



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT  
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DIRECTOR

June 7, 2010

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Purchase of Tax-Reverted Land under Act 123, P.A. 1999  
State Forest, Recreation Area, and Wildlife Land Acquisitions

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State Forest Land Acquisition – Gaylord Management Unit – Land Transaction # 20100091

Purchase: 30 acres more or less – To be purchased from Charlevoix County for a price not to exceed \$58,000.00 as provided by statute. 2009 SEV – \$29,000.00

Description: Charlevoix County, Melrose Township, T33N, R05W, Section 33:  
N ½ of S ½ of NE ¼, lying E of US-131, Except: Comm. at the SW corner of the N ½ of S ½ of NE ¼, thence E 26 rods to the POB, thence N 10 rods, thence E 30 rods, thence S 10 rods, thence W 30 rods to POB. 30 acres m/l.

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Wildlife Land Acquisition – Beaver Islands Wildlife Research Area – Land Transaction # 20100092

Purchase: 5 acres more or less – To be purchased from Charlevoix County for a price not to exceed \$28,400.00 as provided by statute. 2009 SEV – \$14,200.00

Description: Charlevoix County, Peaine Township, T37N, R10W, Section 2:  
N ½ of NW ¼ of SW ¼ of SE ¼. 5 acres m/l.

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Recreation Land Acquisition - Plainwell District – Land Transaction #20100084

Purchase: 22 acres more or less – To be purchased from Barry County for a price not to exceed \$99,832.00 as provided by statute. 2009 SEV – \$49,916.00

Description: Barry County, Village of Nashville, T03N, R07W, Section 36:  
As described on Barry County Tax Roll Parcel ID # 52-001-00-280-02 and as shown on attached map. 22 acres m/l.

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Wildlife Land Acquisition - St. Clair Flats Wildlife Area – Land Transaction Case #20100089

Purchase: 1.02-acres more or less – To be purchased from St. Clair County for a price not to exceed \$7,600.00 as provided by statute. 2009 SEV – \$ 3,800.00

Description: St. Clair County, Clay Township, T02N, R16E, PC Lot 5:  
Lots 38, 39, and 40 of Assessors Plat No. 1 of Harsens Island PC  
Lot 5. 1.02-acres in total m/l

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Wildlife Land Acquisition - St. Clair Flats Wildlife Area – Land Transaction Case #20100089

Purchase: 1.18-acres more or less – To be purchased from St. Clair County for a price not to exceed \$3,770.00 as provided by statute. 2009 SEV – \$ 800.00

Description: St. Clair County, Clay Township, T02N, R15E:  
Lots 1098 and 1637 of Dickinson Island Land Co's Plat, and also: The NE 25 feet of the NWly 125 feet of Lot 1583 of Dickinson Island Land Co's Plat, and also: The S 125 feet of the E 25 feet of Lot 1723 of Dickinson Island Land Co's Plat. 1.18-acres in total

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Wildlife Land Acquisition - Erie State Game Area – Land Transaction Case #20100090

Purchase: 2.46 acres more or less – To be purchased from Monroe County for a price not to exceed \$15,000.00 as provided by statute. 2009 SEV – \$7,500.00

Description: Monroe County, Erie Township, T08S, R08E, Section 33:  
Commencing 43.56 feet N of center of Section, thence W 580.8 feet, thence S 279.18 feet, thence E 583.44 feet, thence N 279.18 feet to the POB, EXCEPT the S 250 feet of E 150 feet, ALSO EXCEPT the S 100 feet of the W 180 feet of E 330 feet.  
2.46 acres m/l

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Authority: Act 123, P.A. 1999, amended Act 206, P.A. 1893, and Section 211.131 of the General Property Tax Act.

Notice: This item will appear on the Department's June 28, 2010 Calendar, and is eligible for approval on July 5, 2010.

Comments: The Department is proposing to acquire the subject parcels under authority of Act 123, P.A. of 1999. Prior to 1999, the Department had the authority to retain tax-reverted parcels at no cost for natural resources and recreational purposes. Act 123, P.A. of 1999, now grants the Department a first right of refusal to acquire tax-reverted properties by paying fair market value or minimum bid, whichever is greater.

