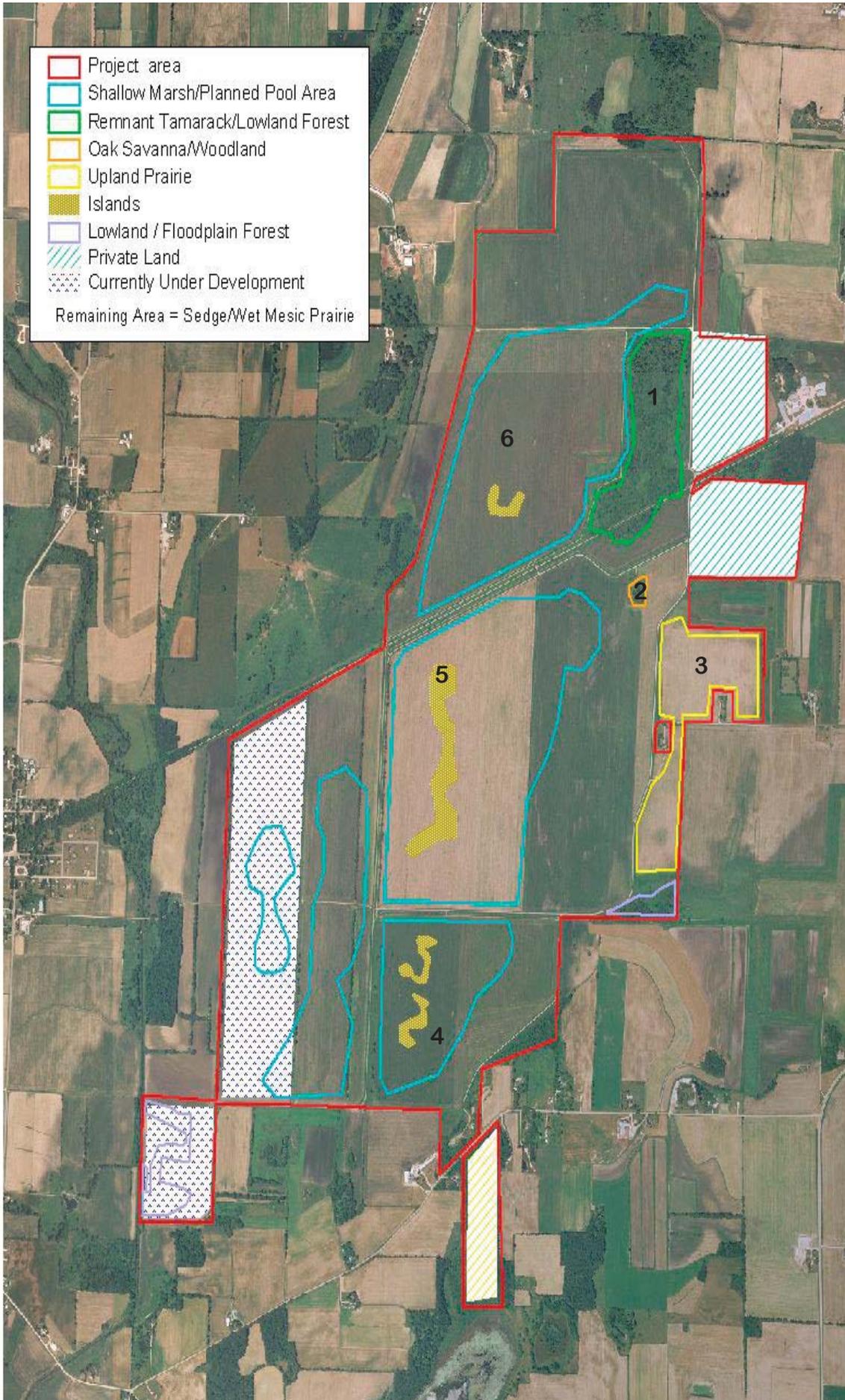
An aerial photograph of a large, rectangular marsh area. The marsh is filled with water, which is a deep blue color. The water is surrounded by green grassy banks. In the background, there are fields of brown and green, suggesting a rural or agricultural setting. The sky is not visible. A central text box with a white background and a black border is overlaid on the image. The text box contains the title 'Zeloski Marsh Dedication' and the date 'June 14, 2007'.

*Zeloski Marsh
Dedication*

June 14, 2007

Areas of Interest



Area 1
Original tamarack swamp. Restoration includes removal of invasive brush, boxelder and buckthorn.

Area 2
Hibernaculum, or snake pit, is constructed by reusing and burying broken clay drainage tiles that will attract and support a healthy snake population.

Area 3
Upland planted to native prairie forbs and grasses provides valuable nesting cover.

Area 4
Removal of large cottonwood and black willow trees provide an open landscape for several birds species. The trees were then placed in the wetland area as loafing areas for turtles and waterfowl.

Area 5
Over 12 miles of drain tile were disabled and two miles of ditches filled. Islands were constructed to restore some topography to the area for more diverse habitat.

Area 6
This northern area will be managed specifically for shorebirds.

Zeloski Marsh



Zeloski Marsh Unit of the Lake Mills Wildlife Area began as a collaborative effort of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Wisconsin DNR and Madison Audubon Society. Through USDA's Wetlands Reserve Program, nearly 1,500 acres of drained farmland was restored to wetland, forming the core of the Lake Mills Wildlife Area, now owned and operated by the Wisconsin DNR. Grants from the DNR Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program allowed Madison Audubon Society to purchase the property and also assisted in the restoration efforts. The Glacial Drumlin Bicycle Trail crosses through the marsh.

Efforts include:

- o planting 286 acres of prairie*
- o planting 270 acres of sedge meadow*
- o development of 112 acres of emergent wetland habitat*
- o restoration of 64 acres of shorebird habitat*

Restoration includes:

- o filling in two miles of ditches*
- o disabling 12 miles of drainage tiles*
- o constructing four miles of berms*
- o placing seven water control structures in four wetland basins resulting in 560 acres of shallow marsh*
- o constructing six islands totaling over 19 acres, and four smaller islands in the southeast pool area*
- o 151,000 cubic yards of fill were placed to create the berms and islands*
- o 55 steel sumps and junction boxes were removed*
- o Artesian well was modified to flow into pools*

- o Major wetland construction began on July 6, 2006 and finished September 5, 2006*





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