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January 20, 2015

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Parks and Recreation Land Acquisition
Gaylord District – Cheboygan County
The Kuhn Tract
Land Transaction Case #20140257

Purchase: 37 Acres - \$37,000.00

PA 240 of 2012: PILT Estimate: \$492.17
This parcel is north of the Mason-Arenac County line and will result in an increase of 37 counted acres. There are no excluded acres as a part of this transaction.

Description: Cheboygan County, Benton Township, T38N, R1W, Part of Section 22:
More completely described in the case file.

Seller(s): Little Traverse Land Conservancy, Harbor Springs, 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) February 3, 2015, calendar, and is eligible for approval on February 10, 2015.

Comments: The parcel to be acquired is an inholding completely surrounded by State-owned land within Cheboygan State Park. It consists of rich conifer swamp dominated by northern white cedar, as well as poplar, maple, oak, white pine and tamarack. The parcel is slightly rolling with pockets of low wet areas.

Acquisition of this parcel serves to consolidate land ownership for management purposes and eliminate the need to provide an access drive to this landlocked site. This acquisition serves to protect unique habitat that supports endangered and threatened plants including Dwarf Lake Iris and Pitcher’s thistle.

This acquisition is an example of a successful partnership project between the Department of Natural Resources and the Little Traverse Conservancy (LTC). The LTC assisted the Department in negotiating a purchase, and holding the property under option while grant funding was being secured. The Department is grateful for the LTC’s willingness to

partner in a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund project for the benefit of the people of Michigan.

Engagement: Cheboygan County and Benton Township have voiced support for this acquisition as an appropriate addition to the Department's holdings.

Recommendation:

- 1) That the acquisition be approved, with payment to be made from the Natural Resources Trust Fund, Cheboygan State Park Acquisition Line Item Fund, Public Act 114 of 2014.
- 2) That the parcel be dedicated as a part of Cheboygan State Park.



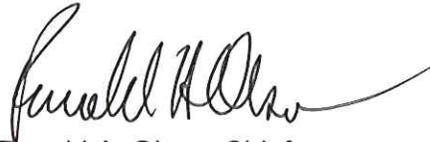
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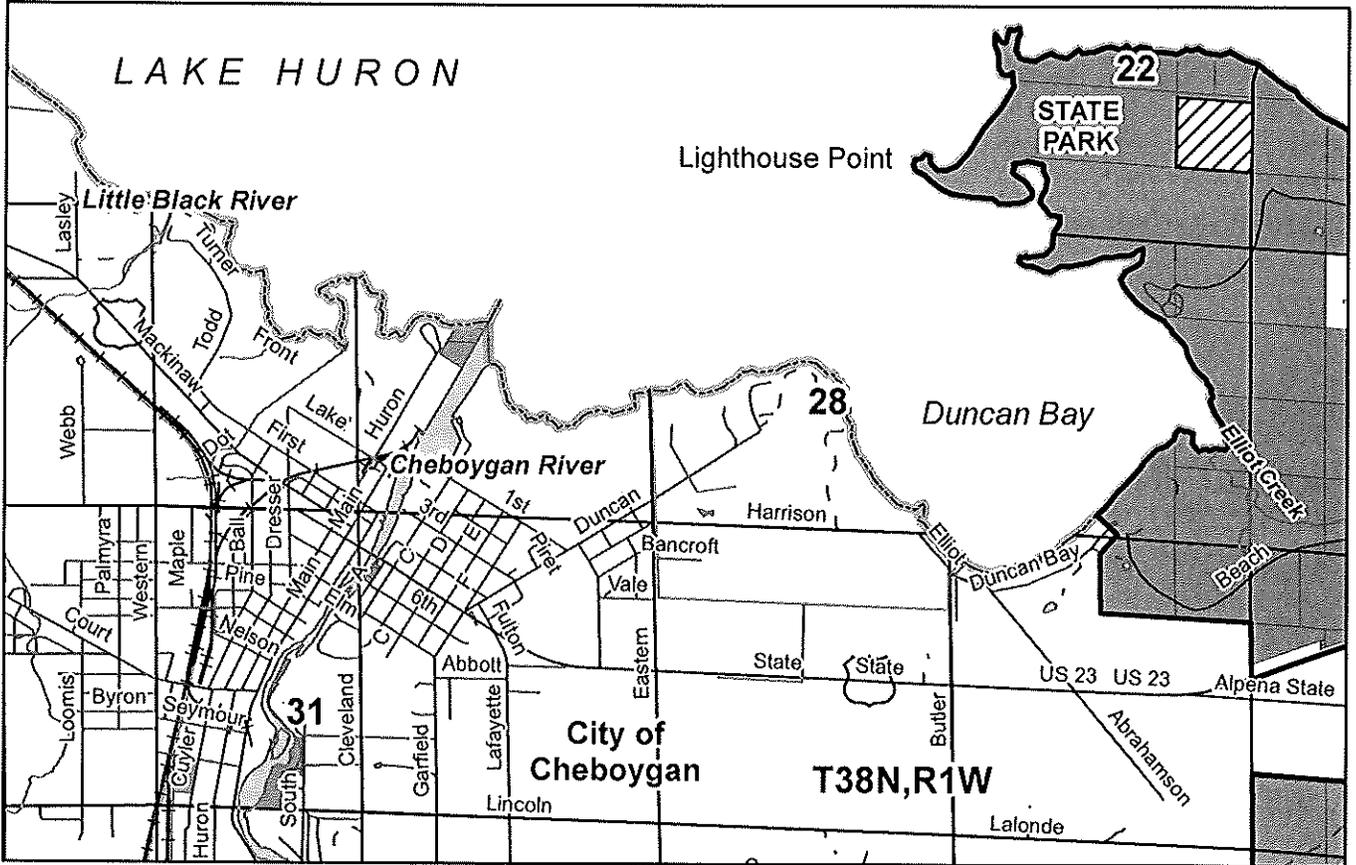
Mark H. Hoffman
Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations.

