is rectangular shape is bisected by the Middle English River on the North end. The area consists of approximately 60 acres of upland oak-hickory timber and 9 acres open pasture.

On October 1, 1980 the Iowa County Conservation Board entered into a cooperative agreement under the Wildlife Habitat Fund. This agreement says that (1) The local entity shall be responsible for maintenance and all expenses related thereto after completion of the project. (2) That the property shall be used for wildlife habitat purposes and no incompatible uses or changes in the property will be allowed. (3) That the property or any part thereof may not pass from the control of the Iowa County Conservation Board or be encumbered in any way without written approval of the Commission (IDNR).

This area is managed for wildlife habitat and allows public hunting, bird watching and environmental education.

Berster Woods is located South of Millersburg on V-52, West on 320th, and North on GG Ave. This is a dirt road access, do not attempt when wet.



Berstler Woods

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GLISH TOWNSHIP

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SECTION 4

1. Roberts, John
2. Harras, Carol
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1. Pleasant Grove Church

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1. Shafer, William
SECTION 13
1. Wade, Harold
SECTION 14

1. Pilkington, Garold
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SECTION 27
1. Faas, Kenneth
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1. Maple Grove Pork Co
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1. Glasple, Karl
SECTION 33
1. Geiger, Merton

SECTION 34
1. Fox, Reta
2. Kimek, Joy

Pilot Grove

Pilot Grove, wooded knoll, rose from the long stretches of prairie which surrounded it. From the early 1840's on, it was known as a landmark for pioneers going west across Iowa. For those who settled in the area, Pilot Grove was also a guidepost, giving a sense of direction and distance to and from the county seat. The prairie has now mostly given away to cultivated fields, and much of the timber that made up Pilot Grove is also gone. This remnant has been preserved so that future generations may see it and be reminded of their heritage. Pilot Grove was given to the State of Iowa by the Kelting family. On December 1980 the gift was finalized to the State Conservation Commission.

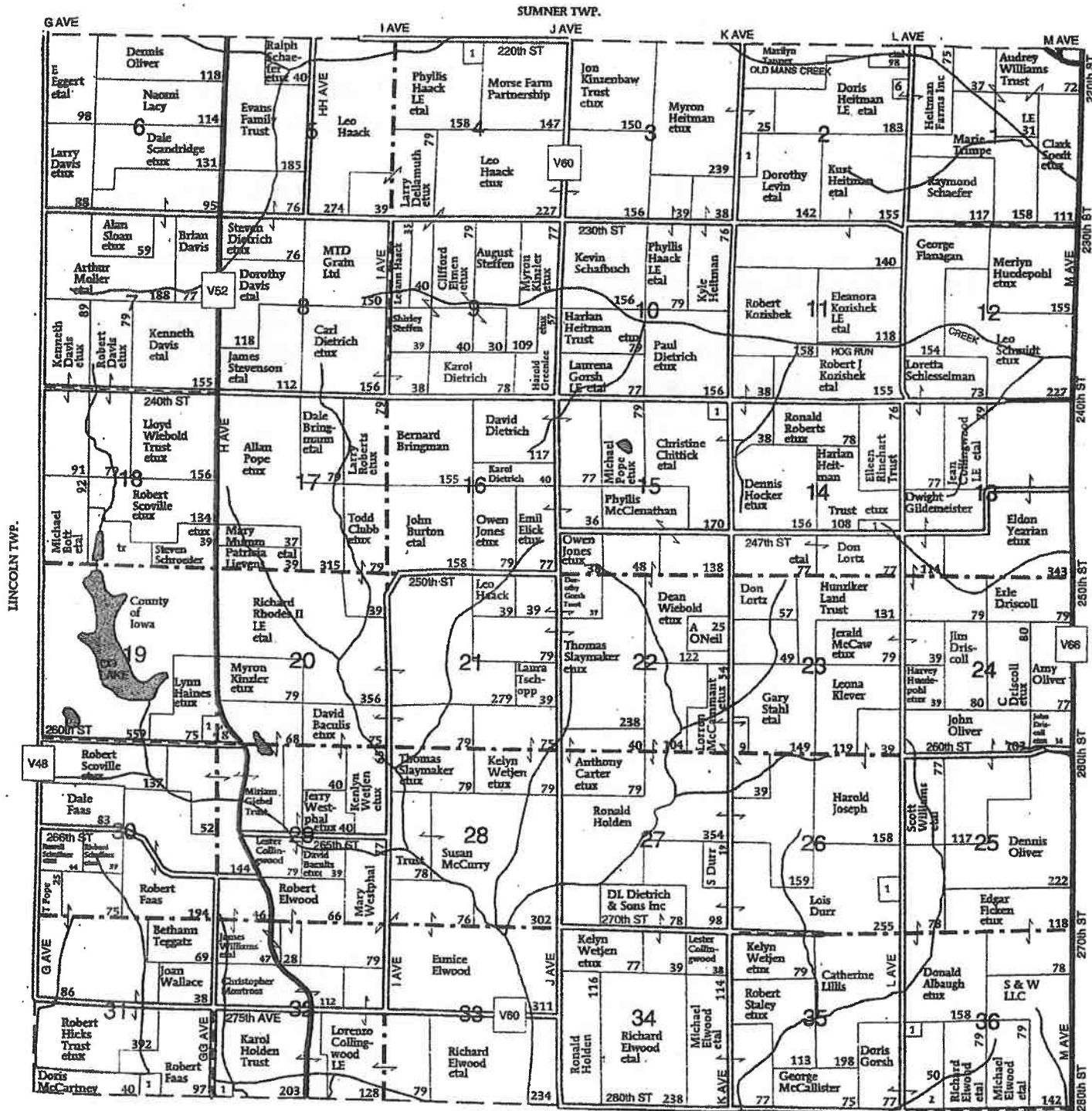
Along with the property other costs included \$2,000 for construction of fences, \$2,000 for the introduction and care of native plant species, \$500 for the acquisition and construction of an appropriate sign or marker, and \$10,000 for the establishment of an endowment fund to be used for the maintenance and improvements of the tract in the future.

This heavily wooded knoll features, hickory, oak and walnut trees, with patches of virgin prairie covered with bluestem, gramma, switch and Indian grasses as well as a variety of prairie flowers.

In November 1977 approximately 6 acres of Pilot Grove was placed on the National Registry of Historic places.

June of 1981 the State of Iowa and the Iowa County Conservation Board entered into a management agreement.

Pilot Grove is situated between the North English River and Old Man's Creek. Its elevation is approximately 890 feet.



Pilot Grove

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berts, Daniel

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1. Rudolphi Farms Inc
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1. Stallman, Craig

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1. Jones, Donald

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1. Gorsh, Mark

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Lantz Timber Preserve

On June 15, 1981 the Carl Lantz family gifted 20 acres of land to the Iowa County Conservation Board. This land is upland timber and is managed as an oak-hickory timber preserve.

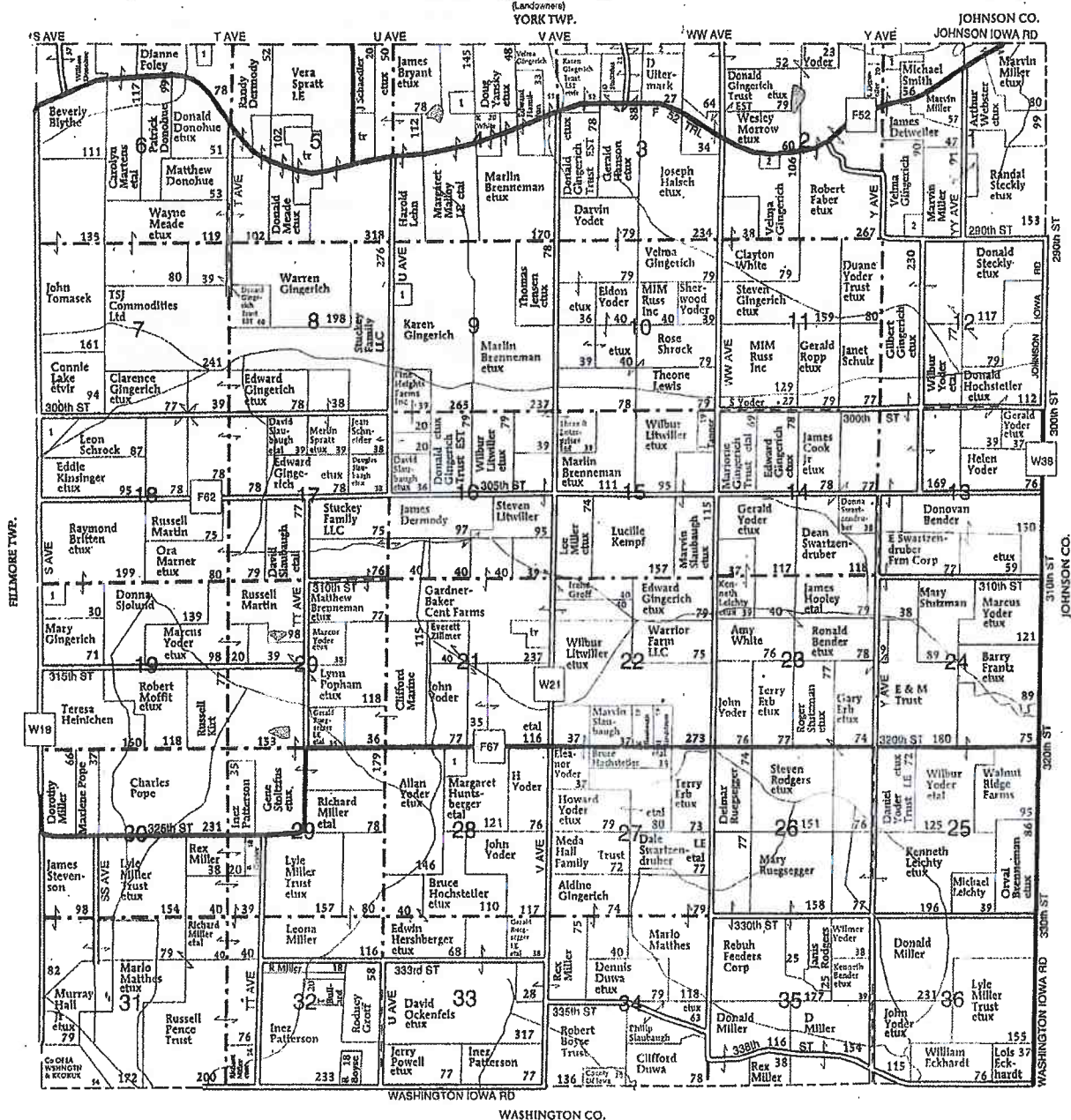
It is located 10 miles East of North English and is an excellent area for bird watching and enjoying spring wildflowers.

