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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
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RODNEY A. STOKES  
DIRECTOR

January 17, 2012

TO: Rodney A. Stokes, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Forest Land Acquisition  
Grayling Management Unit – Crawford County  
The Crawford AuSable School District Tract  
Land Transaction Case #20110205

Purchase: 1.0 acres, more or less – \$3,000.00

Description: Crawford County, Frederic Township, T28N, R04W, Section 7:  
Lot 3 of the Village of Deward

Sellers: Crawford AuSable School District, Grayling, Michigan

Property Taxes: Taxes for 2011 were not assessed

Authority: Part 5 of Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources  
(department) January 30, 2012, calendar, and is eligible for approval on  
February 7, 2012.

Comments: The offered parcel is located in Crawford County, approximately 11 miles  
northwest of Grayling and within the Grayling Management Unit. The  
parcel contains the following attributes, which collectively make this a  
priority acquisition:

- Adjacent state-owned land – a large block of state-owned land borders much of the property.
- Project boundary – the property is located within the Grayling Management Unit project boundary.
- Access – access for the public and department staff will be across the adjacent state-owned lands and platted but undeveloped roads.
- Topography – the property has level topography.
- Cover – 100% wooded (oak and pine).

Since the tract is bordered by state forest land, acquisition by the department will eliminate the need to monitor and maintain the boundaries of this small in holding. The seller will convey any mineral rights that they may hold relative to the offered land.

Acquisition of this parcel will contribute to the department's goals of consolidating state ownership, securing wildlife habitat, enhancing forest management, and increasing public recreation opportunities.

Funding for this project is being provided by the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund (LEFF). The LEFF Act allows the department to sell rights in land and deposit the proceeds in the fund which is used to acquire replacement property.

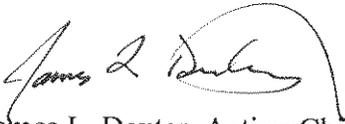
Recommendation: That the parcel be approved for purchase with payment made from the LEFF, under authority of Part 21, Act 451 of 1994, as amended.



Russ Mason, Ph.D., Chief  
Wildlife Division



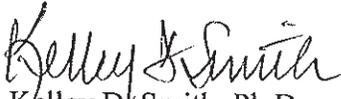
William O'Neill, Acting Chief  
Forest Resources Division



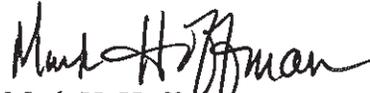
James L. Dexter, Acting Chief  
Fisheries Division



Ronald A. Olson, Chief  
Parks and Recreation Division



Kelley D. Smith, Ph.D.  
Acting Natural Resources Deputy



Mark H. Hoffman  
Chief Administrative Officer

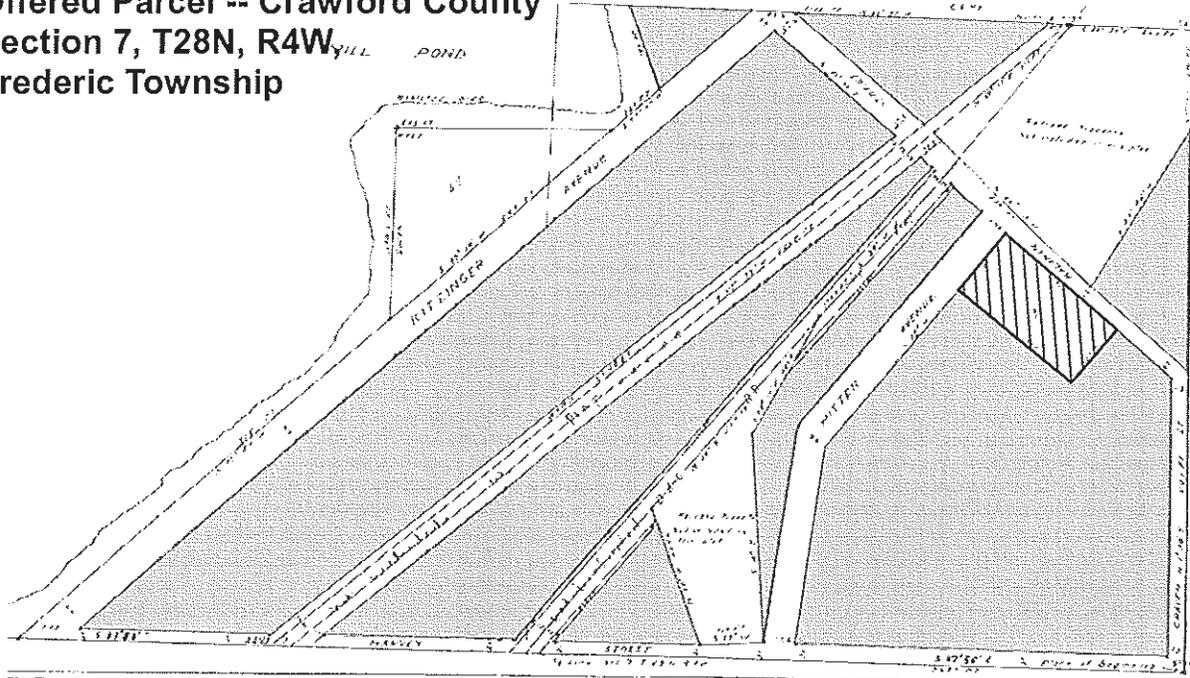
I approve the staff recommendations.

