## STATE OF MINNESOTA

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

COMMISSIONER'S SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA ORDER NO. 6

WHEREAS, THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN GOODHUE COUNTY, MINNESOTA, AS: All that part of Sections 31 and 32, Township 113 North, Range 13 West, described as follows:

All of Blocks 7, 8 and 9 in said Section 32 lying on the South side of and adjoining Lake View Drive and adjoining the South and West lines of said Section 32. Also that part of said Section 31 described as follows:

Beginning at the Southeast Corner of said Section 31; thence run North along the East line of said Section 31 a distance of 961.0 feet more or less to the Southerly R/W line of Lake View Drive; thence run  $N61^{0}30'W$  along the Southerly R/W of Lake View Drive a distance of 170.0 feet; thence run  $S34^{0}W$  320.0 feet; thence run  $N77^{0}E$  125.0 feet; thence run  $S13^{0}W$  610.0 feet; thence run  $S76^{0}W$  600.0 feet; thence run  $S88^{0}$ 30'W 1100.0 feet; thence run  $N54^{0}$  45'W 1140.0 feet; thence run  $N37^{0}$ 15'W 400.0 feet; thence run  $N72^{0}W$  1000.0 feet; thence run  $S89^{0}$  45'W 200.0 feet; thence run  $N70^{0}$  45'W 250.0 feet to a point on or near the East R/W line of Public Road; thence run  $S15^{0}$  45'W 720.0 feet along or near said East R/W line of Public Road to a point at or near the Northerly R/W line of T. H. 61; thence run Easterly along said Northerly R/W line of T. H. 61 a distance of 2050.0 feet more or less to the South line of said Section 31; thence run East 2925.0 feet more or less along said South line of Section 31 to the point of beginning.

The West Half  $(W_2)$  of the Northeast Quarter (NE4) of Section 6, in Township 112 North, of Range 13 West, except the following:

All that part of the West half  $(W_2)$  of the Northeast Quarter  $(NE_4)$  of Section 6, in Township 112 North, of Range 13 West in Goodhue County and State of Minnesota, described as follows:

STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF DIATE F. I L E D NOV 20 1978 Gene Cadercan Shine Societary of State Beginning at the center of said Section 6; thence North 1970 feet to the center line of State Trunk Highway No. 61; thence Southeasterly along the center line of said highway for 335 feet; thence North  $66^{\circ}31$  east 380 feet; thence deflect to the left on a  $6^{\circ}$  curve for 570 feet to the South line of Borrow Pit No. 225; (Borrow Pit No. 225 being described in that certain Notice of Lis Pendens dated May 19, 1952, and recorded May 20, 1952, in Book 115 of Mortgages, at Page 77). Thence east 430 feet to the east line of the West half (W<sup>1</sup><sub>2</sub>) of said Northeast Quarter (NE<sup>1</sup><sub>4</sub>); thence South 2250 feet to the Southeast corner of said West Half (W<sup>1</sup><sub>2</sub>) of Northeast Quarter (NE<sup>1</sup><sub>4</sub>); thence West 1320 feet to the place of beginning. Excepting from the above all rights of way of State Highway and excepting the right of way of the Railroad Company.

Also an easement for right of way purposes on a strip of land 50 feet in width adjoining and Northwesterly of the Northwesterly line of the above conveyed tract. Said tract conveyed containing 49.0 acres, more or less.

Together with the mineral, gas and oil rights reserved in that certain contract for deed between the E. H. Lidberg Company and Glenn Richter and Vivian Richter, dated February 18, 1959, and recorded February 22, 1959, in Book 97 of Miscellaneous Records, on page 562 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Goodhue County, Minnesota.

And, whereas, such lands contain natural features which significantly illustrate geological formations, an undisturbed plant community maintaining itself under prevailing natural conditions typical of Minnesota, a seasonal haven for concentrations of waterfowl and other birds, the habitat of an endangered species, the Peregrine Falcon, and an ecological community significantly illustrating the process of succession and restoration to natural conditions following disruptive change.

AND, WHEREAS, the most effective means by which such lands can be used and protected for educational and research purposes in such manner, and by such means as will leave them conserved for future generations is by designation as a Scientific and Natural Area.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph Alexander, Acting Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to authority vested in me by law, do hereby designate the above described lands as Wacouta Scientific and Natural Area, so long as such lands or any part thereof remain under lease by the Department of Natural Resources. Furthermore, Wacouta Scientific and Natural Area is designated as a Public Use Unit, limiting use to programs conducted by qualified scientists and graduate and postgraduate students, programs for primary, secondary, and college undergraduate students, and interpretive programs for the benefit of the general public.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the provisions of NR 300 through and including NR 303 shall apply to the use of the above designated area. Dated this zist day of <u>August</u>, 1978.

> STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

JOSEPH ALEXANDER, Acting Commissioner Department of Natural Resources

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND EXECUTION WARREN SPANNAUS Attorney General

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