MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

Information: Natural Resources Commission

Subject: Order to Designate the Dr. Gordon Guyer Augusta Creek State Wildlife Area, Kalamazoo County
Land Use Order of the Director Amendment No. 1 of 2017

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, authorizes the Director to issue orders to implement land use rules.

Discussion and Background:

The Augusta Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area (SFWA) is located in Kalamazoo County and is approximately 386 acres. The original purchase of 244 acres to create Augusta Creek SFWA occurred in 1988 using funds from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (NRTF). The purchase included over 5,000 feet of Augusta Creek which was, and still is, a prized fishing stream. The dedication memo dated November 4, 1988, states, “that the land be dedicated for fishermen access to the waters of the Augusta Creek, and for hunting, and be administered by the Wildlife Division.” A second purchase of 142 acres was made in 1993 using NRTF monies, and added an additional 4,355 feet of Augusta Creek to the Augusta Creek SFWA.

Dr. Guyer was the Director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources from 1986-1988 and was involved in the discussions and evaluation of dedicating the August Creek SFWA. Dr. Guyer was raised in Augusta, Michigan and was an enthusiastic hunter and angler throughout his life. During his distinguished career, he accomplished much for Michigan’s natural resources; he was a Michigan State University (MSU) Entomology Professor and Chair of the MSU Entomology Department, as well as holding the position of Director of MSU’s Pesticide Research Center, Cooperative Extension Service, and the Kellogg Biological Station. He also served as the Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and the President of MSU. Dr. Guyer authored more than 70 scientific papers, including public policy and agricultural related documents and lead cooperative efforts to benefit Michigan’s natural resources.

In accordance with DNR Policy and Procedure 26.24-07, Procedure for naming Department Administered Lands and Facilities, the intent of this order is to officially designate, in perpetuity, the Augusta Creek SFWA as the “Dr. Gordon Guyer Augusta Creek State Wildlife Area” in
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recognition of Dr. Guyer’s significant and important contributions to Michigan’s natural resources.

In addition, the Department recommends simplifying the name from “state fish and wildlife area” to “state wildlife area” in order to standardize and provide naming consistency between public lands managed by the Wildlife Division.

Recommendation:

This order was submitted for information on December 8, 2016 at the Natural Resources Commission meeting. This item appeared on the Department’s November 2016 calendar and may be eligible for approval on January 12, 2017.

Russ Mason, Ph.D., Chief
Wildlife Division

Gary Hagler, Chief
Law Enforcement Division

Bill O’Neill, Chief
Forest Resources Division

Ronald A. Olson, Chief
Parks and Recreation Division

James Dexter, Chief
Fisheries Division

William E. Moritz, Ph.D.
Natural Resources Deputy
By authority conferred on the Director of the Department of Natural Resources by Section 504 of the Natural Resources Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, MCL 324.504, and in accordance with R 299.921 to R 299.933, the Director of the Department of the Natural Resources orders the following:

3.1a State game areas and wildlife areas listed.