This first right of refusal applies to all lands that have been foreclosed upon either by the county or the State under Act 123.

The Department has waived the opportunity to acquire these parcels through the statutory right of first refusal. Instead, approval is sought to pursue purchase at public auctions which will be held by the counties and the Department of Treasury in summer and early fall of 2010. Parcels sold through the public auction process have minimum bids below what the Department is required to pay under the right of first refusal provision.

The Charlevoix County 30-acre parcel consolidates State Forest land by connecting the State Forest lands to the north and south of it. It is located within the boundary of the Gaylord Management Unit and offers frontage on Marsh Creek. The area has a rolling topography and lies east of highway US-131. The Department owns a significant amount of land in the area and acquisition of this parcel will consolidate two blocks nicely.

The Charlevoix County 5-acre parcel is completely surrounded by the Beaver Islands Wildlife Research Area. In addition to the consolidation benefit, habitat conservation and management efficiency will also be enhanced by this acquisition.

The Barry County parcel is estimated to be 22 acres with significant frontage on the Thornapple River in an area of the watershed that has a relatively low number of public access sites. Habitat preservation and recreational access opportunities are the primary reasons for seeking acquisition of this parcel. It is a combination of upland and riparian lowland with mixed forest cover.

The St. Clair County parcels offer consolidation and habitat benefits to the St. Clair Flats Wildlife Area.

The Monroe County parcel will provide a new access point for an existing block of State-owned land in the Erie State Game Area.

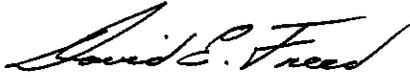
Acquisition of these private in-holdings will consolidate State ownership, secure additional wildlife habitat, and increase public recreation and forest management opportunities in the respective counties.

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Recommendation: That the parcels be approved for purchase with payment to be made from the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund.



David E. Freed, Chief  
Land and Facilities



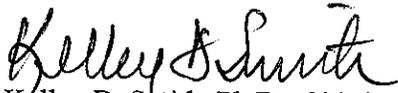
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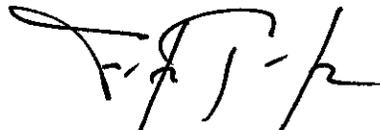
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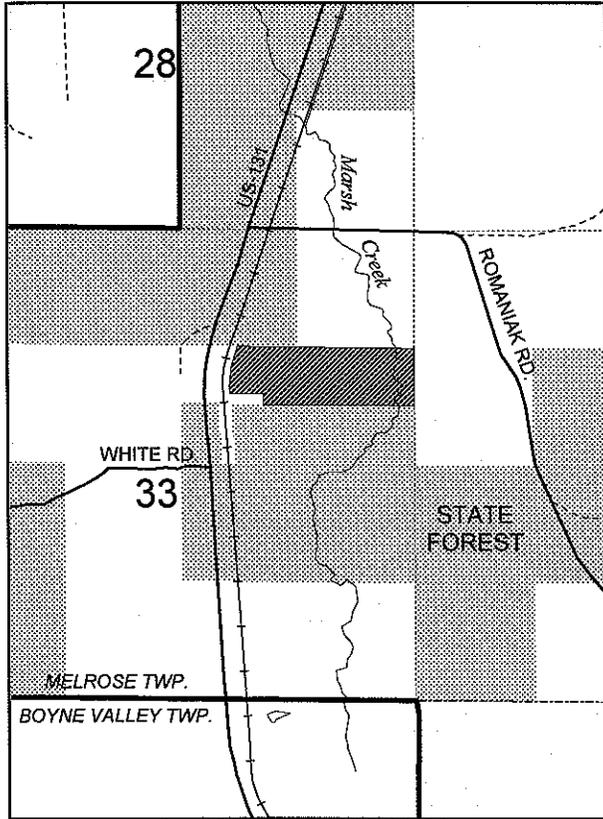
Frank Ruswick, Deputy Director  
Stewardship

I approve the staff recommendation.

