

**WETLAND AREAS TOTALING ALMOST 1.5 ACRES WILL BE FILLED IN
HEADWATERS OF THE DUNCAN CREEK IN THE VILLAGE OF NEW AUBURN, WI-CHIPPEWA CO. WI**



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PHOTO BY TED AUCH, FRACTRACKER-note the wetlands. Chippewa Sands Processing is located across County Highway SS . A rail crossing across SS could also be required. See the plan at the link below.

ALMOST 1.5 ACRES OF WET FRESH MEADOW WETLANDS LOCATED AT THE HEADWATERS OF DUNCAN CREEK IN CHIPPEWA COUNTY, WI WILL BE FILLED IN TO ALLOW A PROCESSING PLANT (Purfrac) FOR FRAC SAND WITH A RAIL LOOP TO BE BUILT JUST SOUTH OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW AUBURN IN CHIPPEWA CO., WI

Public Hearing date is set for Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at the Citizens Telephone Building in New Auburn, WI. Please plan to attend and make comments about filling in valuable

waters necessary for the spawning of fish and other wildlife and the source of the creek itself.

The Duncan Creek Fishery Area includes 245 acres of land in fee title, which covers approximately 1.6 miles of stream. Fisheries easements provide public access along an additional 6.3 miles of stream. The combination of easements and fee title lands cover a majority of the stream frontage in the fishery area. Duncan Creek is a class 1 brook trout stream and one of the best brook trout streams in Chippewa County if not Wisconsin.

Duncan Creek originates in a large wetland complex and flows through agricultural lands. Water quality of the stream is considered good, but agricultural activities do contribute a moderate level of nutrients; frac sand industries contribute more pollutants and are known for changing water temperatures and quantity. The stream is a low-gradient stream bordered by a narrow wetland strip comprised primarily of tag alder and reed canary grass.

Location/Directions

The Duncan Creek Fishery Area is located in northwest Chippewa County, immediately north of

the Bloomer. Duncan Creek originates east of New Auburn and flows into the Chippewa River in Chippewa Falls. Four dams on the stream form Lake Como in Bloomer, Tilden Millpond in Tilden, Glen Loch Flowage and Star Lake both in the City of Chippewa Falls. Millions of dollars have gone into stream protection and stocking of trout over the years and ten million dollar project to create a new park at the confluence of the Duncan Creek and the Chippewa River in the City is in progress. The creek flows through beautiful Irvine Park. Each year that portion of the Creek is stocked with trout for local fishing. Handicapped fishing piers and a footbridge at Glen Lock Flowage along with a stocking project are in progress.

Duncan Creek is a Chippewa County Creek: it begins in those wetlands and ends in Chippewa Falls where it meets the Chippewa River at the dam area. Who would not want those waters protected for future generations?

Here is the information you will need to learn more about the project:

[2015-02853-DJM \(Chippewa County, WI\) Purfrac Transload \(Purfrac\) loading facility project](#)

LETTER OF PERMISSION: Purfrac Transload (Purfrac) has applied for a Department of the Army permit to discharge fill material into approximately 1.467 acres of wetlands adjacent to Duncan Creek in conjunction with the construction of a trans-modal loading facility and associated rail yard.

Date of Expiration: 05/30/2016

<http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/PublicNotices/tabid/9508/Article/746450/2015-02853-djm-chippewa-county-wi-purfrac-transload-purfrac-loading-facility-pr.aspx>

Please click on the link above and open the attachment located to the top right of the description. You will find several pages describing the project and 8 detailed pages of maps. They will be helpful in writing comments. Both written and oral comments are encouraged.

Your help is needed!

If you have any questions, feel free to call or write to me. (see below)

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