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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

July 14, 2014

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Parks and Recreation Land Acquisition
Plainwell District – Calhoun County
The Holt Tract
Land Transaction Case #20140059

Purchase: 46.4 acres, more or less, \$200,000.00,

PA 240 of 2012: PILT Estimate: \$1,700.00
This parcel is south of the Mason-Arenac County line and will result in an increase of 46.4 counted acres. There are no excluded acres as a part of this transaction.

Description: Calhoun County, Marengo Township, T02S, R05W, a part of the SE ¼ of Section 17 and part of the NW ¼ of Section 20 as more particularly described in the case file.

Seller(s): Lavern J. Holt, Battle Creek, Michigan

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

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) August 5, 2014, calendar, and is eligible for approval on August 12, 2014.

Comments: Acquisition of this parcel will contribute to the Department's goals of protecting inland stream habitat and enhancing public water access for recreation.

The subject property is located between Portello Road and Rice Creek in Marengo Township approximately three miles northeast of Marshall, Michigan. The property is covered in mixed forest and cropland and possesses a small cottage and associated out buildings.

The Department actively stocks Rice Creek with Brown Trout and the stream has a long standing reputation as an excellent recreational fishery. Strong support for the project is voiced by the local community and area angling interests. The Calhoun County Conservation District has agreed to lease the property and associated structures from the Department for public outdoor programming and to ensure proper maintenance.

Acquisition of this property will add outdoor recreational opportunities on a significant water resource in southwest Michigan. The local partnership with the Calhoun County Conservation District strengthens local involvement and provides programming opportunities will be available for local schools and other community groups.

Engagement: Both Calhoun County and Marengo Township have been contacted and support this purchase.

Minerals: Minerals will be conveyed by the landowner, if owned.

Recommendation: 1) That the acquisition be approved, with payment to be made from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Southwest Eco-Regional Fund



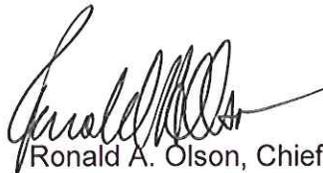
Russ Mason, Ph.D., Chief
Wildlife Division



William O'Neill, Chief
Forest Resources Division



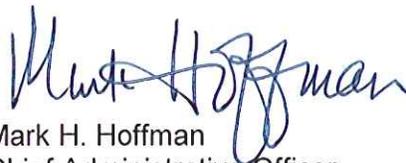
James L. Dexter, Chief
Fisheries Division



