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August 18, 2008

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Wildlife Land Acquisition
Grand River State Game Area – Ionia County
The Mitchell Gorham Tract
Land Transaction Case #20080004

Purchase Price: 64.50 acres – \$185,000.00

Description: Ionia County, Ionia Township, T07N, R06W, Part of Section 23, as noted on “Attachment A.”

Seller: Mitchell Gorham, Georgetown, Indiana

Option Expires: October 26, 2008

Property Taxes: The 2007 property taxes were estimate to be \$3,739.00

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

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources’ (Department) September 2, 2008 Calendar, and is eligible for approval on September 9, 2008.

Comments: The offered private parcel is located in central Ionia County, four miles east of the City of Ionia and in association with 809 acres of State-owned land managed as the Grand River State Game Area (GRSGA).

The irregularly-shaped property is vacant and contains a total of 64.50 acres with 660 feet of undeveloped frontage along the south shoreline of the Grand River. The property exhibits a gently undulating topography with variations in soil composition ranging from marginally-drained to upland fringe. Lowland hardwoods dominate the forest cover. Access is available from East Riverside Drive, a county-maintained road, along the southerly boundary of the tract. State-owned land adjoins this property along the western boundary and at the railroad corridor which is also State-owned.

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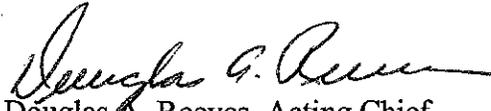
Acquisition of this private in-holding will enhance the GRSGA, increase public recreational opportunities, and secure additional fisheries and wildlife habitat in an area between two major population centers in central Michigan.

The purchase will include the oil and gas rights owned by the seller.

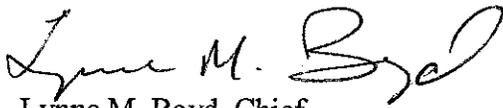
Recommendation: That this tract be approved for purchase with payment of \$92,500.00 to be made from funds appropriated for Wetland Habitat Acquisition, as contained in Act 41, Public Acts of 2007, with the remainder to be made from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Wildlife Land Consolidation Initiative, as contained in Act 59, Public Acts of 2007.



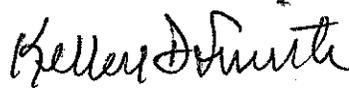
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I approve the staff recommendation.

Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

Date Approved

“Attachment A”
Legal Descriptions
for the
Mitchell Gorham Tract
Case # 20080004

T7N, R6W, Sec. 23:

The Northeast ¼ of the Southwest ¼ and the East 21.17 acres of the South fraction of the Northwest fractional ¼ and that part of the East ½ of the Southeast ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of said Section 23, lying North of the center of the Highway (E. Riverside Drive), EXCEPTING and RESERVING therefrom the following described parcels:

(1) The right-of-way heretofore conveyed to the Detroit, Lansing, and Northern Railroad Company, (2) Part of the Southwest ¼ of Section 23 described as: commencing at the South ¼ corner of Section 23, thence N00°25'55"W 352.78 feet along the North-South ¼ line to the centerline of Riverside Drive, thence along said centerline S73°21'19"W 150.00 feet to the point of beginning of this description, thence S73°21'19"W 150.00 feet along the centerline of Riverside Drive, thence N00°25'55"W 1047.84 feet to the South right of way line of former C & O Railroad, thence along said right of way line N88°53'35"E 288.09 feet, thence S00°25'55"E 664.97 feet along the North-South ¼ line of Sec. 23, thence S73°21'19"W 150.00 feet, thence S00°25'55"E 302.50 feet to the point of beginning, (3) Part of the SW ¼ of Section 23 described as beginning at the intersection of the North right of way line of the former C & O railroad and the North-South ¼ line of Section 23, said point being N00°25'55"W 1386.25 feet from the South ¼ corner of Section 23, thence S88°53'35"W 453.09 feet along the North right of way line of the former C & O railroad, thence N00°25'55"W 1090.00 feet, thence N88°53'35"E 453.09 feet, thence S00°25'55"E 1090.00 feet along the North-South ¼ line of Section 23 to the point of beginning, and (4) Part of the SW ¼ of Section 23 described as beginning at the intersection of Riverside Drive and the North-South ¼ line of Section 23, said point being N00°25'55"W 352.78 feet from the South ¼ corner of Section 23, thence S73°21'19"W 150.00 feet along the centerline of Riverside Drive, thence N00°25'55"W 302.50 feet, thence N73°21'19"E 150.00 feet, thence S00°25'55"E 302.50 feet along the North-South ¼ line of Section 23 to the point of beginning.

