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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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DIRECTOR

December 14, 2015

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Wildlife Land Acquisition
Wigwam Bay State Wildlife Area – Arenac County
Wigwam Duck Club Tract
Land Transaction Case #20150090

Purchase: 145.9 acres - \$394,000.00

Funding Source: Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund – Act 7 of 2015

PA 240 of 2012: PILT Estimate: \$2,266.00
This parcel is south of the Mason-Arenac County line and will result in an increase of 145.9 counted acres. There are no excluded acres as a part of this transaction.

Description: Arenac County, Arenac Township, T19N, R05E, Section 36:
As more completely described in the case file.

Seller(s): Wigwam Duck Club, Grand Blanc, Michigan

Authority: Natural Resources and Environment Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) January 5, 2016, calendar, and is eligible for approval on January 12, 2016.

Management Purpose: This property will be managed as a part of the Wigwam Bay State Wildlife Area for hunting, trapping, and wildlife-related recreational opportunities.

Comments: The acquisition of this 145.9-acre parcel is a targeted, strategic investment that strongly supports the Department’s mission of enhancing, restoring, and conserving the state’s wildlife resources, natural communities, and ecosystems for the benefit to Michigan’s citizens, visitors and future generations. This property contains the following characteristics:

- Proximity to state-owned land – a narrow strip of land separates this property from Wigwam Bay State Wildlife Area land.
- Proximity to population centers – this acquisition is seven miles east of the City of Standish.
- Access – the parcel has excellent frontage on a county-maintained road and is located eight miles from US 23.
- Topography and cover – this mostly forested and waterfront property has small openings, a pond, wetlands and a canal.

- Waterfront – frontage on Saginaw Bay and the Rifle River.
- Wildlife – this parcel provides quality wildlife habitat for white-tailed deer, wild turkey, cottontail rabbits, wood ducks, and mallards.
- Improvements – there is a house and a shed on the property. These will likely be removed following acquisition.

As a result, this property will provide quality opportunities for dispersed public recreation in central Michigan and will support Michigan's \$1.3 billion hunting industry by increasing the amount of public hunting land.

The seller will convey mineral rights relative to this tract, if owned.

Acquisition of this parcel will contribute to the Department's goals of securing wildlife habitat and increasing public recreation opportunities.

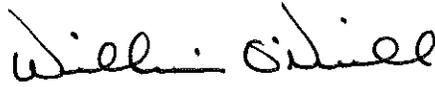
Engagement: The Arenac Township Board of Trustees provided a letter of support and the Arenac County Board of Commissioners provided a resolution of support for the acquisition.

Recommendation: 1. That the acquisition be approved, with payment to be made from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Wigwam Bay State Wildlife Area Acquisition project #14-0141.

2. This land is to be dedicated as part of the Wigwam Bay State Wildlife Area.



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I approve the staff recommendations.

