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March 10, 2008

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

SUBJECT: Phase II Land Review and Boundary Modifications
Recommendations for Ionia County

This memo presents the completed review of parcels outside the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) project boundaries in Ionia County.

The review was conducted by staff from all DNR divisions in line with the procedure adopted by the DNR for this process. Review of all parcels was completed by the EcoUnit Teams and the Department of Environmental Quality, Natural Heritage Program, and History, Arts, and Libraries. A public meeting was held on February 6, 2008, in St. Johns, Michigan, and the comments received at the meeting were considered in the recommendations discussed by the Land Exchange Review Committee (LERC).

Attached is a listing of the recommendations for each parcel. The recommendations are summarized below.

**IONIA COUNTY
SUMMARY OF PHASE II RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE NRC**

CLASSIFICATION OF PARCELS	# of Parcels in Phase II	# of Acreage Parcels	Total Acreage	# of Platted Parcels
COUNTY TOTALS	33	32	376.16	1
1. RETAIN	21	21	342.40	0
2. OFFER TO ALTERNATIVE CONSERVATION OWNERS (ACO)	3	3	15.87	0
3. DISPOSE	9	8	17.89	1

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All parcels designated as Classification "2" and "3" have been reviewed for possible restrictions due to fund source or deed conditions that may affect conveyance.

The Land Review Team that was convened to coordinate the Phase II process reviewed the field staff recommendations. The team then recommended that the proposed designation for these parcels be approved by the LERC.

Following DNR procedure, the LERC reviewed the list on February 28, 2008, and recommended approval. If the recommendations are approved by the Director, Grants Management and/or the land administering division will obtain any other approvals needed for conveyance from appropriate State or Federal Agencies.

State Project Boundaries. In 2004, the DNR reviewed and adopted revised project boundaries based on Phase I of the DNR's Land Consolidation Project.

As a result of the Phase II land review and related property ownership investigation, staff recommends changes to the dedicated project boundary as shown on the attached map(s).

Recommendations:

- (1) That the Director approve the list as presented.
- (2) That the parcels designated as Classification "1" be retained, and that the identified land administering division be formally designated as the division to manage the parcel.
- (3) That the parcels designated as Classification "2" be offered to Alternate Conservation Owners (ACO) only. If the ACO is not interested in these parcels, the parcels will be retained.
- (4) That parcels designated as Classification "3" be disposed of by exchange, sale, or transfer, according to the steps outlined in the DNR Land Consolidation Project. Before being offered to the general public, all parcels will be offered first to government entities and then to private conservation entities.
- (5) That, unless specifically required by law dictating where sale proceeds are to be deposited, the proceeds from any sale be deposited into the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund and used to acquire replacement land.
- (6) That the Saranac-Lowell State Game Area boundary be dedicated as shown on the attached map, and be managed by the Wildlife Division.

(7) That the project boundary modifications proposed for this county be adopted.

Attachment: Report of recommended parcel classification.

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I approve the staff recommendations.