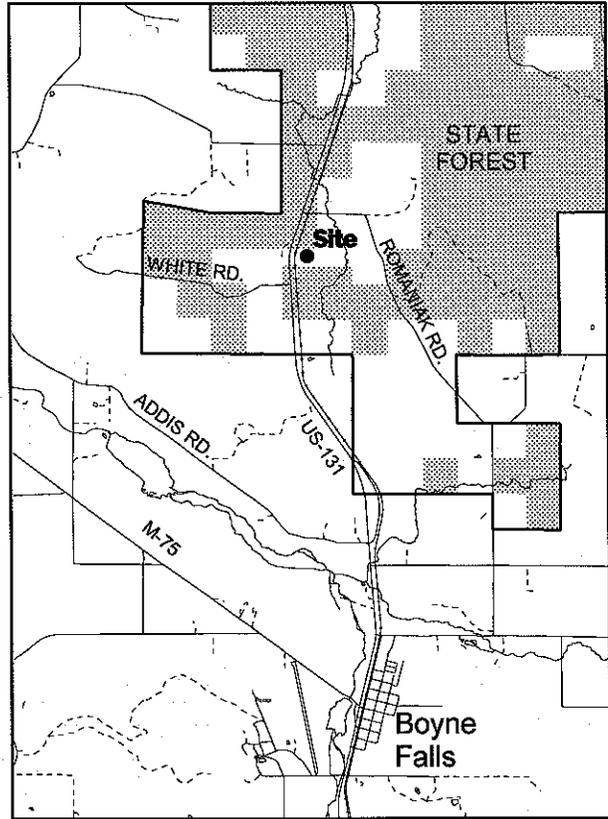
Rebecca A. Humphries  
Director

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Date Approved

**PURCHASE OF TAX-REVERTED LAND**  
**UNDER ACT 123, P.A. 1999**  
**State Forest Land Acquisition**  
**Gaylord Management Unit - Charlevoix County**  
**Land Transaction Case #20100091**

