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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

August 17, 2015

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Trail Acquisition
Fred Meijer Berry Junction Trail – Muskegon County
Land Transaction Case #20150092 – The Kaskey Tract

Purchase: 6.44 acres - \$24,000.00

Funding Source: Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Act 283 of 2012, State Trails Initiative.

PA 240 of 2012: PILT Estimate: \$191.03
This parcel is south of the Mason-Arenac County line and will result in an increase of 6.44 excluded acres.

Description: Muskegon County, Muskegon Township, T10N, R16W, Section 7: as more completely described in the case file.

Seller: Mary L. Kaskey, Muskegon, Michigan

Authority: Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) September 1, 2015, calendar, and is eligible for approval on September 8, 2015.

Management Purpose: The land will be managed as part of the Fred Meijer Berry Junction Trail.

Comments: The offered parcel, conveniently located just east of the intersection of Whitehall Road (Old US-31) and West Giles Road, will provide a destination trailhead for access to this state trail, and fills a critical gap in an undeveloped portion of the Fred Meijer Berry Junction Trail which is scheduled for development within the next two years. The proposed trailside support facility will accommodate local residents and visitors by providing convenient access, vault toilets, parking, and information kiosks to serve trail visitors as a regional trailhead.

When completed, this key section of trail will serve as the route that provides trail users a connection from the growing network of trails to the south, out of Grand Rapids and communities along the shoreline, to the soon to be resurfaced William Field Memorial Hart-Montague Trail State Park, between the cities of Montague and Hart.

Acquisition of this parcel will contribute to achieving Department and Division goals and strategies by providing additional public recreation opportunities.

Engagement: The establishment of a connector route and trailhead location, for the Fred Meijer Berry Junction Trail, has been handled in partnership with Muskegon Charter Township. The township played a key role in securing the proposed trail route and the necessary funding to develop the route. Muskegon Charter Township and the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission have both documented support for the project with the Department.

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 283 of 2012.

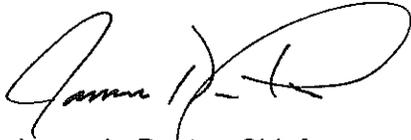
(2) That the land be dedicated as part of the Fred Meijer Berry Junction Trail and administered by Parks and Recreation Division.



Russ Mason, Ph.D., Chief
Wildlife Division


for

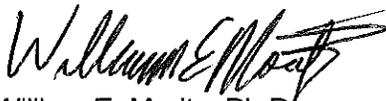
William O'Neill, Chief
Forest Resources Division



James L. Dexter, Chief
Fisheries Division


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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.

