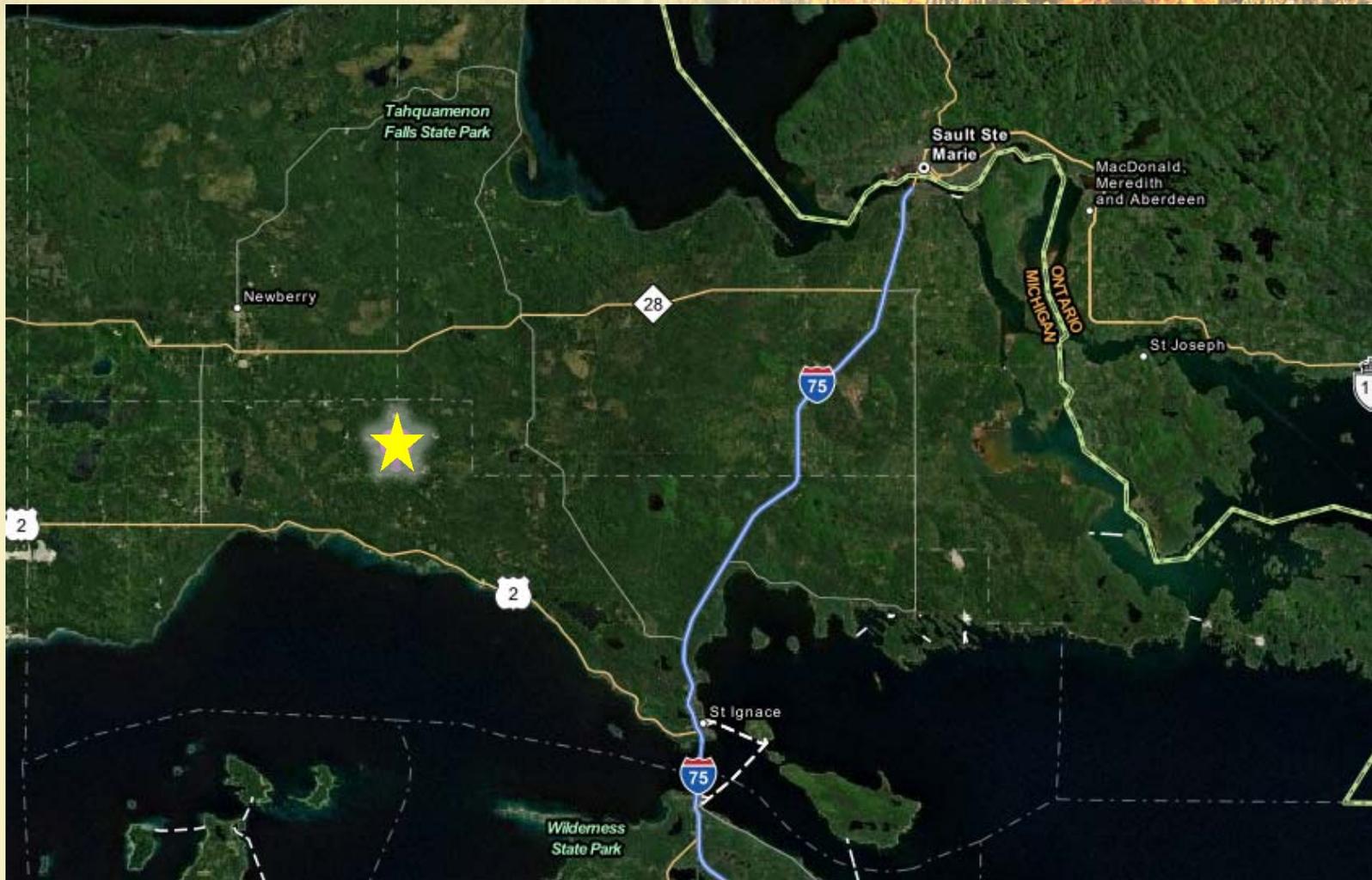


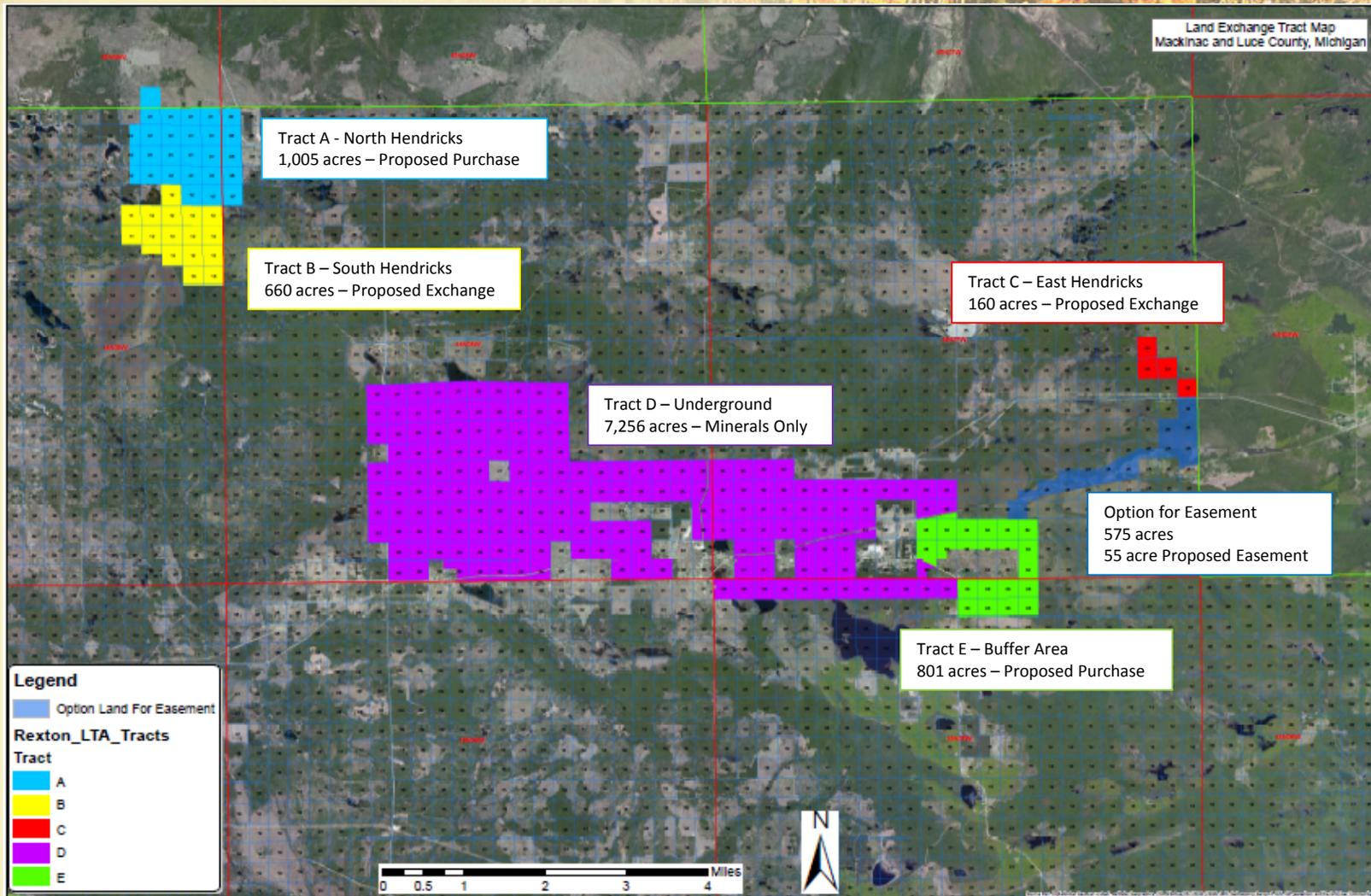


# Graymont Limestone Proposals





# Graymont Land Transaction Application





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**Revised Application – January 2015**

**October 2014 proposal**

Purchase of 1,005 acres, Exchange of 1,621 acres

**Revised proposal**

Purchase of 1,806 acres

Exchange of 820 acres

Minerals only purchase of 7,256 acres

Option for transportation corridor 575 acres

Total = 10,357 acres



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## Revised Application

- Public access to the surface of the state-owned underground mine area continues. Max. 360 acres of exclusive use.
- Public access to the Graymont-owned surface mine areas continues outside of active mining areas. Recreation trails protected.
- Lands obtained through exchange will provide additional public access.
- Mining plans will include hydrologic, archeological, and site reclamation information.



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## Proposed Compensation

- Purchase land will be purchased at appraised fair market value. Offered purchase prices are included in the revised proposal.
- Lands offered in exchange will be of equal or greater value than those desired.
- Graymont is also proposing to compensate for the limestone as it is mined over the life of the mine through a royalty interest beginning at **18 ¾ cents/ton** and adjusted annually using the Producer Price Index.



# Graymont Land Transaction Application

## Recommendation – Land Transaction

### Concerns regarding:

- Royalty rate and minimum annual royalty
- Timber and non-limestone/dolomite value
- Final decision authority on land use & infrastructure
- Inclusion of Tract C
- Wetland protection & trails on Tract E
- Land exchange process
- Local economic benefits



