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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
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KEITH CREAMER  
DIRECTOR

August 31, 2012  
Sent by fax to 313-224-3541

Ms. Cheryl Johnson  
City of Detroit Treasurer  
Coleman A. Young Municipal Center  
2 Woodward Avenue - Suite 120  
Detroit, MI 48226

Dear Treasurer:

Subject: Notice of Estimated Payments in Lieu of Taxes  
DNR Land Transaction #20100239

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: \$0.00.

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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RODNEY A. STOKES  
DIRECTOR

June 20, 2012

TO: Rodney A. Stokes, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Parks and Recreation Division (PRD) land acquisition at the William G. Milliken State Park - Detroit, Michigan  
The Detroit Riverwalk  
Transaction Case #20100239

Purchase: Seven conservation easements (7,664 linear feet) - \$15,000,000.00

Stipulations: Subject to rights, reservations and provisions in accordance with the purchase agreement and all supporting documents.

Seller(s): The Detroit RiverFront Conservancy (DRFC), Detroit, Michigan

Property Taxes: No additional tax liability will be incurred by the State of Michigan through the acquisition of these conservation easements. Property taxes will continue to be the responsibility of the underlying land owners.

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

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) July 2, 2012, calendar, and is eligible for approval on July 10, 2012.

Comments: The Detroit RiverFront Conservancy, Inc. was formed as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with the mission of developing public access and open space along the Detroit International Riverfront. The DRFC vision is to work with numerous public and private partners to open 5.5 miles of riverfront property to public access and enjoyment.

Several Detroit riverfront commercial property owners conveyed open space and public walkway conservation easements to DRFC several years ago for the purpose of creating a public riverwalk. The DRFC installed high quality improvements including: trailway and surface paving; landscaping and irrigation; benches and trash receptacles; outdoor lighting system, security system, and interpretive signage; and fencing and railings along the length of the Riverwalk. The Riverwalk offers places for recreation and for open spaces, including scenic views of the river and downtown centers of Detroit and Windsor, and connections to other public spaces such as parks.

This Riverwalk project, coupled with the Department's acquisition of the Detroit Free Press property in 2009, serves to enhance the William G. Milliken State Park and Harbor. Officially opened May of 2004, the park attracts walkers, anglers, boaters, and city dwellers looking to experience natural features found in the native landscaping, pathways, demonstration wetland, and river views within the State Park. William G. Milliken State Park and Harbor is open year round, with access available to the public at any time. The State Park serves as both a destination for the region and an attraction along the 3½ linear miles of developed Riverwalk trail. An estimated 2 million people access the State Park annually by way of the Riverwalk trail, viewing the riverfront, and by using the park's resources and amenities.

The Department seeks to acquire these conservation easements and associated improvements to facilitate public access, outdoor recreation, and maintenance for use and enjoyment by the public in perpetuity. This acquisition supports the Department's goal of providing increased participation on outdoor recreation. The project also meets the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board of Trustees priority of providing increased public outdoor recreation opportunities in urban areas.

The transformation of Detroit's riverfront is supported by a wide variety of public and private partnerships, including federal, state, county, and city government, the corporate community, foundations, and the community at large.

- Recommendation: (1) That the purchase of the conservation easements and improvements be approved, with payment of \$15,000,000.00 to be made from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Detroit Riverfront Easements and Acquisitions Project and the Milliken State Park Acquisition Project as approved under Act 16 of 2011.

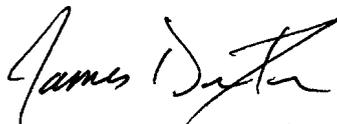
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Russ Mason, Ph.D., Chief  
Wildlife Division



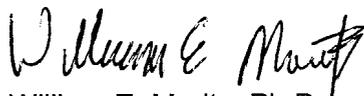
William O'Neill, Acting Chief  
Forest Resources Division



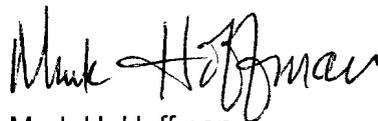
James L. Dexter, Chief  
Fisheries Division



