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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
LANSING



KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

August 31, 2012
Sent by fax to 231-238-9163

Ms. Karen Morgan
Mullett Township Treasurer
4502 Onaway Road
Indian River, MI 49749-9228

Dear Treasurer:

Subject: Notice of Estimated Payments in Lieu of Taxes
DNR Land Transaction #20120004

In accordance with Public Act Numbers 240 and 294 of 2012, this notice is being provided to you as the Treasurer of the local taxing unit where the Department of Natural Resources is acquiring new public land. These Public Acts require the Department to estimate the amount of annual payments in lieu of taxes (PILT) on public lands that it is acquiring, and to provide that information to you at least 30 days before the acquisition. Please note that these are only estimates. The Department does not have the authority to determine the valuation of real property for the purposes of the annual PILT payments. Per MCL 324.2153 this authority lies with the State Tax Commission.

The following is a breakdown of the Department's estimate of annual PILT payments for public lands where Act 451 of 1994, Part 21, Subpart 14 directs the State to make these payments and for those lands where Subpart 13 directs the payment of taxes on tax reverted, recreation, and forest lands that are not covered under Subpart 14.

Subpart 13 – Estimated tax on tax reverted, recreation, and forest lands: \$0.00.

Subpart 14 - Estimated Annual PILT Payments: \$7,500.00.

Also, for your information I have attached a copy of a memo that summarizes this acquisition of public land within your jurisdiction.

Should you have questions, please feel free to contact me at Real Estate Services Section, Acquisitions and Exchanges, P.O. Box 30448, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7948.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures



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August 10, 2012

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Trail Acquisition
North Central State Trail – Cheboygan County
The Jennie Johnson/LTC Tract
Land Transaction Case #20120004

Purchase: 147 acres more or less – \$750,000.00

PA 240 of 2012: PILT Estimate: \$7,500.00
This Parcel is North of the Mason-Arenac Line and will result in an increase of 130.23 counted acres.
Excluded Acres:
0.69 acres – trail located within an abandoned railroad right-of-way
16.08 acres – trail not located within an abandoned railroad right-of-way

Description: Cheboygan County, Mullett Township, T36N, R02W, All that part of Section 31, Township 36 North, Range 2 West, Cheboygan County, Michigan, as recorded July 14, 2009 in Liber 1131, page 121, together with crossing easements as set forth in “Easements for Driveway Purposes” recorded April 9, 2009 in Liber 1122, Page 794, and in Liber 1131, page 123, Cheboygan County Records, excluding a small strip of land west of the highway that the Vendor will retain to clear up title issues prior to closing.

Seller: Little Traverse Conservancy, Harbor Springs, Michigan.

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

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) September 4, 2012, calendar, and is eligible for approval on September 12, 2012.

Comments: The offered 147 acre parcel is located between the communities of Indian River and Topinabee and between Straits Highway (M-27) and the southwest shore of Mullett Lake in Cheboygan County. The parcel contains the following attributes, which collectively make this a priority acquisition:

- over 1,500 feet of lake frontage on the southwestern portion of Mullett Lake;
- the North Central State Trail crosses the property very near the shoreline creating public access opportunities to the lake from the trail;

- undulating terrain with a high ridge that circles the land and is dominated by a mature forest with a variety of mixed conifer tree species and associated northern hardwoods;
- standing timber that includes numerous mature specimen-quality pine and hemlock making for an exceptional forest canopy;
- approximately 35% of the parcel is designated as Palustrine wetlands (substantially covered with emergent vegetation--trees, shrubs, moss, etc.) with a 0.60 acre fresh water pond;
- together with a good two-track trail system (7,005+/- feet), the parcel is improved with a one-story single unit residential structure containing 1,723 square feet built in 1946 on a concrete foundation with an associated garage and shed;
- archeological excavations indicate the site had been used repeatedly as a cold-season campsite (ca. A.D. 600 to contact).

The seller will convey any mineral rights that they own relative to this parcel. The seller also will place a restriction on the deed that states that not more than one dock (seasonal) is allowed and no marinas.

Acquisition of this parcel will preserve the lakeshore and create public access opportunities not only to the lake from the trail but from the lake to the trail. Other potential recreation opportunities are being considered at this site including natural and historical interpretive sites, a trailhead with parking, restroom facilities, picnic pavilion, benches, seasonal dock, potable water and dispersed camping.

Recommendation:

- (1) That the acquisition be approved, with payment to be made from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, State Trails Initiative, as contained in Act 16 of 2011.
- (2) That the property be dedicated for public use and administered by the Parks and Recreation Division.

