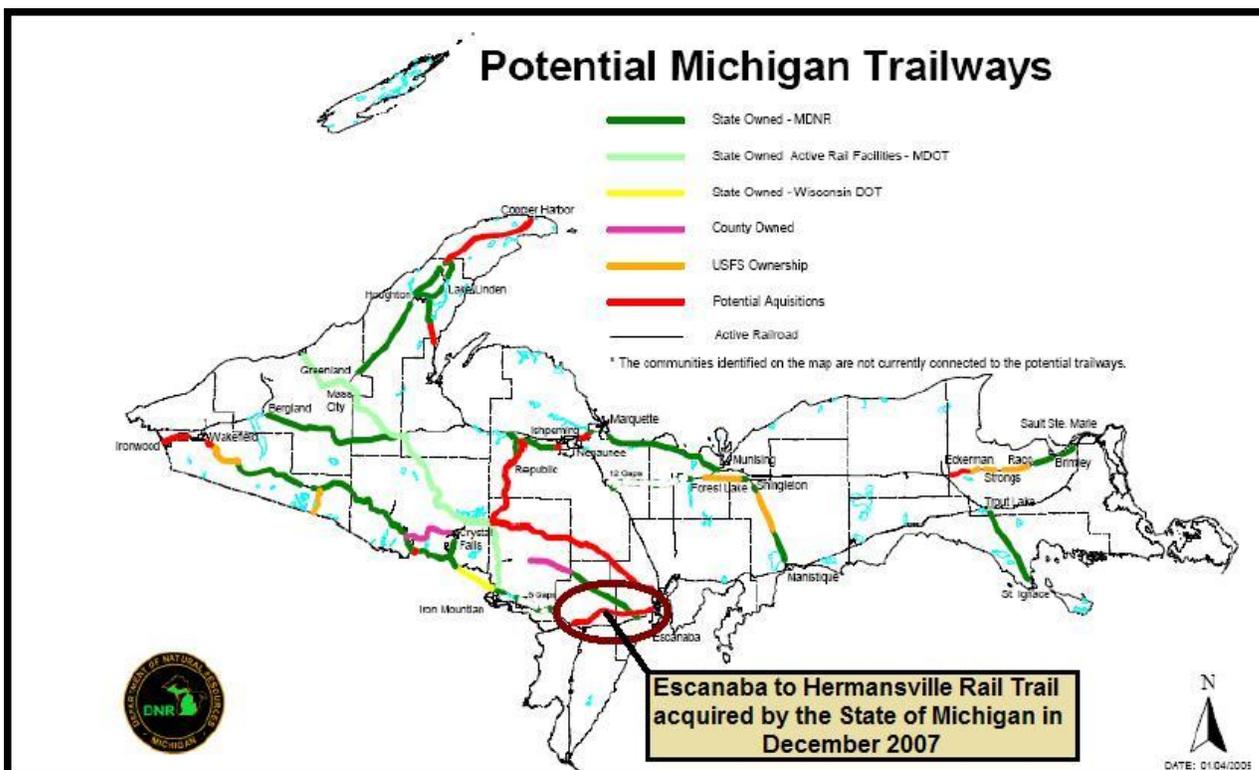


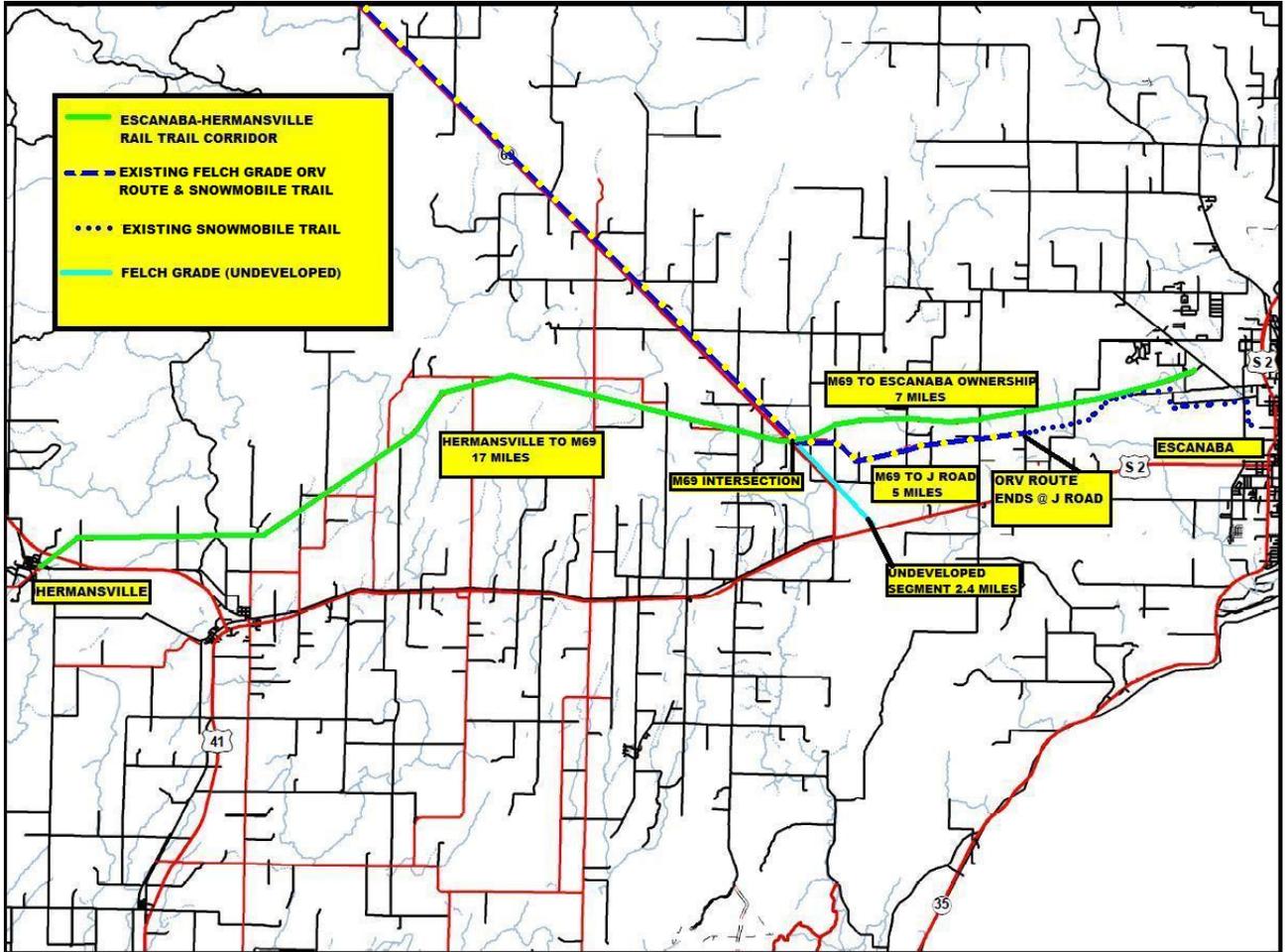
Escanaba to Hermansville Rail Trail Proposals

INTRODUCTION

The 23.76 mile inactive railroad corridor from Escanaba to Hermansville was acquired by the State of Michigan in December 2007. The acquisition was a collaborative effort between the Department of Natural Resources Forest Management Division (FMD) and the Michigan Department of Transportation with grant funding provided by the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. The \$550,000 land acquisition was purchased under authority provided by PA 295 of 1976, State Transportation Preservation Act, as amended, thereby preserving future transportation interest while allowing for interim trail use. The FMD has land management responsibility for the corridor and is planning for use as a recreation rail-trail. Based on the comments and public input received as part of this planning process four alternative proposals for recreational uses have been prepared.

