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Wells served as Chief of Staff to Falk from 1998-2011. One of his many responsibilities included oversight of land preservation efforts by the county. He also led the development of a streambank easement program that has resulted in over 18 miles of public access to world-renown trout streams in Dane County.

Kathleen Falk

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Last year, the county reached an agreement with the Bruce Company to acquire and permanently preserve 466 acres of prime riverfront along the Sugar River in southwestern Dane County.

The nearly 2.5 miles of Sugar River that flows through the property is known for excellent trout fishing – a recent assessment by the DNR noted numerous species of fish in this stretch of river. The Natural Heritage Land Trust assisted the County with the purchase.

In addition to water recreation like canoeing and fishing, the property also offers promise for hiking, and other outdoor activities for the public to enjoy.

**County Wildlife Area
379 Acres**

Town of Verona
T-06-N R-8-E, Section 34
Town of Montrose
T-05-N R-8-E, Section 3

Legend

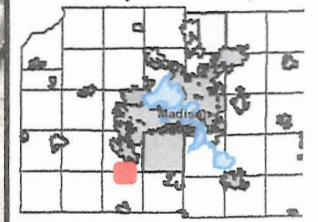
-  Parking
-  Canoe Launch
-  Falk Wells Sugar River Wildlife Area
-  Residential Buffer - No Shooting
-  Closed Area

Note: Development of a multi-use trail is proposed for the property.



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County Locator Map



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Land & Water Resources Department
Parks Division
September 7, 2017

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