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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
Barry State Game Area – Barry County
Pelli Tract
Land Transaction Case #20130144

Purchase: 3 acres, more or less. \$86,500.00

PA 240 of 2012: PILT Estimate: \$837.00
This parcel is south of the Mason-Arenac County line and will result in an increase of 3 counted acres. There are no excluded acres as a part of this transaction.

Description: Barry County, Yankee Springs Township, T3N, R10W, that part of the North 1100.0 feet of the NE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 10, described as: beginning at the Southwest corner thereof; thence N0°00'E 330.0 feet along the West line of the NE ¼ of the SE ¼ of said Section; thence S62°00'E 200.0 feet; thence S57°00'E 165.0 feet; thence S90°00'E 291.03 feet; thence S0°00'W 166 feet more or less to the South line of the North 1100.0 feet of the NE ¼ of the SE ¼ of said Section; thence Westerly 606 feet more or less to the place of beginning.

Seller(s): Paul and Paulette Pelli, Middleville, 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: The acquisition of this parcel will permit the Department to restore an area that was previously drained for a muck farm operation. The remainder of this area was previously acquired by the Department. The restored area will be used for waterfowl hunting and will provide valuable habitat for wetland wildlife.

- Comments: This rural southern Michigan 3-acre parcel is within the boundaries of the Barry State Game Area. The property contains the following characteristics:
- Adjacent to State-owned land – the parcel abuts a large block of existing State-owned lands.
 - Access – the property has direct frontage on a county maintained road.
 - Topography and cover – the property is generally flat and is approximately 50% upland and 50% lowland.
 - Water frontage – none.
 - Improvements – small house and a garage.
 - Wildlife – the acquisition of this parcel will permit the Department to carry out a wetland restoration project over a much larger area. This project will be used for waterfowl hunting and wetland species.

As a result, this property will provide quality opportunities for dispersed public recreation in southern Michigan 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.

The owners have notified the Department that there is an underground storage tank located on the property and that they do not have the resources to remove it. After investigating this situation with the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, staff recommends that prior to closing, Wildlife Division will remove the tank and determine if there are any environmental concerns. If there are concerns then the Department will have the option of cancelling this acquisition.

The sellers will convey mineral rights relative to this tract, if owned.

Acquisition of this parcel will contribute to the Department's goals of consolidating State ownership, 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, Southwestern Lower Peninsula Eco-Region Acquisition project.

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I approve the staff recommendations

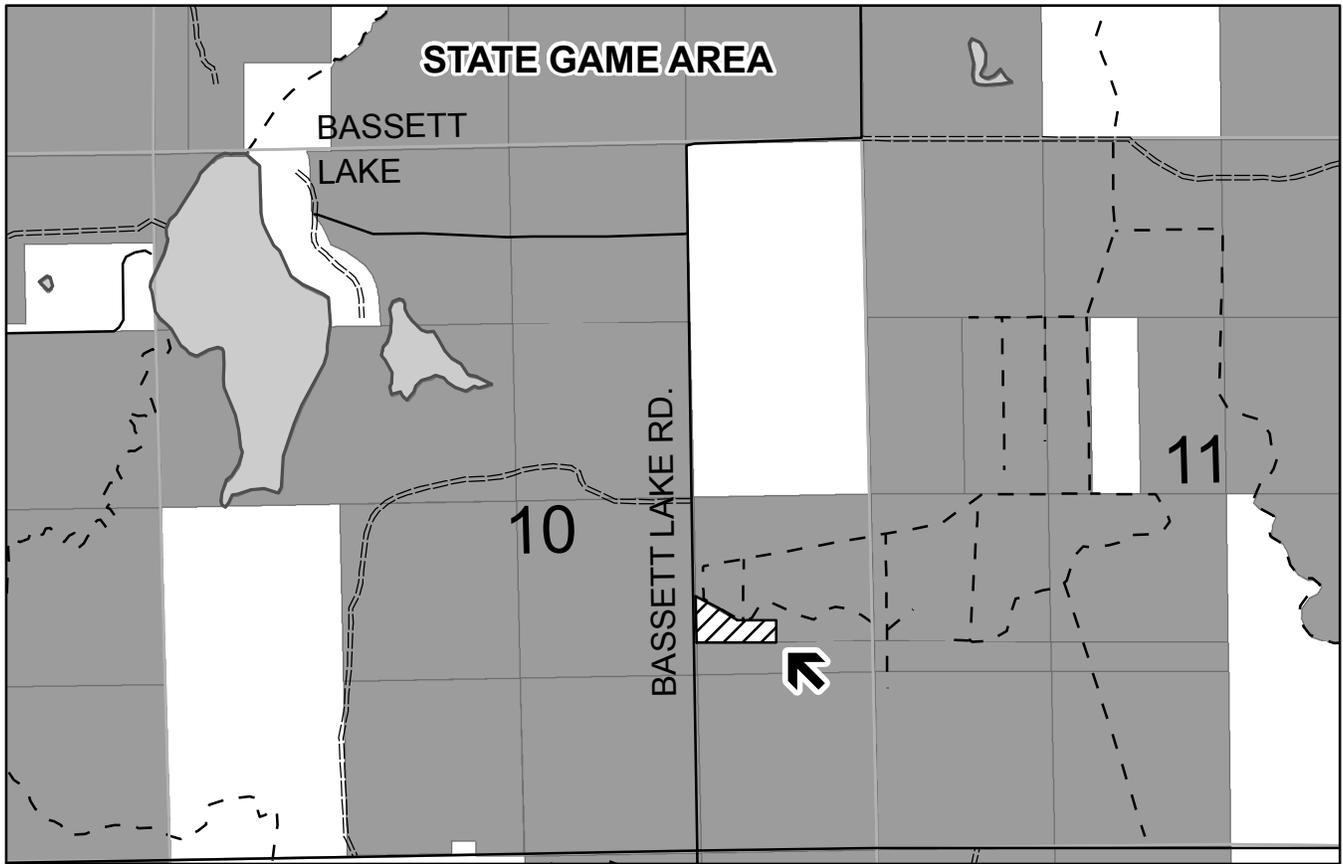
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Date Approved