Sec. 3.1a The designated state game areas and wildlife areas are: Adams township state game area – Hillsdale county; Allegan state game area – Allegan county; Almer township state game area – Tuscola county; Dr. Gordon Guyer Augusta creek state wildlife area – Kalamazoo county; Backus creek state game area – Roscommon county; Barry state game area – Barry county; Beaver islands state wildlife research area (Beaver island group and Fox island group) – Charlevoix and Leelanau counties; Betsie river state game area – Benzie county; Blendon township state game area – Ottawa county; Boyle lake state wildlife area – Berrien county; Brookfield township no. 1 state game area – Huron county; Brookfield township no. 2 state game area – Huron county; Brownstown prairie state wildlife area – Wayne county; Cannonsburg state game area – Kent county; Cass city state game area – Sanilac and Tuscola counties; Charlotte (Eaton township) state game area – Eaton county; Chelsea state game area – Washtenaw county; Chesterfield township state game area – Macomb county; Clark lake state wildlife area – Tuscola county; Columbia township state game area – Tuscola county; Cornish state game area – Van Buren county; Crane pond state game area – Cass county; Crow island state game area – Bay and Saginaw counties; Cusino state wildlife research area – Alger county; Dansville state game area – Ingham county; Davisburg state game area – Oakland county; Deford state game area – Sanilac and Tuscola counties; Denmark township state game area – Tuscola county; Edmore state game area – Montcalm and Isabella counties; Elmwood township state game area – Tuscola county; Eric state game area – Monroe county; Fabius township state game area – St. Joseph county; Fish point state wildlife area – Tuscola county; Flat river state game area – Ionia and Montcalm counties; Flynn township state game area – Sanilac county; Fraser township no. 1 (Townline road) state game area – Bay county; Fraser township no. 2 (Kitchen road) state game area – Bay county; Fuller woods state game area – Van Buren county; Fulton state game area – Kalamazoo county; Gagetown state game area – Tuscola and Huron counties; Gladwin state game area – Gladwin county; Goose lake state game area – Washtenaw county; Gourdneck state game area – Kalamazoo county; Grand Haven state game area – Ottawa county; Grand river state game area – Ionia county; Grand river Gale road state game area – Ingham county; Grass lake state game area – Jackson county; Gratiot-Saginaw state game area – Gratiot and Saginaw counties; Gregory state game area – Livingston county; Haymarsh lake state game area – Mecosta county; Hillcrest state game area – Livingston county; Horseshoe lake state game area – Oakland county; Houghton lake state wildlife research area – Roscommon and Missaukee counties; Hubbard lake state game area – Alcona county; Keeler state game area – Van Buren county; Lake Intermediate (Windsor township) state game area – Eaton county; Langston state game area – Montcalm county; Lapeer state game area – Lapeer county; Leidy lake state game area – St. Joseph county; Lost nation state game area – Hillsdale county; Manisteer river state game area – Manistee county; Maple river state game – Clinton, Gratiot, and Ionia counties; Maple-River – Gratiot-Saginaw connector state game area – Gratiot county; Martinez lake state game area – Mecosta county; Middletown state game area – Barry county; Minden city state game area – Sanilac county; Murphy lake state game area – Tuscola county; Muskegon state game area – Muskegon and Newaygo counties; Muskrat lake state game area – Clinton county; Nyanquung point state wildlife area – Bay county; Oak grove state game area – Livingston county; Olive township state game area – Ottawa county; Oliver township state game area – Huron county; Onsted state game area – Lenawee county; Osceola-Missaukee grasslands state game area – Osceola and Missaukee counties; Pentwater river state game area – Oceana county; Pere Marquette state game area – Mason county; Petersburg state game area – Monroe county; Petobago state game area – Grand Traverse and Antrim counties; Pincion township (Cody-Est road) state game area – Bay county; Pointe Aux Peaux state wildlife area – Monroe county; Pointe Mouillee state game area – Monroe and Wayne counties; Port Huron state game area – St. Clair county; Portland state game area – Clinton and Ionia counties; Quanicassee state wildlife area – Bay and Tuscola counties; Rogue river state game area – Kent county; Rose lake state wildlife area – Clinton and Shiawassee counties; Rush lake state game area – Huron county; Salt river marsh state wildlife area – Macomb county; Sandusky state game area – Sanilac county; Sanilac state game area – Sanilac county; Saranac-Lowell state game area – Kent and Ionia counties; Sharonville
state game area – Jackson and Washtenaw counties; Shiawassee river state game area – Saginaw county; Somerset state game area – Hillsdale county; Spring creek state game area – St. Joseph county; St. Clair flats state wildlife area, St. Clair township state game area, and St. John’s marsh state wildlife area – St. Clair county; Stanton state game area – Montcalm county; Tamarack lake state game area – Eaton county; Three rivers state game area – Cass and St. Joseph counties; Tuscola state game area – Tuscola county; Unadilla state wildlife area – Livingston and Washtenaw counties; Vassar state game area – Tuscola county; Verona state game area – Huron county; Vestaburg state game area – Montcalm county; Webster lake (Berrien township no. 1) state game area – Berrien county; Wigwam bay state wildlife area – Arenac county; Wildfowl bay state wildlife area – Huron county; and Windsor township state game area – Eaton county.

