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June 9, 2008

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Purchase of Tax-Reverted Land under Act 123, P.A. 1999
State Forest Land Acquisition
Gaylord and Sault Ste. Marie Management Units – Mackinac County
Land Transaction Case #20080096

Purchase: One Subdivision Lot– To be purchased from Mackinac County for \$900.00 as provided by statute. 2007 SEV - \$450.00.

Description: Mackinac County, Bois Blanc Township, Lot 41, Block 29,
Bob-Lo Gardens subdivision, First Addition to Bob-Lo Gardens.

Purchase: Two Subdivision Lots– To be purchased from Mackinac County for \$2,100.00 as provided by statute. 2007 SEV - \$1,050.00

Description: Mackinac County, Bois Blanc Township, Lots 50 and 51, Block 118,
Bob-Lo Gardens subdivision, Third Addition to Bob-Lo Gardens.

Purchase: Vacant 30-acre Parcel – To be purchased from Mackinac County for \$41,250.00 as provided by statute. 2007 SEV - \$20,625.00.

Description: Mackinac County, Clark Township, T42N, R01W, Section 24:
The South ¾ of the SW ¼ of the SW ¼. 30 acres more or less.

Authority: Act 123, P.A. 1999, amended Act 206, P.A. 1893, and Section 211.131 of the General Property Tax Act.

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) June 30, 2008 Calendar, and is eligible for approval on July 7, 2008.

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Comments:

The DNR is proposing to acquire the four subject parcels under authority of Act 123, P.A. of 1999. Prior to 1999, the DNR had the authority to retain tax-reverted parcels at no cost for natural resources and recreational purposes. Act 123, P.A. of 1999, now grants the DNR a first right of refusal to acquire tax-reverted properties by paying fair market value or minimum bid, whichever is greater. This first right of refusal applies to all lands that have been foreclosed upon either by the county or the State under Act 123.

The three subdivision lots are located on Bois Blanc Island in the southeastern part of Mackinac County. The parcels are inside the boundary of the Gaylord Management Unit.

The parcels are located in the largely undeveloped Bob-Lo Gardens subdivision which encompasses 992 acres of upland forest in the south-central portion of Bois Blanc Island. The vacant lots exhibit a generally level topography with a mixed forest cover. Access is available across State-owned land which surrounds each of the parcels. The DNR already owns a significant percentage of land within the subdivision and acquisition of these parcels will help to consolidate ownership.

The DNR currently owns the mineral rights relative to the lots.

The 30-acre parcel offers considerable Pierson Creek and unnamed pond frontage along with wildlife and fishery habitat associated with the stream corridor. In addition, the parcel offers consolidation benefits when considered relative to an adjacent 30-acre parcel to the east which will soon be acquired by the DNR via land exchange with the Chippewa Watershed Conservancy and the Little Traverse Conservancy.

Acquisition of these private in-holdings will consolidate State ownership, secure additional wildlife and fishery habitat, and increase public recreational opportunities in Mackinac County.

Recommendation: That the parcels be approved for purchase with payment to be made from the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund.

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Land and Facilities

Lynne M. Boyd, Chief
Forest, Mineral and Fire Management

Douglas A. Reeves, Acting Chief
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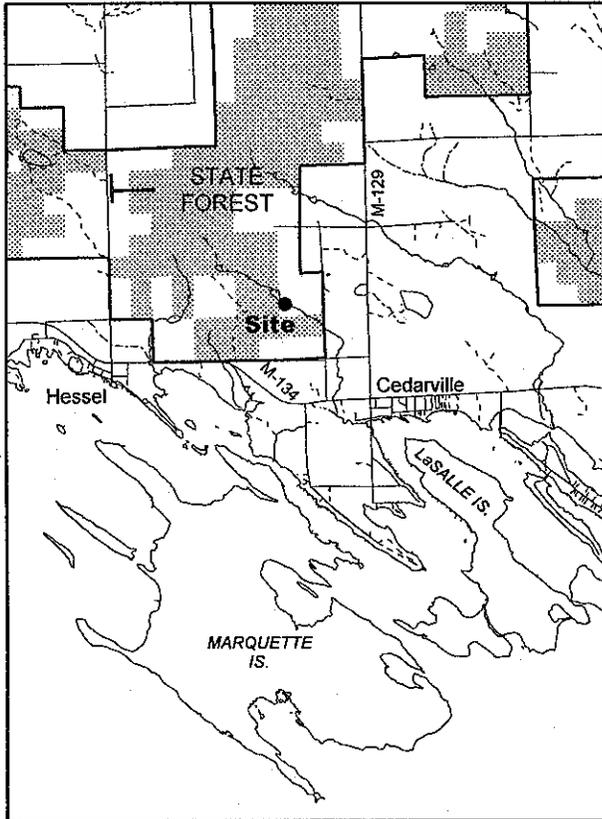
Dennis R. Fedewa
Chief Deputy

I approve the staff recommendation.