Keith Creagh
Director

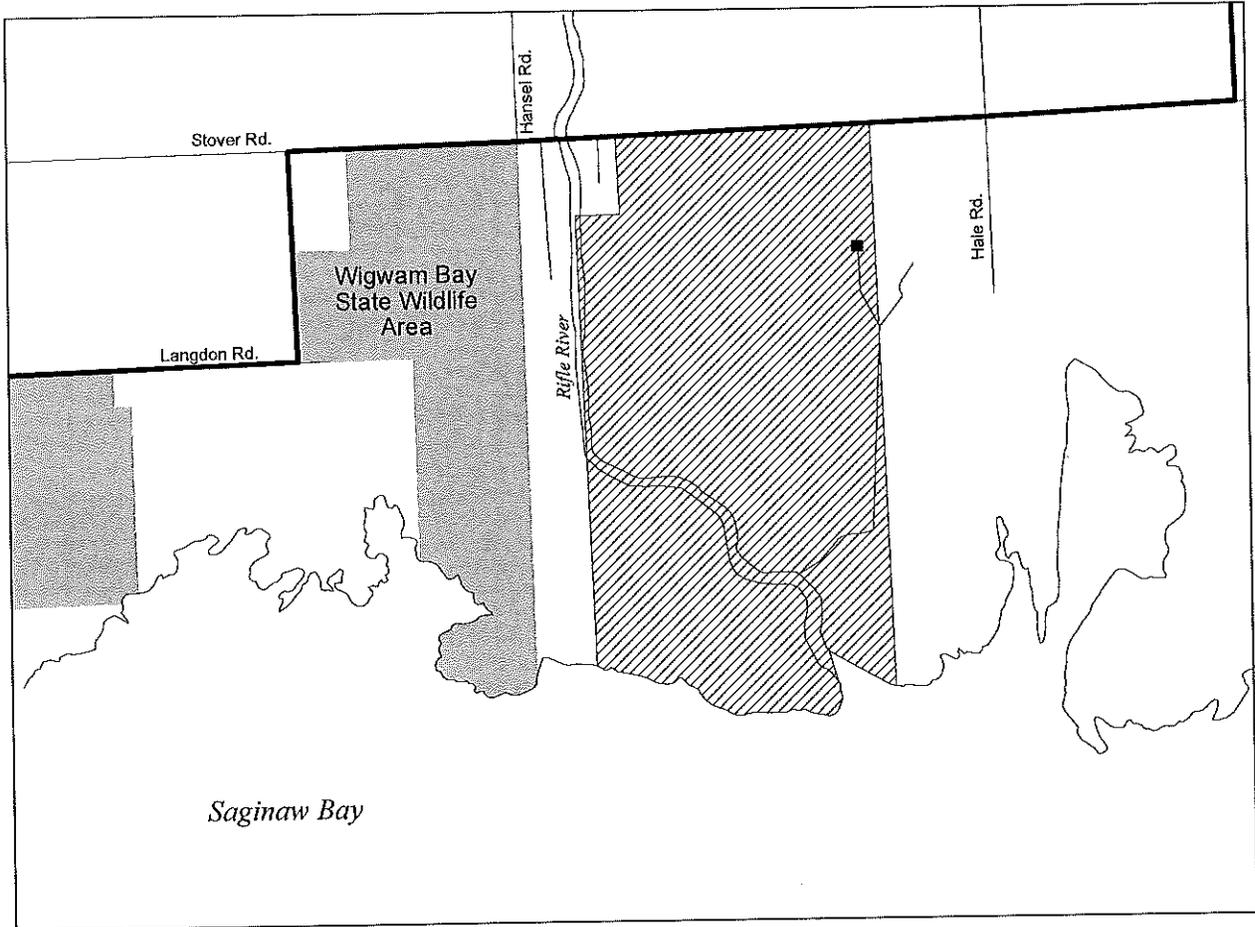
Date Approved

WILDLIFE LAND ACQUISITION

Wigwam Bay State Wildlife Area – Arenac County

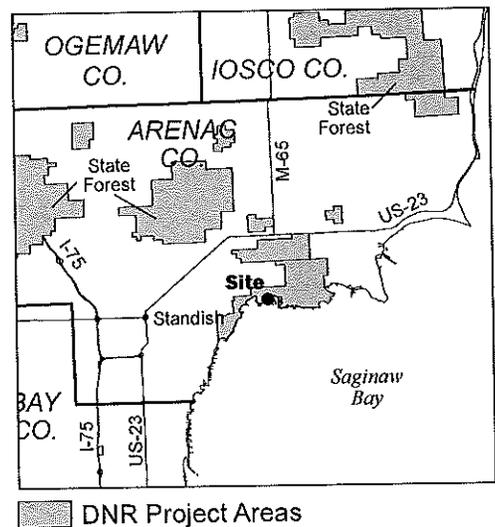
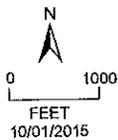
The Wigwam Duck Club Tract

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Section 36, T19N, R05E, Arenac Township

- Land to be acquired by DNR (145.9 acres)
- State land
- Private land
- DNR Project Boundary
- House



DNR Project Areas