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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

April 14, 2014

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Wildlife Land Acquisition
Wigwam Bay State Wildlife Area – Arenac County
Beardsley Tract
Land Transaction Case #20130003

Purchase: 102.05 acres, more or less. \$340,000.00

PA 240 of 2012: PILT Estimate: \$1,972.00
This parcel is south of the Mason-Arenac County line and will result in an increase of 102.05 counted acres. There are no excluded acres as a part of this transaction.

Description: Arenac County, Standish Township, T18N, R5E, Government Lot 1; AND the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, EXCEPT a parcel commencing 430 feet East of the Northwest corner to the Point of Beginning, thence East 185 feet, thence South 200 feet, thence West 185 feet, thence North 200 feet to the Point of Beginning; ALSO EXCEPT a parcel beginning at the Northwest Corner of said Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 thence East 430 feet thence South 355 feet thence West 430 feet, thence North 355 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Seller(s): Richard Beardsley et al, Standish, MI.

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

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) April 29, 2014, calendar, and is eligible for approval on May 6, 2014.

Purpose: This tract is adjacent to existing State-owned land and provides valuable habitat for nesting waterfowl, pheasants, deer, turkeys, rabbits, amphibians, reptiles and many songbirds.

Comments:

This rural 102.05-acre parcel is within the boundaries of the Wigwam Bay State Wildlife Area and contains the following characteristics:

- Adjacent to State-owned land – ½ mile of the parcel abuts a block of existing State-owned land.
- Access – the property has almost ½ mile of frontage on a county maintained gravel road.
- Topography and cover – the property is generally flat with the inland portion being upland that this farmed and the portion along Saginaw Bay being wooded lowland.
- Water frontage – Saginaw Bay.
- Improvements – none.
- Wildlife - this parcel provides quality wildlife habitat for a variety of wildlife species including nesting waterfowl, pheasants, deer, turkeys, rabbits, amphibians, reptiles and many songbirds.

As a result, this property will provide quality opportunities for dispersed public recreation in the Saginaw Bay area and will support Michigan's \$1.3 billion hunting industry by increasing the amount of hunting land available and improving access to existing hunting lands.

For a ten year period, the sellers will reserve the right to farm those portions of the property that are currently cleared and used for agricultural production, and reserve mineral rights to the entire parcel.

Acquisition of this parcel will contribute to the Department's goals of, securing wildlife habitat, and increasing public recreation opportunities.

Recommendation:

That the acquisition be approved, with payment to be made from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Wigwam Bay State Wildlife Area Land Initiative acquisition project.

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

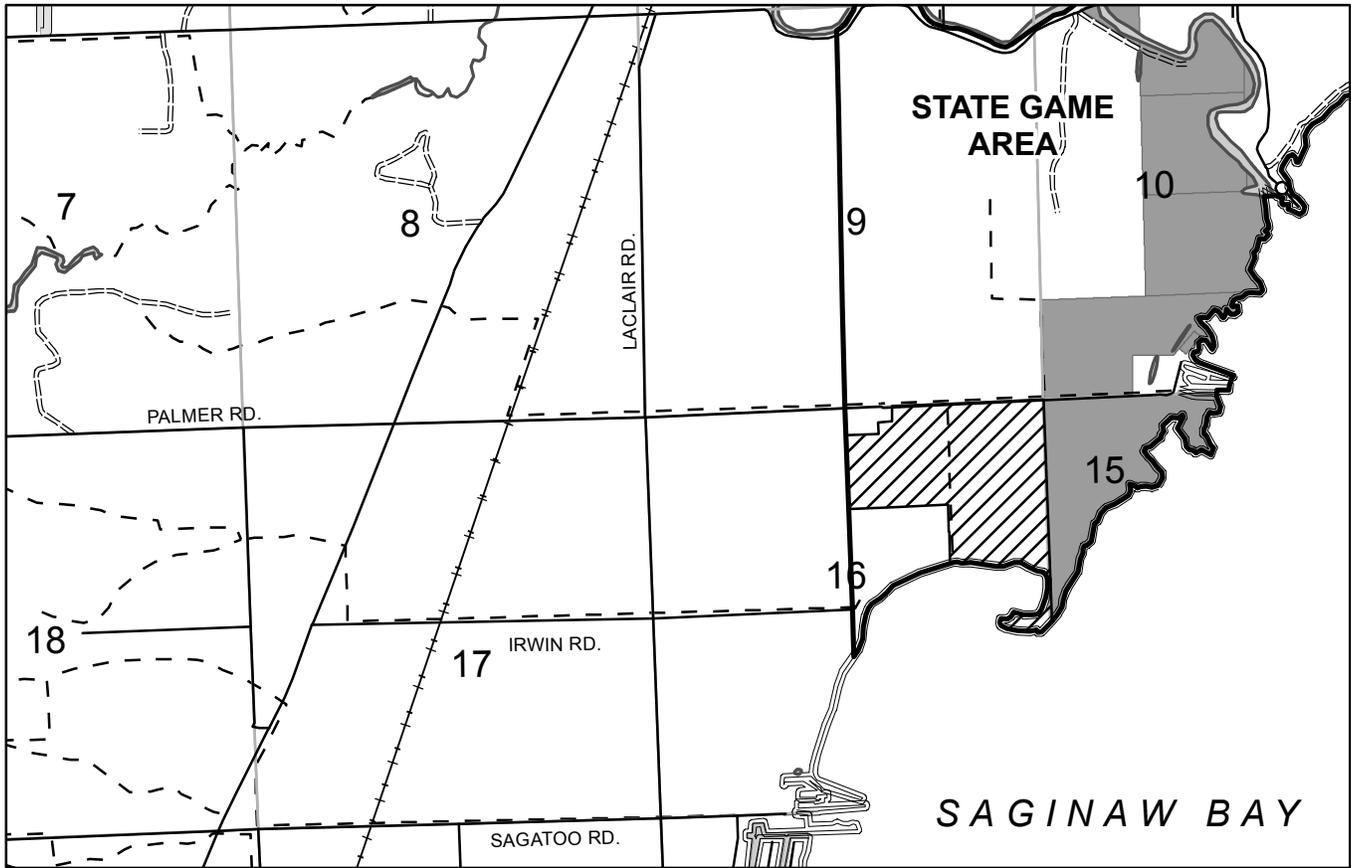
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Director