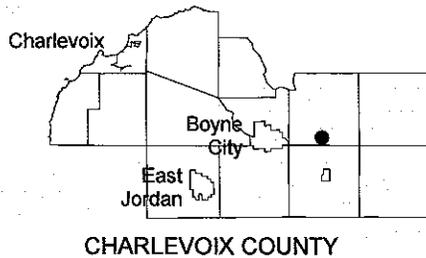


Section 33, T33N, R05W, Melrose Township

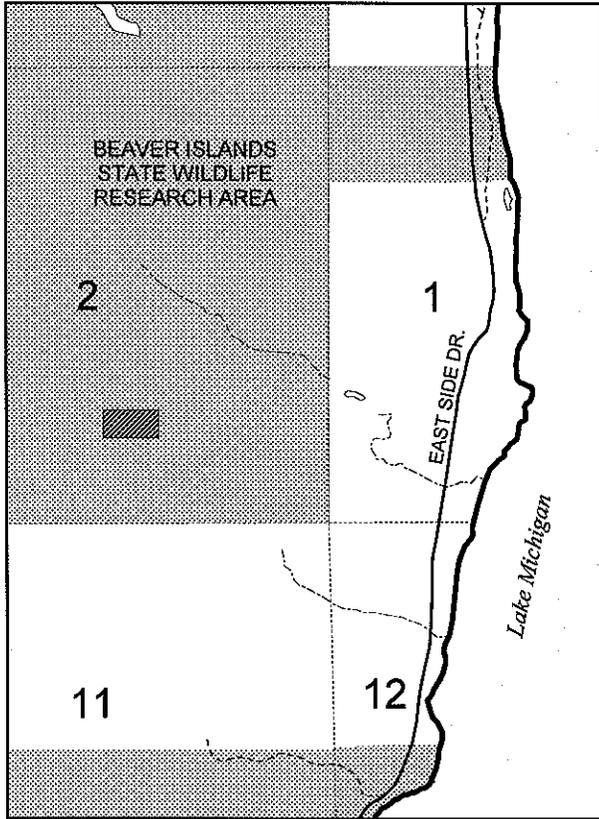


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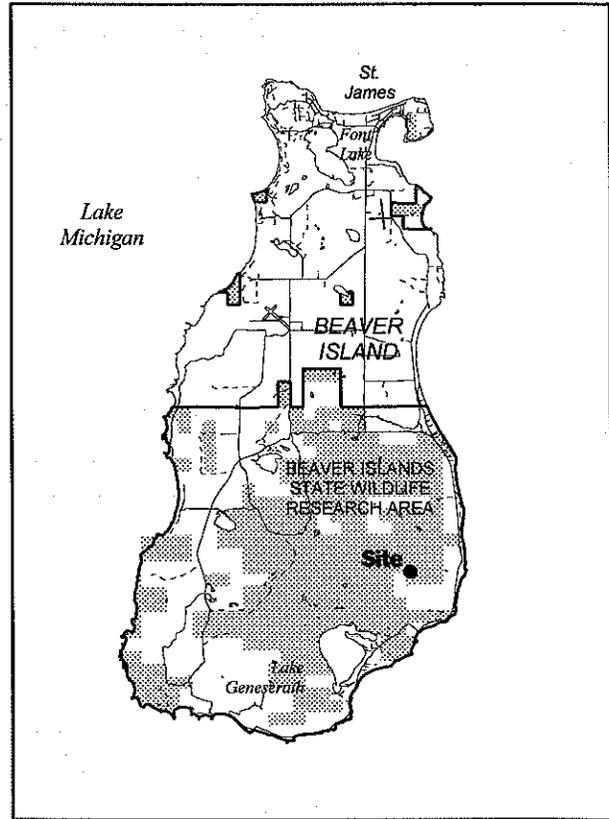
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- Tax-reverted land to be acquired by DNRE (30.00 acres)
- State land
- Private land



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 Beaver Islands State Wildlife Research Area - Charlevoix County  
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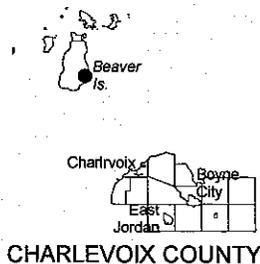


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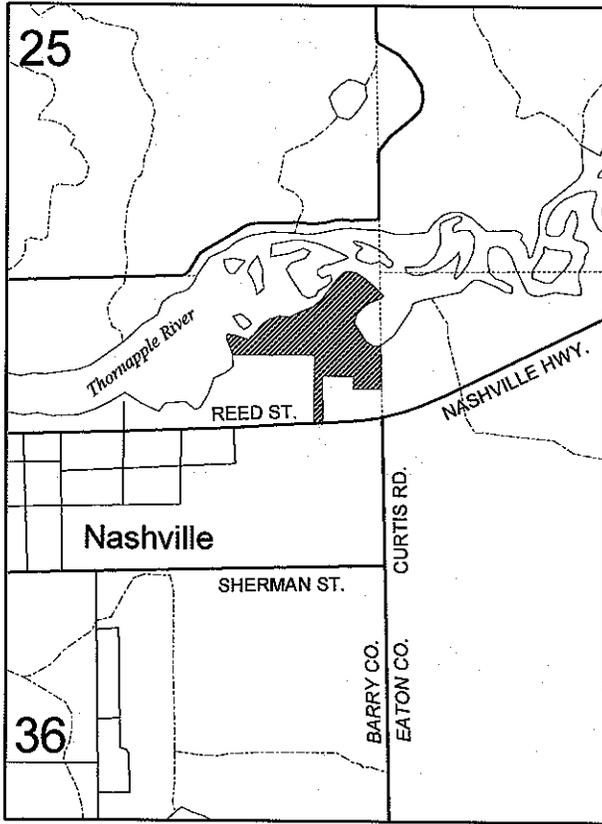


