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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
LANSING



KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

October 18, 2012

Ms. Ruth Whaley
Washington Township Treasurer
4682 East Cleveland Road
Ashley, MI 48806-9705

Dear Treasurer:

Subject: Notice of Estimated Payments in Lieu of Taxes
DNR Land Transaction #20120028

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 swamp tax: \$0.00.

Subpart 14 - Estimated Annual PILT Payments: \$425.00.

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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Real Estate Services Section
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Enclosures



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October 15, 2012

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Wildlife Land Acquisition
Maple River State Game Area – Gratiot County
The Camburn-Fisk Tract
Land Transaction Case #20120028

PA 240 of 2012: PILT Estimate: \$425.00
This parcel is south of the Mason-Arenac County line and will not result in an increase of counted acres.

Purchase: 6.98 Acres - \$30,000.00

Description: Gratiot County, Washington Township, T9N, R2W, Section 26:
Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 26, thence South 410 feet, Southwesterly to a point 460 feet South and 150 feet West of the Northeast corner, West 100 feet, Northwesterly to the Northwest corner of the Northeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼, East along the North line to place of beginning, EXCEPT 325 feet East and West by 150 feet North and South in the Northeast corner of Section 26, Town 9N, Range 2W, Washington Township, Gratiot County, Michigan: Referenced on Gratiot County Records as 29-15-026-001-00; 6.98 acres more or less.

Seller: Dorothy Fisk, Panama City, Florida

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

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) October 29, 2012, calendar, and is eligible for approval on November 6, 2012.

Purpose: Provide game area parking and access to the Maple River and two constructed wetlands from Blair Road.

Comments: The offered parcel is located in southern Gratiot County approximately 11 miles southeast of the City of Ithaca, and 3 miles east of highway US-27. The property is within the Maple River State Game Area dedicated boundary, and acquisition of this parcel will help consolidate public-land ownership.

The purchase of this parcel will enhance the ability of the DNR to accomplish ecosystem management and increase resource-based recreational opportunities and public water access in this area. In particular, this parcel will provide access to the Maple River State Game

Area (SGA) including two wetland impoundments managed for waterfowl. A parking lot and boat launch are planned at this site to improve access and traffic. Access to the managed wetland impoundments is important because in 2009 the Wildlife Division created a refuge and reduced waterfowl hunting opportunities at the SGA. The boat launch will also provide additional recreational opportunity for canoeing and kayaking.

This parcel connects with a twenty acre field that will be planted to native grasses and forbs to benefit pheasants and other grassland wildlife. In addition, this property is 1/4 mile from a 450-acre Pheasant Restoration Initiative habitat project at the SGA. This acquisition will simplify the existing boundary, and increase management efficiency.

The seller will convey any mineral rights that she owns relative to this tract.

Acquisition of this parcel will contribute to the Department's goals of consolidating State ownership, securing huntable wildlife habitat in southern Michigan and increasing public recreation opportunities.

Recommendation: That this tract be approved for purchase with payment of \$25,000.00 to be made from funds appropriated for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Grassland/Bird Habitat Initiative, as contained in Act 27 of 2010, and the remainder to come from the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund and the Game and Fish Protection Fund – Waterfowl License, pending availability of funds.

