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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
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DIRECTOR

August 18, 2014

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Wildlife Land Acquisition  
Gratiot-Saginaw State Game Area – Saginaw County  
Wood Tract  
Land Transaction Case #20140161

Purchase: 40 acres, more or less. \$22,000.00

PA 240 of 2012: PILT Estimate: \$950.00  
This parcel is south of the Mason-Arenac County line and will result in an increase of 40 counted acres. There are no excluded acres as a part of this transaction.

Description: Saginaw County, Marion Township, T10N, R01E, the NE1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 12.

Seller(s): Elmer G. Wood, Little Rock, Arkansas

Authority: Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended.

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) September 2, 2014, calendar, and is eligible for approval on September 9, 2014.

Purpose: This tract further consolidates the Gratiot-Saginaw State Game Area and provides valuable habitat for a variety of species and additional recreational opportunities.

Comments: This rural southern 40-acre parcel is within the boundaries of the Gratiot-Saginaw State Game Area. The property contains the following characteristics:

- Adjacent to state-owned land – the parcel abuts a large block of existing state-owned lands on two sides.
- Access – the property is landlocked. The owner accesses the property from the north by walking over state-owned lands.
- Topography and cover – the property is generally level. The western and eastern areas are characterized by large areas of cattail swamps. The central portion of the property has an area of upland with white oak, pin oak, and aspen.
- Improvements – there are no improvements on the property.
- Wildlife - this parcel provides quality wildlife habitat for a variety of species including deer, turkey, pileated woodpecker, and grouse.

As a result, this property will provide quality opportunities for dispersed public recreation in southern Michigan and will support Michigan's \$1.3 billion hunting industry by increasing the amount of 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 consolidating state ownership, securing wildlife habitat, and increasing public recreation opportunities.

Engagement: The Department is currently engaged in discussions with Marion Township and Saginaw County regarding this acquisition.

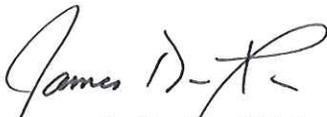
Recommendation: That the acquisition be approved, with payment to be made from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Southeast Eco-Regional Land Consolidation project.



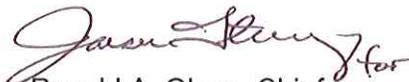
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Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations.

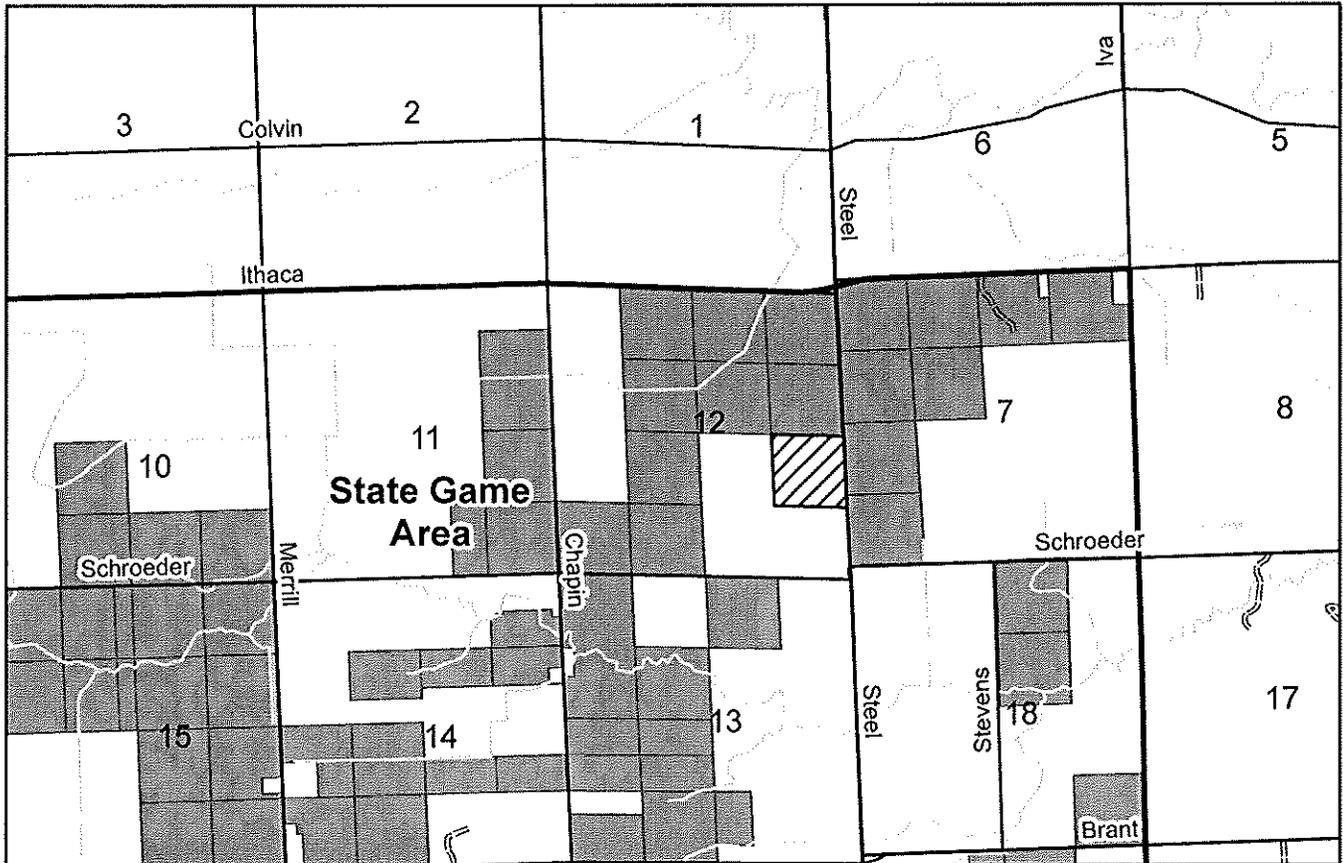
Keith Creagh  
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Date Approved