Keith Creagh
Director

Date Approved

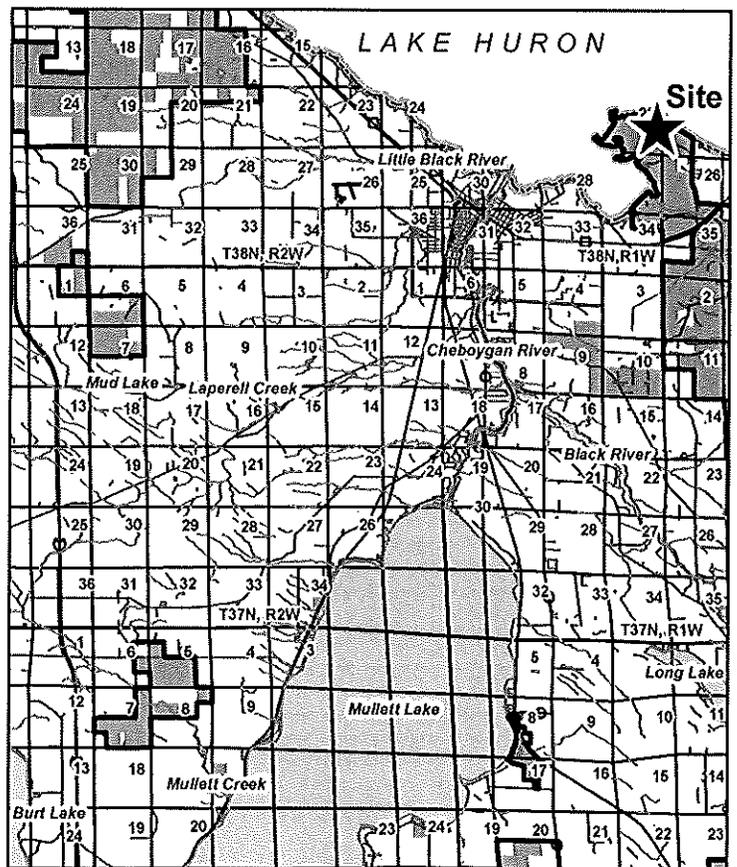
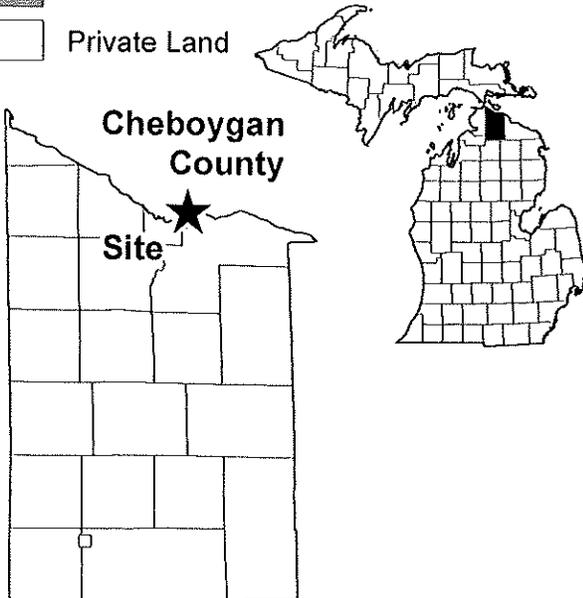
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Section 22, T38N, R1W

Benton Township

-  State Managed Land Boundary
-  Land to be Acquired by DNR (37 acres)
-  State Land
-  Private Land



Regional Location



DNR -- Finance & Operations Division
 Real Estate Services Section
 01/12/2015

