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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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M. SCOTT BOWEN
DIRECTOR

November 13, 2023

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

Information: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Wildlife Division Land Acquisition and Boundary Dedication
Paw Paw River State Game Area – Van Buren County
Land Transaction Case #20230173

Purchase: 347.60 acres

Purchase Price: \$730,000.00

Funding Source: Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Paw Paw River Acquisition
Grant TF22-0194

PA 240 of 2018: PILT Estimate: \$19,963.16
These parcels are south of the Mason-Arenac county line and will result
in an increase of 347.60 acres of DNR-managed lands.

Description: Van Buren County, Waverly Township, T02S, R14W, Section 29:
The South 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4; and the NW 1/4, and all that part of
the SE Fractional 1/4 lying N of the middle thread of the Paw Paw
River.

Seller: The Dorothy Marie Talanda, and Robert and Martha Kettunen Trusts,
Detroit and Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Authority: Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as
amended.

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources
(Department) December 5, 2023, calendar and is eligible for approval
on December 12, 2023. Public notice of this proposed transaction will
also be published in the Paw Paw Courier Leader on November 9,
2023, and the South Haven Tribune on November 12, 2023, and is
posted on the department's webpage at
www.michigan.gov/publiclandnotices.

Management Purpose: Acquisition of these parcels will establish a new state game area in a
“cold zone” within the Southwestern Lower Peninsula Region.

Comments: The offered land includes 6,254 feet of frontage on the meandering
Paw Paw River and is mostly level wooded land including floodplain.
The property will provide hunting, fishing, and water-based recreation
opportunities in Van Buren County, currently an underserved “cold

zone". Acquisition will allow for increased wildlife habitat and public outdoor recreation in this area.

The seller will convey mineral rights on the offered lands.

Recommendation:

1. That the acquisition be approved, with payment to be made from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund TF 22-0194.
2. That this land be dedicated as part of the new Paw Paw River State Game Area.
3. That the boundaries of the Paw Paw River State Game Area be dedicated as shown on the attached map.



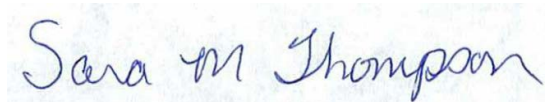
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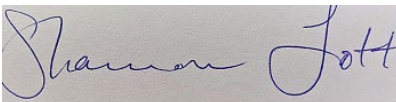
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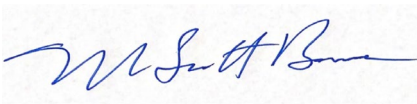


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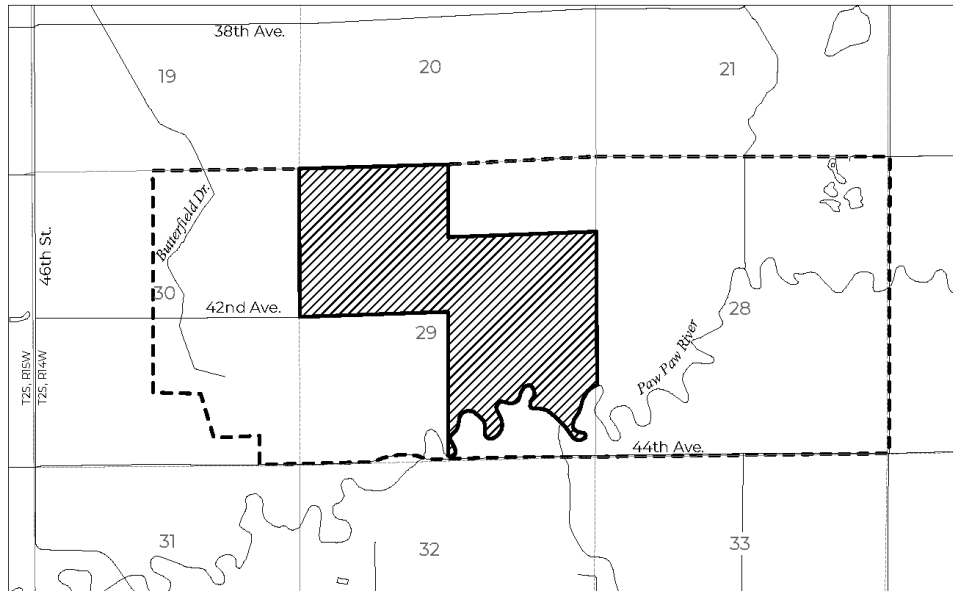
I approve the staff recommendations.