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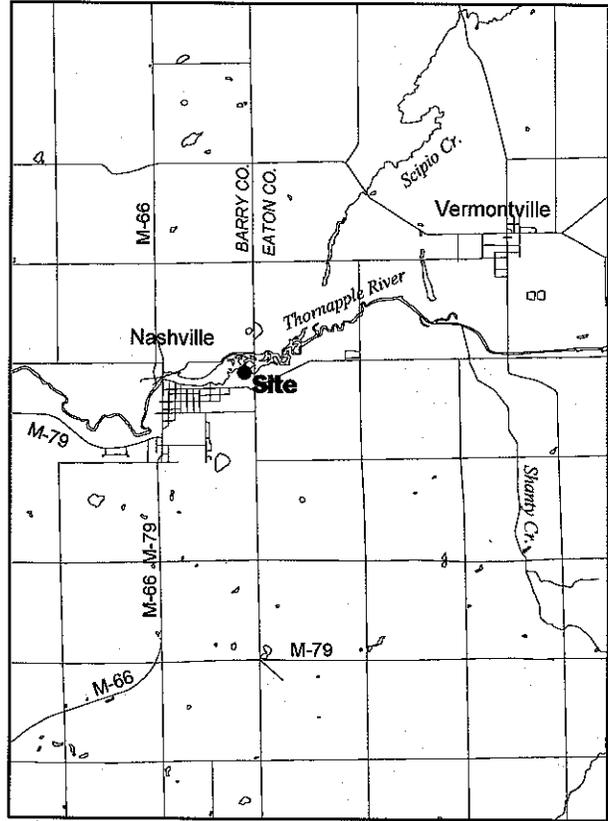
- State Wildlife Research Area boundary
- Tax-reverted land to be acquired by DNRE (5.00 acres)
- State land
- Private land



**PURCHASE OF TAX-REVERTED LAND**  
**UNDER ACT 123, P.A. 1999**  
**Public Water Access Site Acquisition**  
**Plainwell District - Barry County**  
**Land Transaction Case #20100084**

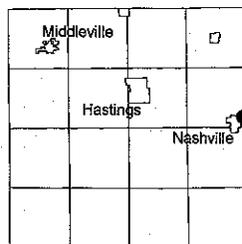


Section 36, T03N, R07W, Village of Nashville



Regional Location

- Tax-reverted land to be acquired by DNRE (22.00 acres)
- State land
- Private land

