



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT  
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March 8, 2010

**TO:** Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

**INFORMATION:** Natural Resources Commission

**Transaction:** Recreation Land Acquisition and Boundary Modification  
Mitchell State Park – Wexford County  
The Reister - DeYoung Tract  
Land Transaction Case #20090142

**Purchase:** 293.2 acres, more or less of forested land – \$475,000.00

**Description:** Wexford County, Haring Township: T22N, R09W, Section 31: The SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 31, and, the fractional NW ¼ of the fractional NW ¼, and the fractional S ½ of the fractional NW ¼, and the fractional N ½ of the fractional SW ¼, and the SE ¼ of the fractional SW ¼, all in Section 31.

**Option Expires:** May 10, 2010

**Property Taxes:** 2009 tax year: \$2,026.00

**Sellers:** David H. and Cindy M. Reister, Conklin, Michigan  
Edward L. and Lisa A. DeYoung, Hudsonville, Michigan

**Authority:** Part 21, Subpart 11, of Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended

**Notice:** This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources and Environment's (Department) March 29, 2010 Calendar, and is eligible for approval on April 5, 2010.

**Comments:** The offered land is located just west of the City of Cadillac, and north of Lake Mitchell and Lake Cadillac along the northern boundary of Mitchell State Park. An active rail corridor bisects the property. The north side has approximately ¼ mile of frontage on West 13<sup>th</sup> Street, and the southern side has approximately ½ mile frontage on West Division Street.

The northern 1/3 of the tract is generally level and covered mostly in hardwoods. The southern 2/3 of the property is covered in a mix of upland and lowlands with a variety of cover types including hardwoods, pine, open meadow, and wetland habitats.

The offered land provides quality wildlife habitat and very good recreation opportunity. The ponds scattered about the property provide outstanding waterfowl and wood duck nesting, brood rearing and feeding areas, and warm water fish habitat. The wetland complexes on the property provide watershed protection benefits to nearby Lakes Cadillac and Mitchell.

Acquisition of this parcel will contribute to the Department's goals of securing wildlife habitat, and increasing public outdoor recreation opportunities in close proximity to the City of Cadillac, heavily-used Mitchell State Park and the associated Carl T. Johnson Hunting and Fishing Center.

The sellers will convey any mineral rights they may hold relative to the offered land.

- Recommendations:
- (1) That the acquisition be approved, with payment to be made from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Mitchell State Park Bear Marsh Acquisition, Act 23, Public Acts of 2009.
  - (2) That the boundary of Mitchell State Park be modified to include the property.



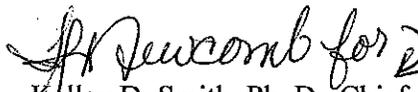
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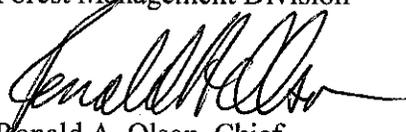
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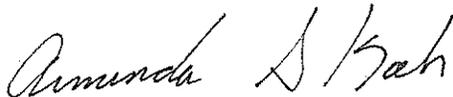
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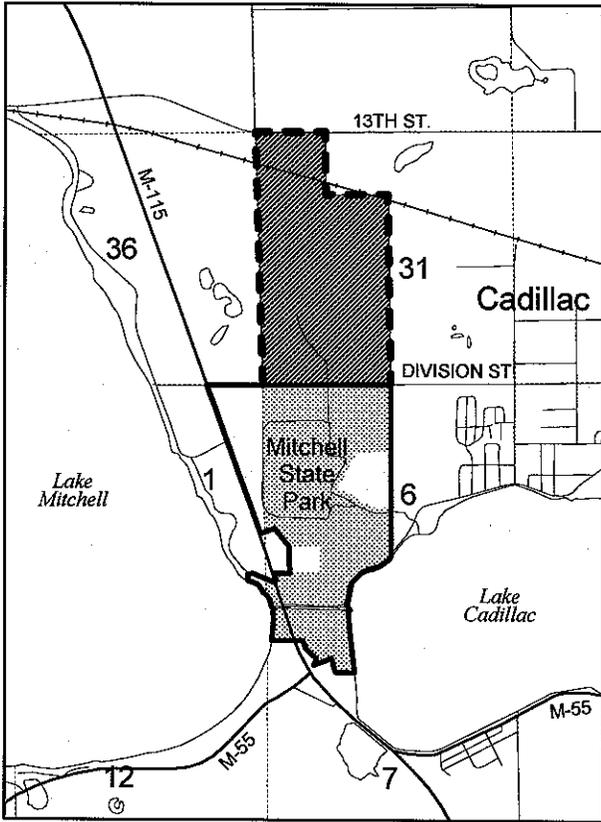
Arminda S. Koch  
Resource Management Deputy Director

I approve the staff recommendations.

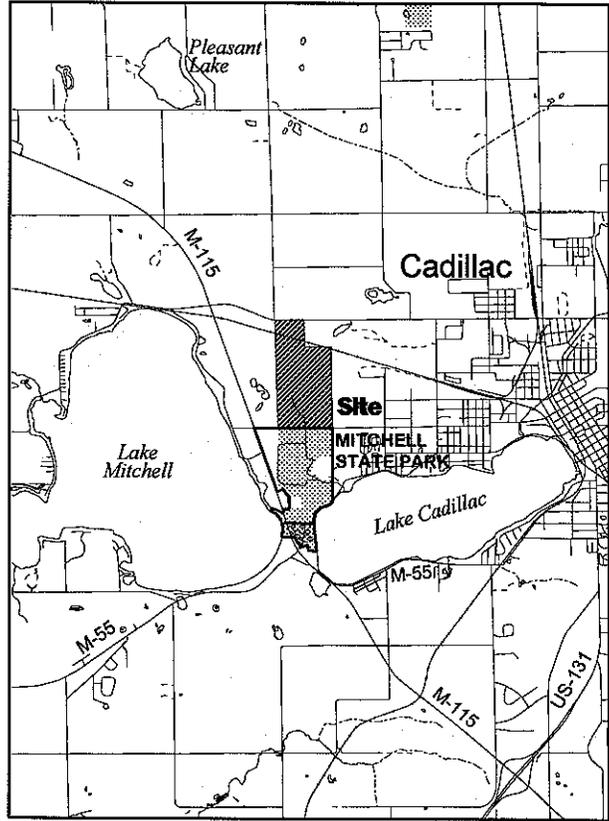
Rebecca A. Humphries  
Director

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Date Approved

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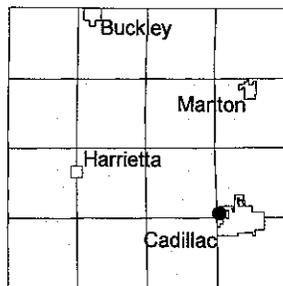


Section 31, T22N, R09W, Haring Township



Regional Location

- State Park boundary
- - - Proposed boundary modification
- ▨ Land offered to DNRE (293.20 acres - \$475,000.00)
- ▤ State land
- Private land



WEXFORD COUNTY

