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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
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DANIEL EICHINGER  
DIRECTOR

April 19, 2021

**TO:** Daniel Eichinger, Director

**INFORMATION:** Natural Resources Commission

**Transaction:** Wildlife Land Acquisition  
The Crystal Waters Tract – Monroe County  
Land Transaction Case #20170171

**Purchase:** 680.16 acres - \$3,675,000.00

**Funding Source:** Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund [TF16-0115] and a private donation.

**PA 240 of 2018:** PILT Estimate: \$14,830.00  
The parcels involved in this acquisition are located south of the Mason-Arenac county line and will result in an increase of 680.16 acres of DNR-managed lands.

**Description:** Monroe County, London Township, T05S, R07E  
Section 2: The S 1/2  
Section 10: The NE 1/4  
Section 11: Part of the NW 1/4, as more accurately described in the case file.

**Seller:** Crystal Waters, LLC., Monroe, 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) May 4, 2021 calendar and is eligible for approval on May 11, 2021. Public notice of this proposed acquisition was published in the Monroe News on March 25, 2021 and was also posted on the department's webpage at [www.michigan.gov/publiclandnotices](http://www.michigan.gov/publiclandnotices).

**Management Purpose:** Acquisition of this parcel will create a new state game area in southeast Michigan, a cold spot for public access. The property will be managed for deer, turkey, small game, and waterfowl habitat, along with hunting, fishing, and passive outdoor recreation opportunities in southeast Michigan.

**Comments:** The property is a large and irregularly shaped parcel of land that includes a former stone quarry, now consisting of several lakes, actively farmed agricultural fields and wooded land. The property is accessible via Tally, Darling and Grames Roads. With a diversity of cover types and water resources, the property provides a wide array of wildlife-related outdoor recreation in this underserved region.

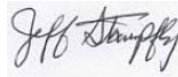
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The seller will convey mineral rights.

- Recommendations:
1. That the acquisition be approved, with payment to be made from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund [TF16-0115] and a private donation.
  2. That this land be dedicated as part of a new state game area.



James L. Dexter, Chief  
Fisheries Division



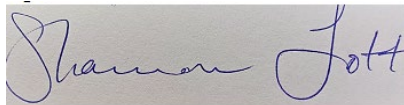
Jeff Stampfly, Chief  
Forest Resources Division



Ronald A. Olson, Chief  
Parks and Recreation Division



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Wildlife Division



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Natural Resources Deputy



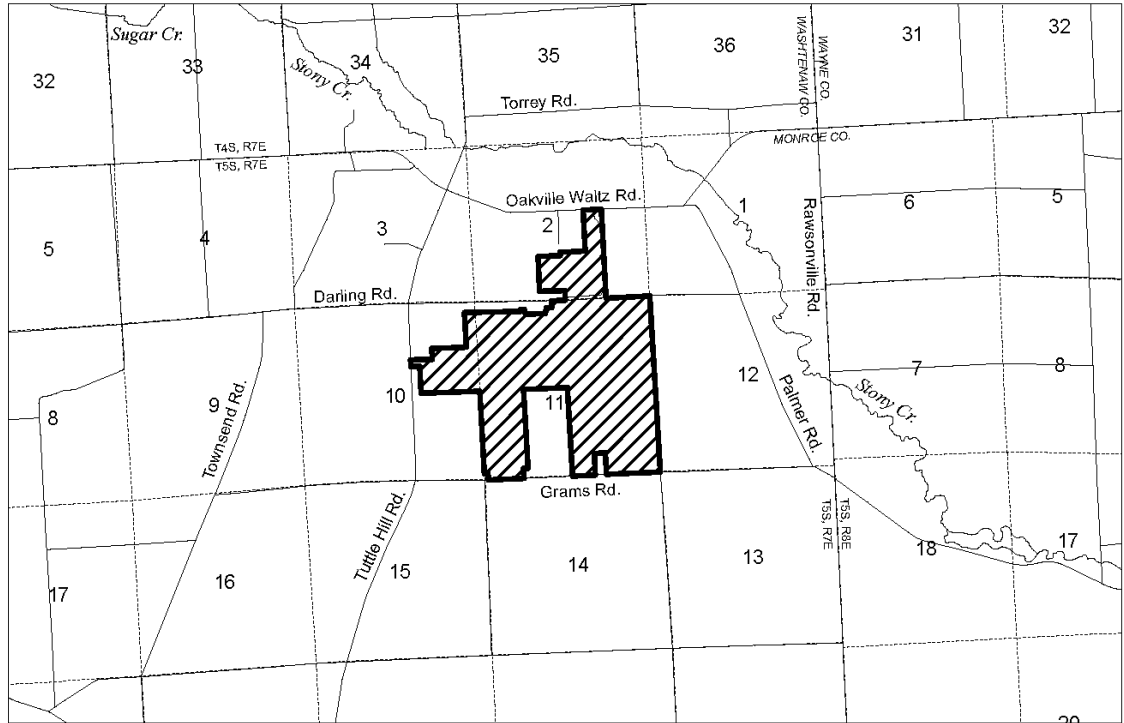
Mark H. Hoffman  
Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations.

Daniel Eichinger  
Director

Date Approved:

### WILDLIFE LAND ACQUISITION Crystal Waters State Game Area - Monroe County Land Transaction Case #20170171



Sections 2, 10 and 11, T05S, R07E, London Township

 Land to be acquired by DNR (680.16 acres)

