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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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DIRECTOR

August 18, 2014

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Wildlife Land Acquisition
Erie State Game Area – Monroe County
Monroe Bank & Trust Tract
Land Transaction Case #20140169

Purchase: 4.3 acres, more or less. \$15,000.00

PA 240 of 2012: PILT Estimate: \$375.00
This parcel is south of the Mason-Arenac County line and will result in an increase of 4.3 counted acres. There are no excluded acres as a part of this transaction.

Description: Monroe County, Erie Township, T8S, R8E, Section 33: The SE1/4 of the SE1/4, as more completely described in the case file.

Seller(s): Monroe Bank & Trust, Monroe, Michigan

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 will provide additional hunting, trapping, and other wildlife-related recreational opportunities in this highly populated area.

Comments: This southern Michigan 4.3-acre parcel is within the boundaries of the Erie State Game Area. The property contains the following characteristics:

- Adjacent to state-owned land – the property is adjacent to state-owned land on one side and is within the Erie State Game project boundary.
- Access – the property is legally accessed via an easement to/from the north.
- Topography and cover – the property is level forested lowlands with areas for potential food plots.
- Improvements – there are no improvements on the property.
- Wildlife - this parcel provides quality wildlife habitat for a variety of wildlife species including mallard duck, osprey, deer, and other game and non-game species.

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 engaged in conversations with Erie Township and Monroe County, has received positive comments, and anticipates receiving letters of support.

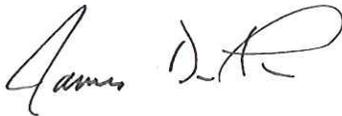
Recommendation: That the acquisition be approved, with payment to be made from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Southeast Eco-Regional Land Consolidation project.



Russ Mason, Ph.D., Chief
Wildlife Division



William O'Neill, Chief
Forest Resources Division



James L. Dexter, Chief
Fisheries Division



Ronald A. Olson, Chief
Parks and Recreation Division



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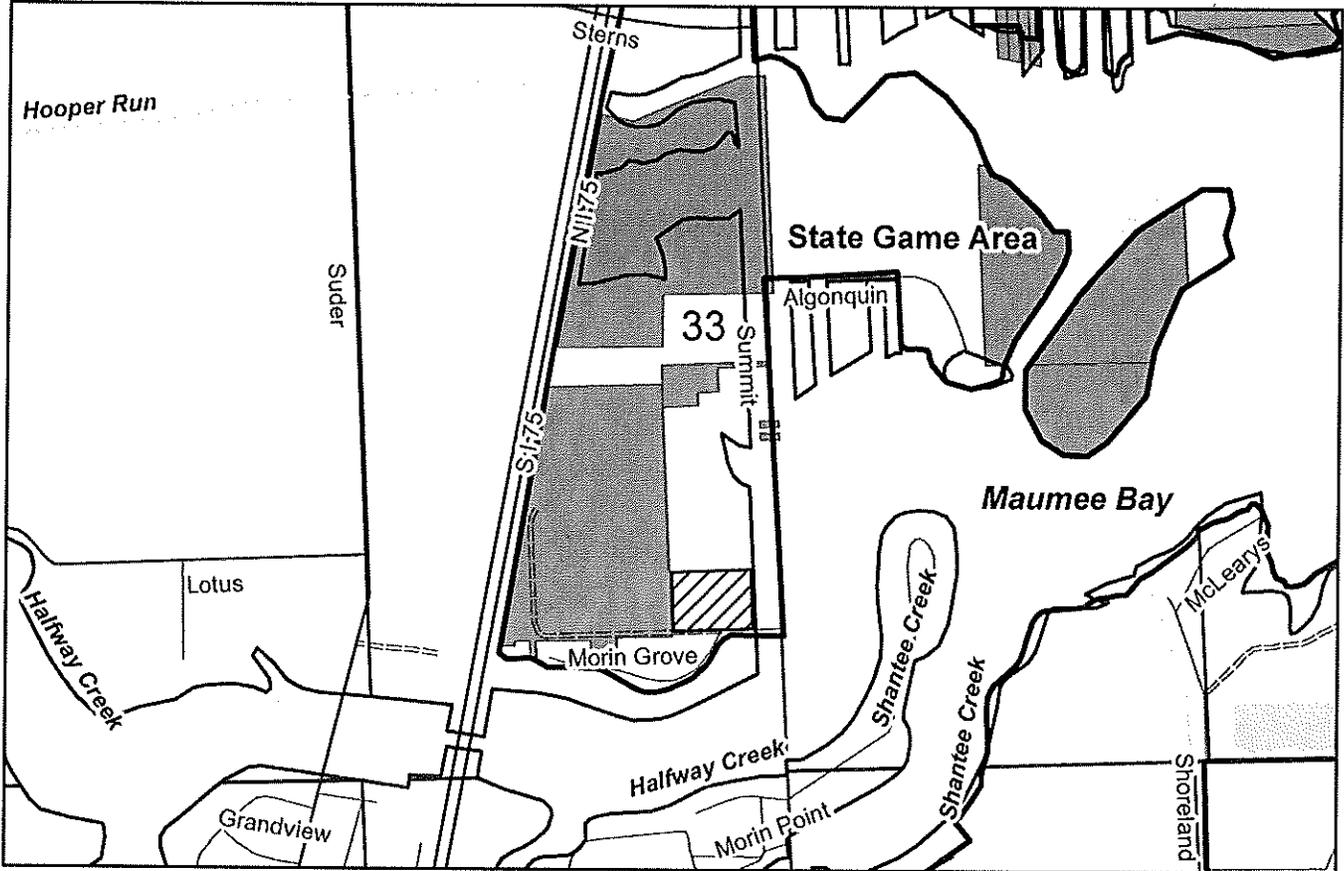
I approve the staff recommendations