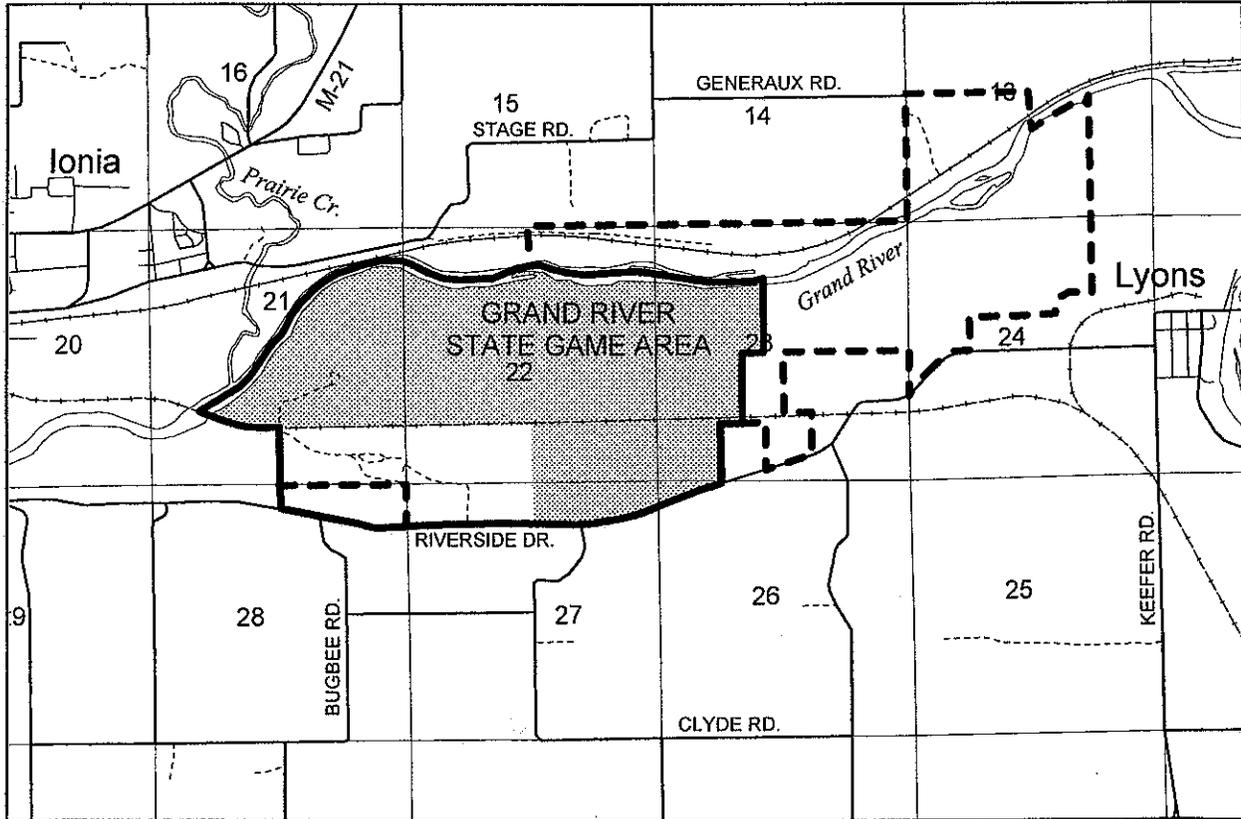
Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

Date Approved

STATE WILDLIFE BOUNDARY MODIFICATIONS

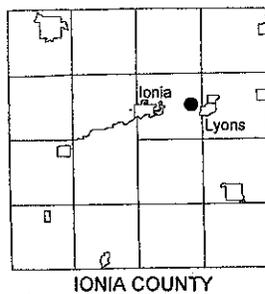
Grand River State Game Area

Ionia County



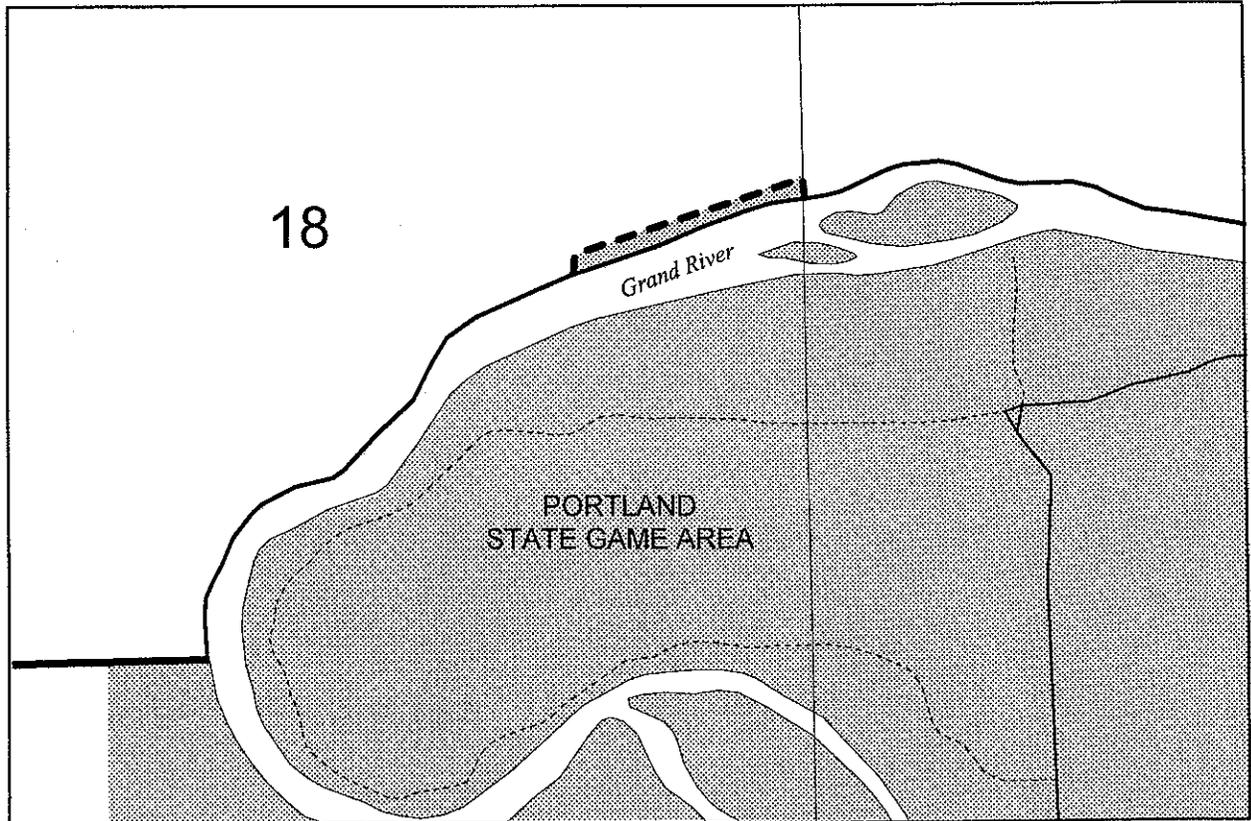
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- Game Area Boundary
- Proposed Boundary Modifications
- State Land
- Private Land



