



Dukelow Farm

Project Description: The expansive 532.9-acre organic Dukelow Dairy Farm, located just outside the Village of Neosho in the bucolic countryside of Dodge County, specializes in cereals and hay. The working lands are adjacent to sedge meadows and forests, both of the upland variety and within a floodplain spanning more than 1.5 miles of the winding Rubicon River. This important local waterway also passes through the neighboring 5.4 acre McAuliffe easement, which features a more than 300 year old white oak.

To date, the farm is the largest property protected by Tall Pines Conservancy and was the largest farmland easement to close in the state of Wisconsin in 2021.

Why: The Dukelow Family preserved their farm and donated their development rights for the following reasons:

- 1.) To ensure the land they have stewarded for generations would remain in agriculture and be available for the next generation of farmers.
- 2.) To protect water quality in the Rubicon River.
- 3.) To preserve the wildlife habitat of the woodlands and the rare Southern Mesic Forest.
- 4.) To secure the open space their farm provides the community.

Where: Towns of Hustisford and Rubicon, Dodge County

Size: Approximately 532.9 acres

Owners: Dukelow Family

Easement Holder: Tall Pines Conservancy received the development rights on the land through a generous donation from the Dukelow Family.

Completion: 2021

“My brothers and I were committed to keeping our land as farmland – and wanted to protect it from being subdivided. More than 10 years ago, we read an article in the Wisconsin Farmer about conservation easements and began the conversation within our family. We learned of the work Tall Pines does through Charlie Brumder and became a rest stop on Ride to the Barns. Tall Pines helped us realize our dream and we’re thrilled our land will be preserved for future generations.”

—Joe Dukelow