Russ Mason, Ph.D., Chief
Wildlife Division

William O'Neill, 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

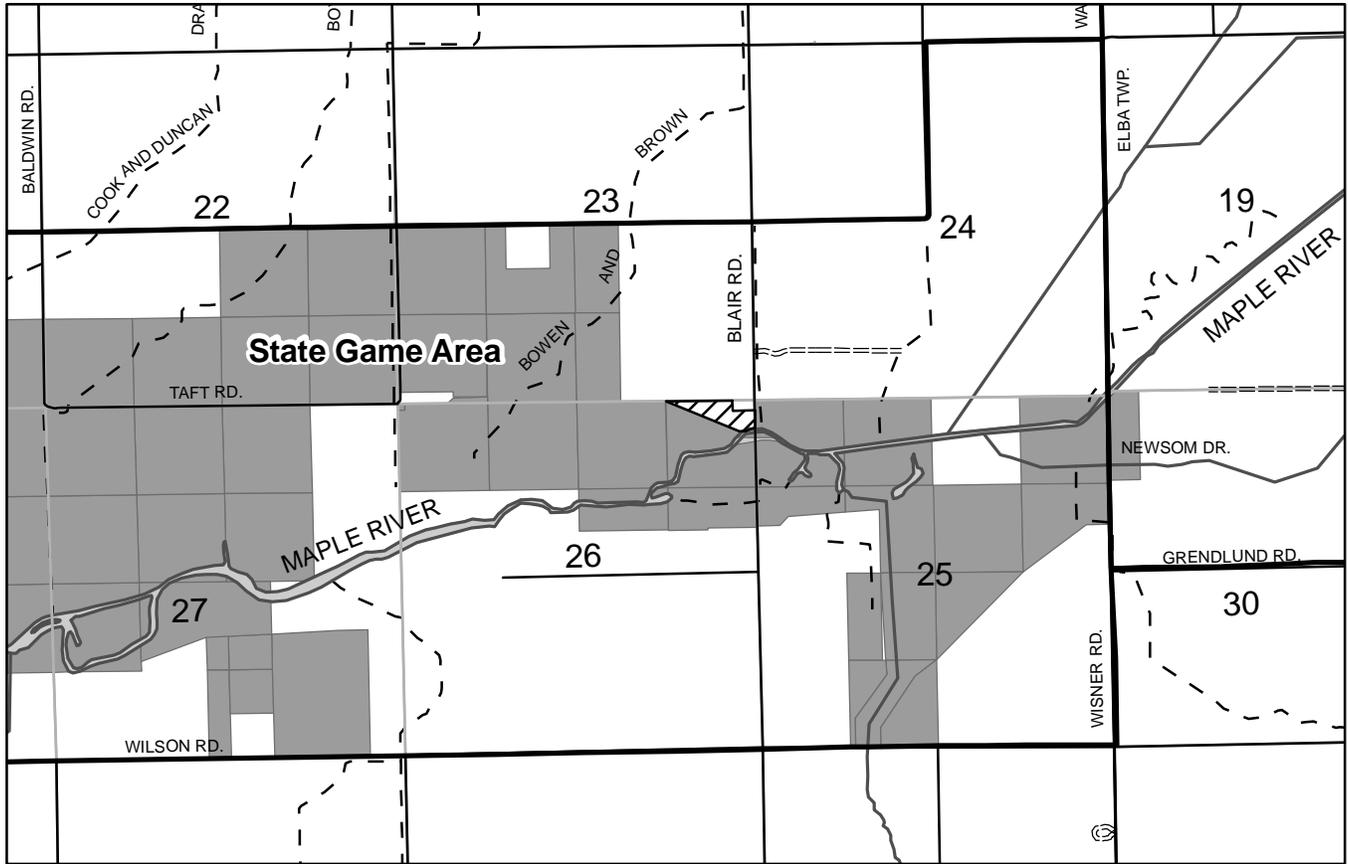
Keith Creagh
Director

Date Approved

STATE WILDLIFE LAND ACQUISITION

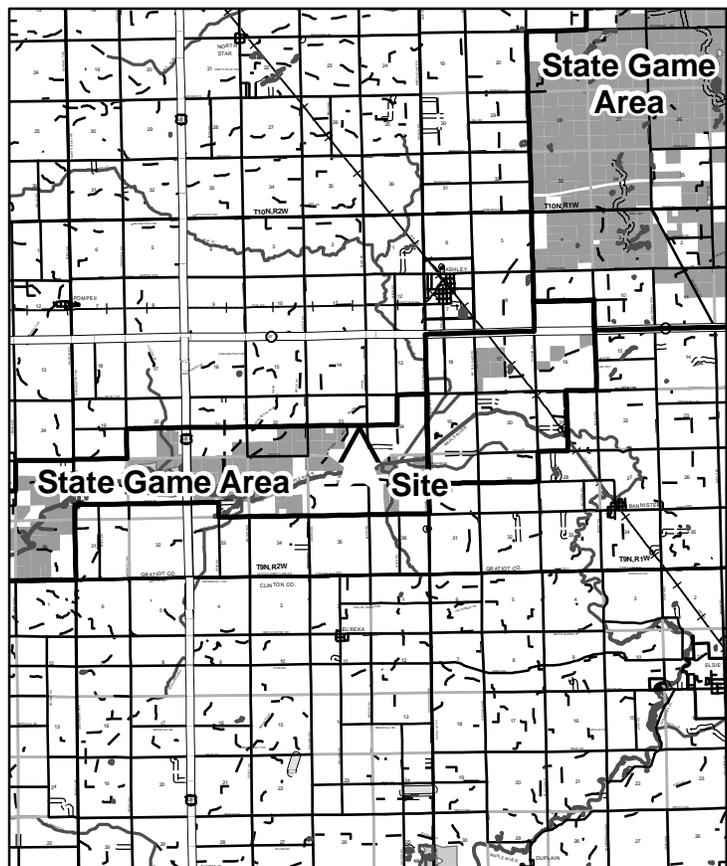
Maple River State Game Area -- Gratiot County

The Camburn-Fisk Tract -- Land Transaction Case #20120028



Section 26, T9N, R2W Washington Township

- State Game Area Boundary
- Land Offered to DNR
(6.98 acres -- \$30,000.00)
- State Land
- Private Land



Regional Location



DNR -- Finance & Operations Division
Real Estate Services Section
09/28/2012