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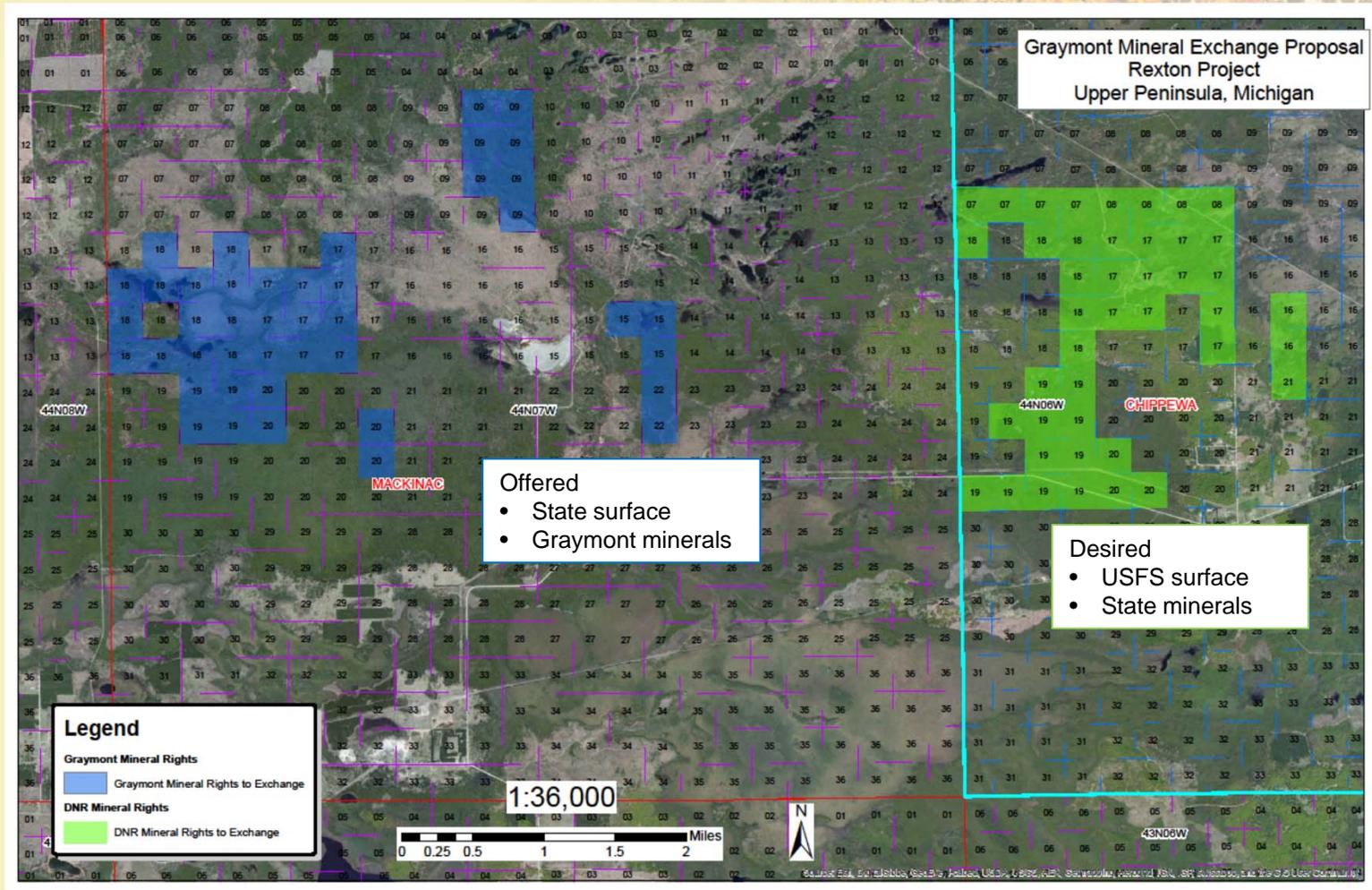
## Recommendation – Land Transaction

The Department does not recommend approval of the Land Transaction Application (LTA) in its current form as it does not address the above stated concerns.

Resolution of outstanding issues, assessment of public input and consultation with sovereign tribal governments could modify the Department's position for the conclusion of this LTA.



# Graymont Mineral Exchange





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## Proposal Update

- 1,712 acres of desired state minerals under U.S. Forest Service-owned land.
  - Includes an offered 20 cents/ton royalty through 2037, then obligation is removed.
- 1,717 acres of offered private minerals under state-owned land.
  - Includes a current royalty obligation of 20 cents/ton through 2037, then obligation is removed.
- State-owned minerals are within the Hiawatha National Forest managed by the USFS



# Graymont Mineral Exchange

## Recommendation – Mineral Exchange

The Department recommends approval of the mineral exchange. There is significant merit in continuing the development of limestone mining in the Rexton area. The recommendation is conditional on assessment of the public input regarding this newly revised LTA and consultation with sovereign tribal governments.



# Graymont Limestone Proposals

## The DNR Review Process and Timeline

- NRC Meeting for Information (today) - Recommendation
- Tribal Consultation - January
- Public Meeting in Rexton Area – January 28<sup>th</sup> in Newberry
- February NRC Meeting for Director Final Decision



# Graymont Limestone Proposals

## Public Comment Opportunities

Today at the January NRC meeting

Public meeting in Newberry – January 28<sup>th</sup>, High School Auditorium at Tahquamenon Area Schools, 700 Newberry Ave., Newberry, 6:00-8:30pm

February NRC meeting in Lansing at the Lansing Center

Email comments to: [DNR-GraymontProposalComments@michigan.gov](mailto:DNR-GraymontProposalComments@michigan.gov).

Mailed comments can be sent to: Roscommon Customer Service Center, ATTN: Kerry Wieber, 8717 N. Roscommon Road, Roscommon, MI 48653.