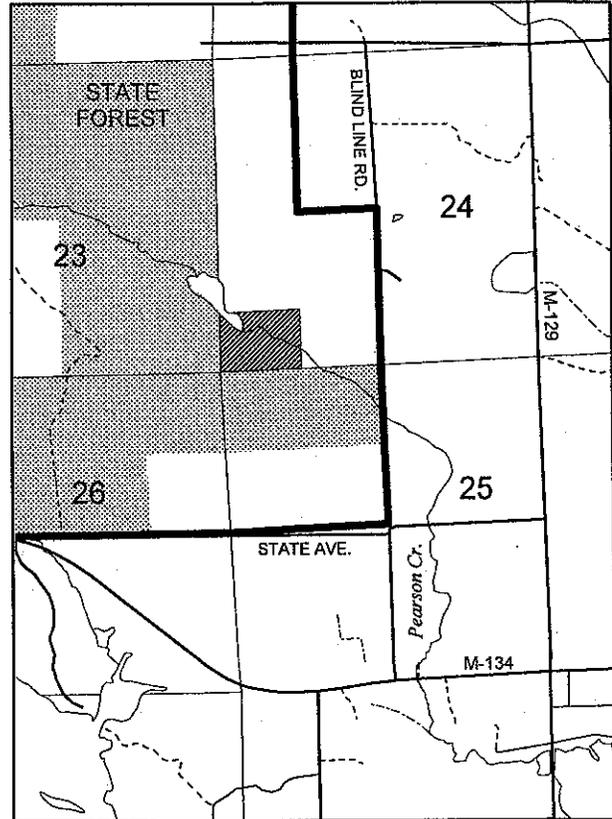
Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

Date Approved

PURCHASE OF TAX-REVERTED LAND UNDER ACT 123, P.A. 1999
 Sault Ste. Marie Management Unit - Mackinac County
 Land Transaction Case #20080096
 (Map 1 of 2)

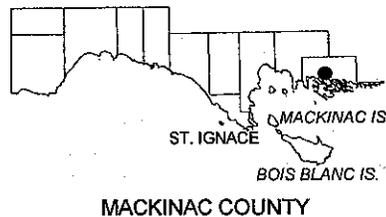


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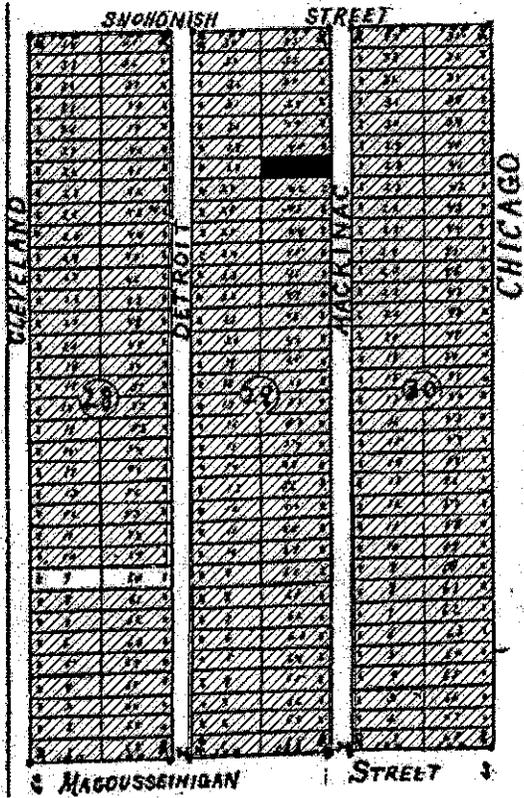
Section 24, T42N, R01W, Clark Township

-  State Forest Boundary
-  Tax-Reverted Land Offered to DNR (30.00 acres)
-  State Land
-  Private Land

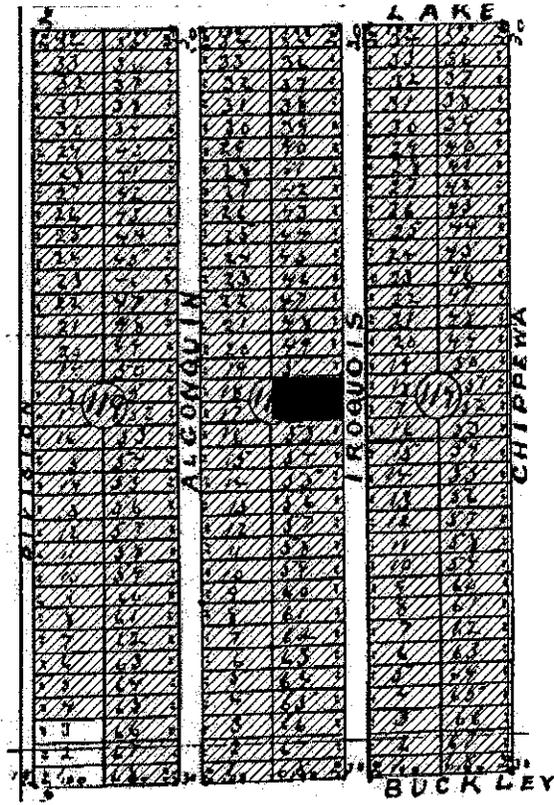


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PURCHASE OF TAX-REVERTED LAND UNDER ACT 123, P.A. 1999
 Gaylord Management Unit - Mackinac County
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Lot 41, Block 29
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 Bois Blanc Island

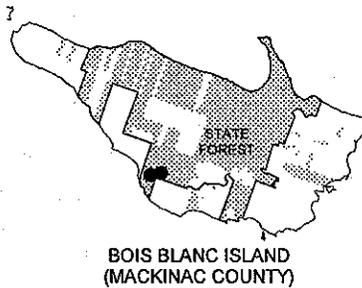


Lots 50 and 51, Block 118
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■ Tax-Reverted Land Offered to DNR (3 Subdivision Lots)

▨ State Land

□ Private Land



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