Rodney A. Stokes  
Director

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Date Approved

**STATE FOREST LAND ACQUISITION**  
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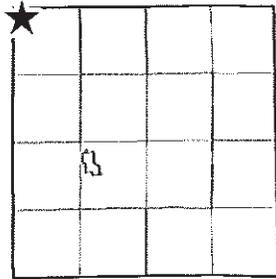
**Offered Parcel -- Crawford County**  
**Section 7, T28N, R4W**  
**Frederic Township**



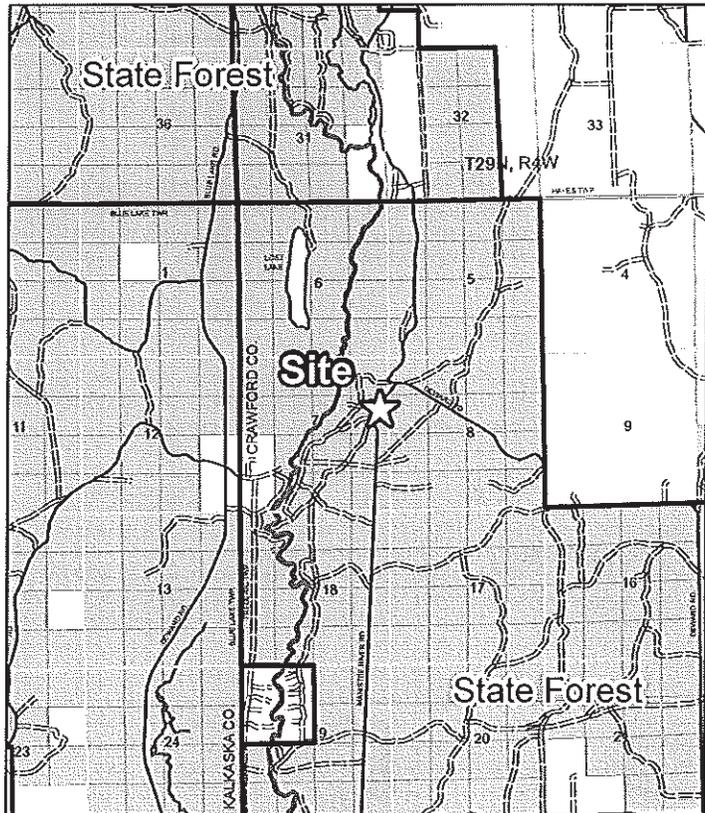
**Map of the Village of Deward**

-  State Forest Boundary
-  Land Offered to DNR  
(1 acre -- \$3,000.)
-  State Land
-  Private Land

Site



Crawford County



**Regional Location**



DNR -- Finance & Operations Division  
 Real Estate Services Section  
 12/02/2011