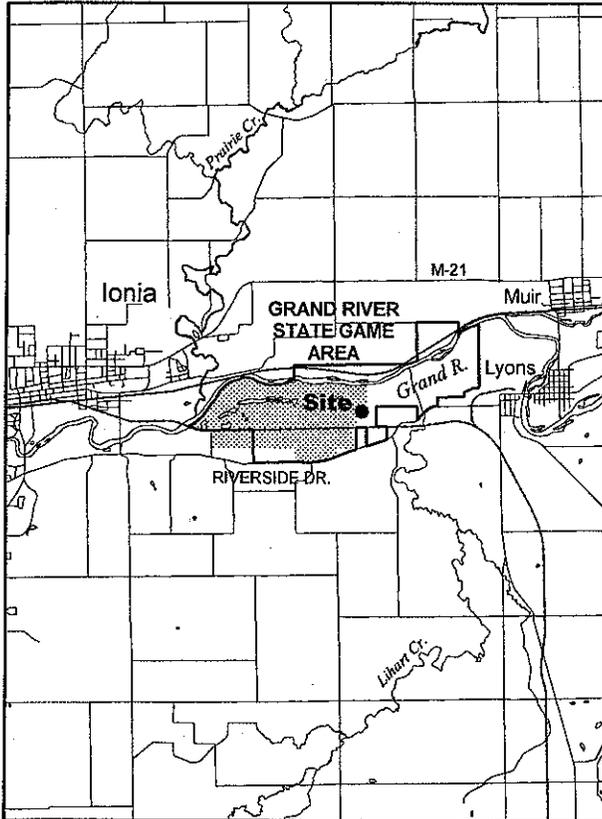
In total, containing 64.50 acres more or less.

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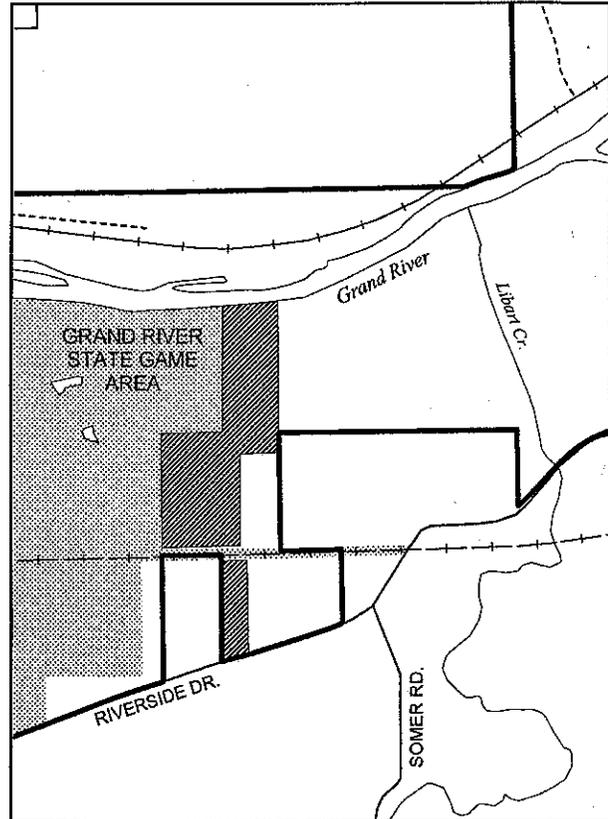
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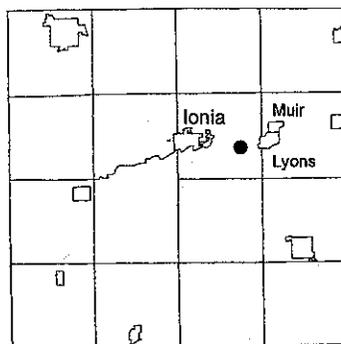


Regional Location



Section 23, T07N, R06W, Ionia Township

- Game Area Boundary
- ▨ Land Offered to DNR (64.50 acres - \$185,000.00)
- ▤ State Land
- Private Land



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