This amended order shall be posted on or after the 13th day of January, 2017.

Issued on this 12th day of January, 2017.

 Keith Creagh  
Director
MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

Information: Natural Resources Commission

Subject: Order to Seasonally Restrict Access to Portions of Watkins Lake State Park and County Preserve, Jackson County Michigan
Land Use Order of the Director Amendment No. 2 of 2017

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, authorizes the Director to issue orders to implement land use rules.

Discussion and Background:

The Watkins Lake State Park and County Preserve (Watkins Lake) was recently acquired and designated as the 103rd State Park. Watkins Lake consists of 1,122 acres in Southern Michigan and has unique features making it well suited for multiple outdoor recreational opportunities, including a waterfowl refuge and migration viewing area.

Watkins Lake historically has been and continues to be a significant stop-over site for waterfowl and other water birds, and draws a large number of watchable wildlife enthusiasts each year. Given the recent dedication, Watkins Lake is now open to the public; however, human disturbance within the lake during these key migration periods may have the unintended consequence of reducing the waterfowl use of the site and diminish the land’s value for resting and foraging by waterfowl.

The property is being managed and maintained as the Watkins Lake State Park and County Preserve, and is administered out of the W.J. Hayes State Park in collaboration with Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission. The main focus of this order is to restrict access to portions of Watkins Lake in order to reduce disturbance to resting and feeding birds during migration.

The intent of this order is to:

Seasonally restrict access to portions of Watkins Lake for the purpose of reducing disturbance to resting and feeding waterfowl during spring and fall migration seasons, while providing a unique wildlife viewing opportunity for the public. While hunting is currently not allowed within this area, individuals accessing the lake and wetland habitat during key migratory stopover periods are having a negative impact on the unique features for which the property was acquired. Without reducing human disturbance within the lake area during these key times, waterfowl use of the site and its value for resting and foraging may decline.

Therefore, it is proposed that from September 1 through January 1 and from February 15 through May 15, a person may not enter or take any animals, including fish, from Watkins Lake and the state-owned lands surrounding it, unless authorized in writing by the Department, in the SE 1/4, the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4, and the S 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of section 13, T04S R02E, within Watkins Lake State Park and County Preserve.
County Preserve; except Arnold Road and the associated upland roadside edge shall remain open for viewing during this time period.

By implementing these brief access restrictions over the area it will avoid any unintended consequences of disturbing migratory use patterns of the visiting waterfowl, which visitors have long enjoyed.

Recommendation:

This Order was submitted for information on December 8, 2016 at the Natural Resources Commission meeting. This item appeared on the Department’s November 2016 calendar and may be eligible for approval on January 12, 2017.

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LAND USE ORDERS OF THE DIRECTOR

Amendment No. 2 of 2017

By authority conferred on the Director of the Department of Natural Resources by Section 504 of the Natural Resources Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.504, and in accordance with R 299.921 to R 299.933, the Director of the Department of Natural Resources orders the following:

5.12 Certain state parks and recreation areas, requirements for use, certain conduct prohibited.
Order 5.12. The following conduct shall apply to use of Michigan state parks and recreation areas:
Fayette state park, certain conduct prohibited.
(1) A person shall not do the following at Fayette SP located in Delta county:
(a) Dive, swim, water ski, skin or scuba dive, or attempt to dive, swim, water ski, skin or scuba dive from any vessel operating within or moored to the docks or piling or anchored to the bottomlands of small shell harbor, Fayette SP, Delta county, without written permission of an authorized representative of the department.
(b) Enter or occupy the face of the limestone cliffs in section 33, T39N R19W, and section 4, T38N R19W.

Palms book state park, prohibited conduct.
(2) A person shall not do any of the following at Palms book SP:
(a) Swim, bathe, skin or scuba dive, fish, or boat in the big spring, Kitchitiki, Palms book SP.
(b) Use the department owned raft on the big spring for anything other than viewing.

Island lake recreation area, conduct prohibited.
(3) A person shall not do the following at the Island lake RA:
(a) Operate a vessel powered by a motor on the waters of spring mill pond.