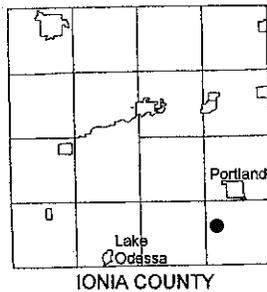
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 Portland State Game Area
 Ionia County



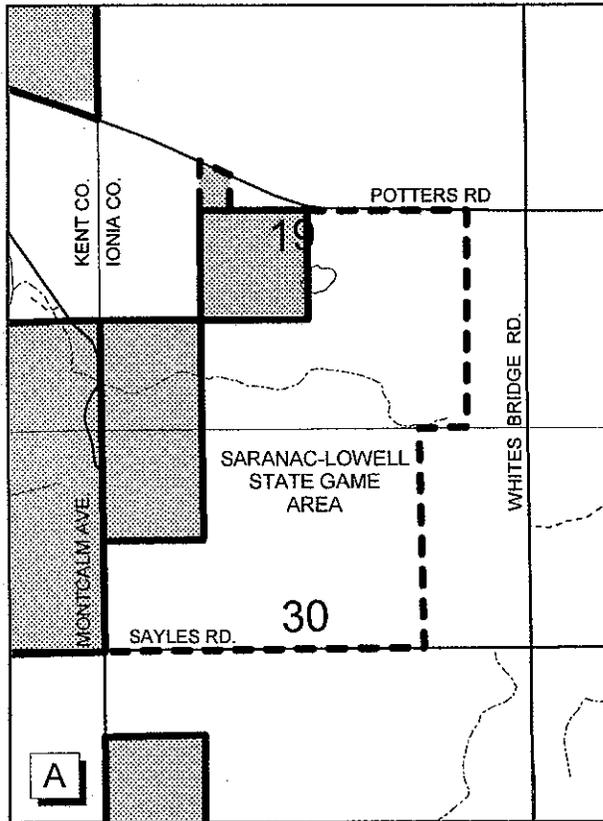
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- ▨ State Land
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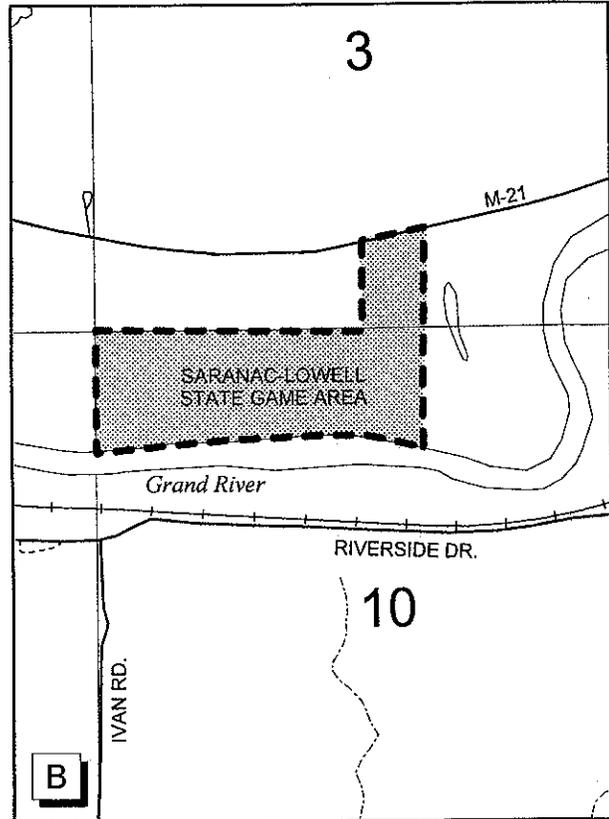