Russ Mason, Ph.D., Chief
Wildlife Division

William O'Neill, Chief
Forest Resources Division

James L. Dexter, Chief
Fisheries Division

Ronald A. Olson, Chief
Parks and Recreation Division

William E. Moritz, Ph.D.
Natural Resources Deputy

Mark H. Hoffman
Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations

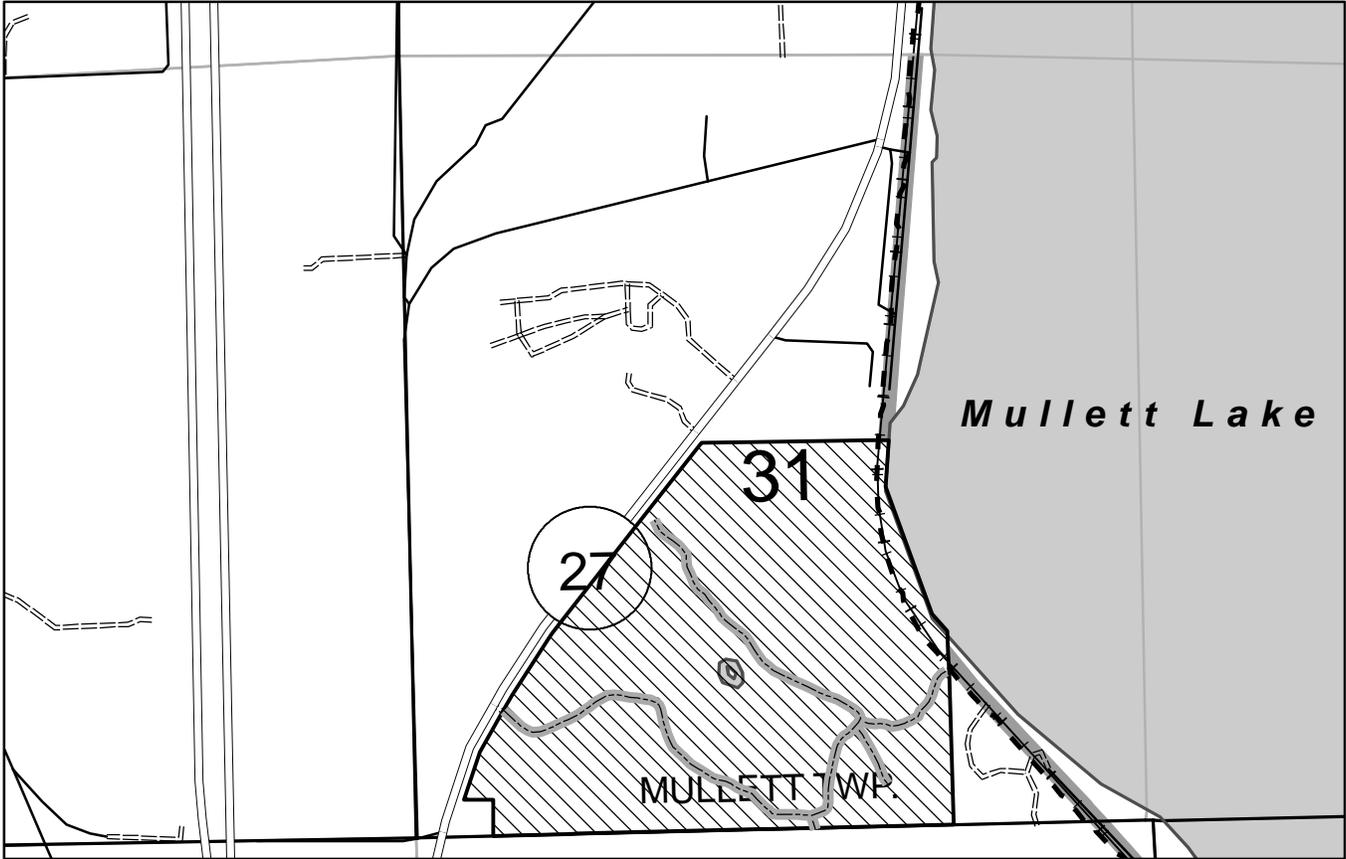
Keith Creagh
Director

Date Approved

STATE TRAIL ACQUISITION

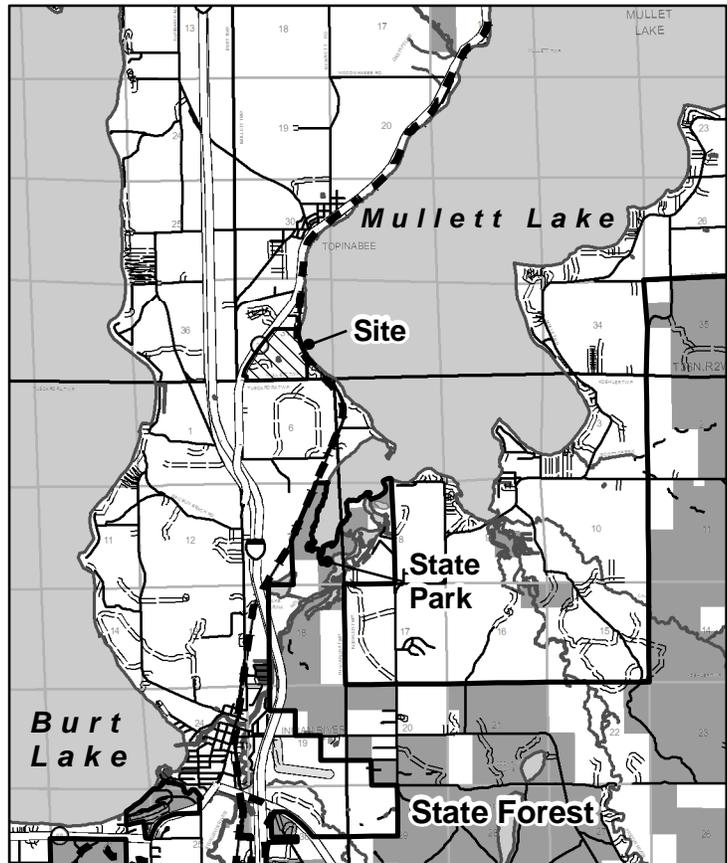
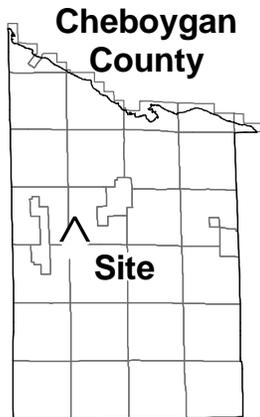
North Central State Trail -- Cheboygan County

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Section 31, T36N, R2W Mullett Township

-  DNR Project Boundaries
-  Land Offered to DNR
(147 acres -- \$750,000.00)
-  8 ft. wide +/- trail
(approx. 7,005.21 ft. in length)
-  North Central State Trail
-  State Land
-  Private Land



Regional Location