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

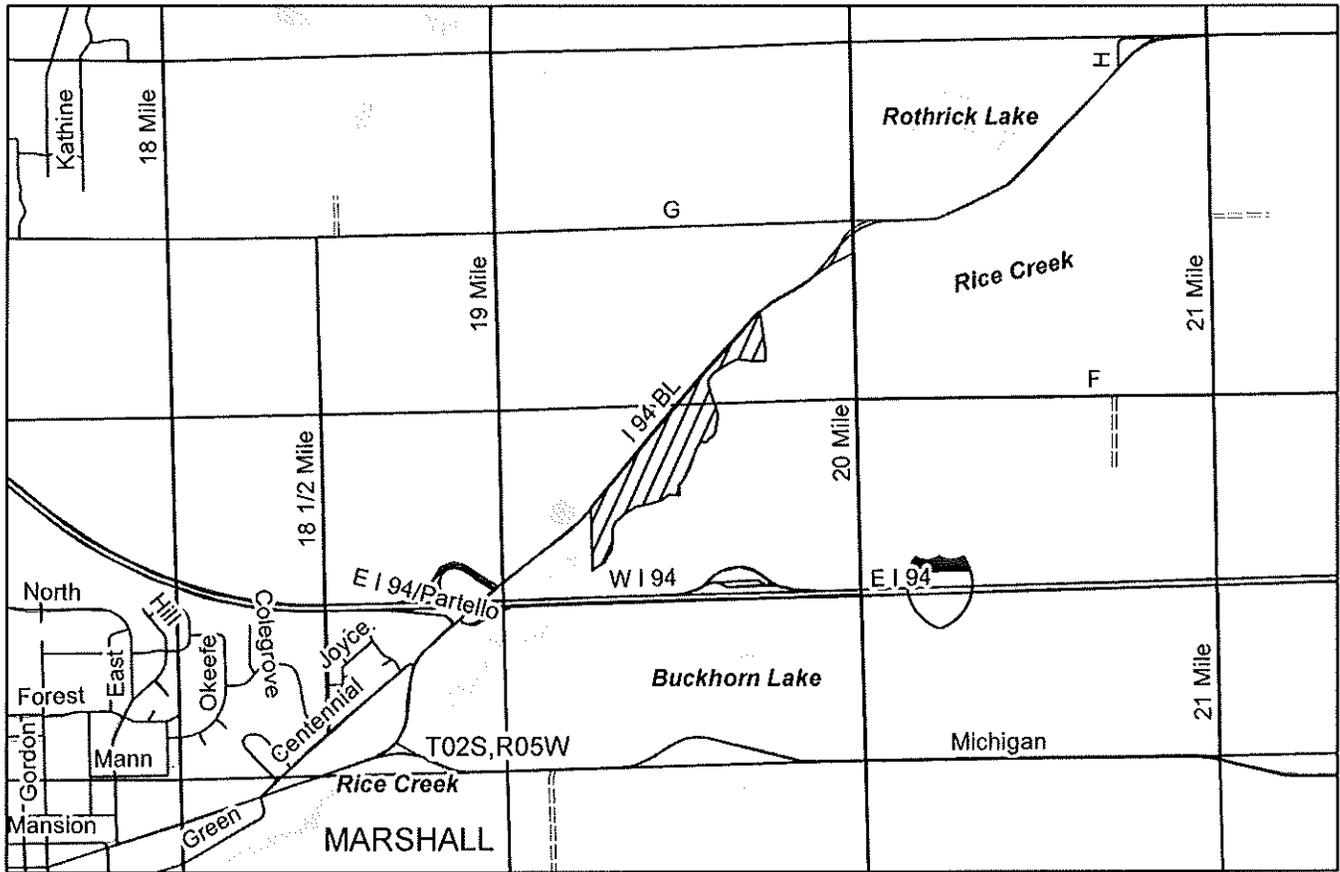
Keith Creagh
Director

Date Approved

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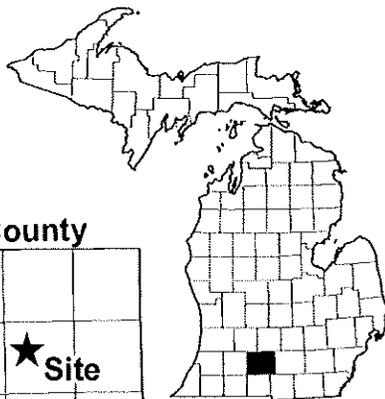
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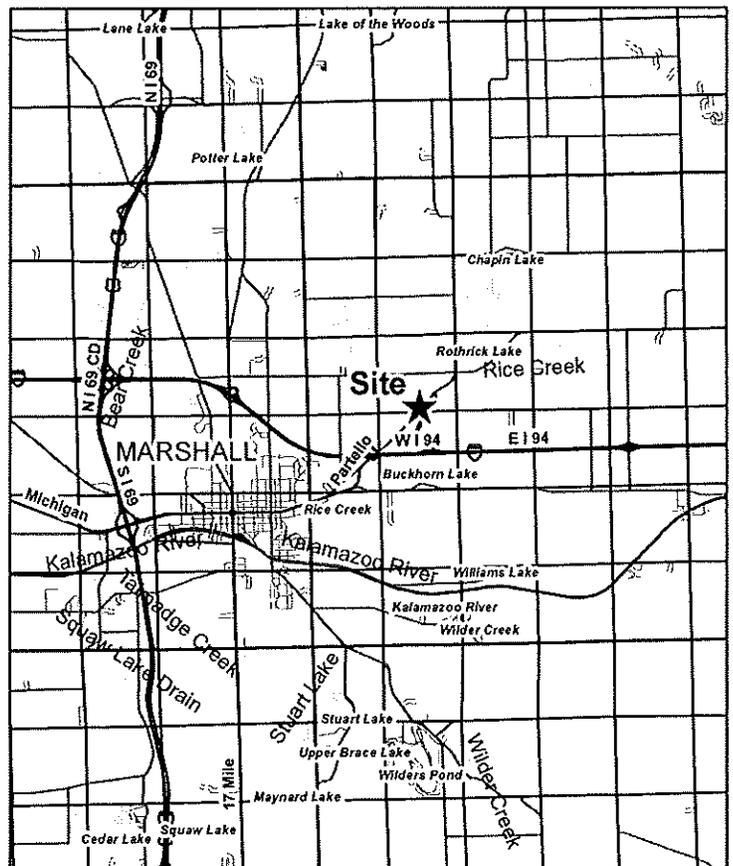
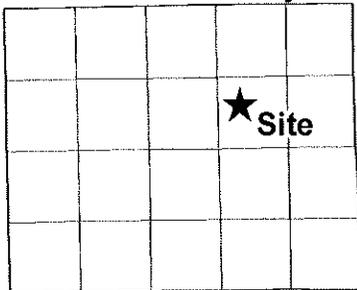


Sections 17 & 20, T2S, R5W Marengo Township

- Land to be acquired by DNR
(46.4 acres -- \$200,000)
- State Land
- Private Land



Calhoun County



Regional Location



DNR -- Finance & Operations Division
Real Estate Services Section
06/27/2014

