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November 10, 2008

**TO:** Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

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**INFORMATION:** Natural Resources Commission

**Transaction:** Sale of Dedicated State-owned Land  
Bloomer Park #4 – Oakland County  
Land Transaction Case #20070320

**Sale:** 28.0 acres, more or less

**Description:** Oakland County, White Lake Township, T03N, R08W. State-owned land consisting of the South 28.0 acres of the East ½ of the East ½ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 8.

**Purchaser:** White Lake Township, Oakland County, Michigan

**Sale Price:** \$99,000.00, including transaction fee

**Authority:** Part 21, Subpart 10, Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended

**Notice:** This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources' (Department) November 24, 2008 Calendar, and is eligible for approval on December 1, 2008. The transaction was also posted in local newspapers as required by legislation.

**Acquired:** The desired parcels were acquired by gift in December of 1922.

**Minerals:** The Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division, Mineral and Land Management Section staff have determined that it is appropriate to convey mineral rights to the purchaser.

**Comments:** The desired parcel is located 13 miles northwest of Pontiac, on the west side of McKeachie Road in White Lake Township. The parcel is rolling and wooded and contains Lake Frontage and bottomland on Grass Lake, a unique kettle lake indicative of the region's glacial geology. The parcel is rectangular in shape with the entire eastern boundary fronting on McKeachie Road.

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The parcel was reviewed in Phase II of the Department's Land Consolidation Strategy and approved for disposal as a Class 2 parcel.

Class 2 parcels may only be conveyed to units of government or Alternate Conservation Organizations. Such parcels must remain open to public access and not developed, except to enhance public use of the property. The transaction value of such parcels reflects these use restrictions.

White Lake Township submitted an application to acquire the parcel to create a community park. The Township plans to create accessible parking facilities, trails, and a pavilion for outdoor education and picnicking. Plans also include the creation of an accessible board walk, observation and fishing platform on Grass Lake, and interpretive signs explaining the kettle formations, the glacial origins of Grass Lake and the surrounding countryside. The reduction of invasive species and re-introduction of native species is a priority goal the Township seeks to achieve.

Parks and Recreation Division staff has indicated that this transaction represents a benefit to the Department and the recreating public in that the Township's planned improvements and management will enhance the recreation experience at the site.

Proceeds from the sale of this property will be used to acquire replacement land within Department project areas by the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund (LEFF). The LEFF Act allows the Department to sell rights in land and deposit the proceeds in a fund, which is used to acquire replacement property. Deposit of said proceeds will not cause the fund to exceed \$2,500,000.00, as stipulated by legislation.

Mineral rights will be included as part of the transaction.

Recommendations: (1) That the subject land be sold to the applicant for \$99,000.00 with conditions requiring (a) that the land remain open to the general public for outdoor recreation and (b) the property remain in a natural state and not developed with structures other than those designed to enhance public outdoor recreation.

- (2) That the State retain rights to aboriginal antiquities.
- (3) That the proceeds from the sale be deposited into the LEFF.

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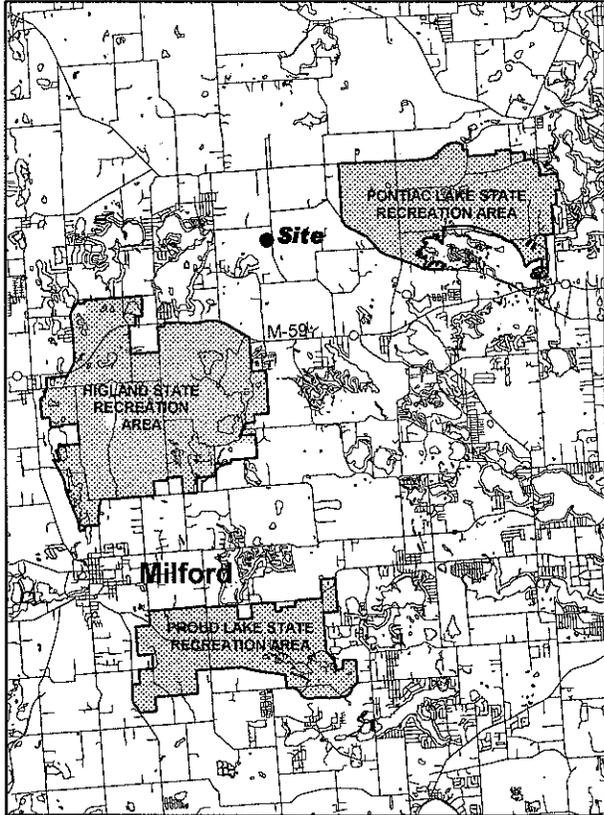
Arminda S. Koch  
Resource Management Deputy

I approve the staff recommendations.

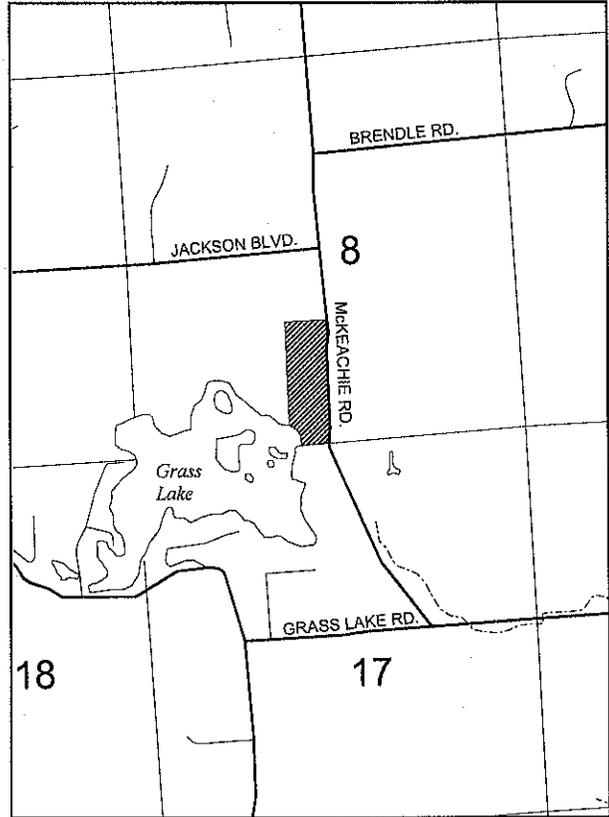
Rebecca A. Humphries  
Director

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Date Approved

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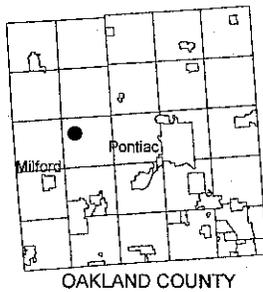


Regional Location



Section 8, T03N, R08E, White Lake Township

- Recreation area boundary
- ▨ State land to be sold (28.00 acres - \$99,000.00)
- ▤ State land
- Private land



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