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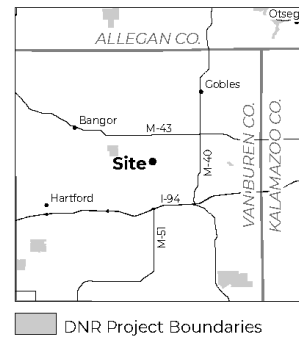
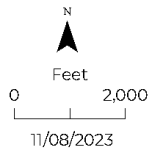
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WILDLIFE LAND ACQUISITION
Paw Paw River State Game Area – Van Buren County
Land Transaction Case #20230173



Section 29, T02S-R14W, Waverly Township

-  Land to be acquired by DNR (347.60 acres)
-  Proposed DNR Project Boundary





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MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

Information: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Conveyance of Wetland Mitigation Banking Agreement Over DNR-Managed Land
Petersburg State Game Area – Monroe County
Land Transaction Case #20230197

Sale: 54.33 acres (nominal consideration)

Description: Monroe County, Summerfield Township, T07S, R06E
Section 11: as more accurately described in the case file.

Authority: Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

Acquired: The properties were purchased with funds from the Statewide Wetland Fund in 2019 (DNR Parcel 2047057) and in 2015 with funds from the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund (DNR Parcel 2045426).

Comments: The placement of a conservation easement over this parcel demonstrates to the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency the permanent protection of the wetland restored at this site. The conservation easement is required so that wetland mitigation credits can be released to offset the wetland functions and values lost due to the implementation of public works projects in this watershed.

Recommendation:

1. The Conservation Easement shall be granted to the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy as detailed in the Agreement for Conservation Easement for Wetland Banks.
2. Public access for recreational pursuits will be retained on the conservation easement parcels.



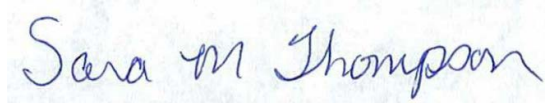
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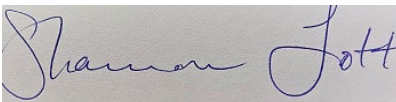
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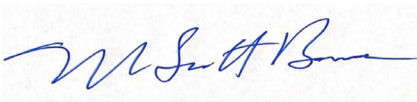


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I approve the staff recommendations.

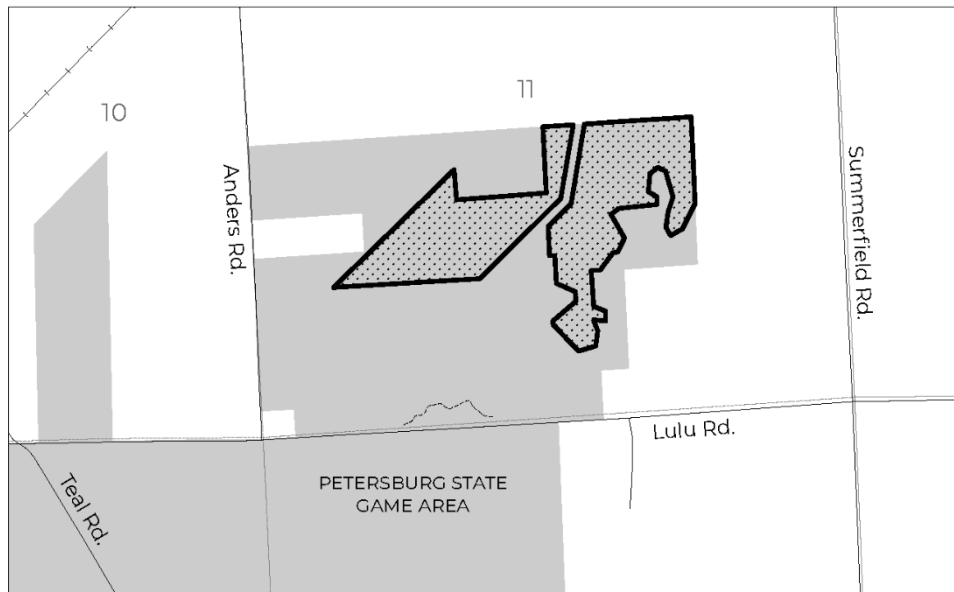


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

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CONVEYANCE OF WETLAND MITIGATION BANKING AGREEMENT OVER DNR-MANAGED LAND

Petersburg State Game Area – Monroe County
Land Transaction Case #20230197



Section 11, T7S-R06E, Summerfield Township

-  Conservation easement (54.33 acres)
-  State land

