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October 13, 2008

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Parks and Recreation Land Acquisition
Tahquamenon Falls State Park – Luce County
The Robert and Heidi Phillips Tract
Land Transaction Case #20080122

Purchase Price: 520 acres – \$344,000.00

Description: Luce County, McMillan Township, all in T49N, R08W, Section 12,
The NW ¼, subject to right-of-way of County Road 506; The S ½ of the NE ¼;
Section 11, The SE ¼ of the NW ¼; The SW ¼ of the SW ¼; The S ½ of the
NE ¼; The NW ¼ of the SE ¼; The N ½ of the SW ¼;
Excepting mineral rights and subject to easements and building and use
restrictions of record and further subject to any and all restrictions,
reservations, conditions, or rights-of-way contained in the recorded chain of
title to said land or apparent by observation.

Seller: Robert A. and Heidi L. Phillips, Gladwin, Michigan

Option Expires: December 12, 2008

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

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources' (Department)
October 27, 2008 Calendar, and is eligible for approval November 3, 2008.

Comments: The offered private parcel is located within the dedicated boundary of
Tahquamenon Falls State Park. Bounded on the north, east, west and south by
State-owned land, this acquisition represents a significant step toward
consolidating the Department's ownership and implementing management
practices at Tahquamenon State Park. In addition, the acquisition will relieve
the Department of having to maintain over five miles of ownership boundary in
the State Park.

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The property is 520 acres of vacant, generally level land. A band of primarily pine and hemlock, some of which is commercially marketable, extends in a generally east-west direction through the property. Much of this pine-hemlock forest extends along an east-west access trail. Approximately 60 acres of the parcel contains mixed northern hardwoods while the remaining roughly two-thirds of the property is comprised of bog and swamp-type vegetative cover.

A rich variety of wildflower and fern species have been found on the tract, which will nicely enhance the adjacent Betsy Lake Natural Area Preserve, a State-owned designated research area of more than 15,000 acres.

The only improvements on the parcel are a 656-square-foot, wood-frame cabin and associated privy which were constructed in 1993. The improvements will be used for rental purposes by the Parks and Recreation Division after acquisition.

The parcel has approximately ½ mile of frontage on East Tower-Betsy River Road (County Road 506). Access is gained via two-track road south from County Road 506 over State-owned land to the parcel.

The purchase will not include mineral rights, which were retained by a previous owner.

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Recommendation: That this tract be approved for purchase with payment to be made from funds appropriated for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, State Park and Recreation Area Consolidation Project, as contained in Act 59, Public Acts of 2007.

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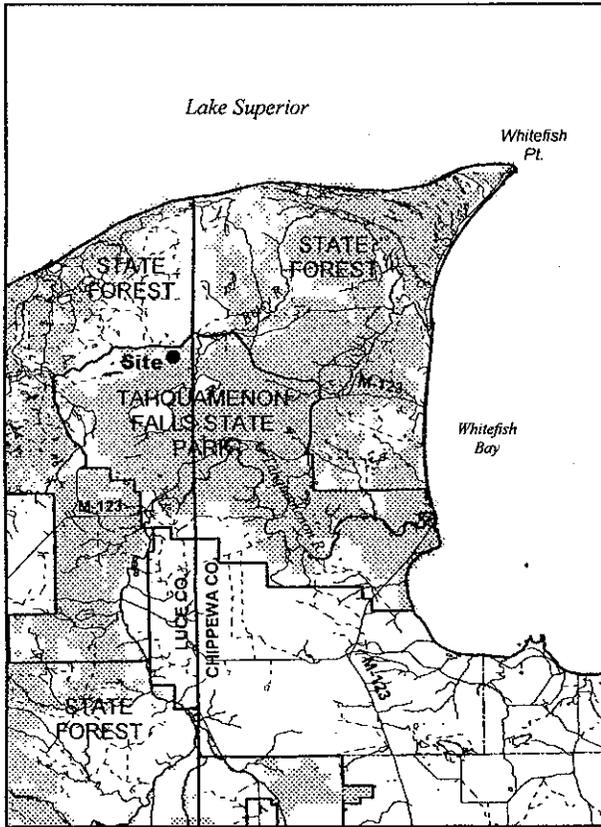
Arminda S. Koch
Resource Management Deputy

I approve the staff recommendation.

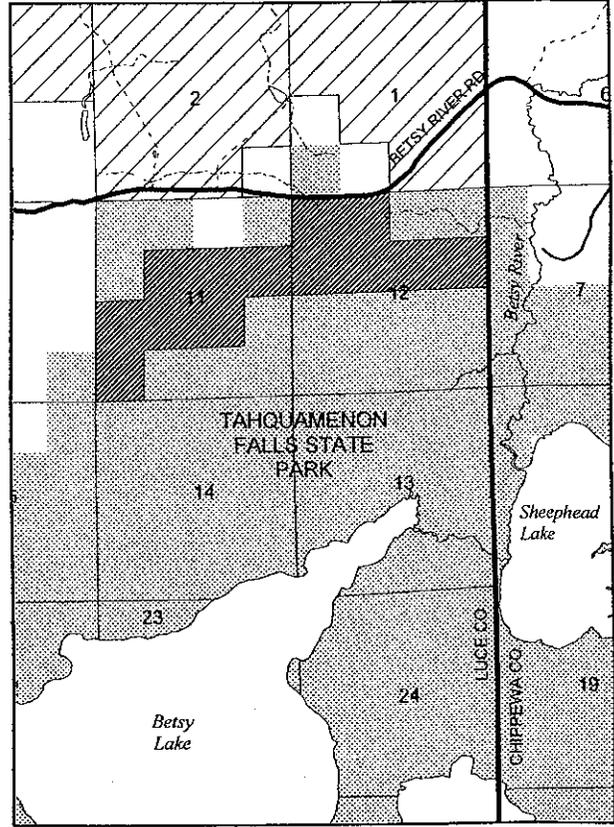
Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

Date Approved

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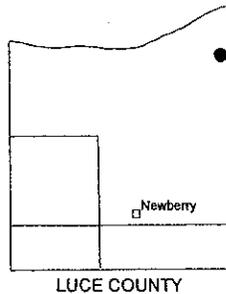


Regional Location



Sections 11 and 12, T49N, R08W
 McMillan Township

-  State Park and State Forest Boundary
-  Land Offered to DNR (520.00 acres - \$344,000.00)
-  Northern Great Lakes Forest Project Conservation Easement # 5 (Kamehameha)
-  State Land
-  Private Land



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