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

December 16, 2024

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

Information: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Wildlife Division Land Acquisition
Southwestern Lower Peninsula Region– Ionia County
Land Transaction Case #20230196

Purchase: 52.53 acres

Purchase Price: \$770,000.00

Description: Ionia County, Danby Township, T05N, R05W, Section 26: The Northwest 1/4 lying northeasterly of the Grand River, and the West 20 acres of that part of the Northeast 1/4, lying northerly of the Grand River, as more completely described in the case file.

Funding Source: Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund TF22-0137

PA 240 of 2018: PILT Estimate: \$3,966.23
This parcel is south of the Mason-Arenac county line and the acquisition will result in an increase of 52.53 acres of DNR-managed land.

Seller(s): Karl and Katherine Dorshimer, Danby Township, 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 31, 2024, calendar and is eligible for approval on January 7, 2025.

Management Purpose: Acquisition of this parcel will allow it to be managed as part of the Portland State Game Area.

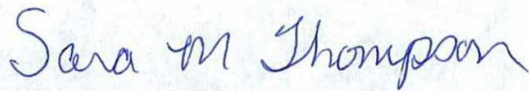
Comments: This property is characterized by floodplain forest wetlands, and a small pond all in association with the 2,940 feet of frontage on the Grand River. The property supports a single-family residence and associated structures that Wildlife Division will remove. The property provides good habitat for deer, grouse, and a multitude of other game and nongame wildlife species. This acquisition serves to consolidate state game area land management.

Wildlife Division will file a Notice of Federal Participation stating that the property must be managed in accordance with the terms and conditions of federal grant number F21AF03835, including that the property will be maintained for the authorized purpose of providing habitat for Species of Greatest Conservation Need and that it will not be encumbered or sold without approval of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Conservation Investment.

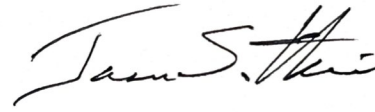
Minerals: The state will be acquiring mineral rights with this transaction.

- Recommendation:
1. That the acquisition be approved, with payment to be made from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund TF22-0137, Portland State Game Area Addition, and State Wetlands Fund.
 2. That a Notice of Federal Participation be filed stating that the property must be managed in accordance with the terms and conditions of federal grant number F21AF03835.
 3. That this land be dedicated as part of the Portland State Game Area.

December 16, 2024



Sara Thompson, Chief
Wildlife Division



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Law Enforcement Division



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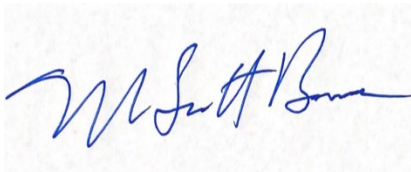
Dan Lord, Chief
Finance and Operations Division



Shannon Lott
Natural Resources Deputy



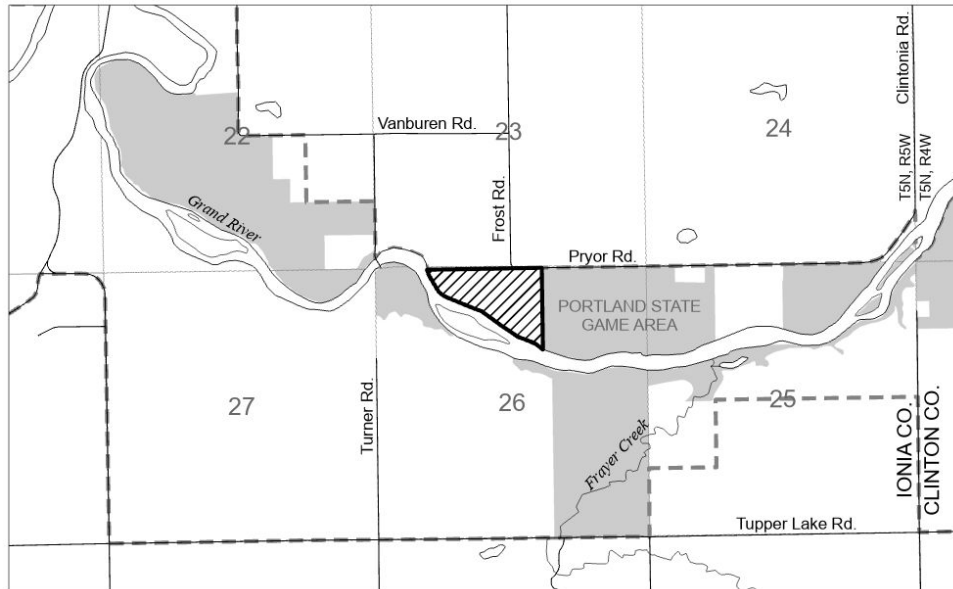
Kristin Phillips
Chief Administrative Officer






M. Scott Bowen
Director

Date Approved: January 12, 2025

WILDLIFE LAND ACQUISITION
Southwestern Lower Peninsula Region – Ionia County
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Section 26, T05N-R05W, Danby Township

-  Land to be acquired by DNR (52.53 acres)
-  State land
-  DNR Project Boundary