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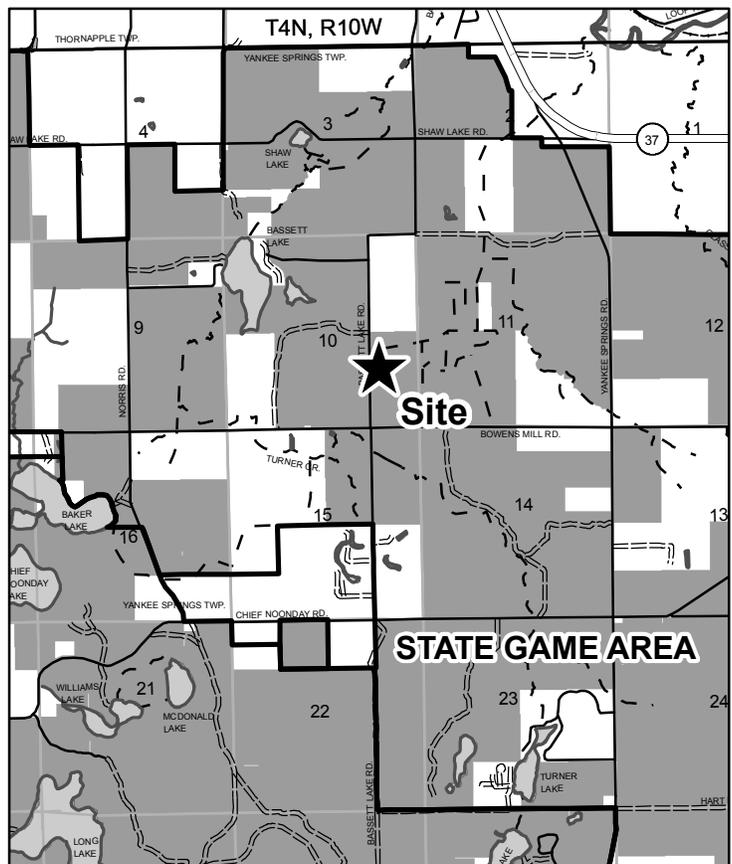
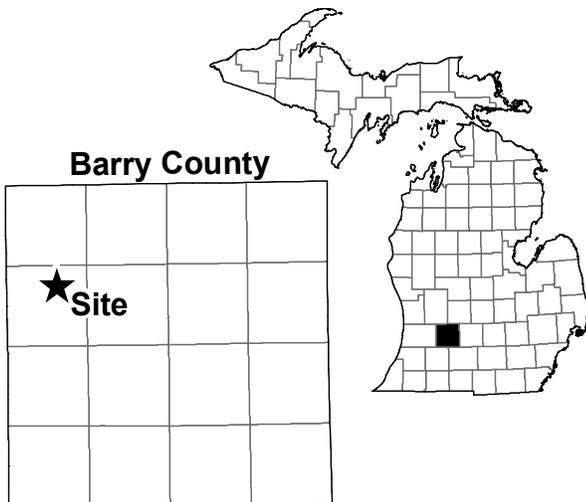
Barry State Game Area -- Barry County

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Section 10, T3N, R10W Yankee Springs Township

- State Game Area Boundary
- Land Offered to DNR
(3 acres -- \$86,500)
- State Land
- Private Land



Regional Location



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