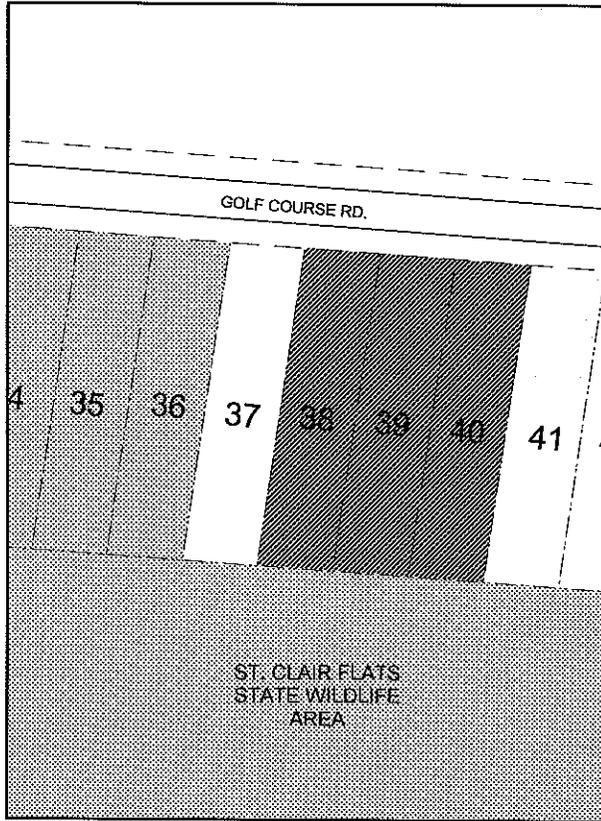


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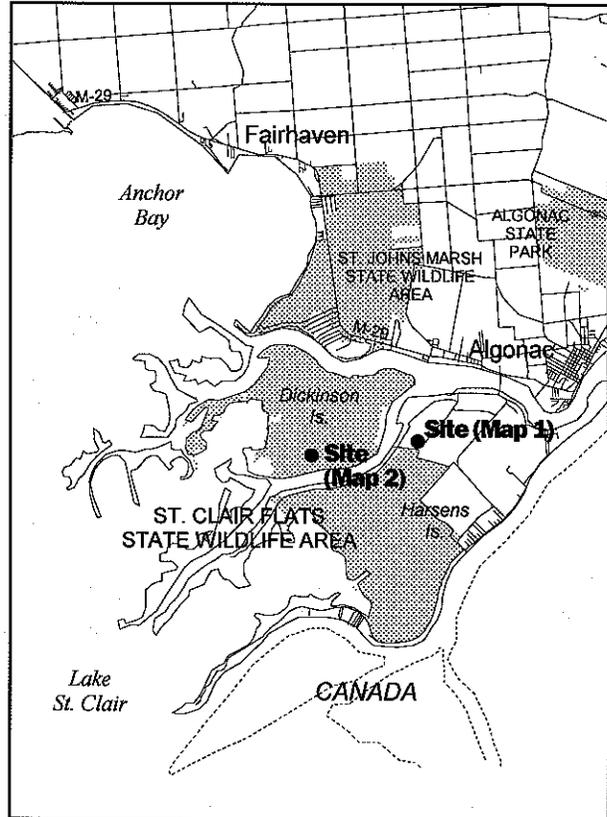


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PURCHASE OF TAX-REVERTED LAND  
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 Wildlife Land Acquisition  
 St. Clair Flats State Wildlife Area - St. Clair County  
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Lots 38, 39 and 40  
 Assessor's Plat No. 1 of Harsen's Island  
 Clay Township



Regional Location

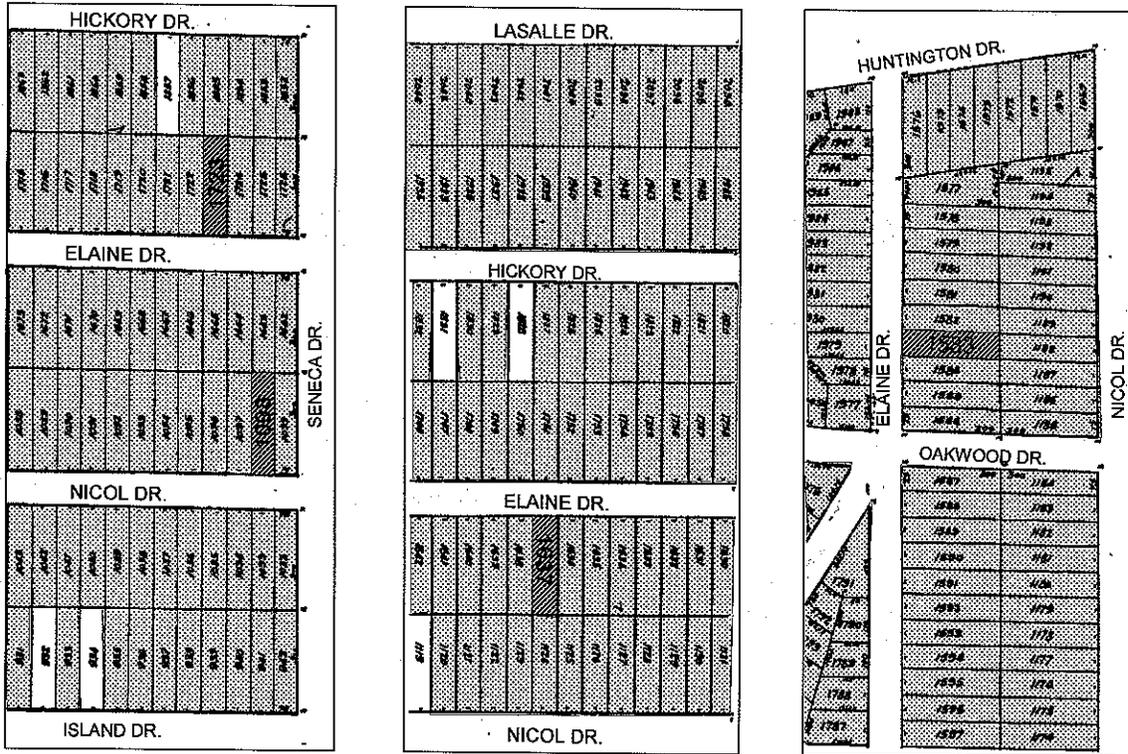
- Tax-reverted land to be acquired by DNRE
  - Parcel 38 (0.34 acre)
  - Parcel 39 (0.34 acre)
  - Parcel 40 (0.34 acre)
- State land
- Private land