Date Approved

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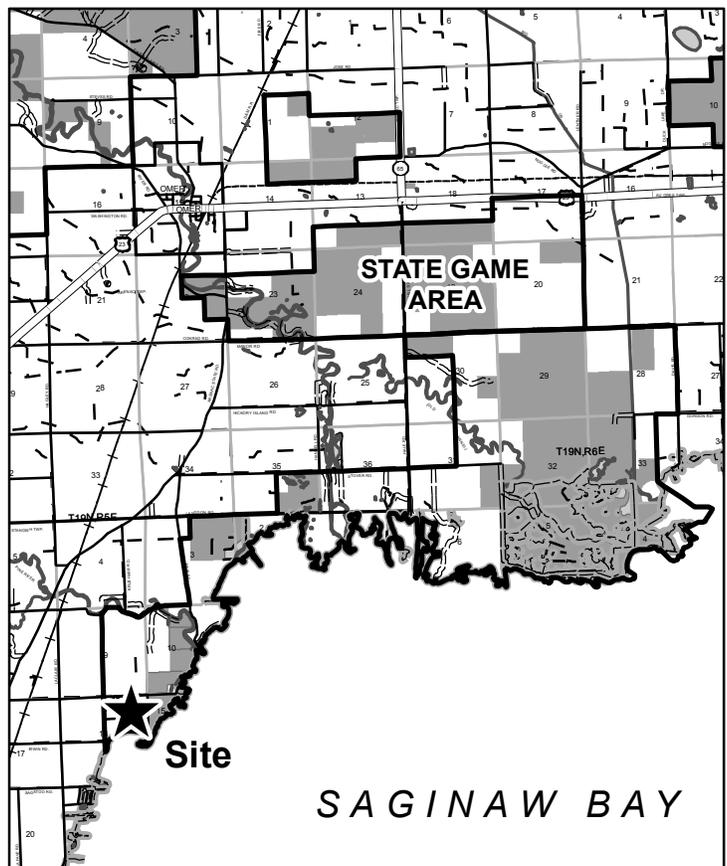
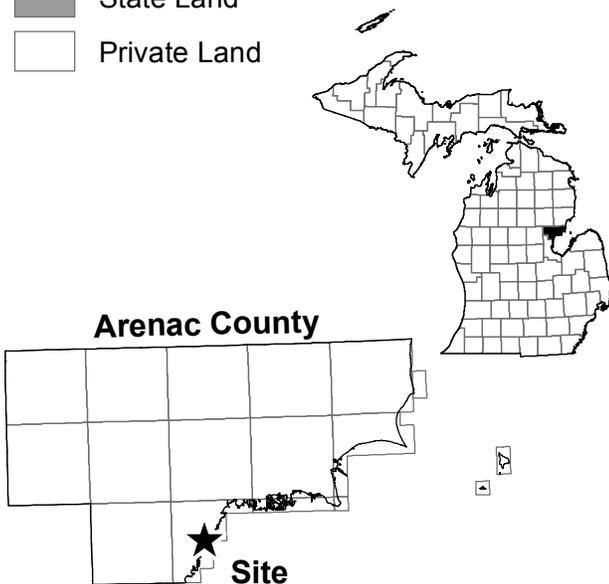
Wigwam Bay State Game Area -- Arenac County

Land Transaction Case #20130003



Section 16, T18N, R5E Standish Township

- State Game Area Boundary
- Land Offered to DNR
(102.05 acres -- \$340,000)
- State Land
- Private Land



Regional Location



DNR -- Finance & Operations Division
Real Estate Services Section
03/25/2014