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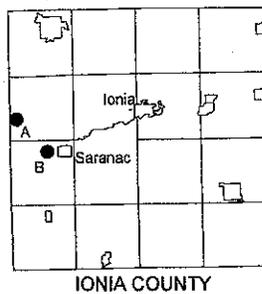


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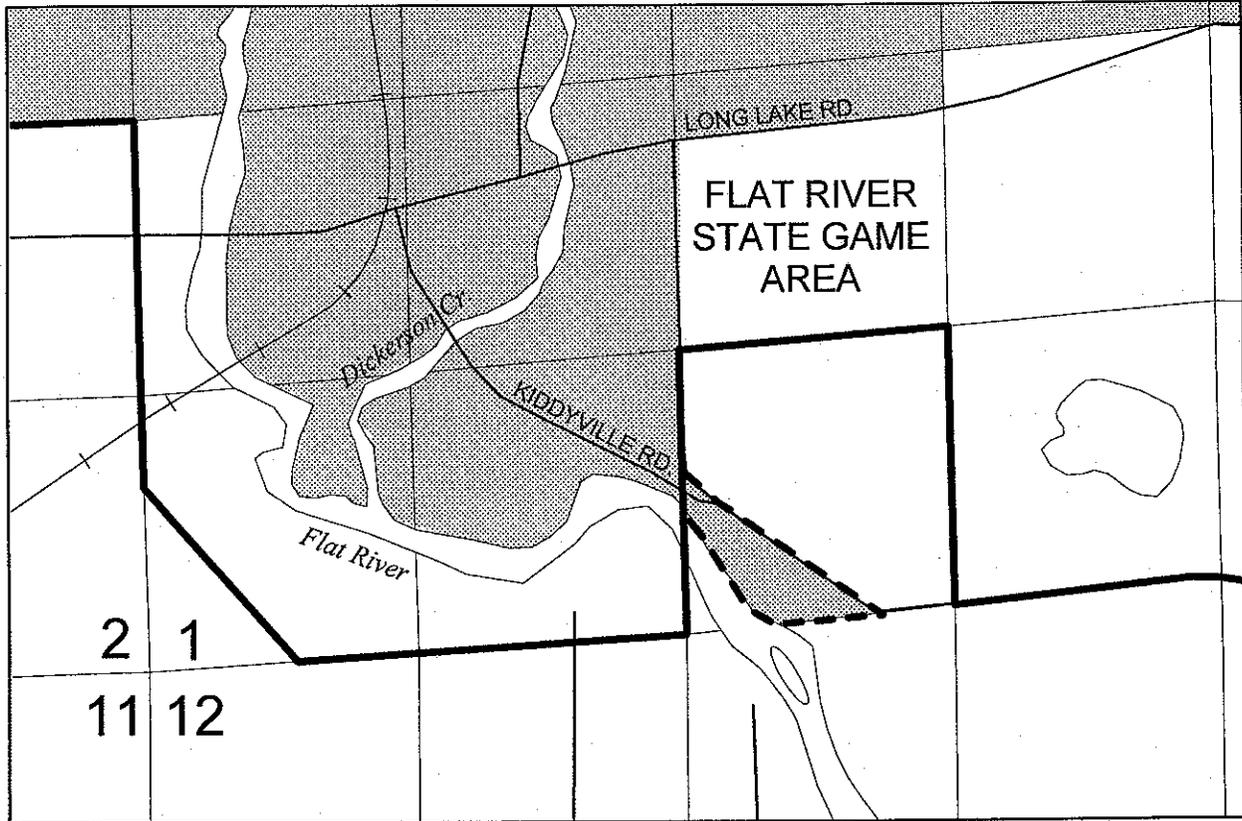
Sections 3 and 10, T06N, R08W
Boston Township

- Game Area Boundary
- Proposed Boundary Modifications
- State Land
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- Proposed Boundary Dedication
- State Land
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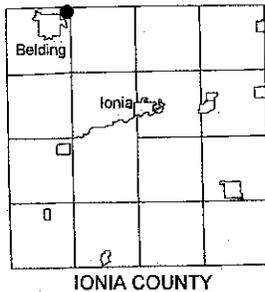
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STATE WILDLIFE BOUNDARY MODIFICATION
 Flat River State Game Area
 Ionia County