On December 1983 the Conservation Board entered into an Easement agreement with Robert Boyse gaining access to this area.

Although this land was gifted there are 2 clauses 1) Lantz family has the right to timber for salvage firewood purpose and 2) retain salvage rights to remains of the sawmill on the property.

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Lantz Timber Preserve

1. Baker, Larry
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1. Schweinfurth, Susan

Butler Timber Reserve

On October 9, 1984 the Iowa County Conservation Board purchased a 20 acre track from the Butler heirs. They purchased tracks 5 & 6 at a public auction for a cost of \$610 per acre totaling \$12, 200.

This area is a rectangular-shape gently rolling upland timber tract which is bisected by an unimproved county road. It is comprised mostly of varying growth stages of oak, hickory, and hackberry, while other hardwood species common to South East Iowa uplands also exist. No logging or livestock grazing has taken place on the property, although some trees have been cut in the past for fuel wood and for fence post.

This area is managed as wildlife habitat and timber preserve and will emphasize activities such as hunting, hiking, bird watching, and environmental education.

Butler Timber Reserve is located 4 miles from Millersburg, go West on F-52, North on F Ave., West on 280th St. Access by dirt road only, do not attempt when wet.

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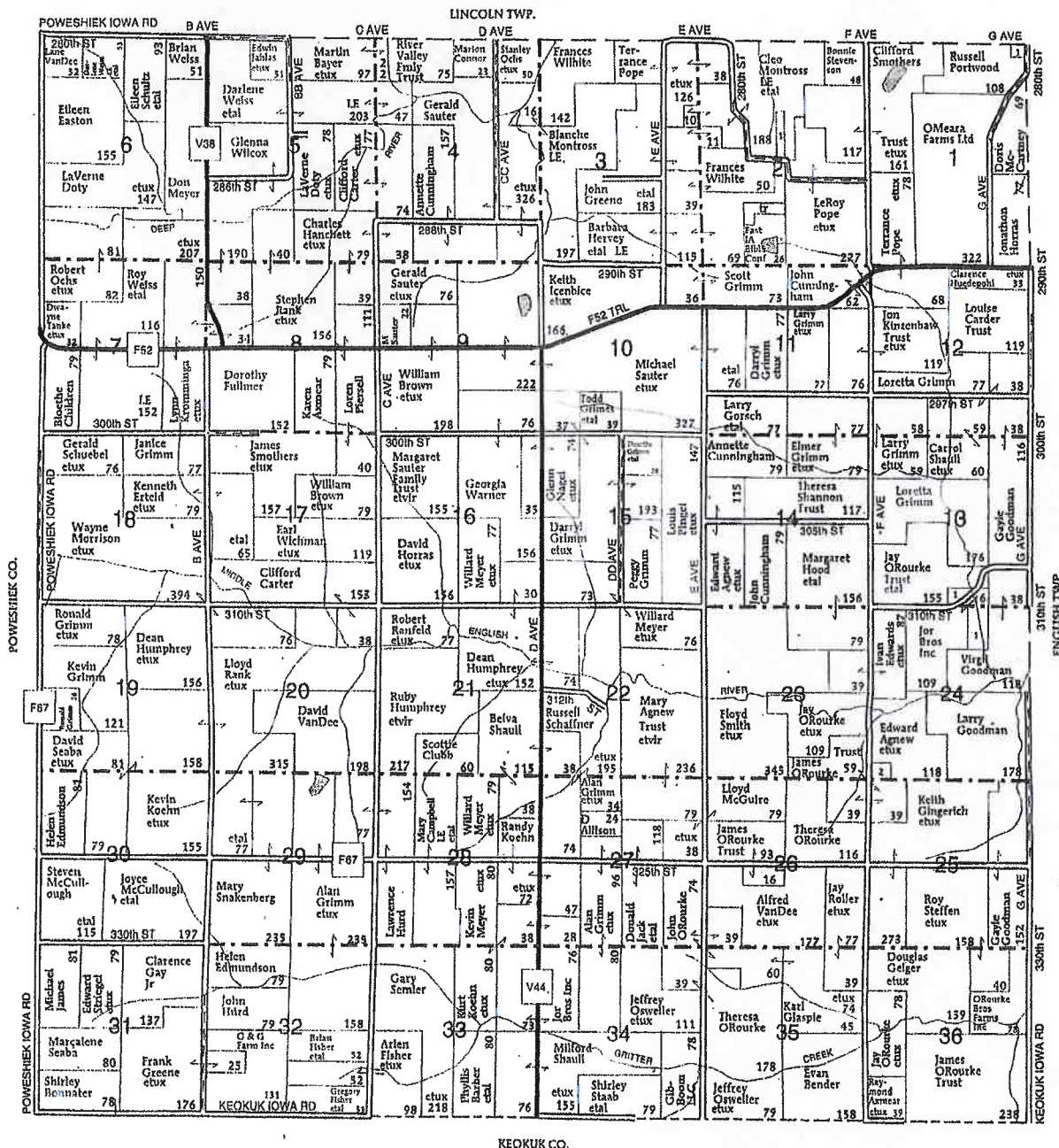
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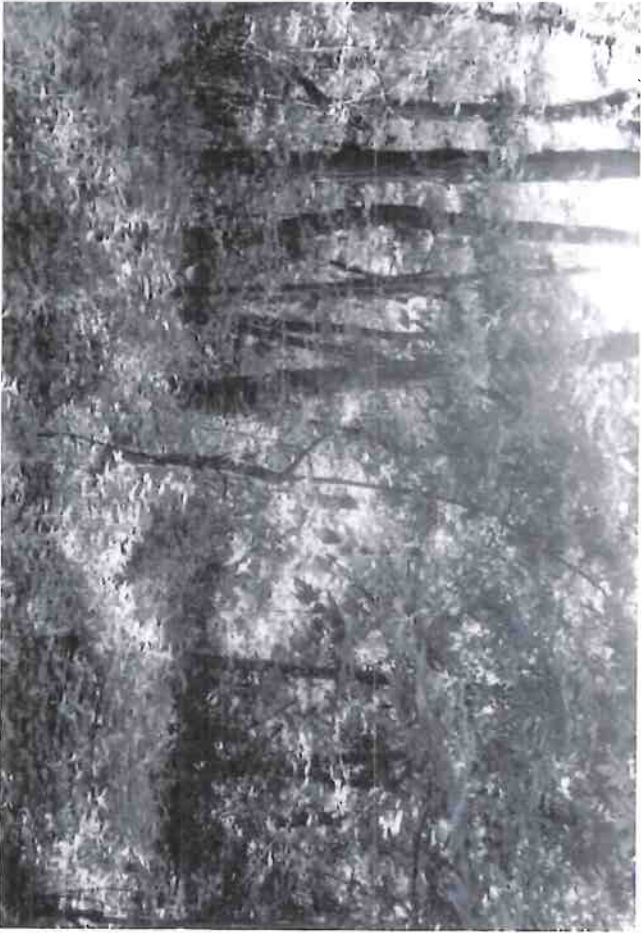
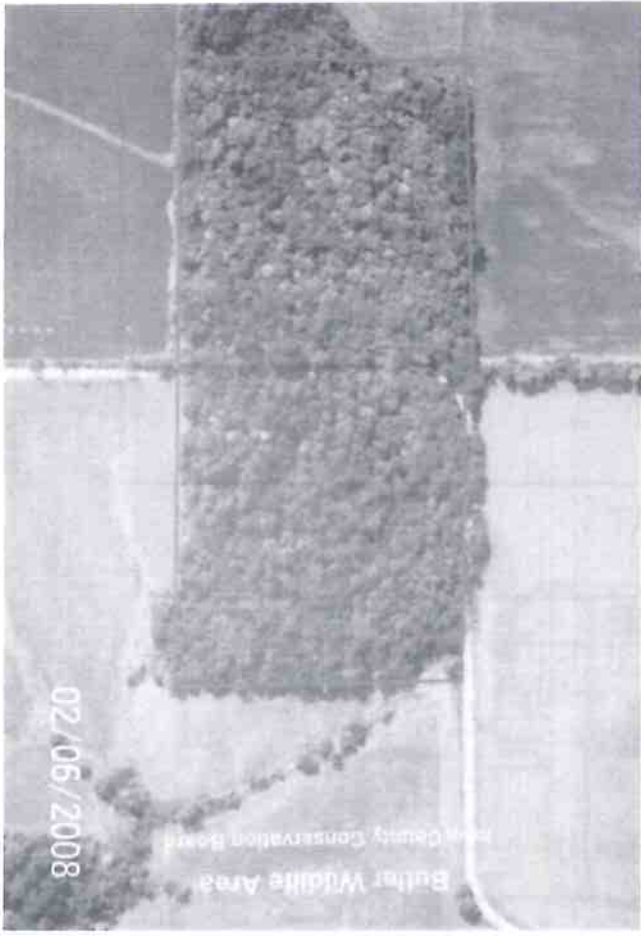


