



**Water Resources Division  
Field Operations Section  
RESCISSION OF POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

**WRD-FOS-012 – Determining Whether a Parcel is in a Designated Critical Dune Area**

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Water Resources Division, Field Operations Section, Policy and Procedure No. WRD-FOS-012, Determining Whether a Parcel is in a Designated Critical Dune Area, dated April 22, 2015 (reformatted date), is rescinded.

The policy is 23 years old and no longer relevant given advancements in technology.

**APPROVING AUTHORITY**

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	<b>WATER RESOURCES DIVISION FIELD OPERATIONS SECTION POLICY AND PROCEDURE</b>	DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
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**NOTE:** This procedure supersedes former Land and Water Management Division Operating Procedure Number 353-98-01.

**PURPOSE:**

To assist staff in determining whether a property owner’s parcel is located within a critical dune area.

**AUTHORITY:**

Part 353, Sand Dunes Protection and Management, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended; being Sections 324.35301 to 324.35326 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

**DEFINITIONS:**

Critical Dune Area (CDA): A geographic area designated in the "Atlas of Critical Dunes" that was prepared by the DEQ ([http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,4561,7-135-3311\\_4114\\_4236-70207--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,4561,7-135-3311_4114_4236-70207--,00.html)).

**PROCEDURES:**

Step	Who	Does What
1	Staff	Obtains as much information about the location of the property as is readily available. The town, range, section, and property tax number are usually necessary.

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Step	Who	Does What
2	Staff	<p>Reviews the Atlas of Critical Dunes to determine if the parcel is within a regulated area.</p> <p>a) If the parcel falls within a regulated area, then the parcel tax number is reviewed against the current CDA equalization maps for the appropriate county. These maps show each parcel location with respect to the critical dune boundary which is drawn on the map by the DEQ. These maps are located within the Great Lakes Shorelands Unit and are sorted by township within the county. If the parcel tax number matches one located on the maps, then the parcel is determined to be in a designated CDA. The property owner or his agent is notified of an inquiry as the application for permit is processed.</p> <p>b) If the parcel is not located in a regulated CDA, then the application is returned to the applicant with a note.</p>
3	Staff	Assigns application number, logs into CDA database, and gives to the CDA Program staff.

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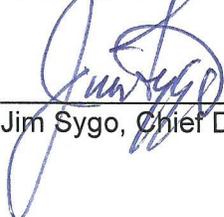


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