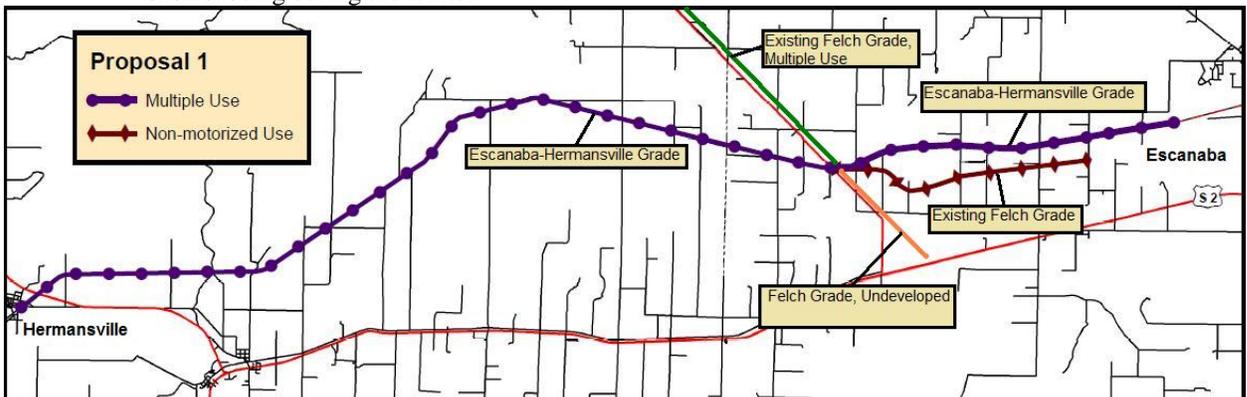


Escanaba-Hermansville Rail Trail Corridor Overview



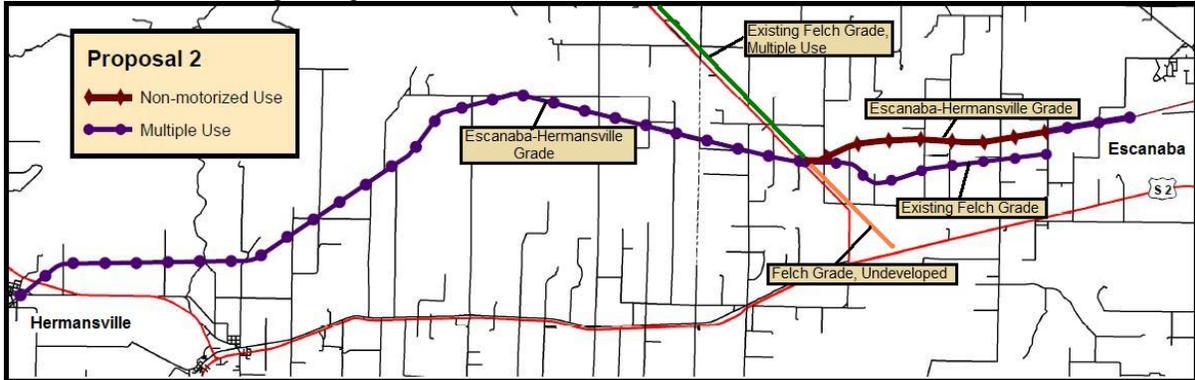
THE PROPOSALS

1. *Develop Escanaba-Hermansville Grade (Hermansville to Escanaba) for multiple recreational use (multi-use). Develop the existing Felch Grade (M 69 to J Road) for non-motorized recreational use.*
 - Multi-use such as bicycling, walking/running, snowmobile/ORV and equestrian use.
 - Non-motorized use such as bicycling, walking/running, equestrian and possible skiing and snowshoeing during the winter.