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1. Dupont, Jacqueline
SECTION 2

1. County of Iowa
SECTION 13
1. Grimm, Kenneth
SECTION 24

1. Grimm, Kenneth
2. Shafrenak, Edward

Butler Timber



Rohde Property (Big Bend)

On April 11, 1984 the Iowa County Conservation Board moved to purchase 320 acres from C.P. Rohde and Catherine Rohde. The asking price was \$175,761 which was \$549 per acre. The Conservation Board put \$100,000 down on the project and entered into a contract agreement with the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation for a period of 5 years for the remainder of the funding.

This Property is 110 acres of broken up parcels of agricultural land interspersed with shallow ponds, marsh, willow bats, tall grasses a creek and a dike. With another 210 acres continuous bottomland timber adjacent to approximately 1 1/4 mile of the Iowa River.

The land was purchased for conservation/recreation and is used for public hunting, fishing, trapping, hiking and general use. As well as looking at the feasibility of putting a boat ramp into the Iowa River. A boat ramp was never constructed due to the flooding in this area.

In September of 1985 the County Conservation Board submitted a request to the State Conservation Commission to construct 6 shallow ponds at the North end of the property and also reconstruct and renovate the existing levees which where originally built to keep back flood waters. The estimated cost was \$13,000 with the Hawkeye Chapter of Wetlands donating 50 man hours and \$5,000. This proposal was approved on October 2, 1985.

In March of 1993 the District Forester completed an inventory of Big Bend for timber harvest, the total growing stock value was estimated at \$121,022.

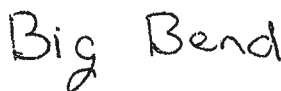
This area back in 1978 was identified as an important area along the Iowa River corridor for wood duck breeding habitat, as well as mallard and teal nesting and loafing habitat on the North and South migrations.

This area also contains forest game in deer, turkeys and fox squirrels. Bald Eagles mat be seen in the area during both Spring and Fall migrations.

Another benefit for this area is it gives public access to the Iowa River, where there is good fishing for catfish, walleye, bass and other rough fishes.

This area is managed for wildlife habitat and allows public hunting, bird watching, and environmental education.

Big bend is located South of Millersburg on V-52, West on 320th , and North on GG Ave. This has a dirt road access do not enter when wet.



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Burr oak Wildlife Area

On August 21, 1984 Paul E. Harsh donated this 28 acre preserve that overlooks the Iowa river to the State Conservation Commission (Iowa Department of Natural Resources).

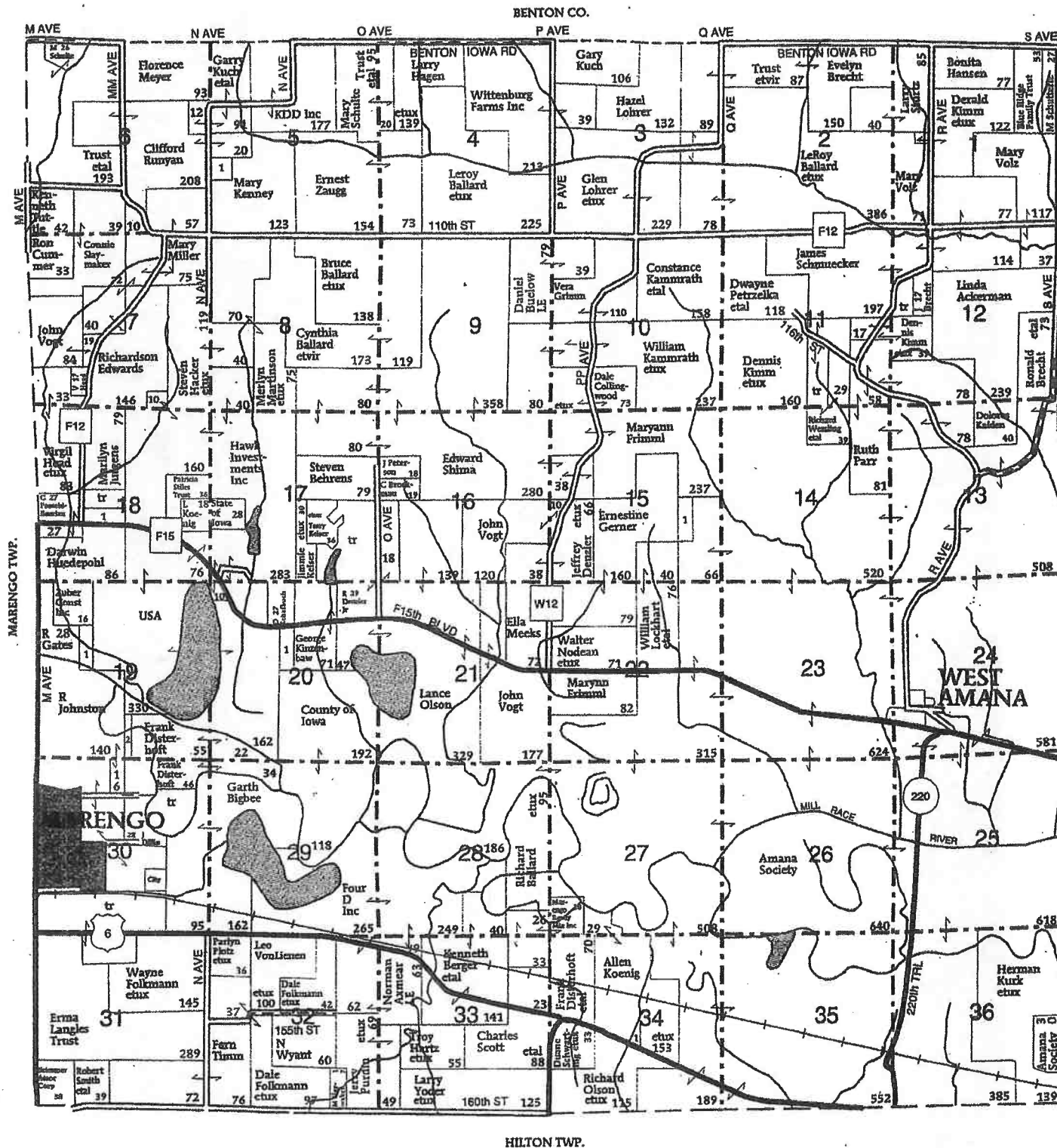
On September 16, 1985 the Iowa County Conservation Board entered into a management agreement with the State Conservation Commission. This agreement became effective on October 3 and will continue until December 31, 2010.

Iowa County agrees to develop, care and maintain said property for the citizens thereof and for the people of the State of Iowa in substantially the same manner as State Wildlife Refuge areas are developed, cared for, maintained and managed by the State Conservation Commission.

There are some land restrictions on this area that include no removal of any trees or other vegetation and natural features of the area must be left undisturbed. No improvements are to be made to the area until the development plans have been submitted and approved in writing from the State Conservation Commission. Also there is no commercial use allowed in this area.

This area is a preserve that is excellent for hiking, bird watching, environmental education and other nature studying activities. There are no facilities on the site and no hunting is allowed on this property.

