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## **Encroachment Resolution Initiative Summary for September 2012**

On May 1, 2012, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) launched an Encroachment Resolution Initiative (ERI) aimed at resolving many of the existing public land encroachment (trespass) cases without fear of penalties. By resolving these cases, DNR staff can re-focus their efforts and resources on properly managing the public's land and the state's natural resources.

The ERI is intended to offer individuals with structural or historic encroachments a limited time to legally resolve their encroachments on public land at a minimum cost and without fear of penalties. If an encroachment is historic, prior to March 1, 1973, the DNR staff will file a "quit claim" deed to transfer the property to the individual after a new survey and boundaries are determined. Individuals with structural encroachments involving permanent structures on public land erected after March 1, 1973, will be able to purchase the land in dispute once the property research is complete.

To speed up the resolution process during the ERI, the DNR will streamline its land sale process for individuals seeking a resolution to their encroachments. The ERI is meant to be an incentive program for property owners encroaching on public land to provide a streamlined and legal process to resolve their trespass issues. The application deadline to take advantage of this incentive is December 31, 2012.

The streamlined process will use the director's review and approval, and approved cases will be summarized for the NRC as follows:

### **September Cases**

- 1. Land Transaction – ERI Case: FMFM601602010001 - Duke**  
Montmorency County, Loud Township. The purpose of this 8.327 acre sale is to resolve a structural encroachment per the DNR's Encroachment Resolution Initiative and DNR policy 26.26.19, Supplement 1.  
Contact: Lori Burford, 989-275-5151, Ext. 2100.  
Final Decision Maker: Director
- 2. Land Transaction – ERI Case: FMFM601602004003 – Lind**  
Montmorency County, Albert Township. The purpose of this 0.47 acre sale is to resolve a structural encroachment per the DNR's Encroachment Resolution Initiative and DNR policy 26.26.19, Supplement 1.  
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Final Decision Maker: Director
- 3. Land Transaction – ERI Case: PRD706472006001 – Oswald**  
Washtenaw County, Hamburg Township. The purpose of this 0.15 acre sale is to resolve a structural encroachment per the DNR's Encroachment Resolution Initiative and DNR policy 26.26.19, Supplement 1.  
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Final Decision Maker: Director