



# EASEMENT APPLICATION FOR UTILITY OR PUBLIC ROAD

By authority of Part 21 of Act 451, P.A. 1994, as amended.

DNR Cashier Use Only

Proposed Easement Application       Assignment Request

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**LOCATION OF EASEMENT**

County	Township, City, or Village Name	Town	Range
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List all Section(s) and Quarter-Quarter(s) affected by the easement. Attach additional sheets, if necessary.

Dimensions of easement request crossing State-owned land    Width: \_\_\_\_\_ feet    Total Length: \_\_\_\_\_ feet

**PURPOSE OF EASEMENT**

Easement Type (pipeline, electric, telephone, sanitary sewer, highway, etc.):	Number of lines	If pipelines, the diameter
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Please explain why alternatives to use of State-owned land are not feasible:

**CONTACT INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION)**

Legal name of organization to which easement will be issued	Telephone	FAX
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Contact Person	E-mail Address
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Mailing Address

City, State, ZIP

*If agent, please add the following information:*

Name of Agent	Telephone	FAX
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Contact Person	E-mail Address
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Mailing Address

City, State, ZIP

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Applicant's Signature Date

**Applications will NOT be reviewed without payment.**

Mail completed application, required documents and check or money order, made payable to the "State of Michigan," to:

**CASHIER'S OFFICE  
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
PO BOX 30451  
LANSING MI 48909-7951**

## **INFORMATION:**

Easements for the use of State-owned land will be considered when State-owned land is the **only** alternative for the proposed use. **Protection of the natural environment is the primary consideration.** Easements are granted to authorize a specific long-term use of State-owned land, such as:

- Rights-of-Way for State Highways
- County Roads
- Electric Utility Lines
- Telecommunications Lines
- Oil and Gas Pipelines
- Sewer Lines
- Similar Uses

## **REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION OF PROPOSED EASEMENT TO BE SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION:**

1. A certified survey that meets the minimum requirements of 1970 PA132, 1970 as amended (MCL 54.211-54.213), including the written legal description of the proposed easement area on state-owned land. The survey shall also:
  - show all quarter-quarter lines,
  - label quarter-quarters,
  - indicate the amount of square footage of proposed easement in each quarter-quarter, and
  - show existing forest roads, trails, right-of-ways, structures, utility lines, pipelines, waterlines, etc., in the easement area.

While not required, a PDF file of the survey will aid in the review and approval process.

### **2. Application Fee:**

- **Proposed Easement** - Linear easements of ¼ mile or less require an application and review fee of \$300. For easements longer than ¼ mile, add \$150 for each additional mile, or portion thereof.
- **Easement Assignments** - \$300 for the first easement, add \$150 for each additional easement.

## **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF PROPOSED EASEMENT AFTER REVIEW BY DNR:**

1. Depending upon the lands to be affected, the Department may require an environmental assessment, biological study, or archaeological study. If an assessment or study is requested, the applicant will complete and submit it prior to the Department making a final decision on the easement application.
2. Some Department-managed lands were acquired with assistance from the Federal Government. Permission from Federal Agencies may be required prior to the Department granting final approval of your request.
3. No easement shall be granted for land in excess of the amount necessary for the approved use. Easements shall only be granted for a price at or above the current fair market value for such easement rights as determined by the Department. Easement rights shall be relinquished when the need ceases.
4. New easements will make joint use of existing utility corridors whenever possible (pipelines, underground cables, etc.).
5. All utility lines in high-use recreation areas and on other State land having high aesthetic, scenic, natural or historic values shall be buried. All telecommunications lines and all electric power lines up to 34.5 K.V. will be buried whenever feasible.
6. Proposed rights-of-way to extend utility service to private landowners shall be located wholly or partially on private property whenever possible. State-land shall only be considered when the use of private property is unavailable.
7. Restoration and maintenance of easement areas and rights-of-way must be performed so the natural environment is protected, and unauthorized right-of-way use is not permitted. Any easement granted by the Department will specify the construction, restoration, and maintenance conditions. No alternative means of construction, restoration or maintenance shall be used without specific written approval of the Department.
8. **If the Michigan Department of Natural Resources approves this application, an invoice will be sent for the easement rights, damages, and vegetation consideration fee. The easement will be issued after receipt of payment in full.**
9. It is the applicant's obligation to contact third parties holding easements within the approved easement area and coordinate construction and maintenance with those parties.