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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
Erie State Game Area – Monroe County
Morin Tract
Land Transaction Case #20140170

Purchase: 14.97 acres, more or less. \$75,000.00

PA 240 of 2012: PILT Estimate: \$600.00
This parcel is south of the Mason-Arenac County line and will result in an increase of 14.97 counted acres. There are no excluded acres as a part of this transaction.

Description: Monroe County, Erie Township, T8S, R8E, Section 21: The SE1/4 of the NE1/4, as more completely described in the case file.

Seller(s): John and Anna Morin, Erie, 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 14.97-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 within the Erie State Game project boundary.
- Access – two sides of the parcel front on a county-maintained road.
- Topography and cover – the property is level, well drained, and is used for agricultural production.
- 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.
- Restoration objectives – Wildlife Division intends to restore the parcel to a lakeplain prairie, a globally rare ecosystem.

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.

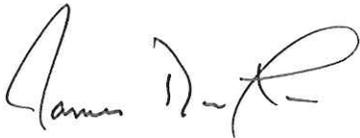
Recommendation: That the acquisition be approved, with payment to be made from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Southeast Eco-Regional Land Consolidation project.



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



William E. Moritz, Ph.D.
Natural Resources Deputy



Mark H. Hoffman
Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations

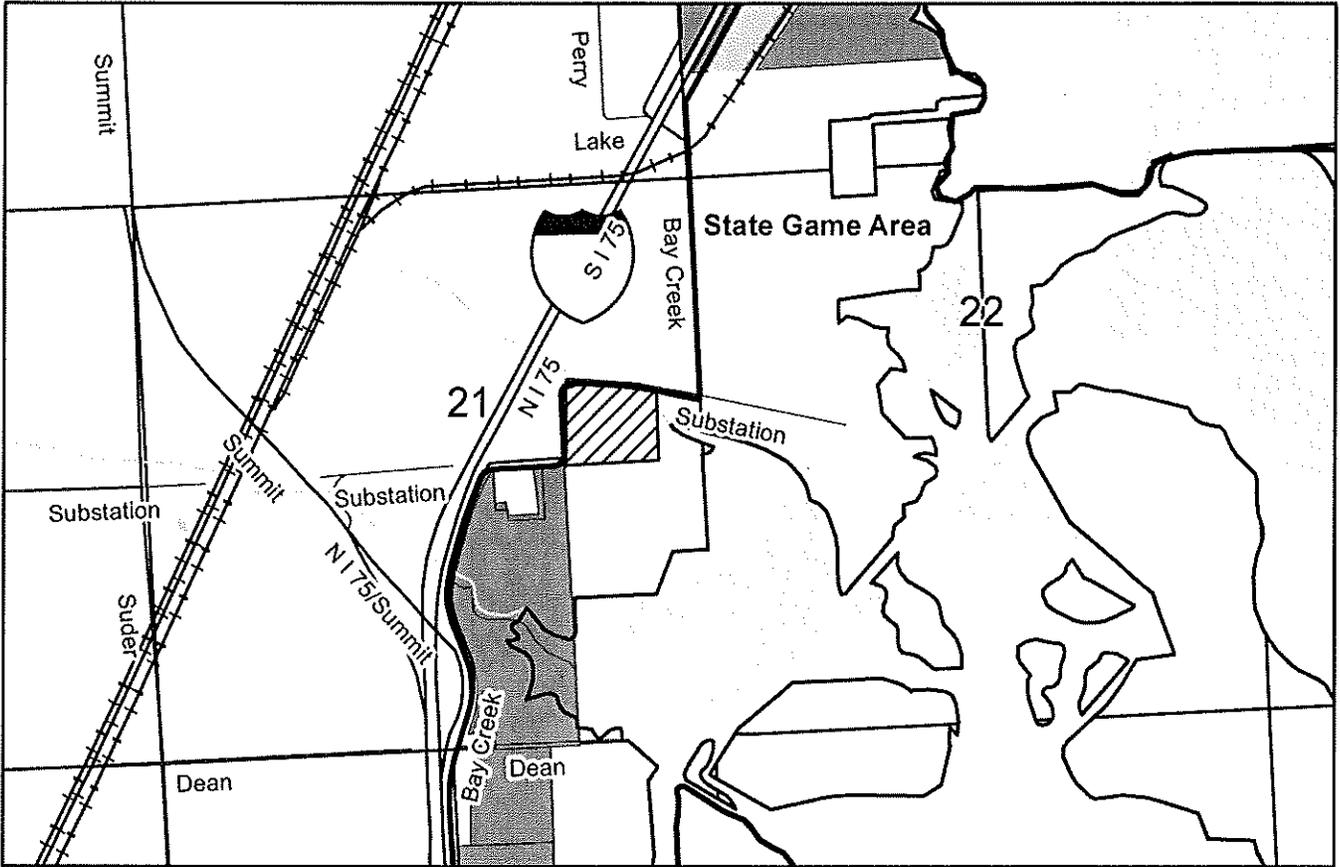
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Date Approved

