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May 12, 2008

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

**INFORMATION:** Natural Resources Commission

**Transaction:** Parks and Recreation Land Acquisition  
North Lake Boating Access Site (BAS) 81-06  
Dexter Township – Washtenaw County  
Land Transaction Case #20060150

**Purchase Price:** 0.44-acre – \$89,900.00, with improvements.

**Description:** Washtenaw County, Dexter Township, T01S, R04E, Section 17, a parcel of land containing 0.44-acre.

**Seller:** Richard and Donna Blakeney, South Lyon, Michigan

**Property Taxes:** The 2006 property taxes were \$2,912.00.

**Authority:** Part 5 of Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended

**Notice:** This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources' (Department) May 27, 2008 Calendar and is eligible for approval on June 3, 2008.

**Comments:** The offered 0.44-acre lake-front parcel is located immediately adjacent to and north of the Department's BAS 81-06 on the shore of North Lake in the Pinckney Recreation Area, Washtenaw County.

The North Lake BAS provides public access to North Lake within the Pinckney Recreation Area. Acquisition of this private parcel will enable the improvement of a developed boat launch. The improvements will include adequate parking and a buffer for neighboring residences to the north along North Lake Road.

The parcel exhibits a level topography that is covered in lawn over most of the property with some brush in a marginally-drained area along the easterly edge of the parcel. The parcel is accessed via 15 feet of road frontage along asphalt-paved and county-maintained North Lake Road. A 15-foot-wide strip of land leading from the main body of the parcel easterly across North Lake Road to the shoreline of North Lake provides lake access. Adjacent to this parcel along the entire southerly boundary is the Department's North Lake BAS.

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The current BAS is subject to periodic flooding due to its elevation and adjacent wetlands. Parking and the vault restroom at the site are rendered unusable by the public when this occurs. Expanding the BAS onto adjacent State-owned land to the south is prevented by the presence of wetlands. Acquisition of this parcel, and the subsequent re-design of the site will remedy the aforementioned problems at this BAS. The acquisition of the parcel will add 15 feet in width to the actual boat launch area enabling the Department to upgrade the launch with an ADA-compliant concrete ramp and pier.

The property is improved with a 671.9-square-foot cottage built in 1920 and currently under renovation. These improvements will be removed using Waterways funding following completion of the purchase.

The purchase will include those mineral rights owned by the Seller.

Recommendations:

- (1) That this purchase be approved with payment to be made from funds appropriated from the Waterways Fund, under Act 193, Public Acts of 2003.
- (2) That the Parks and Recreation Division, through the Waterways program, remove any undesired improvements remaining on the site after completion of the purchase.

David E. Freed, Chief  
Land and Facilities

Ronald A. Olson, Chief  
Parks and Recreation

Kelley D. Smith, Chief  
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Arminda S. Koch  
Resource Management Deputy

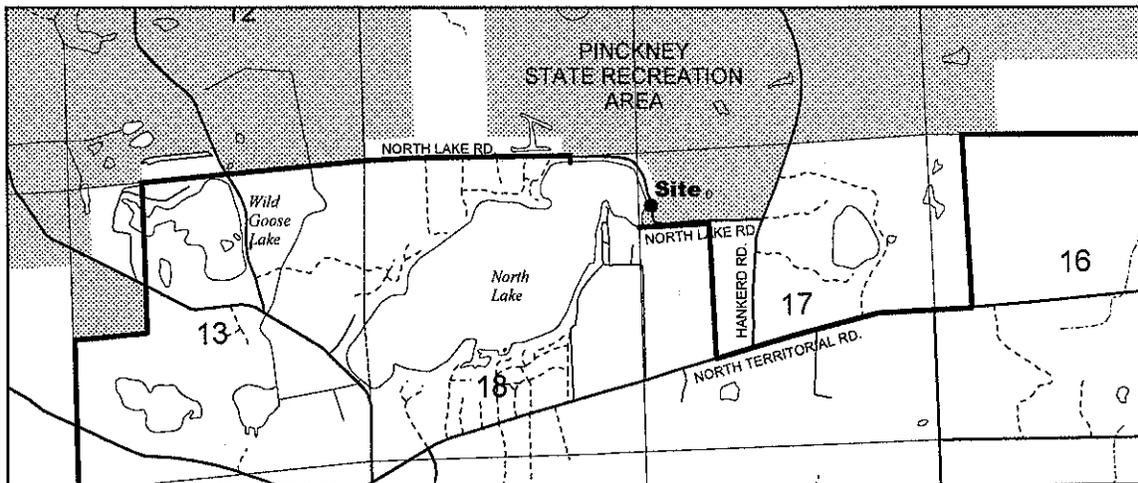
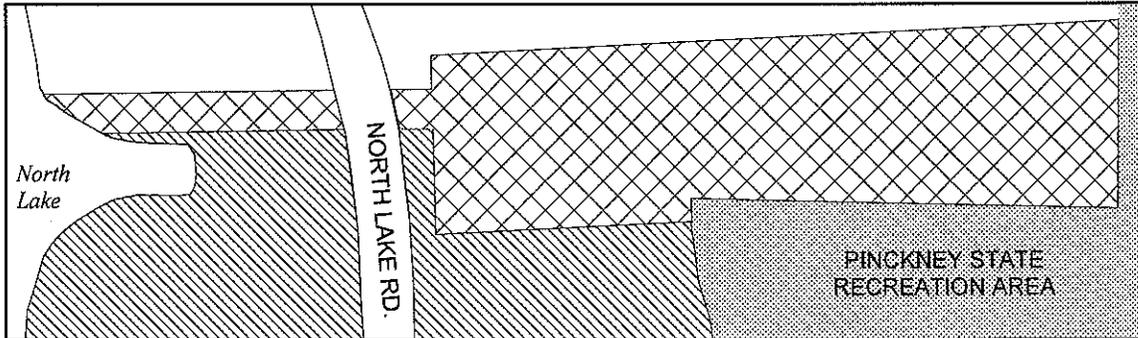
Dennis R. Fedewa  
Chief Deputy

I approve the staff recommendations.

Rebecca A. Humphries  
Director

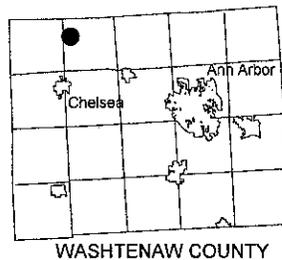
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**PARKS AND RECREATION LAND ACQUISITION**  
**North Lake Boating Access Site 81-06 - Washtenaw County**  
**Land Transaction Case #20060150**  
**(Map 1 of 2)**



Section 17, T01S, R04E, Dexter Township

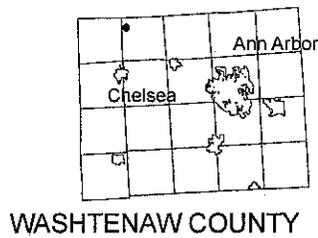
- State Recreation Area Boundary
- Land Offered to DNR (0.44 acre - \$89,900.00)
- North Lake Boating Access Site
- State Land
- Private Land



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----- Boundary of Land Offered to DNR



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