Sterling state park, conduct prohibited.
(4) A person shall not do the following at Sterling SP:
(a) Launch or attempt to launch a vessel equipped with an inboard or outboard motor, except an electric motor, into the waters of the south lagoon from any state-owned lands lying south of the centerline of the park entrance road.

Pontiac lake recreation area, prohibited conduct.
(5) A person shall not do any of the following at the Pontiac lake RA:
(a) Possess or fly a hang glider on any state-owned lands within the Pontiac lake RA.
(b) Enter into a pen area or buffer zone around a pen area established by the department from June 10 to July 15 for the temporary holding of geese. This prohibition shall not apply to a person issued a written permit by the district wildlife supervisor allowing entry into the area.

Ludington state park, prohibited conduct.
(6) A person shall not do the following at Ludington SP:
(a) Park a vehicle of any type between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m. in the parking areas adjacent to highway M-116 from the south limit of the park to the bridge over big Sable river.

South Higgins lake state park, prohibited conduct.
(7) A person shall not do the following at south Higgins lake SP:
(a) Park or leave a motor vehicle in the day use area of south Higgins lake SP between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. without written permission from a representative of the department.
(b) Leave a trailer unattended in the boat launch parking lot.
(c) Park a vehicle without boat trailer attached, or a vehicle not being used to transport a boat, in the boat launch parking lot.
(d) A person shall not leave a vessel unattended, moored to access piers, in boat basin, beached along shoreline, or anchored to riparian bottomlands between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., without prior written approval from an authorized representative of the department.

Pine Creek recreation area, prohibited conduct.
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(8) A person shall not do the following at the Pinckney RA:
(a) Use any state-owned lands in the S ¼ of the S ½ of section 23, T1S R3E, for the purpose of launching or attempting to launch onto the waters of Island lake, any watercraft equipped with an inboard or outboard motor.
(b) Consume or possess any alcoholic beverage within ¼ mile surrounding and including the parking lot at Pickerel lake, section 8, T1S R4E, as posted.
(c) Launch or attempt to launch a vessel equipped with an inboard or outboard motor, except an electric motor, onto the waters of Pickerel lake, section 8, T1S R4E.
Silver lake state park, prohibited conduct.
(9) A person shall not do any of the following within Silver lake SP without first obtaining proper written permission from the department:
(a) Store, leave, park or otherwise place any boat, fish shanty, vehicle, bicycle, equipment, tool, device or other property which is at any time during its presence in the park made available for rent, lease, or sale.
(b) Use or occupy any land or water within the park to solicit, conduct, operate, engage in, or maintain a business of any nature or use such areas as a base of commercial operations. For purposes of this order, "base of operations" means a use of lands or water which is a principal or significant aspect of any commercial activity.
Porcupine mountains wilderness state park, prohibited conduct.
(10) A person shall not do any of the following in the Porcupine mountains wilderness SP without first obtaining proper written permission from the department:
(a) Feed a bear or lure any bear with food. This provision does not apply to the lawful baiting of bear as described in orders issued pursuant to part 401, wildlife conservation, of Act 451 of 1994.
(b) Operate a snowmobile off the designated snowmobile route.

Waterloo recreation area, prohibited conduct.
(11) A person shall not do the following at the Waterloo RA:
(a) Enter into a pen area or buffer zone around a pen area established by the department from June 10 to July 15 for the temporary holding of geese. This prohibition shall not apply to a person issued a written permit by the district wildlife supervisor allowing entry into the area.

Fort Custer recreation area, prohibited conduct.
(12) A person shall not do the following at the Fort Custer RA:
(a) Excavate, dig or probe the grounds, or remove ordnance without written permission.
(b) Operate a snowmobile off the designated snowmobile route.

Grand Haven state park campground, prohibited conduct.
(13) A person shall not do the following at Grand Haven SP:
(a) Place or allow a recreational camping unit under their control to be placed front-first upon a campsite in the Grand Haven SP campground. The tongue of a trailer or front of a self-propelled camping unit shall face the roadway.
(b) A person, including a person’s camping unit, shall not remain for more than 15 nights in any 20 night period from May 15 through September 15 without the written permission of the district supervisor.