Keith Creagh
Director

Date Approved

WILDLIFE LAND ACQUISITION Erie State Game Area -- Monroe County

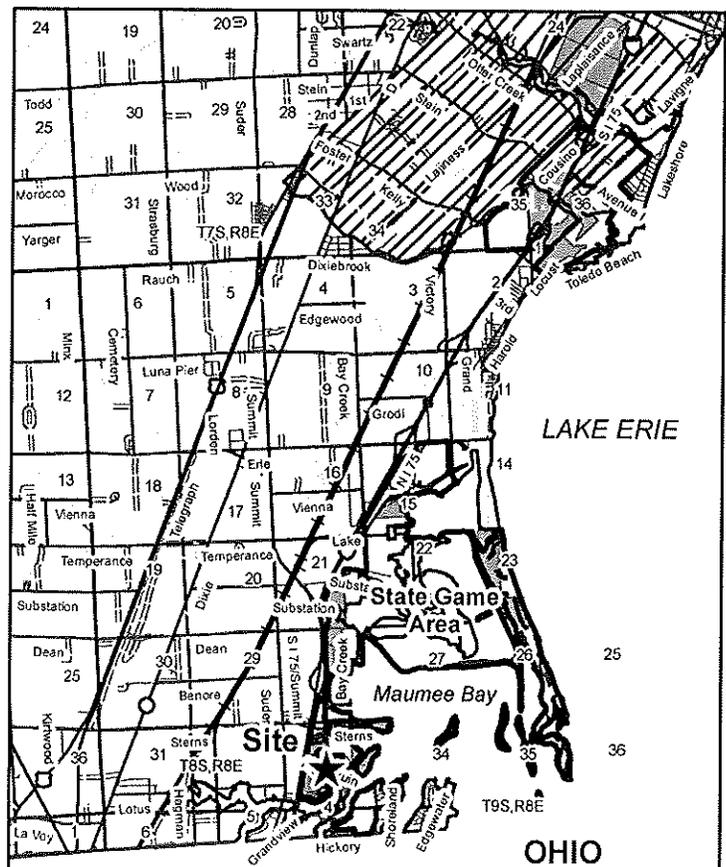
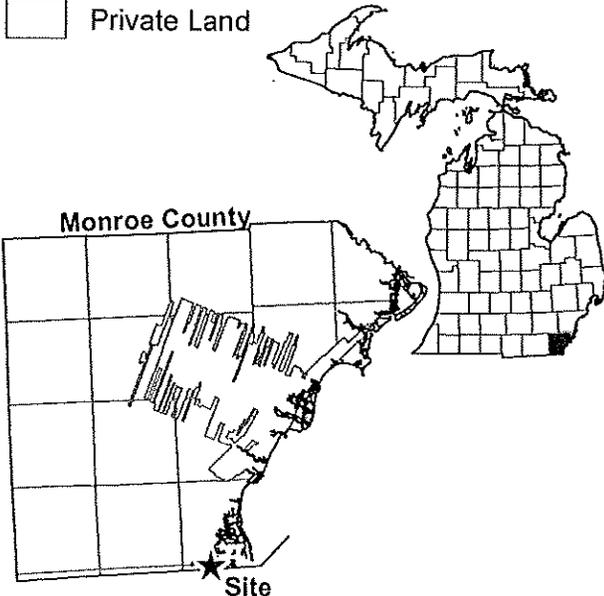
The Monroe Bank & Trust Tract -- Land Transaction Case #20140169



Section 33, T8S, R8E

Erie Township

- State Game Area Boundary
- Land Offered to DNR
(4.33 acres -- \$15,000)
- State Land
- Private Land



Regional Location



DNR -- Finance & Operations Division
Real Estate Services Section
08/12/2014

