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KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

August 31, 2012
Sent by fax to 734-475-2251

Ms. Mary Jane Maze
Lyndon Township Treasurer
17751 North Territorial Road
Chelsea, MI 48118-9107

Dear Treasurer:

Subject: Notice of Estimated Payments in Lieu of Taxes
DNR Land Transaction #20120118

In accordance with Public Act Numbers 240 and 294 of 2012, this notice is being provided to you as the Treasurer of the local taxing unit where the Department of Natural Resources is acquiring new public land. These Public Acts require the Department to estimate the amount of annual payments in lieu of taxes (PILT) on public lands that it is acquiring, and to provide that information to you at least 30 days before the acquisition. Please note that these are only estimates. The Department does not have the authority to determine the valuation of real property for the purposes of the annual PILT payments. Per MCL 324.2153 this authority lies with the State Tax Commission.

The following is a breakdown of the Department's estimate of annual PILT payments for public lands where Act 451 of 1994, Part 21, Subpart 14 directs the State to make these payments and for those lands where Subpart 13 directs the payment of taxes on tax reverted, recreation, and forest lands that are not covered under Subpart 14.

Subpart 13 – Estimated tax on tax reverted, recreation, and forest lands: \$134.00.

Subpart 14 - Estimated Annual PILT Payments: \$0.00.

Also, for your information I have attached a copy of a memo that summarizes this acquisition of public land within your jurisdiction.

Should you have questions, please feel free to contact me at Real Estate Services Section, Acquisitions and Exchanges, P.O. Box 30448, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7948.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures



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July 16, 2012

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Gift of Land and Boundary Modification
Pinckney Recreation Area – Washtenaw County
The Flora Burt Tract
Land Transaction Case #20120118

Description: Washtenaw County, Lyndon Township, T1S, R3E, Section 23, a 67.02-acre tract of land more completely described in the case file.

Donor(s): The Michigan State University Foundation, Lansing, Michigan.

Authority: Part 5 of Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) July 30, 2012, calendar, and is eligible for approval on August 7, 2012.

Comments: The offered gift of land is located on the north and south sides of North Territorial Road just east of Island Lake. The portion North of North Territorial Road is within the current boundary of Pinckney Recreation Area.

The offered land is comprised of vacant wooded land covered in a mix of hardwood and conifer species interspersed with open meadows on rolling kames and kettles topography indicative of the region. An unnamed lake, known locally as Burt Lake, occupies one third of the portion of the property lying south of North Territorial Road. A single family home and garage occupy the easternmost parcel of the northerly portion of the property.

The land is bounded on the north by lands owned by Consumers Energy immediately adjacent to State-owned land to the north. State-owned land is also located to the south across Island Lake Road. Acquisition of this generous gift of land will enable the relocation of a significant leg of the Waterloo-Pinckney Hiking Trail from its present wet location to this scenic upland parcel.

The Burt property was acquired by the Michigan State University Foundation by way of a charitable gift from Ms. Flora Burt. Ms. Burt's intent in giving the property to the Foundation was to ensure it be perpetually owned by a public charity or governmental entity that would maintain the land in a natural state and make it available for public outdoor recreation and nature appreciation. In conveying the Burt lands to the Department, the foundation seeks to honor Ms. Burt's wishes.

This acquisition represents another significant partnership project between the Department and the Legacy Land Conservancy. The Conservancy donated staff time in negotiating this gift of land. This is the fourth partnership project completed within Waterloo Recreation Area with the generous assistance of the Legacy Land Conservancy in the past three years. In 2010 the Conservancy assisted in the acquisition of the 89 acre Tisch farm providing road access to significant hunting opportunities in the Recreation Area. In 2011 the Conservancy facilitated the purchase of the 65 acre Livestock Producers tract securing wetland and migratory waterfowl habitat and associated hunting opportunities. In early 2012 the Conservancy assisted in securing the 30 acre Push property thus preventing fragmentation of Department holdings inside the boundary of Waterloo. With the addition of this 67.02 acre property the Conservancy has facilitated through staff time and funding the acquisition of over 250 acres of land within Waterloo Recreation Area.

- Recommendation:
- (1) That this gift of land be accepted with appreciation.
 - (2) That the boundary of Pinckney Recreation Area be modified to include this tract of land.
 - (3) That the Legacy Land Conservancy's efforts be recognized with appreciation.