Burr Oak Wildlife area is located North of Marengo on V66, East on F-15 for 1 ½ miles. Access is just East up the driveway.



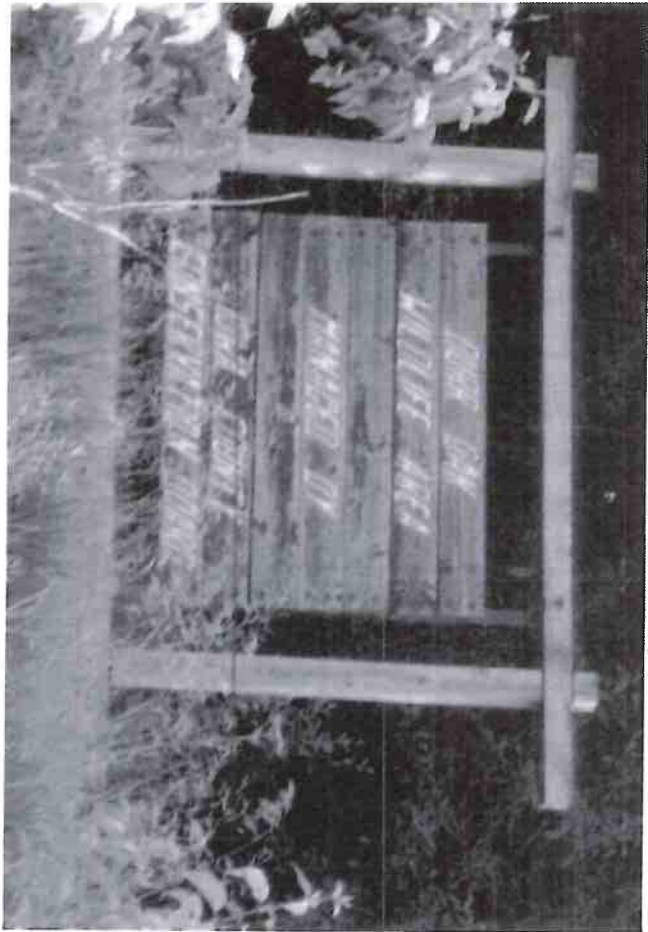
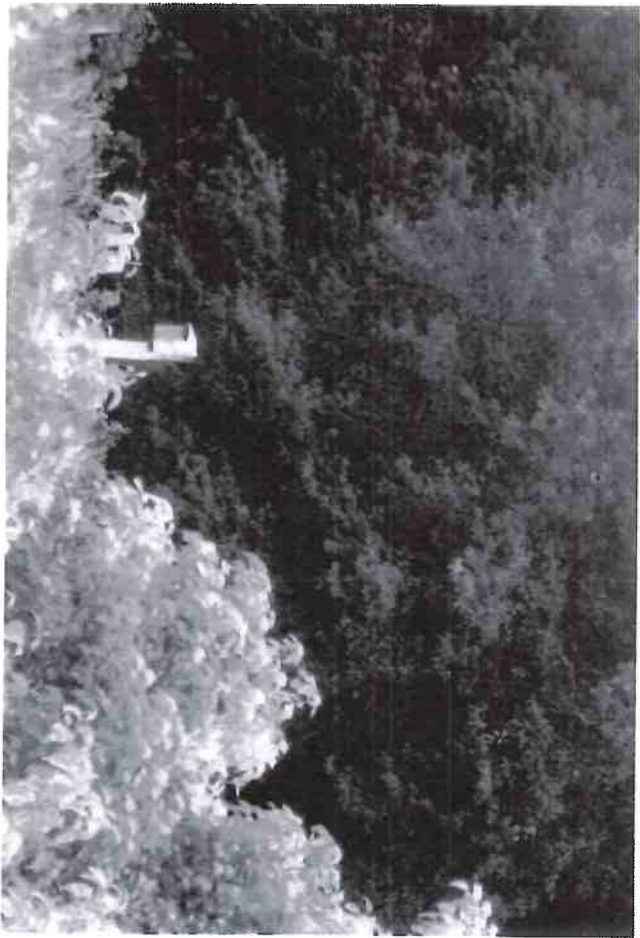
Burr Oak

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Martinson, Merlyn

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1. Graesser, Leroy
SECTION 18
1. Tuttle, Howard

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1. Cramblit, Robert
2. Dillin, John
SECTION 20

1. Slockett, James
SECTION 34
1. Koenig Family Trust



Simmons Timber Reserve

On July 24, 1985 the Iowa County Conservation Board accepted the offer of Robert Simmons, Phyllis Grant and Betty Wyant to donate approximately 93 acres in lieu of inheritance tax on the estate upon approval. On September 16, 1985 the Iowa Executive Council approved the request from Lloyd Simmons Estate to satisfy its inheritance tax obligation of \$21, 720 by transferring the 93 acres.

On May 28, 2003 a temporary injunction was put on Iowa County from Rick Gates which restricted access to this area. Today everyone is able to drive directly to this area.

This 97 acre river woodland located along the Iowa River is used for public hunting and trapping. Cottonwood and silver maple dominate this wildlife area.

Simmons is located North of Marengo on V-66, West 1/4 mile on F-15 and South on LL Ave.

Schlesselman Wildlife Area (Ballest Pit)

On June 22, 1988 the Iowa County Conservation Board accepted a donation from the Laura Schlesselman Estate of approximately 11 acres. This property was donated in lieu of payment for all or part of the inherited tax owing on the estate. The assessed tax value was \$4,806.

This is a pit pond created by the railroad in 1880 from digging clay on the site. When the pond was first made it had an average depth of 10 feet. From the time that the railroad abandoned the "ballest pit" it became a landmark for recreation in this part of the Iowa County. Its size (approximately 4 acres) enables residents to fish, swim, and boat on the pit itself, and many residents passed warm summer days by picnicking along the shore.

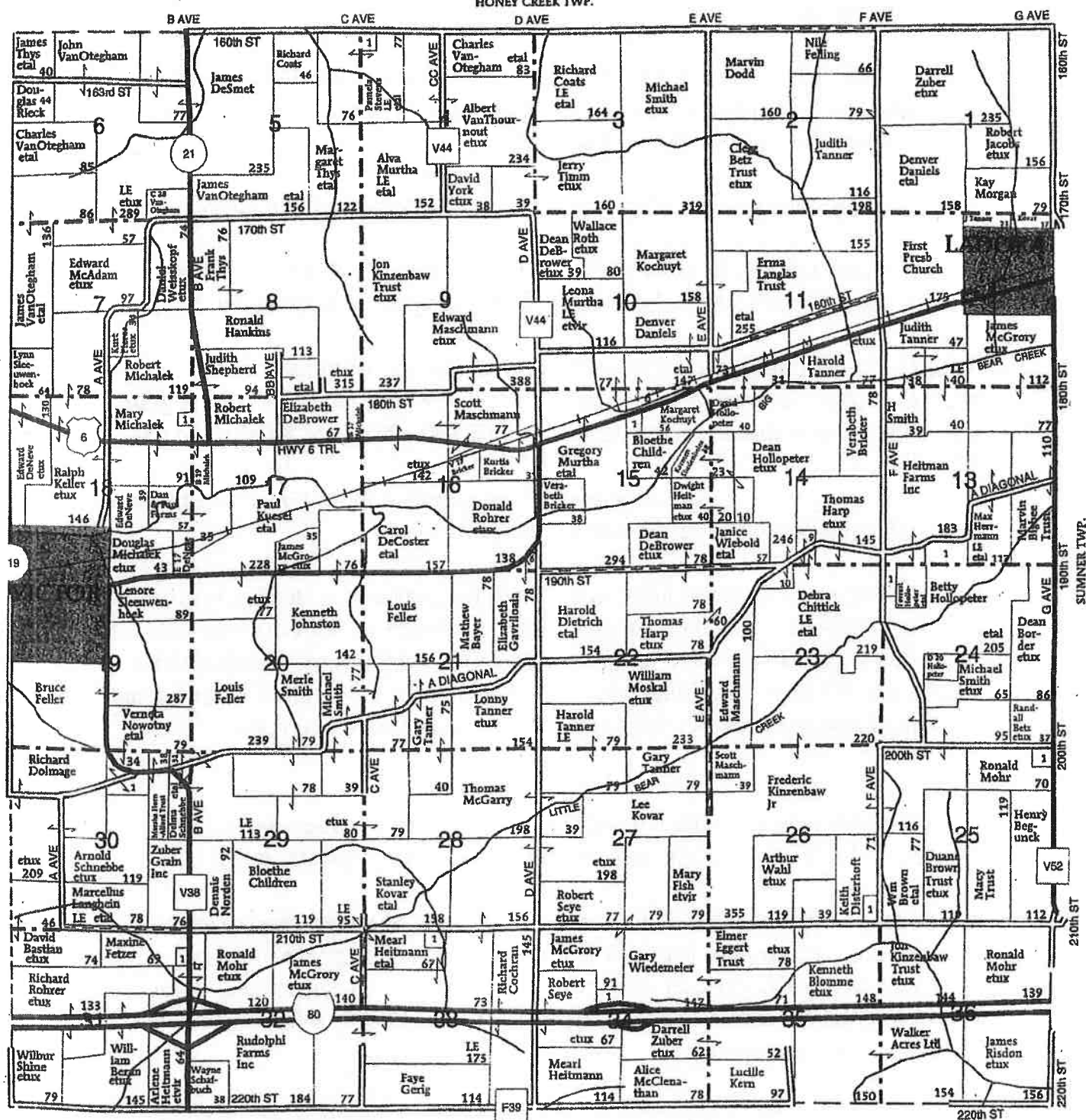
In 1992 the Iowa County Ikes and the Iowa County Conservation Board worked together to try and revive the area. The Conservation Board had the area surveyed and the Ikes did a local fundraiser to receive funds for dredging the east side of the pond. This project was slow to get started and was not completed until 1995.

