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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
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DIRECTOR

June 18, 2020

TO: Daniel Eichinger, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Forest Resources Land Acquisition  
Atlanta Management Unit – Presque Isle County  
The Little Ocqueoc River Property  
Land Transaction Case #20190132

Purchase: 80 acres - \$190,000.00

Funding Source: Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Act 165 of 2018 – TF18-0245

PA 240 of 2018: PILT Estimate: \$600.00  
This parcel is located north of the Mason-Arenac county line and will result in an increase of 80 acres of DNR-managed lands.

Description: Presque Isle County, Ocqueoc Township, T35N, R03E, Section 24:  
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Seller: Paul Spens, Ocqueoc, Michigan

Authority: Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) July 7, 2020 calendar and is eligible for approval on July 14, 2020.

Management Purpose: Acquisition of this parcel will allow it to be managed as part of the Atlanta Management Unit. The property is adjacent to state forestland on 3.5 sides and will consolidate state ownership. It will be managed for timber, specifically for winter deer habitat, upland game bird habitat, other wildlife habitat, fisheries habitat, and resource-based recreational uses. Snowmobile Trail #99 traverses through the property. The land will be managed to maintain and enhance the natural features, with a major emphasis on protecting the unique Karst formation on the property.

Comments: The property is diverse forestland with over 1,600 feet of the Little Ocqueoc River corridor that includes the “undergrounds.” A stretch of the river disappears underground and resurfaces further downstream. This is a unique feature created by the Karst topography in the area. The Little Ocqueoc River is also a wild brook trout stream, supporting steelhead and Coho salmon. The property provides habitat for a variety of wildlife species including white-tailed deer, black bear, fisher, marten, ruffed grouse, and a variety of fur-bearing species. Recreational

opportunities are abundant, including snowmobiling, hunting, fishing, trapping, hiking, wildlife viewing, and viewing of the unique land formation and underground river that exist on the property.

The seller will convey mineral rights.

Recommendations:

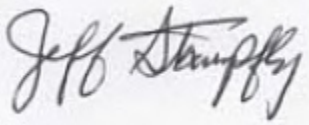
1. That the acquisition be approved, with payment to be made from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund – TF18-0245.
2. That this land be dedicated as part of the Atlanta Management Unit.



Daniel Kennedy, Acting Chief  
Wildlife Division




Mark H. Hoffman  
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Jeff Stampfly, Acting Chief  
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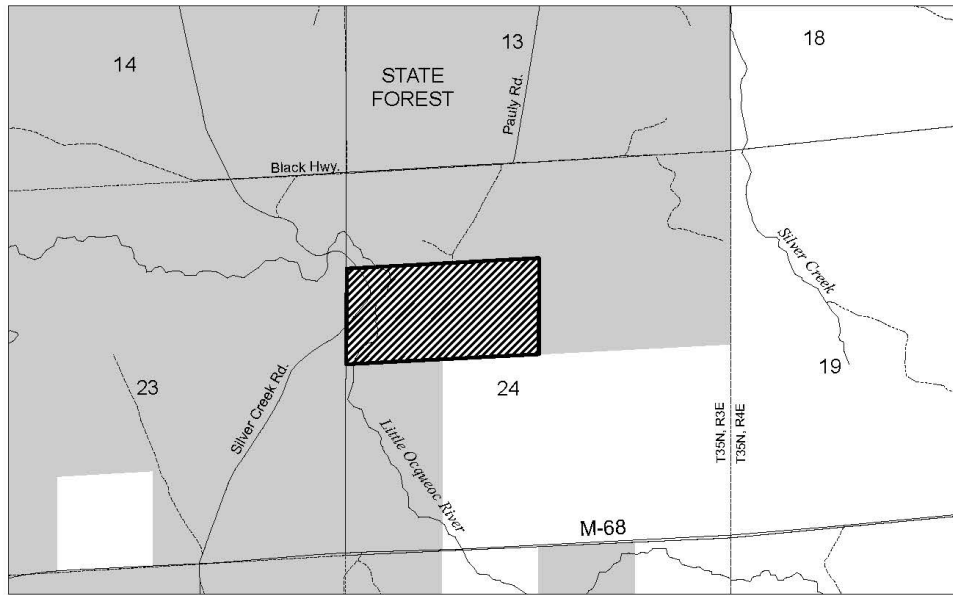
I approve the staff recommendations.

Daniel Eichinger  
Director




Date Approved:

### FOREST RESOURCES LAND ACQUISITION

Atlanta Management Unit - Presque Isle County  
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Section 24, T35N, R03E, Ocqueoc Township

-  Land to be acquired by DNR (80 acres)
-  State land
-  Private land

