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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

September 14, 2015

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Conveyance of DNR-Managed Land for Public Use
Roscommon Management Unit – Roscommon County
Land Transaction Case #20150028

Sale: 5 acres

Sale Price: Land to be conveyed without monetary compensation but subject to a reverter interest.

Description: Roscommon County, Denton Township, T22N, R03W, Section 20:
As more completely described in the case file.

Applicant(s): Denton Township, Prudenville, 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 29, 2015, calendar, and is eligible for approval on October 6, 2015.

Acquired: By tax reversion in 1942.

Minerals: The state will retain mineral rights.

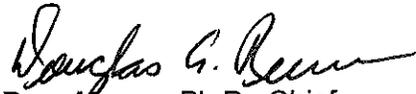
Comments: The desired parcel is located within one mile of Houghton Lake in Roscommon County. The property is also immediately adjacent to the south side of the Denton Township Cemetery, for which the Department conveyed five acres of land by public use deed in 1981 for cemetery purposes. The Department manages this property for public access, timber, and as a snowmobile trailhead parking lot in conjunction with the Houghton Lake trail system. Denton Township desires to acquire this property and to manage it for public access to store cemetery equipment, as an expanded snowmobile trailhead, and to place buildings on the site to facilitate trail grooming and recreation.

The request was reviewed by Department staff and recommended for approval by the Land Exchange Review Committee on June 18, 2015, with the stipulations that: the township continue to maintain a parking lot on the site that is at least as large as the one that currently exists; that the township maintain public use of the property similar to current uses; that the township clearly mark the new shared property line; that the

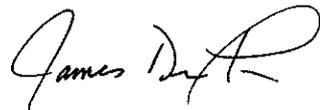
township's proposed expanded parking lot and buildings should be developed within five years or the property will revert to the state; and that the township may use the property for the storage of cemetery equipment but not for burials.

Engagement: Denton Township is the applicant and supports this transaction.

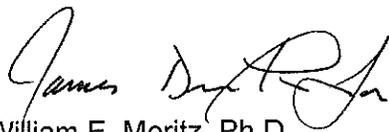
- Recommendation:
1. That the land be conveyed to the applicant for public park and cemetery storage purposes without monetary compensation but subject to a reverter interest, stating that the land shall revert to the state in the event that:
 - a. the proposed expanded parking lot and buildings are not developed within five years;
 - b. the township does not maintain public use of the property, similar to current uses;
 - c. the township does not continue to maintain a parking lot on the site that is at least as large as the one which currently exists;
 - d. the township uses the property for burials.
 2. That the state convey mineral rights and retain aboriginal antiquities.

Sor 
Russ Mason, Ph.D., Chief
Wildlife Division

for 
William O'Neill, Chief
Forest Resources Division


James L. Dexter, Chief
Fisheries Division

for 
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.

