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

December 18, 2023

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

Information: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Parks and Recreation Division Reacquisition of Land
Waterloo State Recreation Area – Washtenaw County
Land Transaction Case #20230222

Reacquisition: 96.87 acres

Description: Washtenaw County, Lyndon Township, T01S, R03E, Section 33:
That portion of the East Two Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Five (2,385) feet of the Fractional Northeast quarter (NE1/4) lying South of Cassidy Lake Road , except that part lying Southwesterly of Cassidy Lake.
And,
That portion of the East One Thousand One Hundred Fifteen (1,115) feet of Northeast quarter of Southeast quarter (NE1/4 SE1/4) lying North of Waterloo Road and Easterly of a County Drain.

PA 240 of 2018: PILT Estimate: \$460.00
This parcel is south of the Mason-Arenac county line and will result in an increase of 96.87 acres of DNR-managed land.

Transferring Agency: Department of Corrections

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

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) January 2, 2024, calendar and is eligible for approval on January 9, 2024.

Comments: The parcels of land have been managed by the Department of Corrections as a state correction camp and school. Jurisdiction was transferred from the Department of Conservation to the Department of Corrections in 1964 under the authority of Act 223, P.A. 1909, as amended. This Act allows the Department of Natural Resources (formally Department of Conservation) to transfer jurisdiction of property to another state agency for a public purpose while retaining a reverter interest in the property, should it no longer be needed for the intended purpose. The Department of Corrections has communicated that they no longer require the property for the intended purpose and Parks and Recreation Division have signed off on the condition of the property and are ready to manage the property as part of the Waterloo State Recreation Area.

Typically, reacquisition by means of a reverter interest does not require Director approval. However, two agreements were executed between the Department of Conservation and the Department of Corrections in 1964, with only one of which specifically stating the retained reverter interest. After consultation with the Attorney General's Office, it was determined Director approval to reacquire the land would produce adequate documentation to accept jurisdiction of the property back.

Recommendation:

1. That the reacquisition of land held under a reverter interest be approved.
2. That this land be dedicated as part of the Waterloo State Recreation Area.



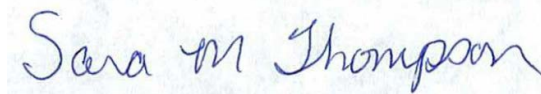
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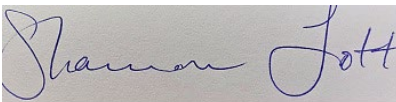
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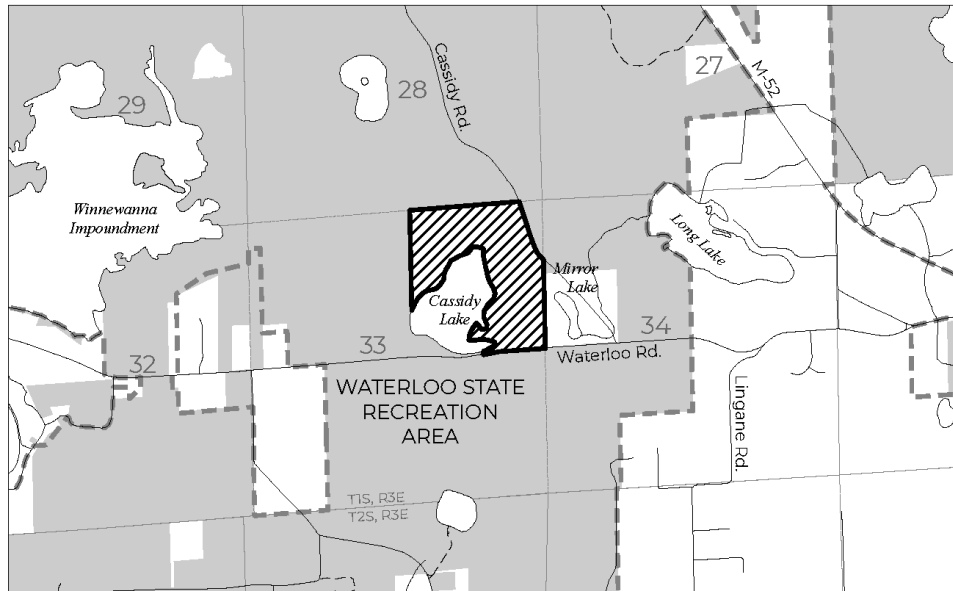
Kristin Phillips
Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations.




M. Scott Bowen
Director

Date Approved:

REACQUISITION OF DNR-MANAGED LAND
 Waterloo State Recreation Area – Washtenaw County
 Land Transaction Case #20230222



Section 33, T01S-R03E, Lyndon Township

-  Land to be reacquired by DNR (96.87 acres)
-  State land
-  DNR Project Boundary

