



RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
LANSING



KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

September 15, 2014

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Sale of Surplus Department of Natural Resources-Managed Land
Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park – Mecosta County
Land Transaction Cases #20010121 and #20080093

Sale: 2.75 acres, more or less

Sale Price: \$8,730.00

Description: Mecosta County, City of Big Rapids, T15N, R10W, Section 11:
Being a part of the NW1/4 and the NE1/4, as more particularly described
in the case file.

Applicant: City of Big Rapids, Michigan

Authority: Natural Resources and Environment Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as
amended.

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources
(Department) September 30, 2014, calendar, and is eligible for approval
on October 7, 2014.

Acquired: The desired parcels were acquired in 1994 with Michigan Natural
Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) and Federal TEA Grants.

Minerals: Appropriate to dispose of mineral rights.

Comments: The desired parcels lie adjacent to the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail
within the municipal limits of the City of Big Rapids. The City has long
expressed an interest in the desired parcels having leased the parcels
from the Department since 2008, along with several other parcels
including the former railroad depot. The City now has a local industry
interested in expansion and the desired parcels are needed to
appropriately locate an industrial building, expected to be 100,000
square feet in size, at a cost projected to be in excess of \$6 million. The
parcels had been reviewed by Department staff and recommended for
disposal by the Land Exchange Review Committee on August 28, 2008.

Proceeds from the sale will be deposited into the MNRTF and the Land
Exchange Facilitation Fund (LEFF) – Trailway Subfund. The LEFF
allows the Department to sell rights in land and deposit the proceeds in a
fund which can then be used to acquire replacement property.

September 15, 2014

Engagement: This transaction is at the request of the City of Big Rapids to facilitate an economic development project that could bring perhaps as many as 30+ jobs from out of state operations to Michigan.

- Recommendation:
- (1) That the land be sold to the applicant for \$8,730.00.
 - (2) That the proceeds of the sale be deposited into the MNRTF and the LEFF – Trailways Subfund.
 - (3) That the State of Michigan retain aboriginal antiquities.



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



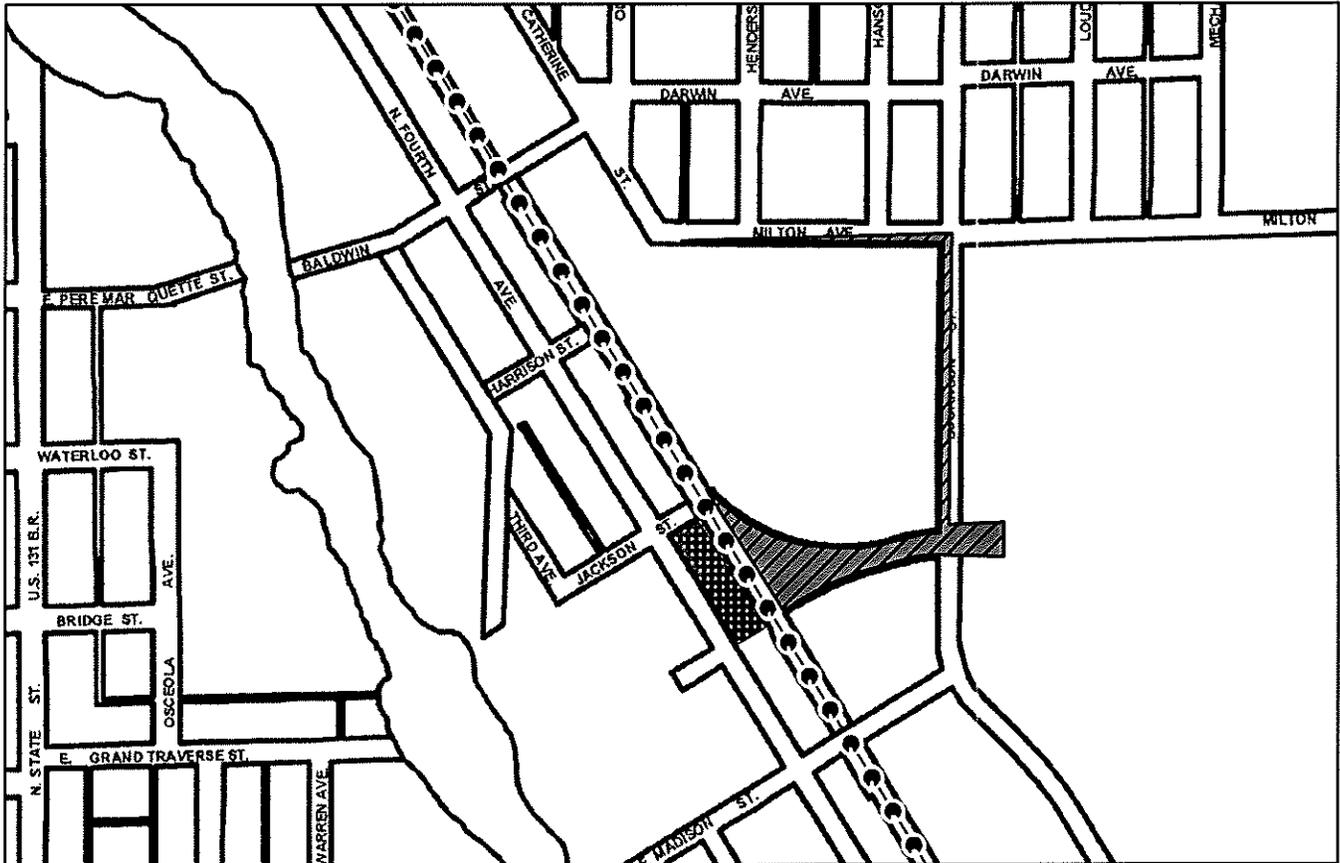
Mark H. Hoffman
Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations.