Holland state park, prohibited conduct.
(14) A person shall not possess or use furniture designed or intended for indoor use within Holland SP from May 15 to July 15 unless the furniture is enclosed within a camping shelter. Furniture that is designed or intended for indoor use and is placed outside of a camping shelter may be removed at the discretion of the park manager.

Sanilac petroglyphs historic state park, prohibited conduct.
(15) A person shall not do any of the following at the Sanilac petroglyphs historic SP:
(a) Enter into the fenced area containing the petroglyph rock when the entry gate is closed.
(b) Walk up or otherwise come into contact with the petroglyph rock within the fenced area.

Ionia recreation area, prohibited conduct.
(16) A person that has been issued a campsite permit shall not possess or allow to be possessed upon the campsite more than 4 animals other than horses by all members of the camping party combined.

Seven lakes state park, prohibited conduct.
(17) A person shall not operate a snowmobile, or other motorized snow contrivance without written permission from an authorized representative of the department.

Port Crescent state park, prohibited conduct.
(18) With the exception of accessing Saginaw bay via the campground, a person shall not operate a snowmobile, or other motorized snow contrivance without written permission from an authorized representative of the department.

Holly recreation area, prohibited conduct.
(19) A person shall not operate a snowmobile or other motorized snow contrivance outside an area bordered by McGinnis road to the north, Wildwood road to the east and Dixie highway to the south, without written permission from an authorized representative of the department.

Algonac state park campground, prohibited conduct.
(20) A person shall not place or allow a recreational camping unit under their control to be positioned horizontal to the park's roadways in the riverfront campground. The tongue of a trailer or front or rear of a self-propelled camping unit shall face the park's roadway, and all camping units must be parked on paws where they exist.

Bay City state recreation area, prohibited conduct.
(21) Operate a snowmobile off the designated snowmobile route.

Rockport state recreation area, prohibited conduct.
(22) Operate a snowmobile in sections 13, 24, 25, 26, and the north 750 feet of sections 35 and 36, T33N, R08E, except along the 100-foot wide utility line corridor that parallels the Lake Huron shoreline; section 36, T33N, R08E and section 31, T33N, R09E east of the old railroad corridor that parallels the Lake Huron shoreline; the east half o' the northeast quarter of section 12, the south half of section 12, and section 13, T32N, R08E; the south 600 feet of the southwest quarter of section 6, the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 8, the northwest quarter and the south half of section 7, T32N, R09E, except a designated corridor extending from Rockport Road south through section 7; and all state land on Middle Island, sections 3, 4, 9, and 10, T32N, R09E.

Lime island state recreation area, prohibited conduct.
(23) Enter, use, occupy, moor, or dock onto, the southern half of the Lime Island coal dock, as posted, lying within T43N, R03E, Section 26 and T42N, R03E, section 35 between May 1 and September 1, except that boats may be moored on the eastern side of the entire coal dock for safety during high seas and storm events.

Belle Isle park, prohibited conduct.
(24) A person shall not do any of the following at Belle Isle Park.
(a) Enter and remain or park a vehicle of any type on the premises of the Belle Isle Park, between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m., without permission of the department.
(b) Erect a canopy larger than 9 feet by 9 feet, and have more than 2 canopies per group unless with written permission of the department.
(c) Erect a canopy that is not open on two sides of the structure.
(d) Erect a canopy unless someone of 21 years of age or older is supervising.
(e) Skate, bicycle or use any similar contrivances on buildings or structures not otherwise developed for this purpose.
(f) Feed geese, gulls, and other bird species.
(g) Possess a grill of any type in and around playscapes, giant slides or next to buildings.
(h) Operate a snowmobile, or other motorized snow contrivance without written permission from an authorized representative of the department.

Watkins Lake state park and county Preserve, prohibited conduct.
(25) Annually from September 1 through January 1 and from February 15 through May 15, a person shall not enter or take any animals from Watkins Lake and the state-owned lands surrounding, unless authorized in writing by the Department, specifically being the SE 1/4, the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4, and the S 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of section 13, T04S R02E, within Watkins Lake state park and County preserve; except Arnold road and the associated upland roadside edge shall remain open to entry.
This amended order shall be posted on or after the 13th day of January 2017.