Another consideration that was looked into was the soil type. There were concerns about whether they excavated material out of the pit if it would hold water. After some initial excavating the area started losing water. In November 1994 the District Conservationist conducted an onsite investigation. Soil borings were made down to 72 inches where they found that even at that depth there was still a fairly high concentration of clay, so that the soil would have a slow permeability. The conclusion was that the two smaller sites excavated exposed sandy materials possibly increasing the rate of seepage. The conclusion was in further excavation to retain the clay top soil and place it back on the bottom when completed to retain water.

Two REAP grants were submitted for the renovation project but neither of them received funding.

It was the Schlesselman's request that this area be turned into a park, or other conservation area, and could be named in honor of the Schlesselman family.

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Schlesselman Wildlife Area

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1. Hollopeter, Forrest
SECTION 15
1. County of Iowa
SECTION 18

1. Michalek, Brendan
SECTION 24
1. Hollopeter, Dean
SECTION 25

1. Whitmore, Anthony
SECTION 26
1. Trimpe, Dean
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1. Nowotny, Verneta
SECTION 31
1. Victor Plastics Inc
SECTION 33

1. Hall, Gregory
SECTION 34
1. State of Iowa

Fuller Addition

In September 1988, 163 acres of land became available to purchase by Larry Fuller, and an option to purchase by three counties working together. Those counties were Iowa, Keokuk and Washington.

The Fuller area adjoins 330 acres already owned by Washington County.

The area now includes 60 acres of wetland, upland and lowland timber and grasslands, making it an excellent wildlife habitat open for hunting and trapping.

Those three counties entered into a 28-E agreement for the purchase and maintenance of the area. The total purchase price was \$110,00. A habitat grant was written and awarded for the amount of \$82,500 which was 85% of the cost. Then the three counties had to come up with the remaining \$9,166.66. Iowa County actually went to the National Heritage Foundation for a loan in which they received and paid back over the next three years.

Late in 1988 an agricultural lease was written for a maximum of 56 acres to be planted. The rent was \$40 per acre per year. Although some of the land was in a lease the Conservation Board put some restrictions on the land. Some of those restrictions were: no Fall tillage, no "harsh" chemicals, at least half of the ag land be planted into corn, and no risk to the Conservation Board as a result of the marsh.

In 1989 all dikes were cleared, fences taken down, and tile inlets and outlets plugged and a Wisconsin tube was put into place to control water levels.

In 1994 the counties decided that some work was needed to upgrade the existing dike system. The purpose is to enhance the wetland and improve the stability of the dike system. The existing wetland area was approx. 35 acres and after the renovation was covered by Ducks Unlimited of Iowa County who donated \$10,000 of the development.

This area is rich with pheasants, deer, turkeys, and an assortment of waterfowl.

The Fuller Addition is located 6 miles East of North English, on S Ave & Keokuk/Iowa Road.

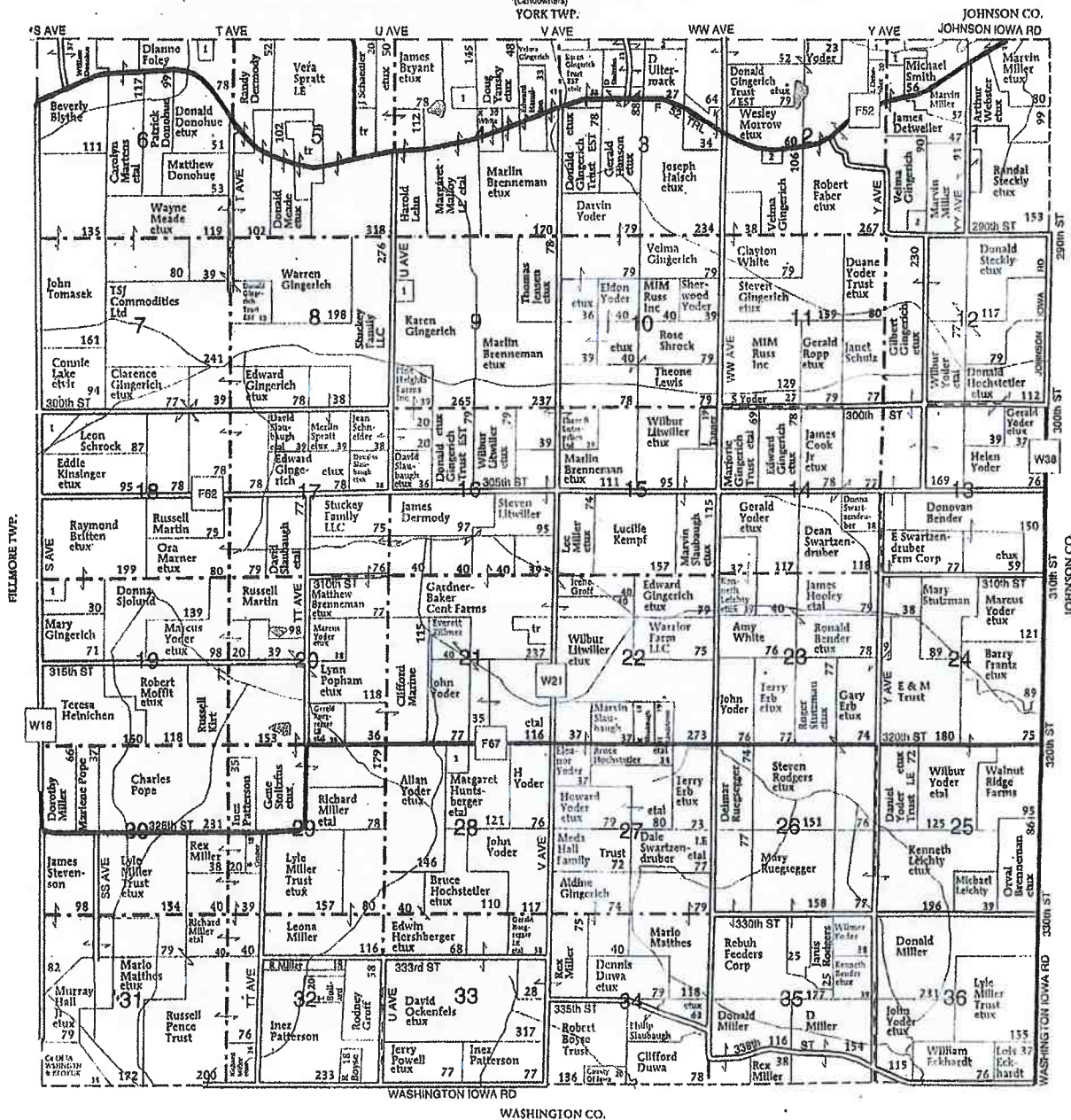
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Fuller Addition

GREENE TOWNSHIP

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1. Evans, Barton
2. Windy Prairie Farms

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1. Voder, Darvin
2. Gingerich, Jon