Section 1, T08N, R08W, Otisco Township

- Game Area Boundary
- - - Proposed Boundary Modifications
- ▨ State Land
- Private Land

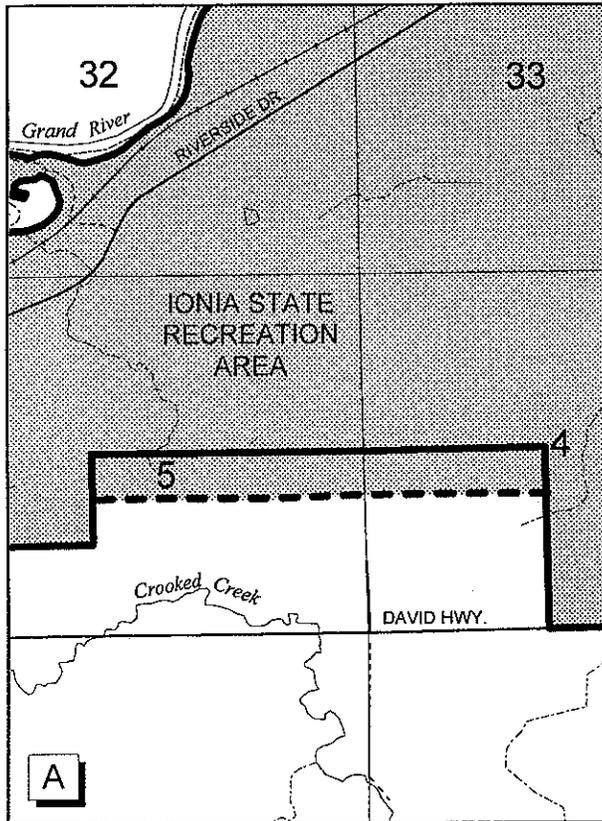


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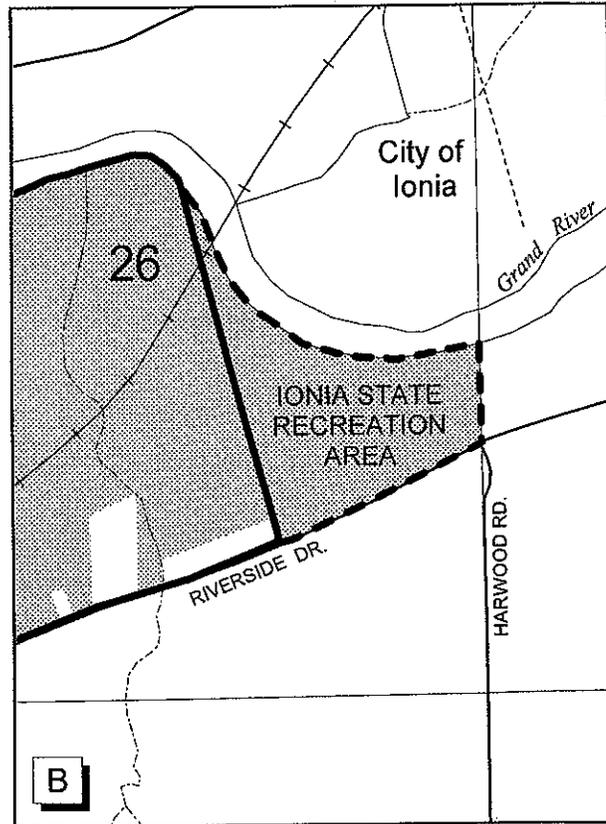
STATE PARKS AND RECREATION BOUNDARY MODIFICATIONS

Ionia State Recreation Area

Ionia County

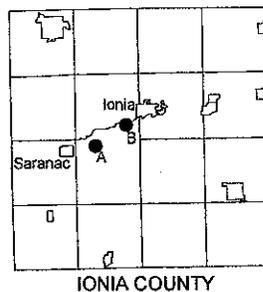


Sections 4 and 5, T06N, R07W, Berlin Township



Section 26, T07N, R07W, Berlin Township

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- Proposed Boundary Modifications
- State Land
- Private Land



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Phase II - IONIA County
Summary of NRC Report

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Phase II Parcel List for NRC County - IONIA

Classification #1 - Parcels to retain under State ownership and DNR administration.