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**UNDER ACT 123, P.A. 1999**  
**Wildlife Land Acquisition**  
**St. Clair Flats State Wildlife Area - St. Clair County**  
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**(Map 2 of 2)**



Lots 1098, 1583, 1637 and 1723  
 Dickinson Island Land Company's Plat  
 Clay Township, Dickinson Island

-  Tax-reverted land to be acquired by DNRE
-  State land
-  Private land

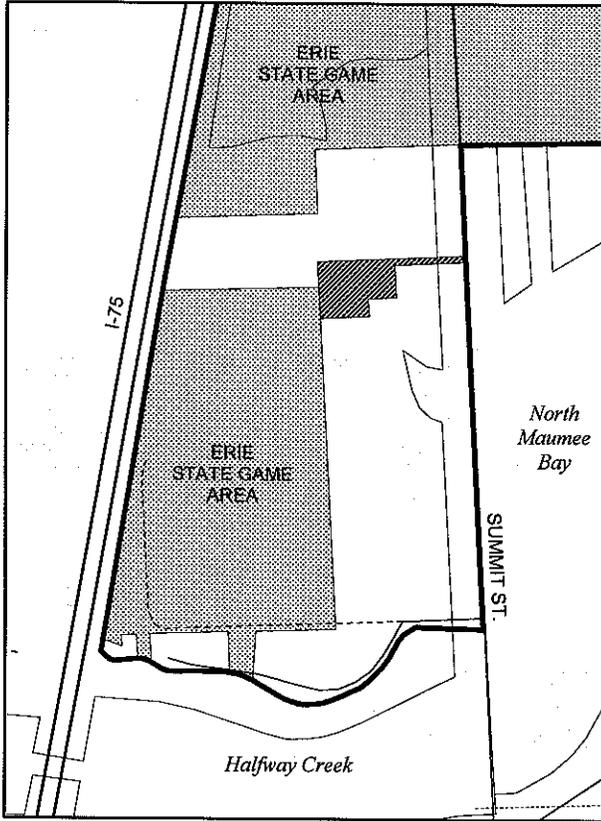


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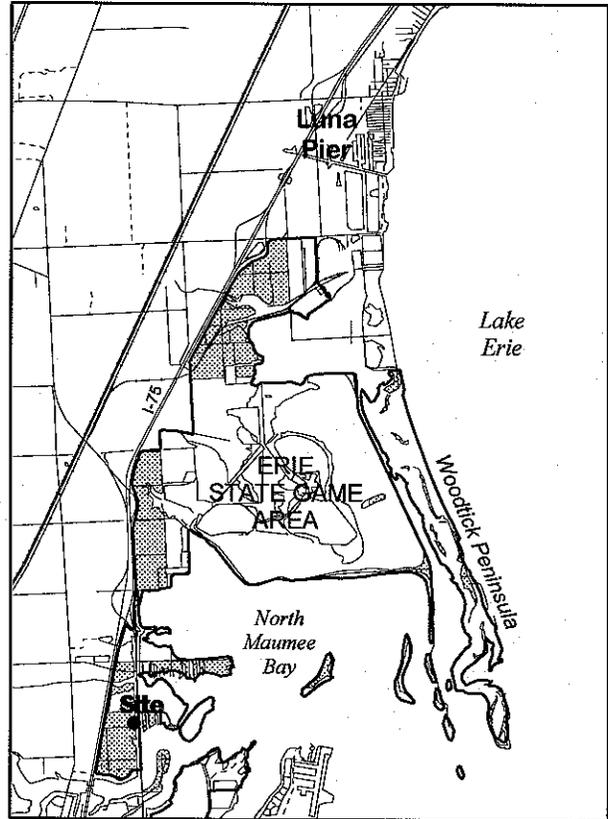


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**Erie State Game Area - Monroe County**  
**Land Transaction Case #20100090**



Section 33, T08S, R08E, Erie Township



Regional Location

-  State Game Area boundary
-  Tax-reverted land to be acquired by DNRE (2.50 acres)
-  State land
-  Private land



MONROE COUNTY



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