WILDLIFE LAND ACQUISITION

Erie State Game Area -- Monroe County

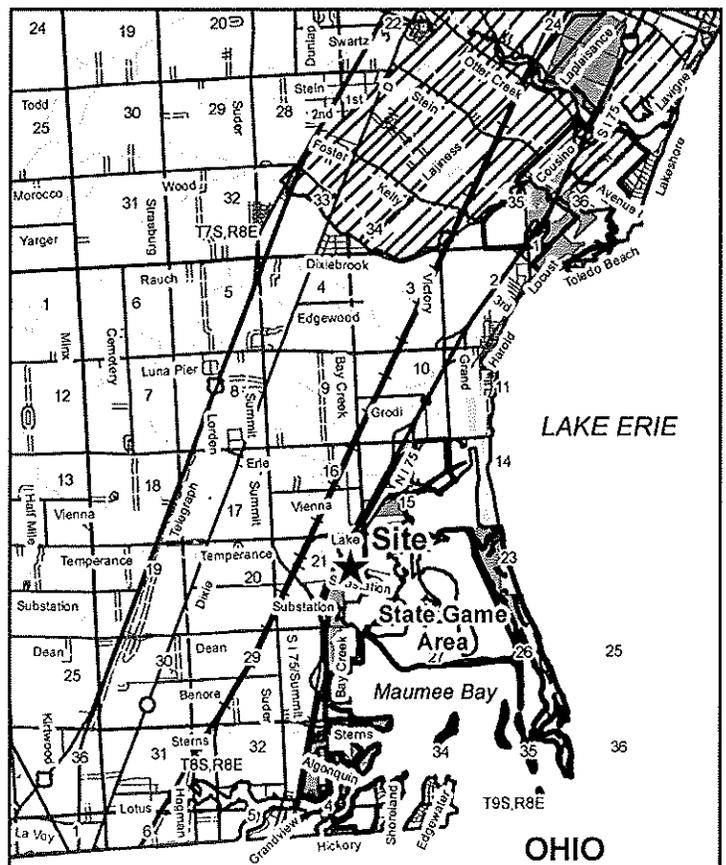
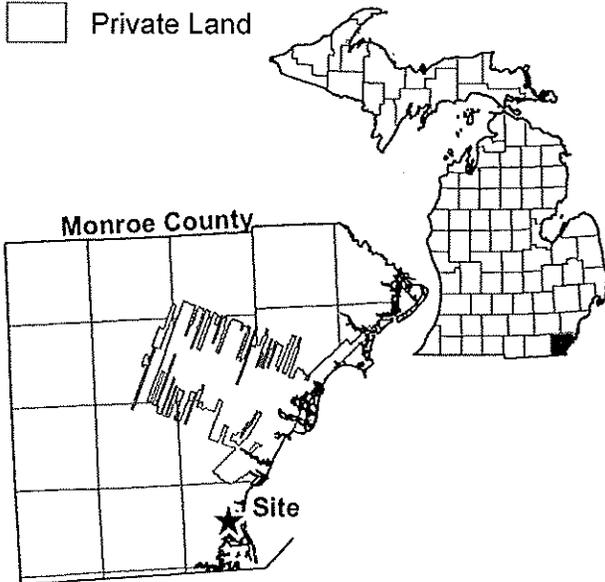
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Section 21, T8S, R8E

Erie Township

- State Game Area Boundary
- Land Offered to DNR
(14.967 acres -- \$75,000)
- State Land
- Private Land



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



Regional Location