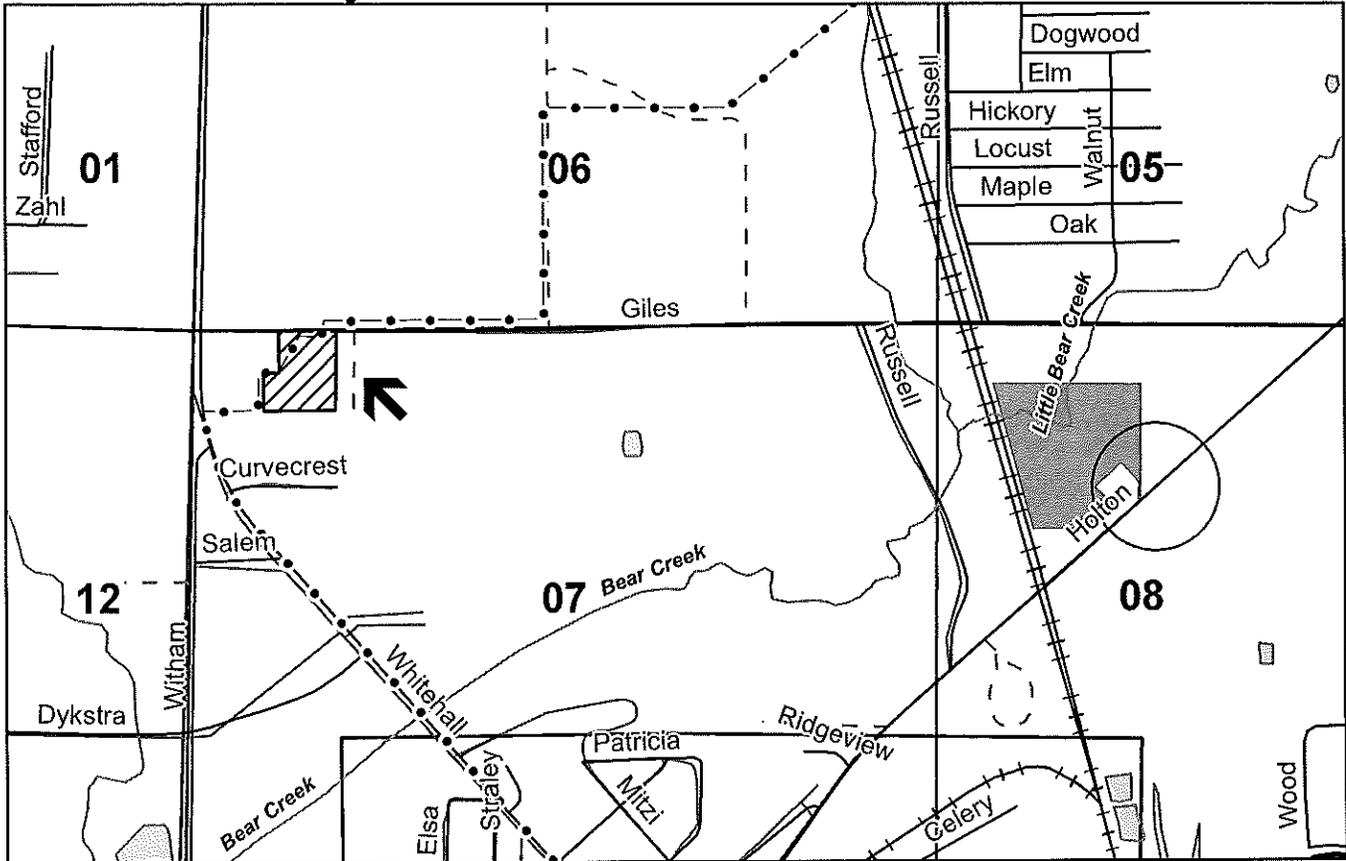
Keith Creagh
Director

Date Approved

STATE TRAIL ACQUISITION

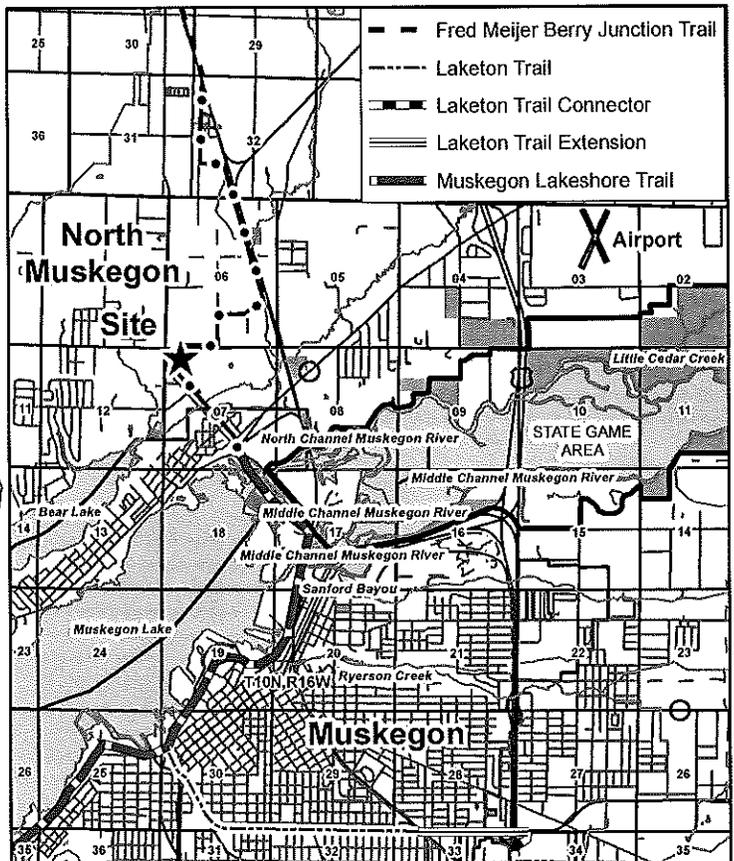
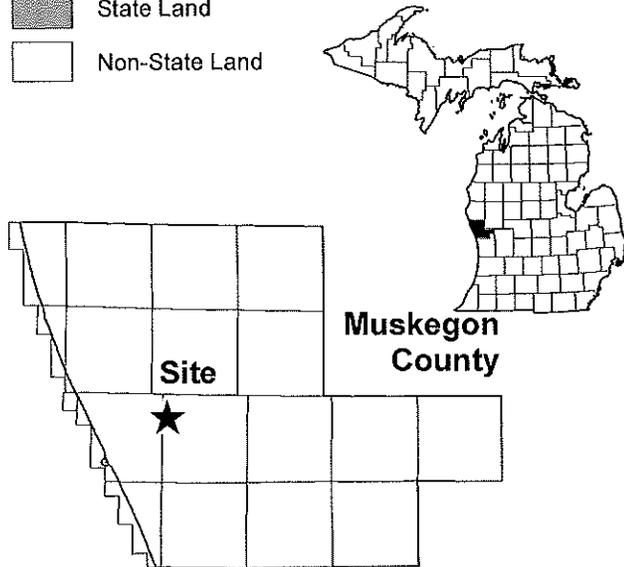
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Section 7, T10N, R16W Muskegon Township

- State Game Area Boundary
- Land Offered to DNR -- 6.44 acres
- Proposed Route Fred Meijer Berry Junction Trail
- State Land
- Non-State Land



Regional Location



DNR -- Finance & Operations Division
Real Estate Services Section
07/31/2015

