

Military Ridge - Thomson Prairie

36.64 ac. Addition

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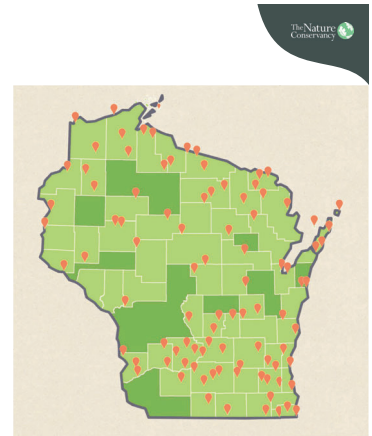
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About The Nature Conservancy in WI

Mission: *To conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends*

- WI TNC began in 1960
- 243,000 acres protected
- 20,000+ members



TNC in Dane County

- Started work in 1964
- 2 current preserves
 - Thomson Prairie
 - Waubesa Wetlands
- Transferred lands
 - UW Arboretum
 - Black Earth Rettenmund Prairie
- Assisted partners with protection
 - City of Madison and WI DNR

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TNC Efforts in Military Ridge Prairie Heritage Area

- 2,427 acres protected in the Military Ridge (Dane and Iowa Counties)
- 37-year long history of ownership and management
- Member of Southern Driftless Grassland partnership

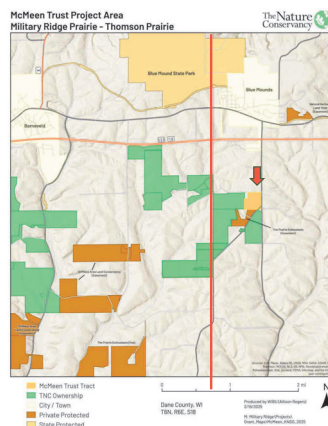
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36.64 acres

- Adjoins TNC's 706-acre Thomson Memorial Prairie
- Open to public access
- Restore permanent perennial grass cover
- Buffers remnant prairies
- Improve stream water quality



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Natural Area Connectivity & Community Benefits

- Grassland cores supports 34 bird species
- Year-round recreation, including hunting
- Education, research, and volunteerism
- 15 miles from Madison

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Funding Breakdown



TNC Purchase Price	\$432,000
Other Eligible Associated Expenses	\$9,510
Total Estimated Project Costs	\$441,510
Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant – tentatively awarded	\$219,280
Dane County Conservation Fund – pending	\$220,755
TNC's share of project costs *	\$1,475

*TNC will also set aside \$86,400 in a Stewardship Endowment for long-term management.
Staff time is also not reflected.