Issued on this 12th day of January 2017.

[Signature]

Keith Creagh
Director
December 12, 2016

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Sale of Surplus DNR-Managed Land
Gladwin Management Unit – Gladwin County
Land Transaction Case #20160134

Sale: 40 acres

Sale Price: Minimum bid to be determined by the Department. Sale price determined at auction.

Description: Gladwin County, Grim Township, T18N, R02E, Section 35: The NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4.

PA 240 of 2012: This parcel is south of the Mason-Arenac County line and will result in a decrease of 40 acres to the total of DNR-managed lands.

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

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) January 4, 2017, calendar, and is eligible for approval on January 11, 2017. The transaction is also posted in a local newspaper as required by statute.

Acquired: By tax reversion in 1929.

Minerals: To be retained.

Comments: The recommended parcel is completely surrounded by private ownership and lacks legal access for both public recreational use and for DNR management purposes.

The proposed land disposal was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Land Exchange Review Committee on October 20, 2016.

Proceeds will be deposited into the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund (LEFF). The LEFF allows the Department to sell rights in land and deposit the proceeds in a fund which can then be used to acquire replacement property.

Engagement: To be done through the auction process.
Recommendation:

(1) That the land be sold at auction to the highest bidder.

(2) That the proceeds of the sale be deposited in the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund.

(3) That the state retain mineral rights and aboriginal antiquities.

Russ Mason, Ph.D., Chief
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William O'Neill, Chief
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James L. Dexter, Chief
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Ronald A. Olson, Chief
Parks and Recreation Division

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

Mark H. Hoffman
Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations.

Keith Croagh
Director

1/12/17
Date Approved
SALE OF SURPLUS DNR-MANAGED LAND
Gladwin Management Unit – Gladwin County
Land Transaction Case #20160134

Section 35, T18N, R02E, Grim Township

- Surplus DNR land to be sold (40 acres)
- State land
- Private land
- DNR Project Boundary
December 12, 2016

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Sale of Surplus UNR-Managed Land
Roscommon Management Unit – Roscommon County
Land Transaction Case #20160085

Sale: 0.67 acre

Sale Price: $1,950.00

Description: Roscommon County, Backus Township, T22N, R02W, Section 25:
A parcel of land situated in the SE 1/4; as more particularly described in
the case file.

PA 240 of 2012: This parcel is north of the Mason-Arenac County line and will result in a
decrease of 0.67 acre of counted DNR-Managed lands.

Applicant: Richard & Kathleen Muskett, Prudenville, 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) January 4, 2017, calendar, and is eligible for approval on
January 11, 2017. The transaction will also be posted in a local
newspaper as required by statute.

Acquired: By exchange for tax reverted parcels in 1939.

Minerals: To be retained.

Comments: The desired parcel is adjacent to the applicant’s land and will resolve an
existing trespass on DNR-managed land.

The proposed land disposal was reviewed and recommended for
approval by the Land Exchange Review Committee on
August 18, 2016.

Proceeds will be deposited into the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund
(LEFF). The LEFF allows the Department to sell rights in land and
deposit the proceeds in a fund which can then be used to acquire
replacement property.
Engagement: Due to the small size of the parcel, the Land Exchange Review Committee determined local engagement is not necessary.

Recommendation: (1) That the land be sold to the adjacent landowner for $1,950.00.

(2) That the proceeds of the sale be deposited into the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund.

(3) That the state retain minerals and aboriginal antiquities.

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

11/12/17 Date Approved
SALE OF SURPLUS DNR-MANAGED LAND
Roscommon Management Unit – Roscommon County
Land Transaction Case #20160085

Section 25, T22N, R02W, Backus Township

- Surplus DNR land to be sold (0.67 acre)
- Applicant's land
- State land
- Applicant's buildings

Map showing the location of the land with a house, garden, and map of Michigan.
December 12, 2016

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Conveyance of DNR-Managed Land for Public Use
Traverse City Management Unit – Grand Traverse County
Land Transaction Case #20160025

Sale: 40 acres

Sale Price: Land to be conveyed without monetary compensation. It is to be used
solely for park purposes and will revert to the state if used for any other
purpose.