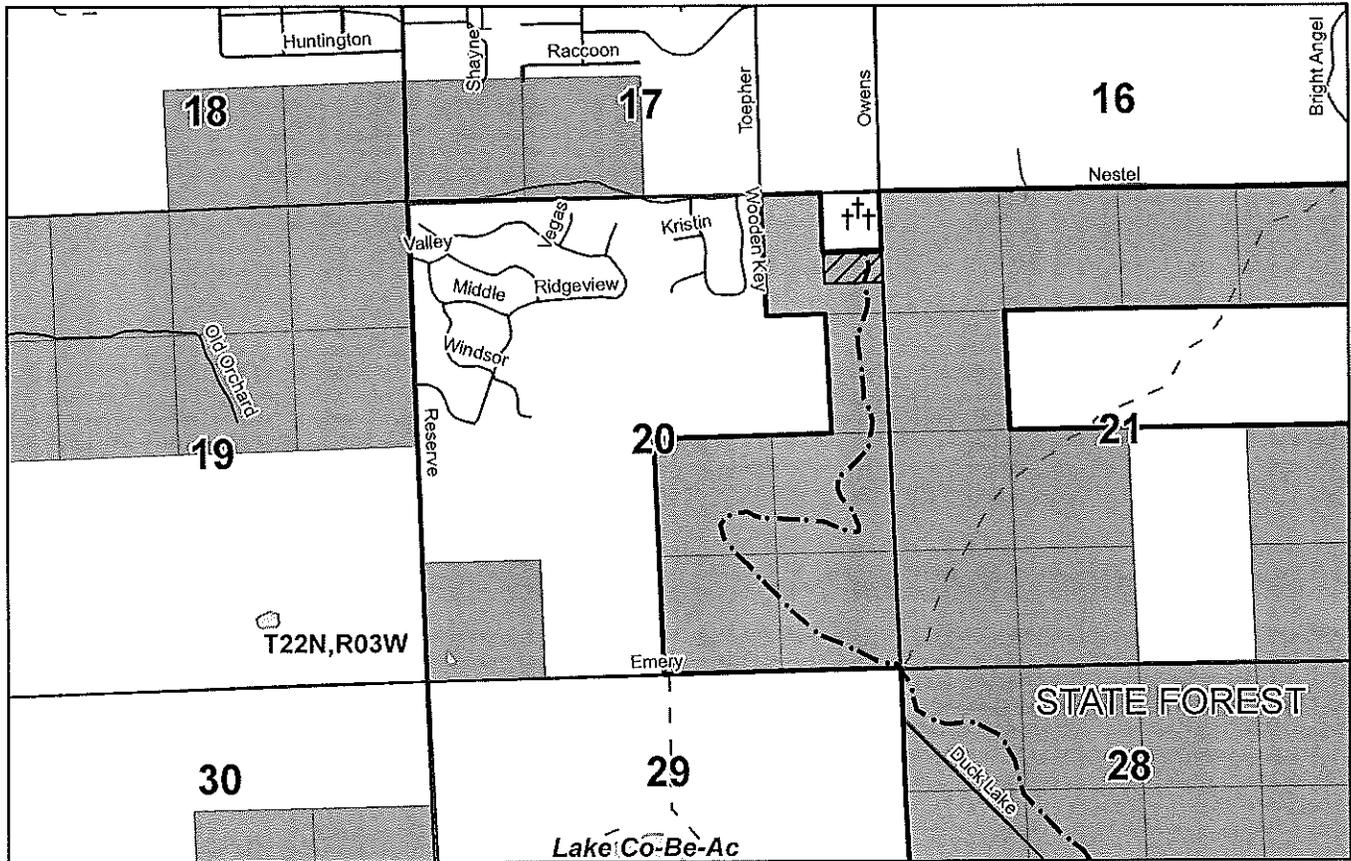
Keith Creagh
Director

Date Approved

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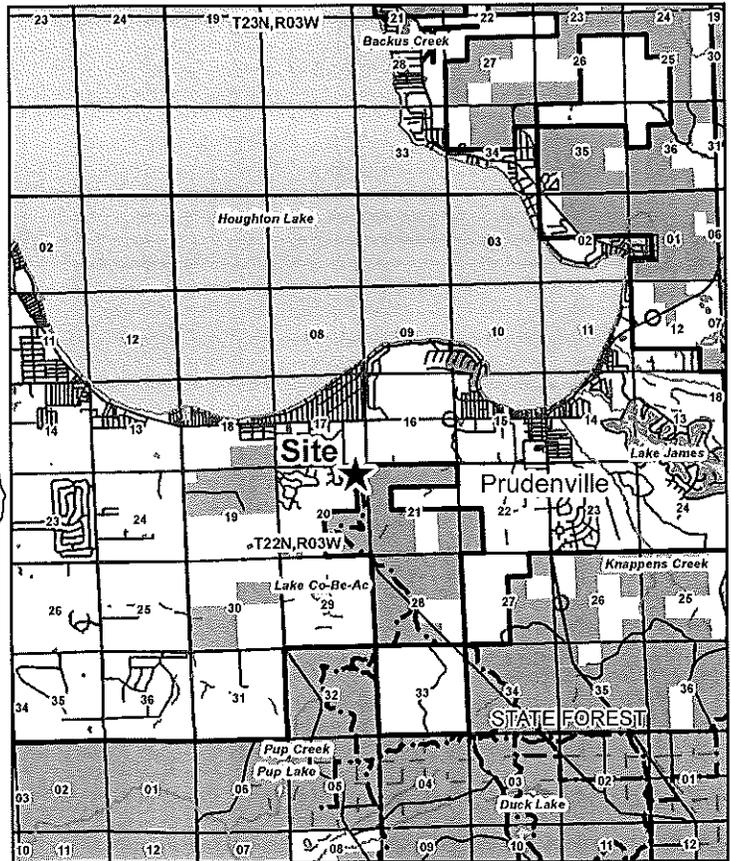
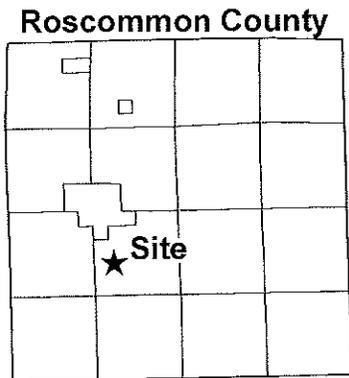
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Section 20, T22N, R3W Denton Township

- State Forest Boundary
- DNR Land Desired for Public Use (5 acres)
- Snowmobile Trails
- Cemetery
- State Land
- Non-State Land



Regional Location



DNR -- Finance & Operations Division
Real Estate Services Section
07/17/2015

