

# Sheboygan County Stewardship Fund 2004

## Sheboygan County Conservation Association: Land Acquisition, Sheboygan Marsh

The Sheboygan County Conservation Association received a grant for \$6325.25 for the purchase of 10 acres of land located in the Sheboygan County Marsh & Wildlife Area. The total cost of the 10 acre parcel was \$11,500. When the acquisition was finalized, the Sheboygan County Conservation Association donated the parcel of land to Sheboygan County.

The *Broughton Sheboygan Marsh Park & Wildlife Area* lies in northwestern Sheboygan County, just west and north of Elkhart Lake; it encompasses over half of the Towns of Russell and Greenbush (North). It includes about 14,000 acres of land and surface water; 8,166 acres are publicly owned, of which 7,414 acres are owned by Sheboygan County and 752 acres by the State of Wisconsin. The remainder is privately owned, some of which is publicly accessible. The Sheboygan River flows easterly through the Marsh. Map 1.9 shows the Sheboygan Marsh area.

The *Wildlife Area* is an ecologically diverse system comprised of expansive cedar and tamarack swamps, shrub marshes, lowland hardwoods, and large areas of marshes and open water. The Marsh is bisected by the Sheboygan River, which is impounded by a dam at the northeast corner of the property. The open waters and adjoining wetlands are a restored flowage of the Sheboygan River. *Sheboygan Marsh* lies in a 133 square mile watershed.

*Sheboygan Marsh* is particularly popular during the hunting and fishing seasons. Prime habitat exists for migratory waterfowl, small and big game animals, fish, furbearers, and various species of non-game animals. As such, it is especially attractive to hunters, fishers, and nature observers alike, for all seasons. The Marsh adjoins the Ice Age National Scientific Reserve.

