

DNR gets queries about donations

An official with the state Department of Natural Resources said recently there has been an increased interest in donating private land to the state because of changes in federal tax laws.

"The state does accept land under certain circumstances," said Tom Hawkins, director of the Division of Land and Water Management. "Land has been donated by citizens in past years for such uses as trails, parks, sanctuaries, public buildings and memorials."

It may be especially beneficial to donate land this year because, for most people, the tax benefits will be greater for donations made in 1986 than in coming years.