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August 12, 2013

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Wildlife Land Acquisition
Dansville State Game Area – Ingham County
Cook Tract
Land Transaction Case #20130103

Purchase: 4.14 acres, more or less. \$28,000.00

PA 240 of 2012: PILT Estimate: \$468.00 plus special assessments (if any)
This parcel is south of the Mason-Arenac County line and will result in an increase of 4.14 counted acres. There are no excluded acres as a part of this transaction.

Description: Ingham County, Ingham Township, T02N, R01E, Section 35; a parcel of land in the Southeast ¼ of Section 35 described as commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 35; thence S 89°25'11" W along the South Section line 147.66 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence S 89°25'11" W, continuing along the South Section line 1175.89 feet; thence N 01°43'40" W, along the West line of the East ½ of the Southeast ¼, 336.24 feet; thence S 73°10'31" E along the centerline of Ewers Road 1042.55 feet; thence S 83°12'07" E, continuing along the centerline of Ewers Road 189.37 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Seller(s): Jack R. Cook, Mason, MI.

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

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) September 3, 2013, calendar, and is eligible for approval on September 10, 2013.

Purpose: The acquisition of this tract will protect existing and provide additional hunting, trapping, and wildlife related recreational opportunities in this rural southern Michigan area by acquiring a small vacant but buildable lot that is adjacent to existing State-owned lands. If this parcel were developed it would create new hunting set-back zones on the adjacent State-owned lands.

Comments: This rural southern Michigan 4.14-acre parcel is within the boundaries of the Dansville State Game Area and contains the following characteristics:

- Adjacent to State-owned land – the parcel borders existing State-owned land on two sides.

- Access – direct frontage on a county maintained road.
- Topography and cover – primarily wooded with a small opening on the western edge.
- Water frontage – none.
- Improvements – none.
- Wildlife – this parcel provides quality wildlife habitat for a variety of wildlife species including cottontail rabbit, turkey, and white-tailed deer.

The recently completed “Department of Natural Resources Managed Public Land Strategy” provides guidance concerning land acquisition priorities. The plan places an emphasis on land acquisitions in southern Michigan, such as this parcel. It also places an emphasis on acquiring private holdings within DNR-managed public land project boundaries that further the goals, desired outcomes, and measurable objectives that are identified in the Strategy. As such, this acquisition furthers the following goals as outlined in the plan:

- Goal 1: Provide Quality Outdoor Public Recreation Opportunities
 - The acquisition of this property will provide an ideal location for a small parking lot.
 - This acquisition increases the amount of land available and provides improved access to existing lands for dispersed public recreation in southern Michigan.
- Goal 2: Foster Regional Economic Prosperity
 - Annually, more than three-quarters of a million people hunt in Michigan, making it a \$1.3 billion industry. While pursuing their activities, hunters visit restaurants, hotels, gas stations, and grocery stores across the rural areas of the state, bringing much needed economic activity to these areas. This acquisition will increase the amount of hunting land available and improve access to existing lands in this rural area.
- Goal 3: Protect Natural and Cultural Resources
 - This acquisition will increase or maintain the diversity of resilient cover types and natural communities aiding in the sustainability of healthy ecosystems and species populations.

The sellers 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.

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

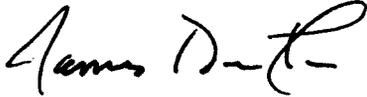
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I approve the staff recommendations

