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

February 12, 2024

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

Information: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Gift of Land  
Southwest Lower Peninsula Region – Barry County  
Land Transaction Case #20240002

Gift: 200 acres

Description: Barry County, Rutland Township, T03N, R09W  
Section 29, the S 40 acres of the NE 1/4, and the N 60 acres of the SE 1/4  
Section 28, the S 40 acres of the NW 1/4, and the N 60 acres of the SW 1/4

PA 240 of 2018: PILT Estimate: \$0  
This parcel is south of the Mason-Arenac county line and will result in a net gain of 200 acres of DNR-managed lands.

Donor: Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy, Galesburg, MI

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

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) March 5, 2024, calendar and is eligible for approval on March 12, 2024. Public notice of this proposed transaction will also be published in the Hastings Banner on February 8, 2024, and is posted on the department's webpage at [www.michigan.gov/publiclandnotices](http://www.michigan.gov/publiclandnotices).

Comments: The property, formerly known as the Boys and Girls Club property, is adjacent to the Barry State Game Area and other protected lands owned by the Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy and Michigan Audubon Society. The property has access from Erway Road and contains a diversity of habitats ranging from lowland scrub shrub and lowland forest to upland mixed deciduous forest. About 1.3 miles of Glass Creek (designated trout stream) and its tributaries runs through the property.

Mineral rights will be conveyed.

Recommendation: 1. That the gift be accepted with appreciation.

2. That the offered land be dedicated as part of the Barry State Game Area.

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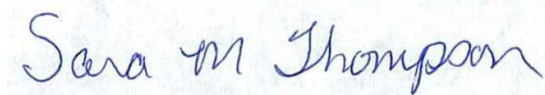
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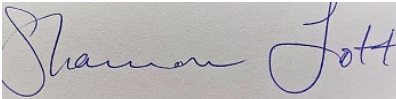
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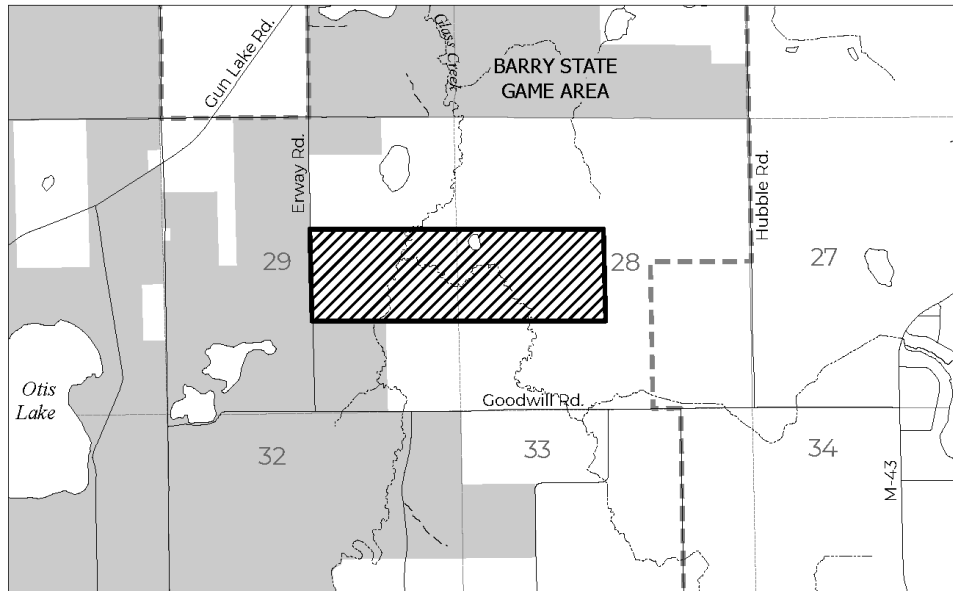
Kristin Phillips  
Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations.




M. Scott Bowen  
Director

Date Approved:

GIFT OF LAND  
Southwest Michigan District – Barry County  
Land Transaction Case #20240002



Sections 28 and 29, T03N-R09W, Rutland Township

-  Land to be gifted to DNR (200 acres)
-  State land
-  DNR Project Boundary