<i>Project</i>	<i>Mng Div</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Last Acq.</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Range</i>	<i>Sec</i>	<i>Par_ID</i>
BAS - WHITE'S BRIDGE	PRD	BAS	1	ACR	GIF	07N	08W	07	1002393
BAS - Rockport	PRD	BAS	1.06	ACR	GIF	08N	06W	18	221914
PWAS - ISLANDS	PRD	Island	0.8	ACR	ISLR	06N	08W	35	2022418
PWAS - MORRIS LAKE	PRD	BAS	1.5	ACR	PUR	06N	08W	35	221690
PWAS - GRAND RIVER	WD	Hunting opportunities	63.81	ACR	PUR	06N	08W	10	221687
PWAS - GRAND RIVER	WD	Hunting opportunities	12.19	ACR	PUR	06N	08W	10	221686
PWAS - GRAND RIVER	WD	Hunting opportunities	10.54	ACR	PUR	06N	08W	03	221681
PWAS - ISLANDS	PRD	Island	0.5	ACR	ISLR	07N	05W	20	2022417
PWAS - PUBLIC WATER ACCESS SITE	PRD	BAS	18.4	ACR	EX	07N	05W	17	221700
PWAS - PUBLIC WATER ACCESS SITE	PRD	PWAS	38	ACR	GIF	07N	05W	17	221699
PWAS - LONG LAKE	PRD	BAS	1	ACR	PUR	08N	07W	03	221928
RECR - IONIA	PRD	Recreation opportunities	20	ACR	PUR	06N	07W	04	221641
RECR - IONIA	PRD	Recreation opportunities	20	ACR	PUR	06N	07W	04	221642
RECR - IONIA	PRD	Recreation opportunities	20	ACR	PUR	06N	07W	05	221669
RECR - IONIA	PRD	Recreation opportunities	20	ACR	PUR	06N	07W	05	221670
RECR - IONIA	PRD	Recreation opportunities	20	ACR	EX	06N	07W	05	221667
RECR - IONIA	PRD	Recreation opportunities	37	ACR	PUR	07N	07W	26	221723
RECR - IONIA	PRD	Recreation opportunities	42.75	ACR	PUR	07N	07W	26	221727
WILD - PORTLAND	WD	Hunting opportunities	5.5	ACR	PUR	05N	05W	18	221486
WILD - LOWELL	WD	Hunting opportunities	3.57	ACR	PUR	07N	08W	19	221887
WILD - FLAT RIVER	WD	Wildlife habitat	4.78	ACR	PUR	08N	08W	01	1116548



Phase II Parcel List for NRC

County - IONIA

Classification #2 - Parcels to offer to Other Govt. Unit or Alternate Conservation Org.

<i>Project</i>	<i>Mng Div</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Last Acq.</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Range</i>	<i>Sec</i>	<i>Par_ID</i>
FISH - SMYRNA DAM	PRD	PWAS - ACO better mgr	4.62	ACR	GIF	08N	08W	28	222022
FISH - SMYRNA DAM	PRD	PWAS - ACO better mgr	3.32	ACR	GIF	08N	08W	28	222023
FISH - SMYRNA DAM	PRD	PWAS - ACO better mgr	7.93	ACR	GIF	08N	08W	28	222024



Phase II Parcel List for NRC County - IONIA

Classification #3 - Parcels to dispose

<i>Project</i>	<i>Mng Div</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Last Acq.</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Range</i>	<i>Sec</i>	<i>Par_ID</i>
NA - NOT ASSIGNED	PRD	Isolated Subdivision Lot	0	PLT	TR	07N	06W	17	1003505
NA - NOT ASSIGNED	PRD	Limited size	0.15	ACR	TR	08N	05W	12	318935
WILD - PORTLAND	WD	Limited size	4.18	ACR	PUR	05N	05W	09	221457
WILD - PORTLAND	WD	No significant rec. opportunities	5.85	ACR	PUR	05N	05W	09	221458
WILD - PORTLAND	WD	No significant rec. opportunities	0.49	ACR	PUR	06N	05W	33	319200
WILD - PORTLAND	WD	No significant rec. opportunities	5.73	ACR	PUR	06N	05W	33	319201
WILD - PORTLAND	WD	No significant rec. opportunities	0.21	ACR	PUR	06N	05W	33	319203
WILD - PORTLAND	WD	No significant rec. opportunities	0.5	ACR	TR	06N	05W	33	1054552
WILD - PORTLAND	WD	No significant rec. opportunities	0.78	ACR	PUR	06N	05W	33	319202