Description: Grand Traverse County, Garfield Township, T27N, R11W, Section 8:
The NE1/4 of the SE1/4.

PA 240 of 2012: This parcel is north of the Mason-Arenac County line and will result in a
decrease of 40 acres in counted DNR-Managed lands.

Applicant: Garfield Township, Traverse City, 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) January 4, 2017, calendar, and is eligible for approval on

Acquired: By tax reversion in 1939.

Minerals: To be retained.

Comments: Garfield Township currently works with the Department to manage the
desired property as a part of the Grand Traverse Commons Natural
Area. The Commons is home to a high quality trail system which
accommodates hiking, mountain biking, cross country skiing,
snowshoeing and snow biking. The township would like to acquire this
property so that it can formally incorporate the desired property into the
Commons and secure it for current and future generations of Traverse
City residents and visitors.

This parcel was approved for sale as a surplus parcel in 2008. The
proposed public use deed was reviewed and recommended for approval
by the Land Exchange Review Committee on October 20, 2016.
Engagement: Garfield Township is the applicant and supports this transaction.

Recommendation: (1) That the land be conveyed to the applicant for public purposes without monetary compensation, but with the condition that if the land is used for non-park purposes, it will revert back to the state.

(2) That the state retain mineral rights and aboriginal antiquities.

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

1/12/17

Date Approved
CONVEYANCE OF DNR-MANAGED LAND FOR PUBLIC USE
Traverse City Management Unit – Grand Traverse County
Land Transaction Case #20160025

Section 8, T27N, R11W, Garfield Township

DNR land to be conveyed (40 acres)
Private land
- - - Commons Natural Area trails

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Feet

DNR Project Boundaries
December 12, 2016

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Trail Acquisition
Detroit Belt Line Beaufait Greenway – Wayne County
Land Transaction Case #20150041

Purchase: 12.07 acres (0.67 linear mile) more or less - $516,360.00

Funding Source: Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Act 7 of 2015, Showcase Trail Critical Gaps

PA 240 of 2012: PILT Estimate: $11,526.28
The property included in this transaction is south of the Mason-Arenac County line and will result in an increase of 12.07 excluded acres.

Description: Wayne County, City of Detroit, T02S, R12E:
The following nine parcels, more completely described in the case file:
6530 Lafayette – Rodney Fakhoury and Viviane Tawile.
1100 Beaufait – Phoenix Enterprises, Inc.
6524 Kercheval – Phoenix Enterprises, Inc.
6518 Kercheval – Judah Temple of God.
1000 Beaufait – Phoenix Enterprises, Inc.
1222 Beaufait – Eastside Ventures.
480 Beaufait – Farrow Group, Inc.
1148 Beaufait – Beaufait Enterprises, Inc.
6530 Kercheval – Phoenix Enterprises, Inc.

Seller: Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, Detroit, 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) January 4, 2017, calendar, and is eligible for approval on January 11, 2017.

Management Purpose: The land will be managed as part of the Iron Belle Trail.

Comments: Running along a former Detroit Belt Line Railroad corridor, the offered property is the first leg to the Iron Belle Trail’s bicycle route that stretches between Belle Isle State Park in Detroit and Depot Park in Ironwood.

The Iron Belle Trail is actually comprised of two routes; one route being primarily, but not exclusively, for hikers, and the other route being...
primarily, but not exclusively, for bicyclists. Both routes extend from Detroit to Ironwood or Ironwood to Detroit depending on your point of view, and take different paths to complete the journey.

Located in Detroit's lower eastside, the corridor connects the Gleaners' Green Plaza and Earthworks Farm, the longest running urban farm in Detroit, south where a tunnel under East Jefferson delivers trail users to the Riverwalk near Mt. Elliot Park and the Uniroyal development site near the entrance to Belle Isle State Park.

Acquisition of the nine parcels that comprise this former railroad corridor is being facilitated by the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, either through direct sale or transfer of land option agreement, and will contribute to achieving Department and division goals and strategies by providing additional public recreation opportunities.

The seller will convey mineral rights if owned.

