



Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

NOTICE OF MEETING

Date: January 12, 2021

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual Meeting on Zoom available to the public at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84695049702>

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order / Moment of Silence**
- 2. Approval of the Minutes –**
 - A. December 8, 2020 Meeting (attached, pp. 1-5 /action item)
- 3. Public Comment**
- 4. Communications, Projects & Activities** (attached, pp. 6-12 /action item)
- 5. Consent Agenda**
- 6. Financial & Recreation Reports – December 2020**
 - A. Financial Reports (attached, pp. 13-15 /action item)
 - B. Recreation Reports (attached, pp. 16-21 /action item)
- 7. Old Business**
 - A. NAPP – Buesser Partnership (attached, pp. 22-26/action item)
 - B. NAPP – Stiles-Kaldijan 2 Partnership (attached, pp. 27-34 /action item)
 - C. Other Old Business
- 8. New Business**
 - A. Election of Officers (action item)
 - B. Trail Clearing Award (attached, pp. 35-36 /action item)
 - C. Renaming Request, Scio Woods Preserve (attached, pp. 37-42 /action item)
 - D. NAPP – Lippert Property Sales Contract (attached, pp. 43-47 /action item)
 - E. B2B – Green Lake Statue Proposal (presentation)
 - F. Other Old Business
- 9. Commissioners / Directors Comments**
- 10. Adjournment**

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Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: December 8, 2020

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom Digital Meeting

Members Present: Robert Marans, WCPARC President (attending from Ann Arbor Township, MI); Patricia Scribner, WCPARC Vice President (attending from Pittsfield Township, MI); Janice Anschuetz, WCPARC Secretary-Treasurer (attending from City of Ypsilanti, MI); Janis Bobrin (attending from Glen Arbor Township, MI), Daniel Ezekiel (attending from Ann Arbor, MI), Ricky Jefferson (attending from Ypsilanti Township, MI), Jo Ann McCollum (attending from Ypsilanti Township, MI), Brenda McKinney (attending from Superior Township, MI), Evan Pratt (attending from Scio Township, MI), and Sue Shink (attending from Northfield Township, MI)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Coy Vaughn, Director; Meghan Bonfiglio, Deputy Director; Ginny Trocchio, Superintendent of Park Planning and Natural Areas; Jason Brooks, Manager of Finance and Administration; Rosie Pahl-Donaldson, Park Planner; Kira Macyda, Park Planner; Peter Sanderson, Park Planner; Hannah Cooley, Management Analyst

Others Present: Jason Morgan, Chair, Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners; Fred Barkley and Robert Tetens, Former Directors; Tom Freeman, Former Deputy Director

1. Call to Order/Moment of Silence

Mr. Marans called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. with a moment of silence in appreciation of first responders.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 10, 2020 regular meeting were included with the agenda material. Staff pointed out the need to amend the minutes to modify the action item under #8E – Base Lake Farm to include the action taken.

Mr. Marans stated that his location needs to be changed as he was attending from Ann Arbor Township rather than the City of Ann Arbor.

It was moved by Ms. McKinney and seconded by Ms. Anschuetz to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2020 meeting, as amended. Roll call vote: 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent (Shink & Jefferson), the motion was approved.

The minutes of the November 23, 2020 special meeting were included with the agenda material.

Mr. Marans stated that his location needs to be changed as he was attending from Ann Arbor Township rather than the City of Ann Arbor.

It was moved by Ms. McCollum and seconded by Ms. McKinney to approve the minutes of the November 23, 2020 working session meeting, as amended. Roll call vote: 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent (Shink & Jefferson), the motion was approved.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Communications, Projects & Activities

Mr. Vaughn reported on the November communications which were included in the packet.

Mr. Vaughn and Ms. Bonfiglio presented a slideshow cover the 2020 Year in Review including highlights of Ms. Anschuetz contributions over her 47 years of service. Mr. Marans stated that this shows a lot of what has happened over the last 47 years in terms of everything that has been accomplished. Ms. McKinney stated that she regrets not having the opportunity to know Ms. Anschuetz as long as the other members but added that she learned a lot. Mr. Barkley stated that he appreciated all of the support offered by Ms. Anschuetz.