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1. Koenighain, Michael
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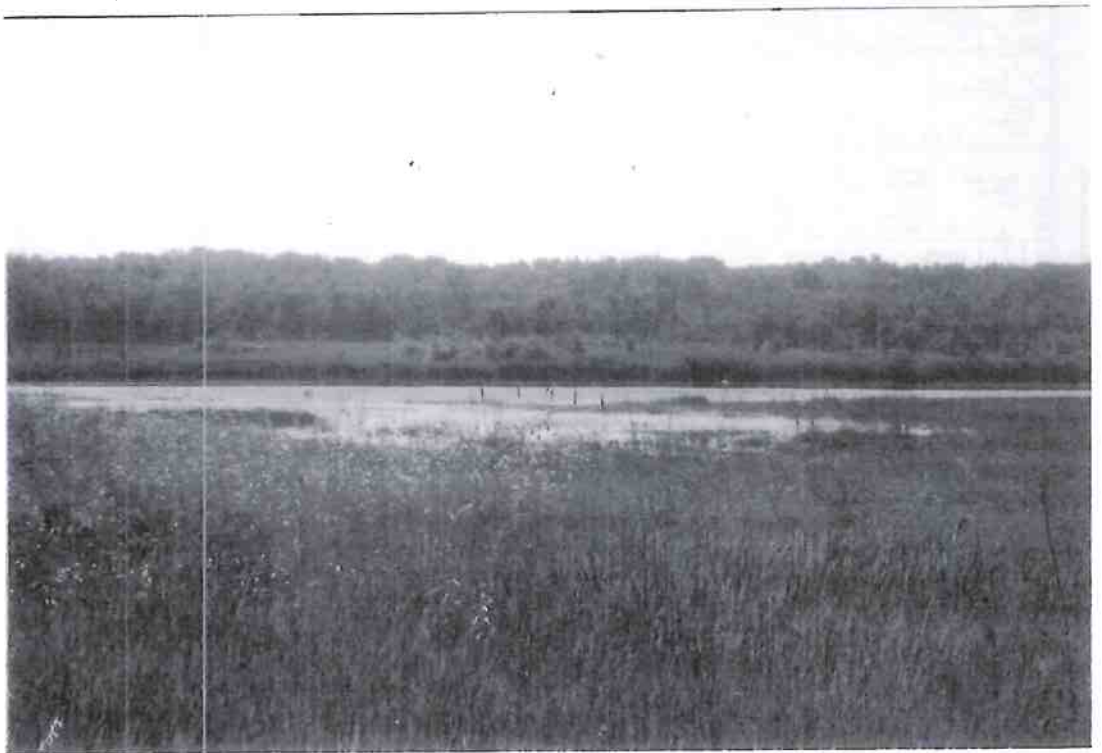
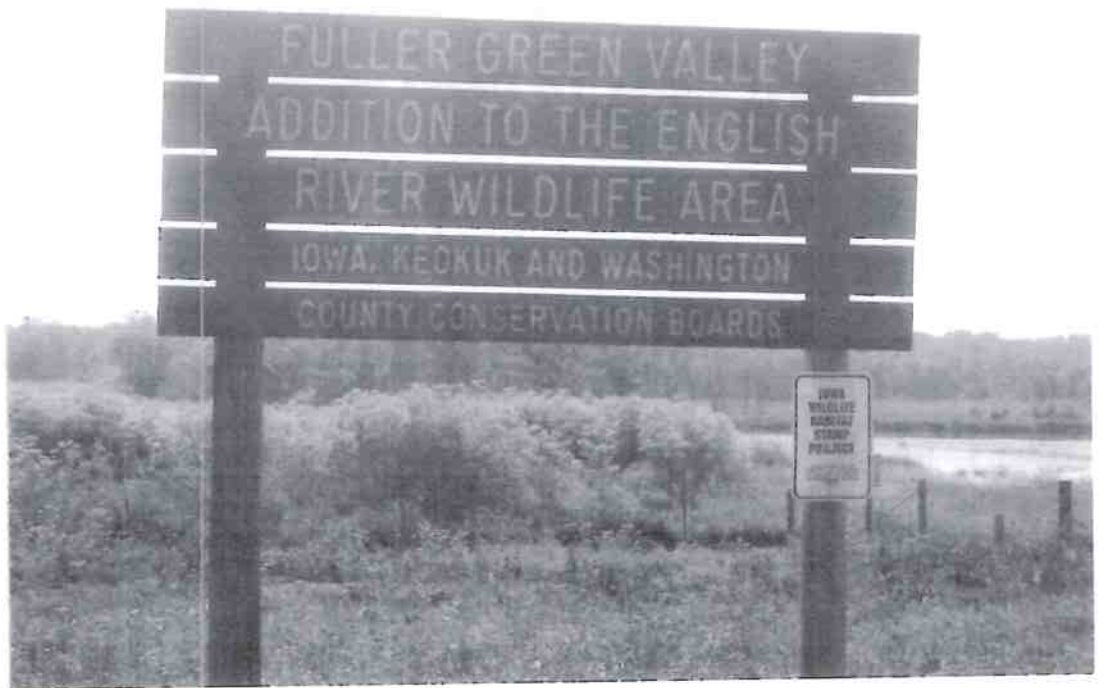
1. Marner, Ora
2. Donohue, Patrick

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1. Gingerich, Martin
2. Schlabach, Duane

SECTION 6

1. Baker, Larry
2. Schweinfurth, Susan



Pheasant Ridge Wildlife Area

Pheasant Ridge is a reconstructed upland grassland acquired in 1998. This land deal was completed partially by using \$20,000 from Pheasants Forever to purchase some of the land and the other half through a land trade agreement. The purpose of this trade was a part of the Lake Iowa Watershed Protection Project.

After the land was acquired the Conservation Board staff went in and planted it with native grasses and forbs.

This is a excellent habitat open to the public for hunting but is limited due ro a housing development constructed after the area was purchased. However, it is still a great area for hiking, bird watching and other outdoor recreation.

Peasant Ridge is located south of I-80, exit 211. Follow V-52 south 3 miles, turn west onto the access road and parking lot is at the end of the access.

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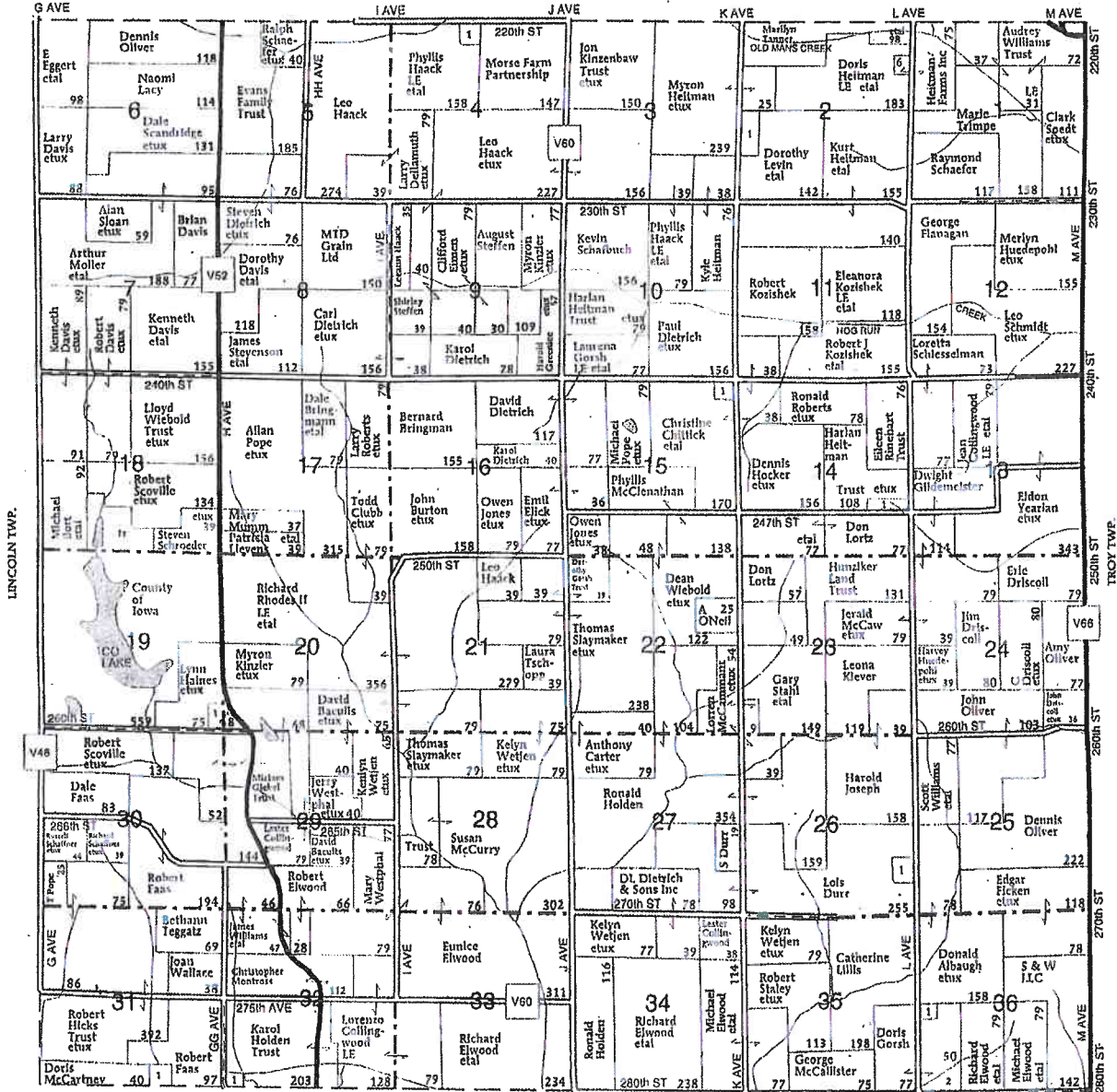
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Pheasant Ridge

