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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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DR. WILLIAM E. MORITZ
DIRECTOR

April 18, 2016

TO: Dr. William E. Moritz, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Gift of Land
Ironwood to Bessemer Trail – Gogebic County
Land Transaction Case #20160052

Purchase: Gift of a 5,008.72 square-foot section (0.11 acre) of the former Chicago and Northwestern Railroad grade.

Funding Source: Gift

PA 240 of 2012: PILT Estimate: \$0.44
This parcel is north of the Mason-Arenac County line and will result in an increase of 0.11 excluded acres.

Description: Gogebic County, Ironwood Township, T47N, R47W, Section 13:
All that part of the Northwest quarter and part of the Northeast quarter, more particularly described as follows;

Beginning at the North quarter corner of Section 13, thence along the North-South quarter line of Section 13, S03°05'28"W 1994.19 feet to the North right-of-way line of the former Chicago and Northwestern Railroad being the point of beginning;

Thence along the North right-of-way line of the former Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, N82°00'40"E 65.46 feet; Thence S03°08'52"E 48.73 feet; Thence N88°56'53"W 130.59 feet; Thence N03°35'51"W 28.12 feet to the North right-of-way line of the former Chicago and Northwestern Railroad; Thence along the North right-of-way line of the former Chicago and Northwestern Railroad N82°00'40"E 65.46 feet to the point of beginning.

Donor: Charter Township of Ironwood, Ironwood, 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) May 3, 2016, calendar, and is eligible for approval on May 10, 2016.

Management Purpose: This property will be managed as part of a non-motorized trail along the former Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic Railroad corridor between the City of Ironwood and the City of Bessemer.

Comments: Parks and Recreation Division has partnered with Michigan Western Gateway Trail Authority, and the Gogebic County Road Commission to develop the second phase of a non-motorized trail that is proposed to eventually extend from the Montreal River at the City of Ironwood to Sunday Lake in the City of Wakefield.

Acquisition of this parcel will contribute to the Department and Division goals and strategies by providing additional public recreation opportunities.

Engagement: The Charter Township of Ironwood Board of Trustees, the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Gogebic, and the Michigan Western Gateway Trail Authority support this gift transaction.

Recommendation: (1) That the gift of land be approved with appreciation.

(2) That concurrent approval be given to the accompanying grant of easement to the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Gogebic.

(3) That the property be dedicated for public use and administered by the Parks and Recreation Division.

April 18, 2016



Russ Mason, Ph.D., Chief
Wildlife Division



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James L. Dexter, Chief
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Parks and Recreation Division



William O'Neill
Natural Resources Deputy



Mark H. Hoffman
Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations.



Dr. William E. Moritz
Director



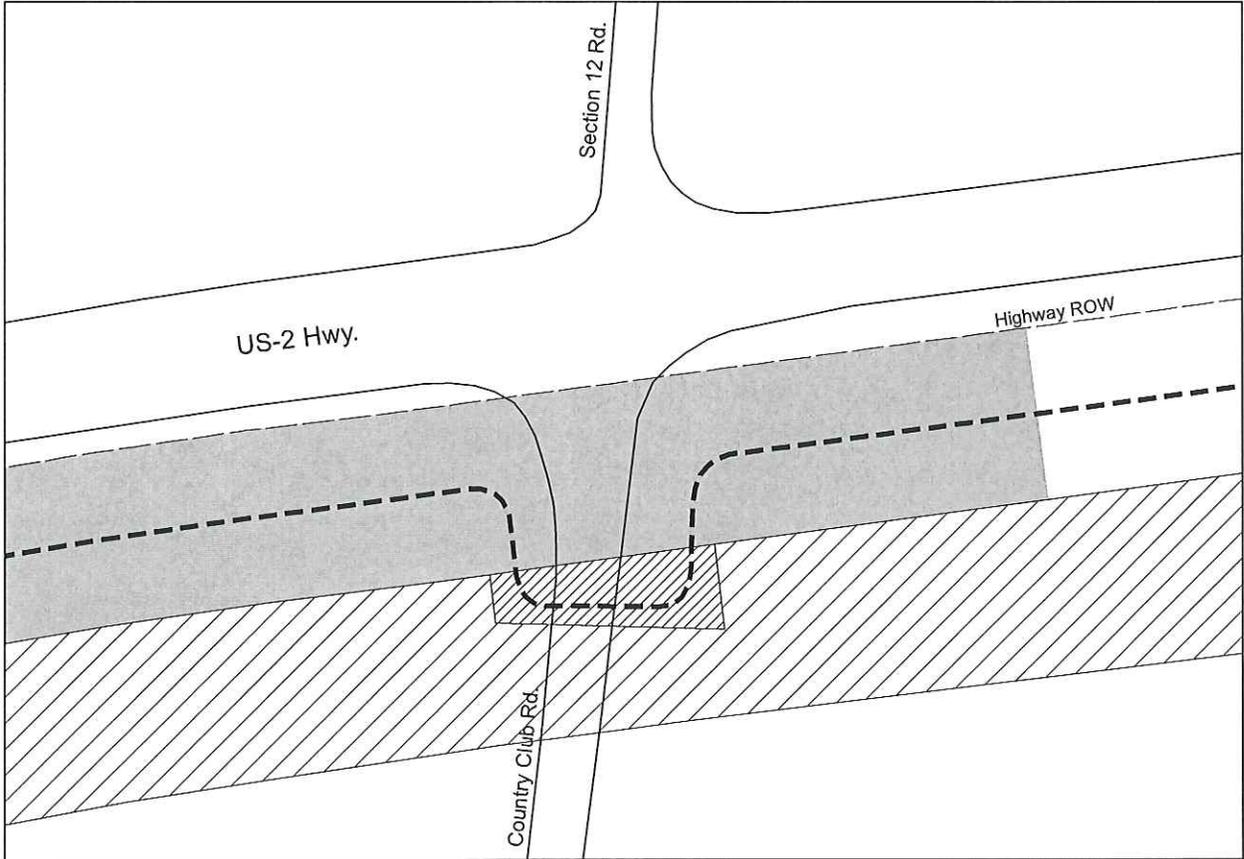
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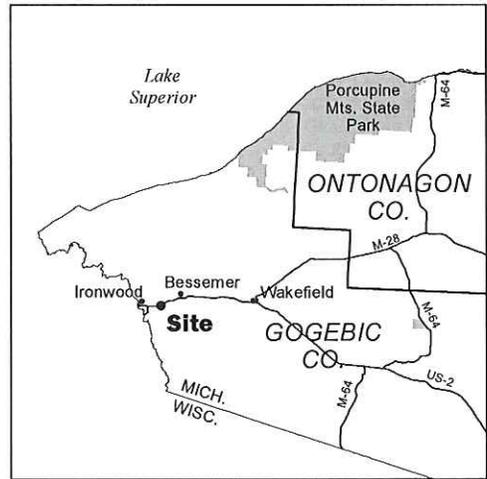
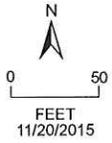
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Section 13, T47N, R47W, Ironwood Township

- Land to be gifted to DNR (0.11 acre)
- State land
- Township land
- Private land
- Proposed Ironwood to Bessemer Trail



DNR Project Boundaries