Ms. Anschuetz introduced her twin sons, Robert and Eric.

Mr. Tetens stated that Ms. Anschuetz is leaving behind a remarkable legacy that has made Washtenaw County a top place. He added that there is no place else he would rather live in large part because of the park system that has been developed over the years.

Mr. Freeman stated that he wanted to thank Ms. Anschuetz for setting the bar so high from a public service standpoint. He added that staff really appreciated the chance to be a part of the parks organization.

It was moved by Ms. Shink and seconded by Ms. Scribner to accept and file the Projects and Activities Update for the month of November 2020, as submitted. Roll call vote: 10 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion was approved.

A. Resolution of Appreciation – Janice Anschuetz

It was moved by Ms. Scribner and seconded by Ms. McKinney to adopt the resolution expressing sincere appreciation to Janice Anschuetz for her dedication and devotion to improving the lives of the citizens of Washtenaw County during her forty-seven years of service and wishing her continued success in all future endeavors. The motion was carried unanimously.

5. Consent Agenda

A. Budget Adjustments

It was moved by Ms. Bobrin and seconded by Ms. McKinney to authorize a budget adjustment to increase the 2020 ALPAC budget by \$705,346, in alignment with Federal Revenue received from the USDA-NRCS in 2020. Roll call vote: 10 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion was approved.

B. Adoption of 2021 Meeting Calendar

It was moved by Ms. Bobrin and seconded by Ms. McKinney to adopt the 2021 annual meeting calendar. Roll call vote: 10 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion was approved.

6. Financial & Recreation Reports – November 2020

A. Financial Reports

Mr. Brooks reported and stated that the total for the claims for the month of November was \$880,843.01.

It was moved by Mr. Pratt and seconded by Ms. Anschuetz to accept and file the Financial Reports for the months of September and October 2020 as submitted. Roll call vote: 10 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion was approved.

B. Recreation Reports

Mr. Brooks reported on recreation reports for the month of November, 2020. He also provided a summary of the natural areas special revenue fund and December budget and transfer adjustments.

It was moved by Ms. Scribner and seconded by Ms. Shink to accept and file the Recreation Reports for the month of November 2020 as submitted. Roll call vote: 10 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion was approved.

7. Old Business

A. 2020 Connecting Communities Grants

Ms. Macyda provided a presentation on the Connecting Communities program. She reported that \$239,827 was requested for planning dollars and \$849,309 for construction dollars in 2020.

Ms. McCollum stated that she had a comment from Barb Fuller indicating that Pittsfield Township had received over \$1.34M and it may be necessary to distribute funds more equitably. She asked if outreach was being done with Augusta Township since we have been less successful in our support from them. Mr. Marans stated that he would like to see staff conduct more outreach to communities that have not participated in this program. Ms. Macyda reported that it was not possible this year, but last year we sent out letters and invited communities to meet and clean up the application with staff if going through the process the first time.

It was moved by Ms. Bobrin and seconded by Mr. Ezekiel to authorize staff to prepare project agreements to award connecting communities grants as outlined in the staff memo on file. Roll call vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent (Pratt), the motion was approved.

B. Final Approval – Dyer Propepty

Ms. Trocchio reported that this is an addition to Watkins State Park/County Preserve and is the railroad corridor. She reported that we are not considering the corner of the property because it has not been cleaned up by the owner. Ms. Anschuetz asked if the piece that was going to be used as a trailhead was exluded. Ms. Trocchio stated that it was. Ms. Bobrin stated that she would like to hear more about the requirements of the due care plan and the liability from which we are released. Ms. Trocchio stated that the arsenic levels were too high for residential use. She reported that since this is going to be covered with a gravel path, there is not a concern. Ms. Bobrin asked if the state did not consider it a violation of stanards based on planned use. Ms. Trocchio responded that that is correct. Ms. Scribner stated that she is a little worried about the arsenic. Ms. Trocchio reported that it is common for railroad corridors and even orchards to have higher occurring levels of arsenic. She added that just walking on the trail isn't a concern. Ms. Anschuetz asked how the arsenic got there. Ms. Trocchio reported that she believes

it is usually from the railroad ties. Ms. McCollum asked if the price is competitive for land in that area, to which Ms. Trocchio responded yes.