Engagement:
The City of Detroit, Detroit Eastside Community Collaborative, Detroit Greenway Coalition, Gleaners, Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, and the Erb Family Foundation support this acquisition.

Recommendation:
(1) That the recreational trail acquisition be approved, with payment to be made from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Showcase Trail Critical Gaps, as contained in Act 7 of 2015.

(2) That the land be dedicated as part of the Iron Belle Trail and administered by Parks and Recreation Division.
Russ Mason, Ph.D., Chief
Wildlife Division

William O'Neil, 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

1/12/17
Date Approved
STATE TRAIL ACQUISITION
Detroit Belt Line Beaufait Greenway – Wayne County
Land Transaction Case #20150041

[Map showing locations such as Belle Isle State Park, Detroit River, and Milliken State Park and Harbor with symbols for land acquisition and greenway proposals]

Legend:
- Land to be acquired by DNR (12.07 acres, 0.67 mile)
- Land managed by DNR under lease
- Proposed greenway
- Iron Belle Trail (proposed)
December 12, 2016

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Parks and Recreation Land Acquisition
Roscommon District – Saginaw County
The RACER Trust Tract
Land Transaction Case #20160212

Purchase: 334.15 acres - $10.00

Funding Source: Land Exchange Facilitation Fund (LEFF)

PA 240 of 2012: PILT Estimate: $9,018.63
This parcel is located south of the Mason-Arenac County line.

Description: County of Saginaw, City of Saginaw, T12N, R04E, Sections 34 and 35; AND T11N, R04E, Sections 2 and 3; As more particularly described in the purchase option.

Seller(s): RACER Properties LLC, Detroit, 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) January 4, 2017, calendar, and is eligible for approval on January 11, 2017.

Management Purpose: This property will be managed by Saginaw County Parks under an Operations and Management Agreement, and will provide additional trail-related and passive recreational opportunities within a large population center.

Comments: The irregularly shaped RACER property lies along the west bank of the Saginaw River in the City of Saginaw. It is flanked to the west and north by private property and residential areas. To the south and west along the river is the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge and to the east, on the opposite bank of the river, lies parkland and trail managed by the City of Saginaw. The RACER property is the site of the former Malleable Metals foundry and Green Point Landfill. Now nearing the end of environmental remediation activities being performed by Revitalizing Auto Communities Environmental Response Trust or RACER Trust, and its affiliates, the site is covered in woods, grassland and wetlands. RACER Trust will retain an environmental access easement after conveyance of the land to enable continued remediation and ongoing monitoring of the property for compliance.
The acquisition of this 334.15-acre parcel is a targeted, strategic investment that will provide quality passive recreation opportunities to the City of Saginaw; and meet Recommendation 5 in the The Michigan State Parks and Outdoor Recreation Blue Ribbon Panel's 2012 report which states, "Use parks and recreation areas as a key tool for revitalizing Michigan's core urban areas..." Potential recreation opportunities include hiking trails, biking trails, wildlife viewing, and catch and release fishing. Additional potential trails include connections to the Iron Belle Trail, Downtown Saginaw and the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge. These activities will foster economic prosperity for the region when coupled with other surrounding recreation attractions.

The seller will convey mineral rights relative to this tract.

Acquisition of this parcel will contribute to the Department’s goal of securing passive outdoor recreational opportunities in close proximity to populated areas.

Engagement: The City of Saginaw and Saginaw County are supportive of the purchase and have worked in partnership with the Department and RACER Properties LLC. Saginaw County will manage the property under an Operations and Management lease from the Department.

Recommendation:

1. That the acquisition be approved, with payment to be made from the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund.

2. This land is to be dedicated as part of the RACER Trust Tract.
I approve the staff recommendations.

Keith Creagh
Director

1/12/17
Date Approved
PARKS AND RECREATION LAND ACQUISITION
Roscommon District – Saginaw County
The Racer Trust Tract
Land Transaction Case #20160212

Sections 2 and 3, T11N, R04E and Sections 34 and 35, T12N, R04E
City of Saginaw

Land to be acquired by DNR (334.15 acres)
- Federal land
- Private land

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01/04/2017

DNR Project Boundaries