Ronald A. Olson, Chief  
Parks and Recreation Division



William E. Moritz, Ph.D.  
Natural Resources Deputy



Mark H. Hoffman  
Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations



Keith Creagh  
Director

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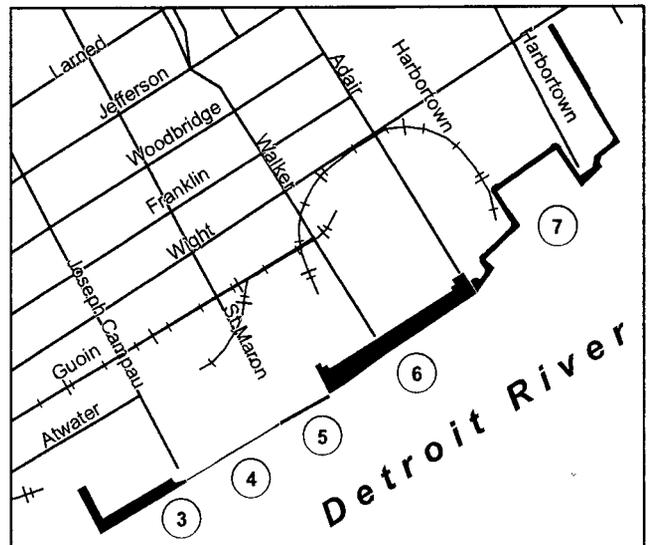
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**PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION LAND ACQUISITION**  
**William G. Milliken State Park -- Detroit, Michigan**  
**The Detroit Riverwalk -- Land Transaction Case #20100239**



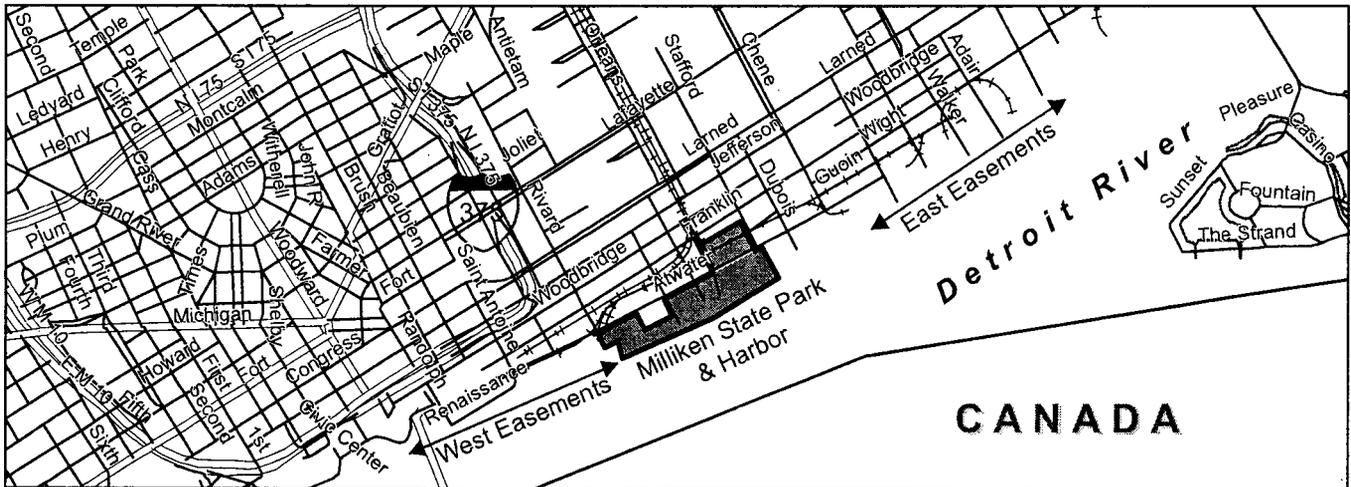
**West Easements**

- 1. Riverfront Holdings Easements A & B
- 2. Port Authority Easement



**East Easements**

- 3. Stroh River Place Easement
- 4. Talon Center Easement
- 5. Omni Hotel Easement
- 6. UAW-GM Center Easement
- 7. Harbortown Easement



- State Park Boundary
- Seven Conservation Easements (7,664 linear feet -- \$15,000,000.00)
- State Land
- Private Land

**City of Detroit**

**Wayne County**



DNR – Finance & Operations Division  
 Real Estate Services Section  
 06/05/2012