Russ Mason, Ph.D., Chief
Wildlife Division



James L. Dexter, Chief
Fisheries Division

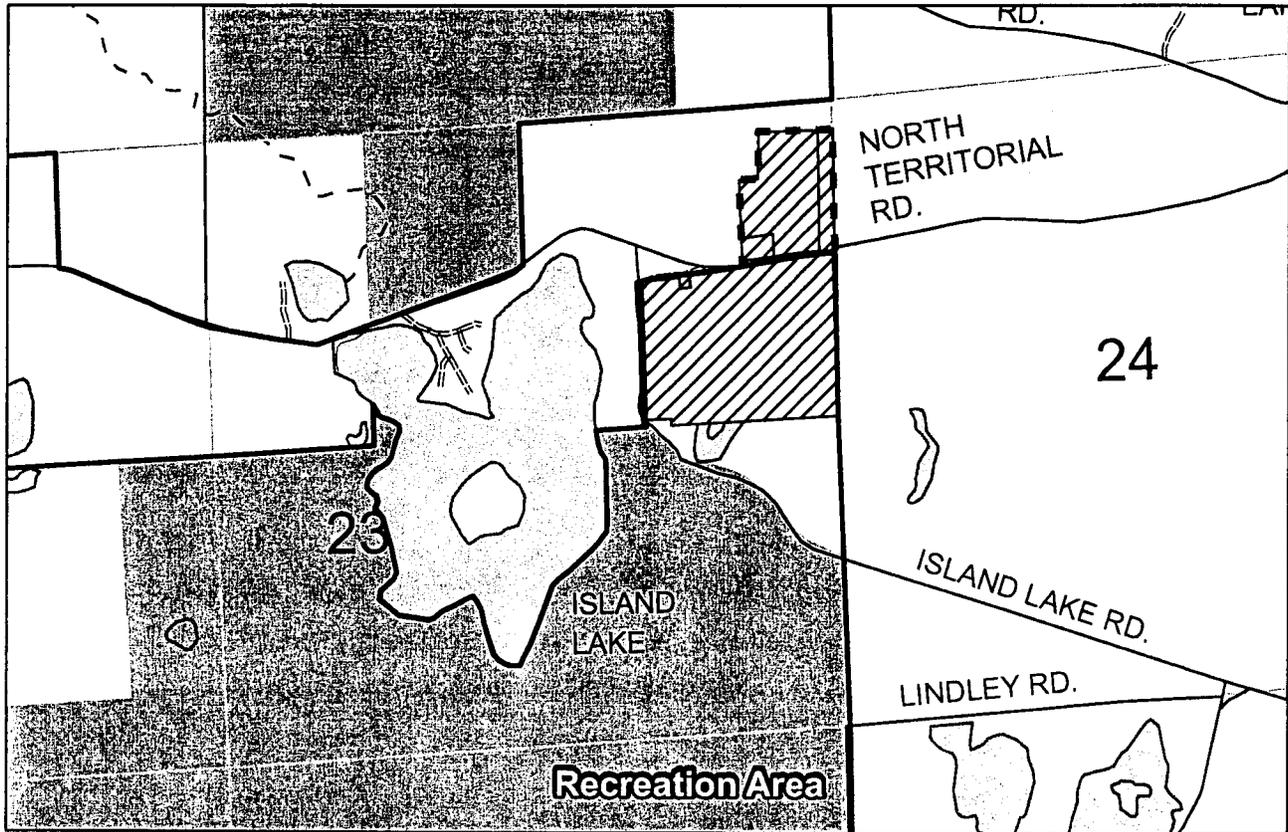


William O'Neill, Acting Chief
Forest Resources Division



Ronald A. Olson, Chief
Parks and Recreation Division

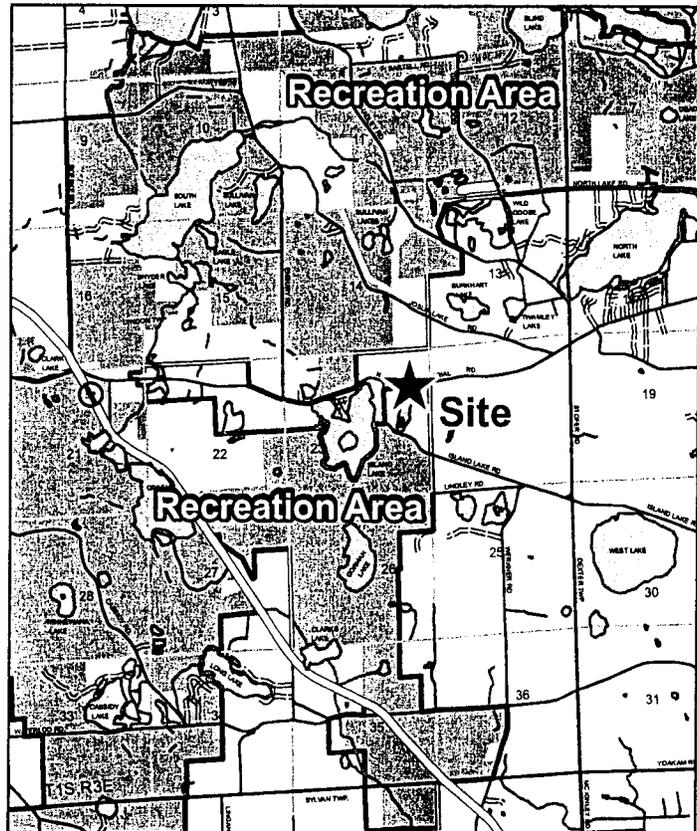
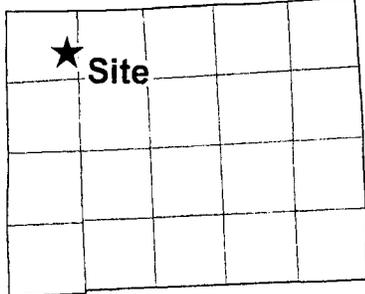
**GIFT OF LAND AND BOUNDARY MODIFICATION
Pinckney Recreation Area -- Washtenaw County
The Flora Burt Tract -- Land Transaction Case #20120118**



**Section 23 -- T1S, R3E,
Lyndon Township**

- Recreation Area Boundary
- Boundary Modification
- Gift of Land -- 67.22 acres
- State Land
- Private Land

Washtenaw County



Regional Location



DNR – Finance & Operations Division
Real Estate Services Section
06/28/2012