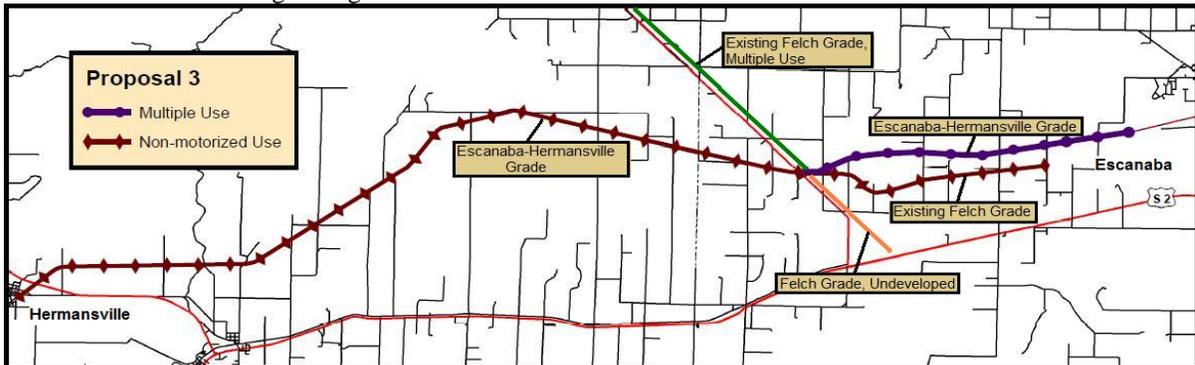
2. Develop Escanaba-Hermansville Grade (Hermansville to M 69 and J Road to Escanaba) for multi-use. Develop the existing Felch Grade (M 69 to J Road) for multi-use. Develop the Escanaba-Hermansville Grade (M 69 to J Road) for non-motorized recreational use.

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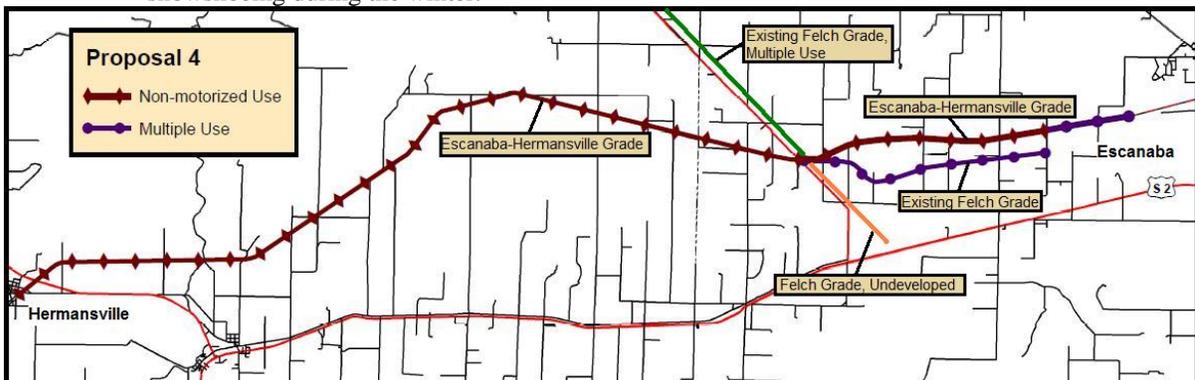
3. Develop Escanaba-Hermansville Grade (Hermansville to M 69) and the existing Felch Grade (M 69 to J Road) for non-motorized recreational use. Develop Escanaba-Hermansville Grade (M 69 to Escanaba) for multi-use.

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- Non-motorized use such as bicycling, walking/running, equestrian and possible skiing and snowshoeing during the winter.



4. Develop Escanaba-Hermansville Grade (Hermansville to J Road) for non-motorized recreational use. Develop Escanaba-Hermansville Grade (J Road to Escanaba) and the existing Felch Grade (M 69 to J Road) for multi-use.

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SUGGESTIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

- Motorized vehicles greater than 62 inches in width should be prohibited to help alleviate illegal dumping of refuse with full size vehicles while still permitting side-by-side use.
- Hunting on the corridor should be prohibited in response to public concerns.
- Stay on trail signs would be placed adjacent to open areas along the corridor to prevent unlawful operation and trespassing.
- Informative and stay on trail signs would be placed along the Michigan State University Experimental Forest.
- Individual concerns will be addressed as received once a plan of implementation is established.
- The possibility exists to establish a multi-use trail on the undeveloped segment of the State owned Felch Grade and develop a multi-use trailhead just north of US Highway 2 & 41 on state owned land.