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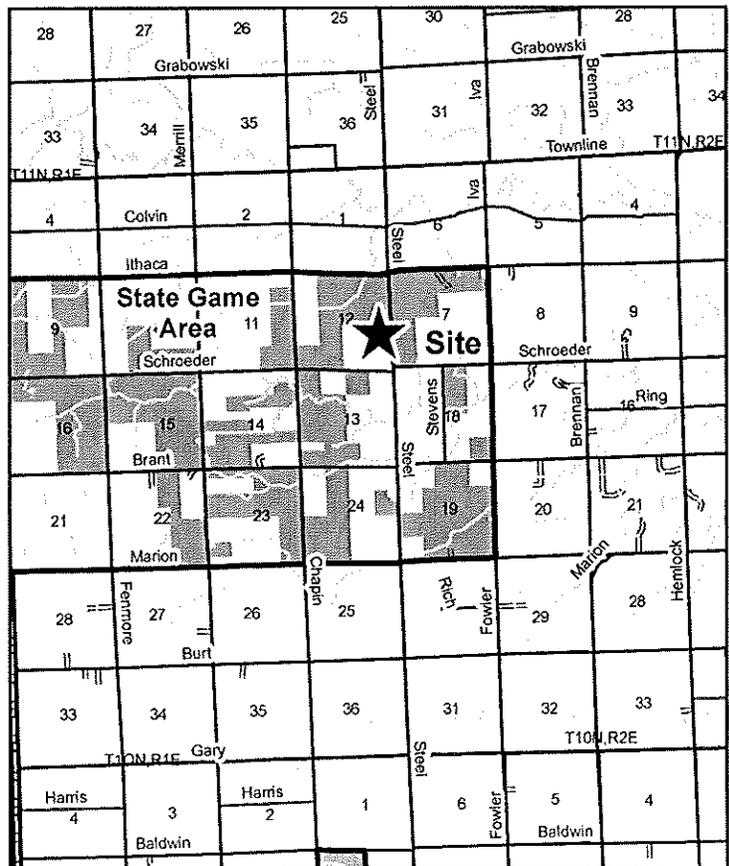
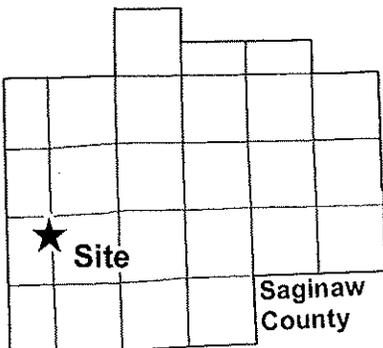
## Gratiot-Saginaw State Game Area -- Saginaw County

### The Wood Tract -- Land Transaction Case #20140161



#### Section 12, T10N, R1E Marion Township

-  State Game Area Boundary
-  Land Offered to DNR  
(40 acres -- \$22,000)
-  State Land
-  Private Land



**Regional Location**