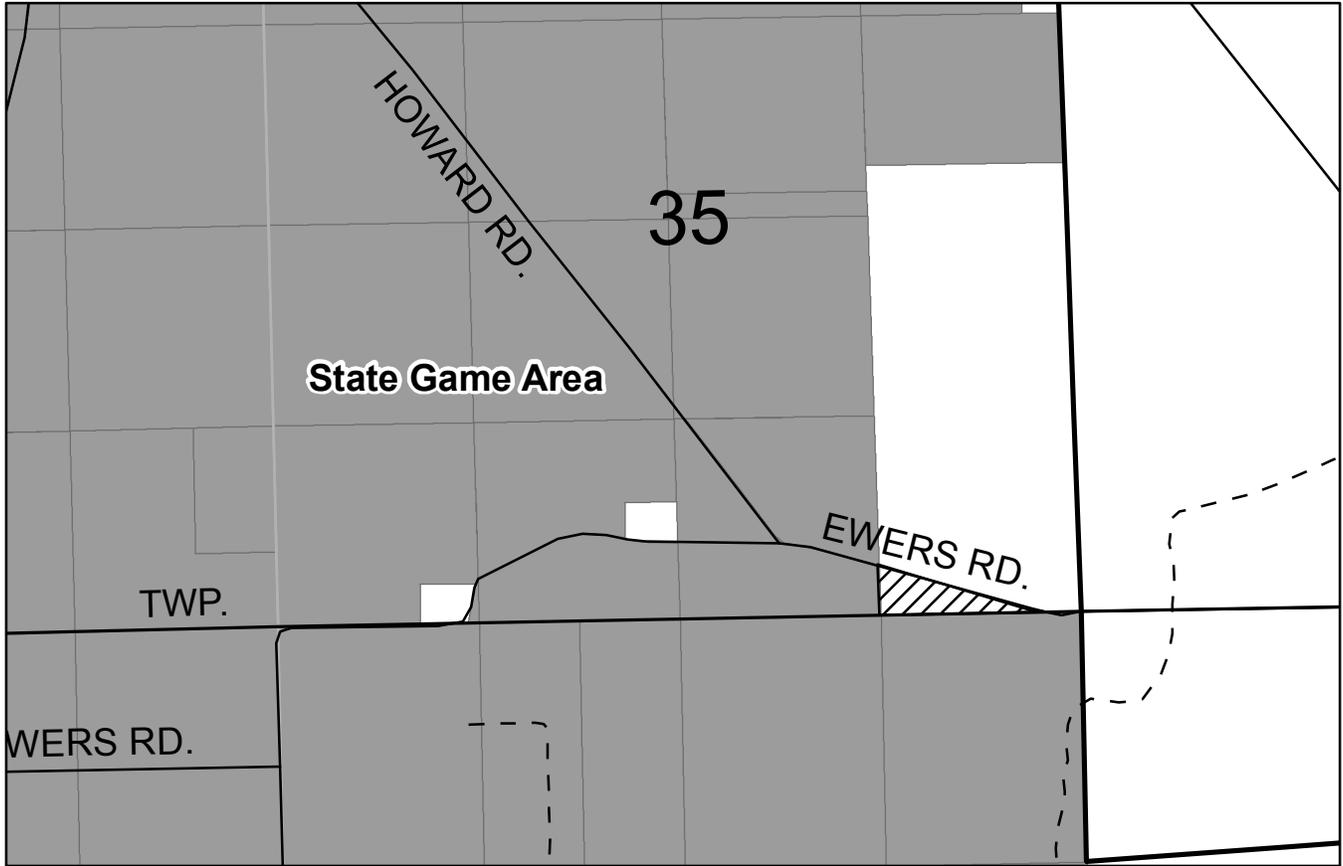
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Date Approved

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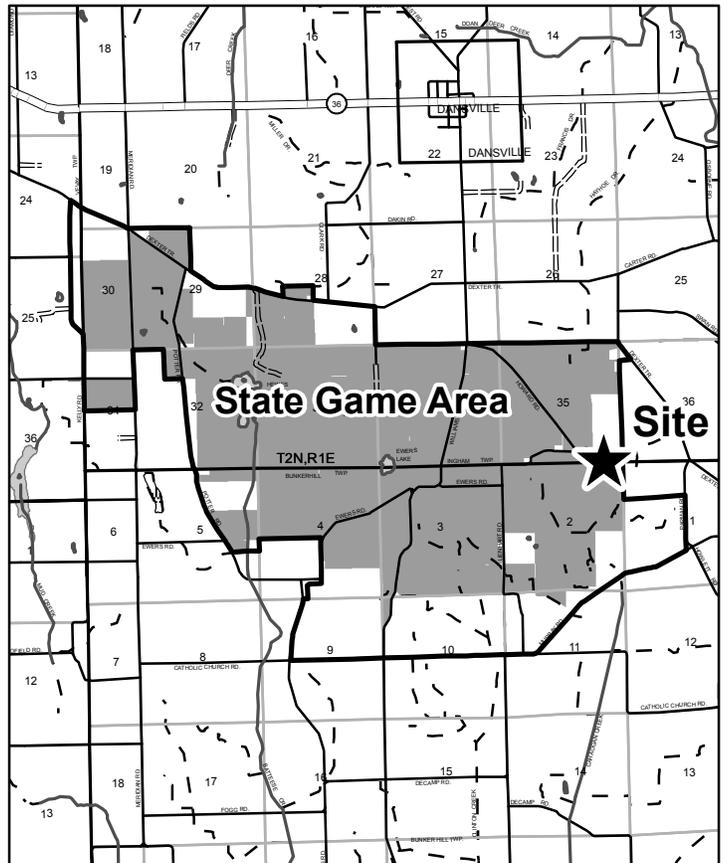
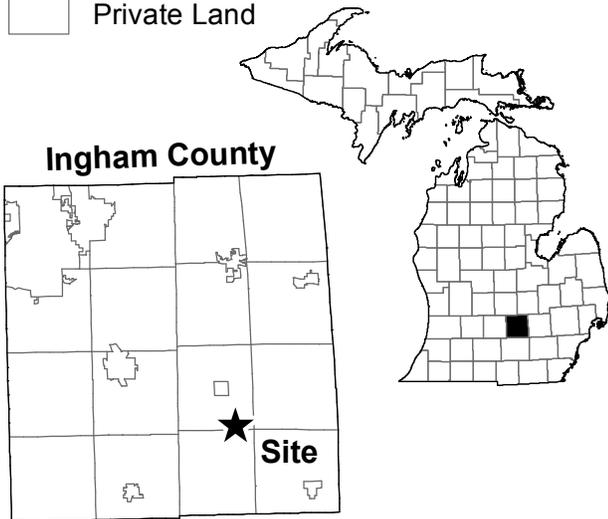
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Section 35, T2N, R1E Ingham Township

-  State Game Area Boundary
-  Land Offered to DNR
(4.14 acres -- \$28,000)
-  State Land
-  Private Land



Regional Location



DNR -- Finance & Operations Division
Real Estate Services Section
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