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1. Roberts, Daniel

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1. Rudolph Farms Inc

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1. Stallman, Craig

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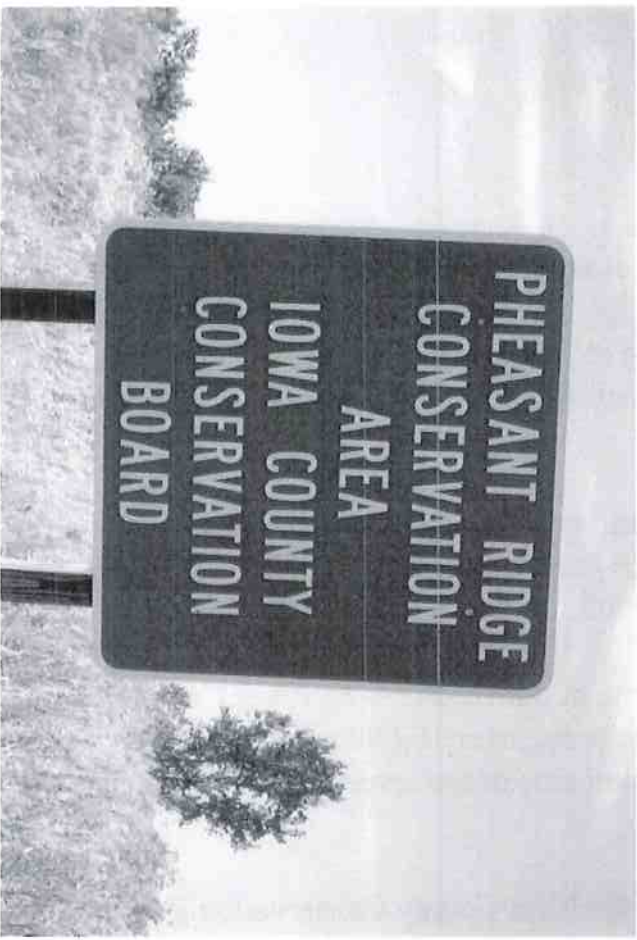
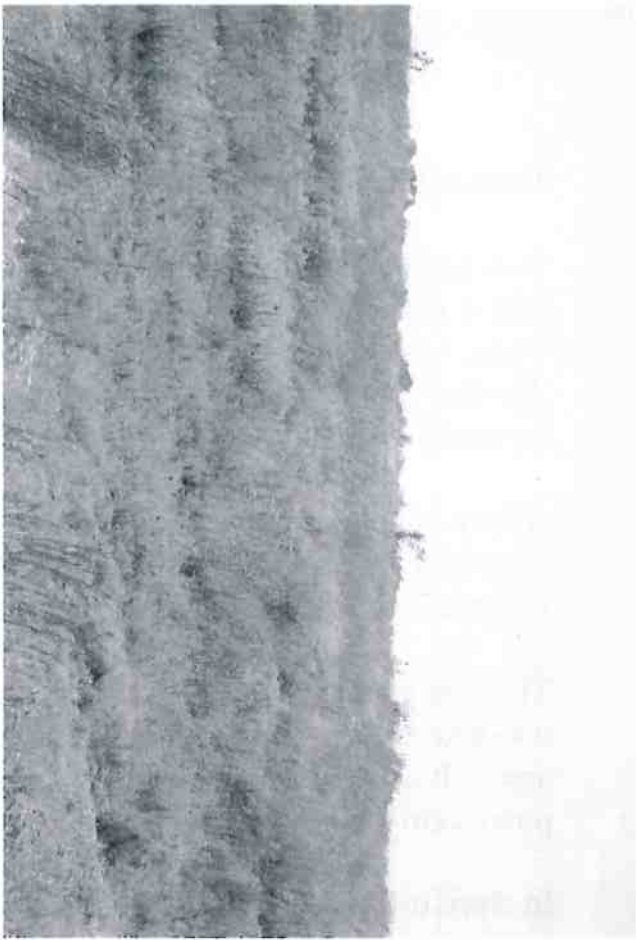
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1. Horras, David

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1. Gorsh, Mark

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Gateway Park and Preserve

In August of 2000 a real estate contract was entered into between Marengo Ready Mix and the Iowa River Valley Conservation Development Association, INC. There was a Conservation Board option to control the real estate and contract. Another contract was entered into with Frank Disteroff and Charleen Disterhoft for additional land.

After a couple of years of raising money and applying for grants the Iowa County Conservation Board was approved a REAP grant asking for \$295,000. The total purchase price of the 131 acres was \$365,000.

The park encompasses 131 acres right in the middle of the Iowa River Corridor, a nationally recognized wetland preserve including over 18,000 acres of riparian areas. It also has a 40 acre pond on the south side of the levee and a backwater pond from the Iowa River of 12 acres.

In April of 2003 the City of Marengo and the Iowa County Conservation Board received a grant from the Trees Forever for prairie reconstruction.

In May 2004 the Iowa Department of Natural Resources placed a boat ramp for access to the Iowa River.

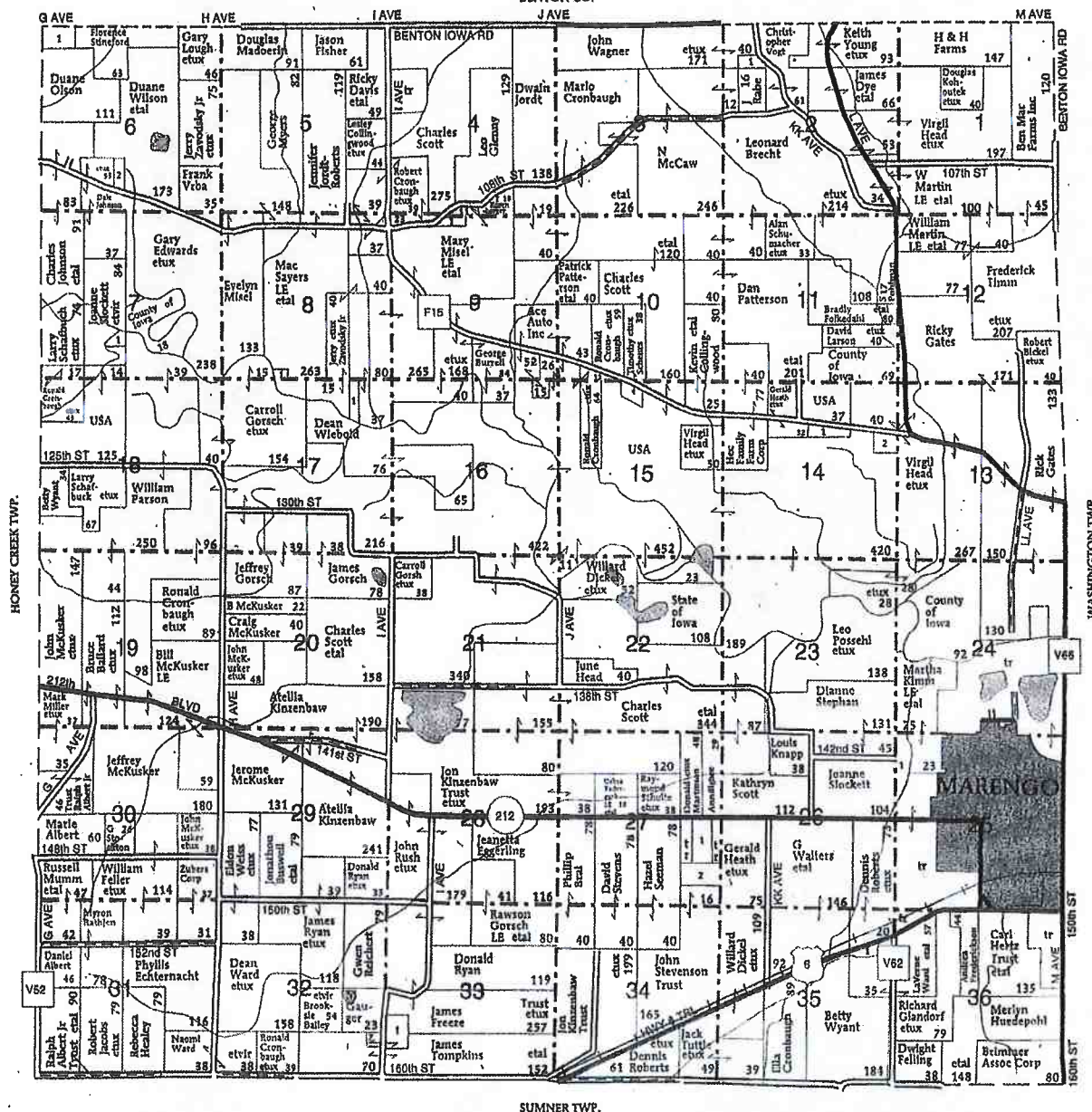
It is open to the public for fishing, hiking, biking and bird watching.

It is located on the North edge of Marengo.