Keith Creagh
Director

Date Approved

**SALE OF SURPLUS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES -- MANAGED LAND
 Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park -- Mecosta County
 Land Transaction Cases #20010121 & #20080093**

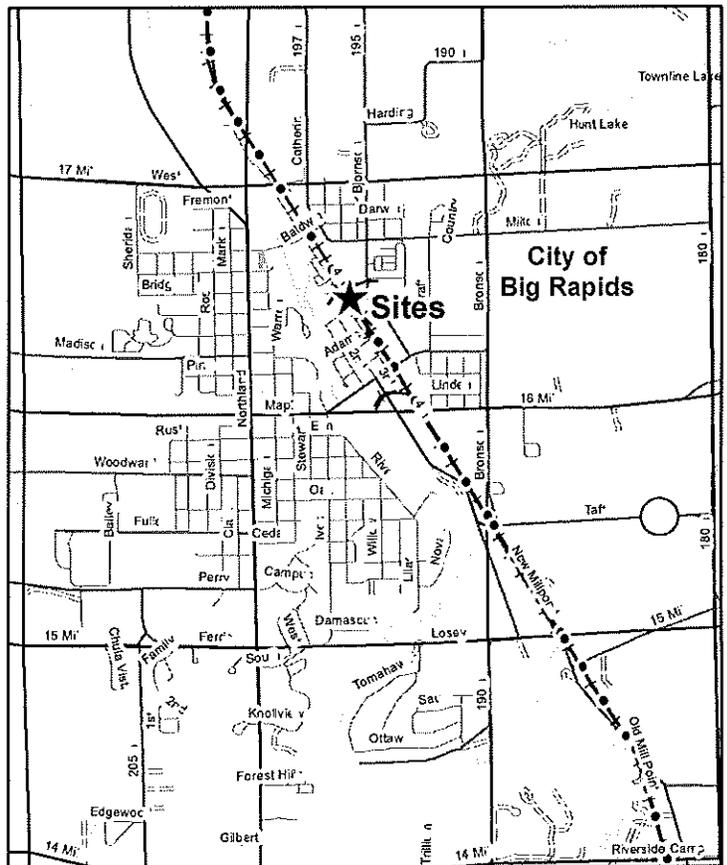
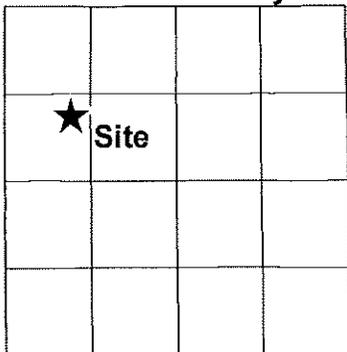


**Section 11, T15N, R10W
 City of Big Rapids**

-  Desired State Land to be Sold (#20080093 -- approx. 1 acre)
-  Desired State Land to be Sold (#20010121 -- approx. 1.75 acre)
-  Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park
-  State Land
-  Private Land



Mecosta County



Regional Location



DNR -- Finance & Operations Division
 Real Estate Services Section
 09/02/2014

