

## **Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Recommendations December 7, 2011**

### **ACQUISITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **Southeast/South Central/Tri-Cities**

**Bath Township (Clinton County)** is recommended to receive \$40,000 to acquire 4.2 acres to connect Park Lake Preserve property to Park Lake Road for future nature/walking trail development.

**Bay County** is recommended to receive \$259,000 to acquire 60 acres of riverfront property on the Pinconning River that adjoins Pinconning Park.

**Clay Township (St. Clair County)** is recommended to receive \$3 million to acquire 440 acres on Harsens Island to protect globally imperiled natural habitat, create a buffer for the St. Clair Flats State Game Area, establish a wildlife corridor and provide recreation opportunities.

**Commerce, Walled Lake and Wixom Trailway Management Council (Oakland County)** is recommended to receive \$3,755,400 to acquire approximately 32.91 acres of railway corridor and the Walled Lake Train Depot for non-motorized trailway use.

**Cottrellville Township (St. Clair County)** is recommended to receive \$337,700 to acquire four parcels for a township riverfront park.

**Jackson County** is recommended to receive \$187,500 to acquire approximately 40 acres to develop a non-motorized pathway connection and greenbelt between the Inter City Trail and Sparks Foundation County Park.

**The River Raisin Recreation Area** acquisition by the Department of Natural Resources' Parks and Recreation Division is recommended to receive \$3 million to acquire 2,000 acres in southern Jackson and Washtenaw counties for a new southern Michigan recreation area to focus on hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation.

**Southeast Michigan Eco-Region Consolidation** is recommended to receive \$1,475,000 for the acquisition of critical in-holdings within existing boundaries in state parks and recreation areas, state game areas, state harbors and Natural Rivers areas.

**St. Clair County** is recommended to receive \$150,000 to acquire 2.75 acres of former railroad right-of-way between Military Street and the St. Clair River to develop a universally accessible trail.

**Washtenaw County** is recommended to receive \$2,275,000 to acquire 54.17 acres of urban nature area that will connect two nature preserves.

## **Southwest/West Michigan**

**Southwestern Lower Peninsula Eco-Region Consolidation** is recommended to receive \$1 million to acquire various properties within the southwest Michigan eco-region to improve DNR ownership by eliminating in-holdings in DNR project areas.

**Spring Lake Township (Ottawa County)** is recommended to receive \$30,000 to acquire approximately four acres for scenic views, public access to natural waterfront, preservation of the natural landscape of the township and to provide quality wetland and upland habitat areas.

## **Northern Lower Peninsula**

**Acme Township (Grand Traverse County)** is recommended to receive \$862,500 to acquire approximately 475 feet of frontage on East Grand Traverse Bay in two parcels.

**Iosco County** is recommended to receive \$148,000 to acquire 2.89 acres of land on Van Etten Creek.

**Leland Township (Leelanau County)** is recommended to receive \$2,933,000 to acquire 104.5 acres of Clay Cliffs/Crary property to be managed as a township natural area.

**Northern Lower Peninsula Eco-Regional Land Consolidation** is recommended to receive \$950,000 to acquire various properties within the northern Lower Peninsula eco-region that will improve DNR ownership by eliminating in-holdings within state project areas.

**Resort Township (Emmet County)** is recommended to receive \$157,000 to acquire 76.6 acres to expand an existing township park.

**Wigwam Bay State Wildlife Area**, managed by the DNR's Wildlife Division in Arenac County, is recommended to receive \$400,000 to acquire 106 acres with one-quarter mile of waterfront on Saginaw Bay to provide ice fishing, waterfowl, deer, turkey and small game hunting opportunities.

## **Upper Peninsula**

**Eagle Harbor Township (Keweenaw County)** is recommended to receive \$498,000 to acquire 320 acres of property to add to the Keweenaw Coastal Wildlife Corridor for conservation and recreational access.

**Negaunee Township (Marquette County)** is recommended to receive \$202,700 to acquire 176.84 acres to preserve and extend the township's non-motorized trail system.

**Upper Peninsula Eco-Regional Land Consolidation** is recommended to receive \$950,000 to acquire various properties within the Upper Peninsula to improve DNR ownership by eliminating in-holdings within DNR project areas.

### **Statewide Initiatives**

**Various rail-to-trail acquisitions** by the DNR will be recommended for \$1 million in funding to extend, connect or enhance the state recreation trail network, including lands for trailhead support facilities.