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Gateway Park & Preserve

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1. Schillemann, Mark

2. Formanék, Wayne

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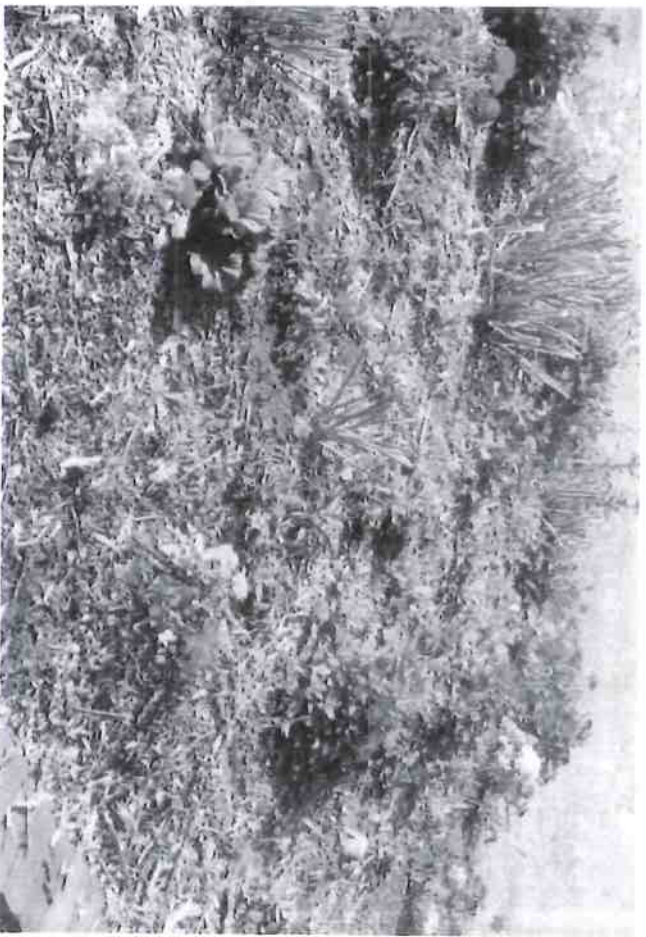
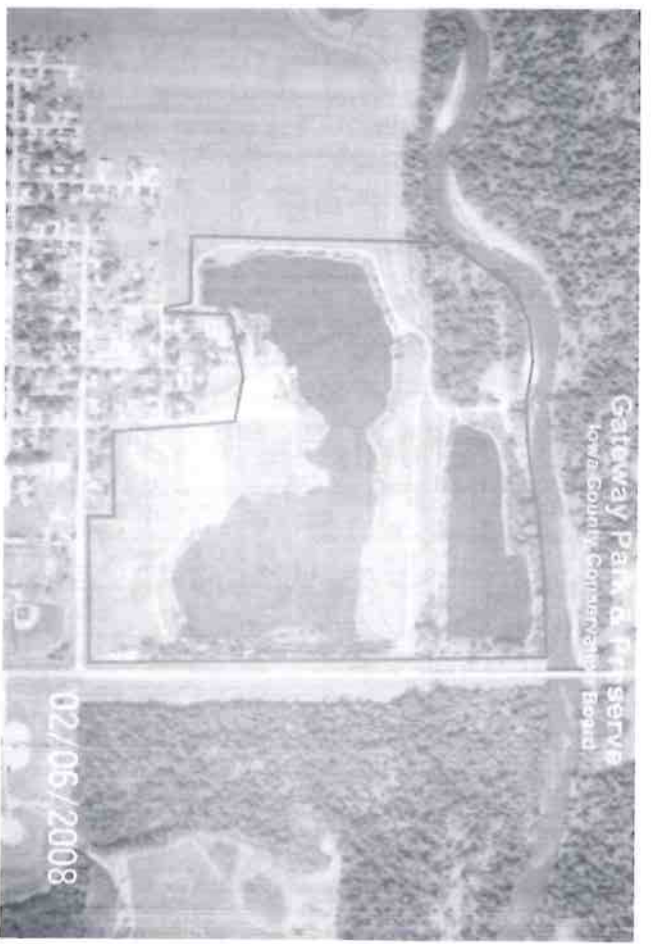
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1. Ward, Richard

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Gunderson Wildlife Area

On February 10, 1901 Vernon K. Gunderson bequeath all of this farm realty to the Iowa County Conservation Board.

In September of 2001 the Gunderson Wildlife Area was turned over to the Iowa County Conservation Board.

This farm is 69 acres of upland rolling hills, including two small ponds, upland grasslands and excellent wildlife habitat.

Along with the 69 acres was a one story farm house, after discussion with the living relatives the Iowa County Conservation Board decided to move the house to Lake Iowa Park for the Park Ranger's residence. After moving the house from North of Marengo to Lake Iowa the inside was almost completely gutted and upgraded.

The actual moving of the house cost \$10,000 and we spent another \$40,000 in remodeling.

This is a multi-use area, open hunting, fishing and other non game activities. Gunderson Wildlife.

Gunderson Wildlife Area is located 1 mile North of Marengo and West F-15 1 ½ miles.

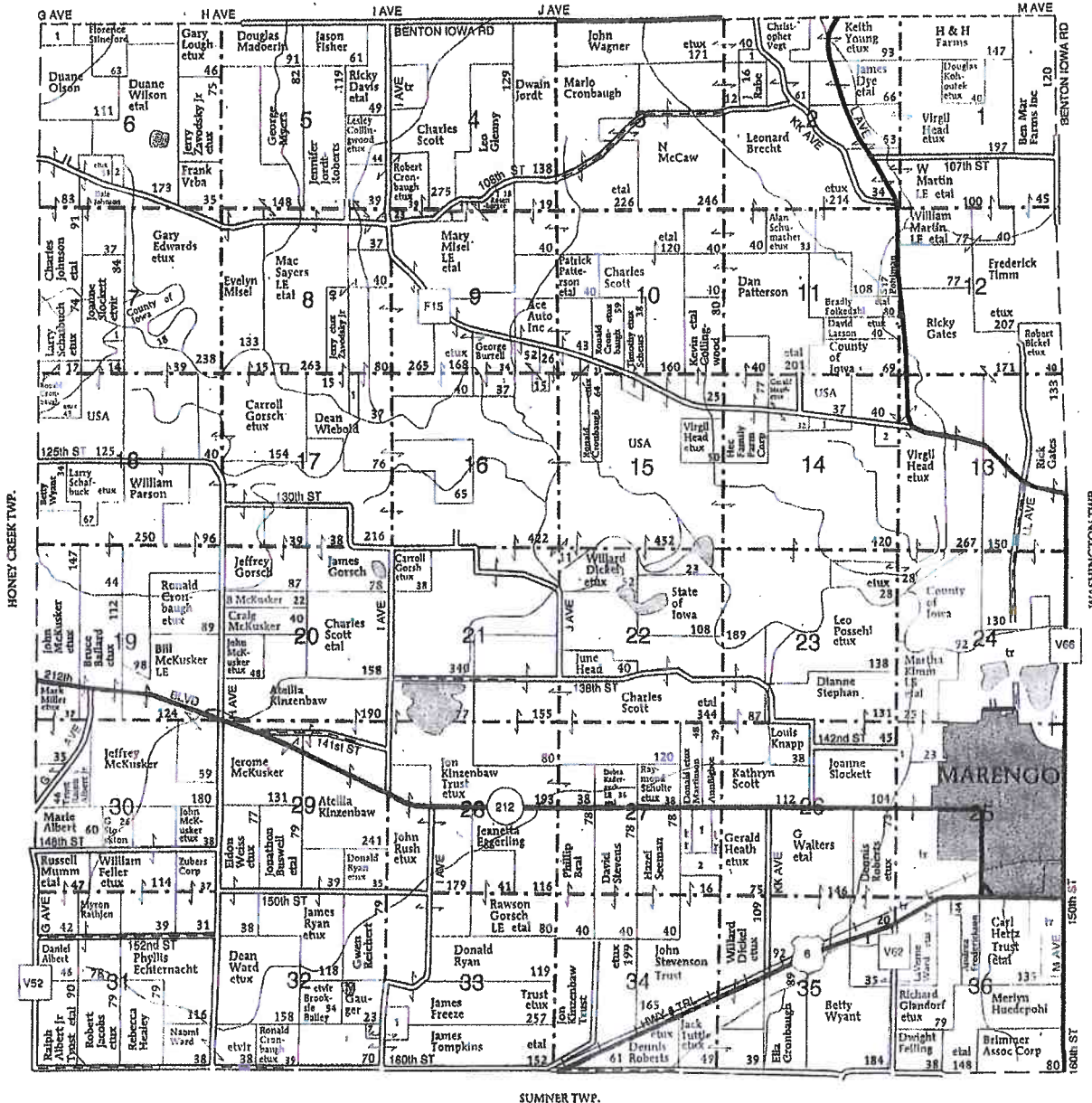
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MARENGO PLAT

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Gunderson Wildlife Area

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