It was moved by Ms. Anschuetz and seconded by Ms. McKinney to authorize the purchase of the Dyer property for \$61,628 contingent upon attorney approval of final documents. Roll call vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent (Pratt), the motion was approved.

C. Other Old Business

None

8. New Business

A. NAPP – Hamilton Partnership Request

Ms. Pahl-Donaldson reported that the City Greenbelt is leading the purchase of this easement which is the largest easement, at 375 acres, that has ever been nominated to the program. She reported that this property is notably absent of invasive species. Ms. Pahl-Donaldson stated that there are four land division baked into this deal which will result in five different conservation easements which have been approved by NRCS and the Ann Arbor Greenbelt Commission. Mr. Marans asked if access is required. Ms. Pahl-Donaldson stated that NATAC requires it. Ms. Scribner asked if this is one project. Ms. Pahl-Donaldson stated that right now it is one project with one set of closing documents and that down the road it will be split into five. Ms. Bobrin stated that for file purposes for the field review sheet, it would be helpful to have the name added to those review sheet. Ms. Shink stated that from an agricultural economy point of view that this space is connected to Northfield and Superior Township in an important way. She added that this helps with preservation goals that are important to the community to continue happening.

It was moved by Ms. Bobrin and seconded by Ms. Ezekiel to partner with the Ann Arbor Greenbelt program for the purchase of a conservation easement on the Hamilton property in Salem Township, to contribute \$749,700 toward the purchase, and to contribute \$7,500 to the stewardship special revenue fund to cover potential costs associated with monitoring and enforcement of the conservation easement, contingent upon attorney review of documents and execution of participation agreement. Roll call vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstain (Pratt), the motion was approved.

B. Border-to-Border Trail Easement – Lima Township

Mr. Sanderson reported that the Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative would like to give an easement in Lima Township to the Parks Commission. Mr. Vaughn reported that Boland is on the south side of the road in this area and securing this easement on the north side will give us an opportunity to move the trail to the north side of the road and avoid the conflicts with several property owners. Mr. Ezekiel asked if this would necessitate a grade crossing on Dexter-Chelsea Road. Mr. Sanderson reported that it would but that one was planned previously. Ms. Scribner asked if they were selling this property. Mr. Sanderson reported that he believed that they were trying to sell to individuals. Mr. Ezekiel stated that this looks like another proactive effort and a positive move by our partners at HWPI. Mr. Ezekiel asked when we are anticipating that this phase of the trail could be built. Mr. Sanderson stated that it could move forward fairly quickly.

It was moved by Ms. Scribner and seconded by Ms. McCollum to authorize staff to accept and execute easement for the Border-to-Border Trail project in Lima Township. Roll call vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent (Shink), was approved.

C. Other New Business

None

9. Commissioners/Directors Comments

Ms. McKinney asked about how stipends could be donated for the summer playground camps. Mr. Brooks reported that stipends will have to go out and that checks will have to be sent back in.

Ms. Anschuetz reported that it has been a pleasure to serve on the Commission and that she would be stalking the meetings in the future.

Mr. Vaughn stated that appointment of 2021 officers would take place in January and that he and Ms. Bonfiglio are working to establish the process.

10. Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Bobrin and seconded by Ms. McKinney to adjourn the meeting. Ayes all; the motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Communications, Projects & Activities





P.O. Box 130293
Ann Arbor, MI 48113
December 7, 2020

Coy Vaughn
Director, Washtenaw County Parks
P.O. Box 8645
Ann Arbor, MI 48107

Dear Coy,

On behalf of the gardeners and board members of Project Grow Community Gardens, I would like to thank Washtenaw County and you, for welcoming our gardeners at County Farm Park once again in 2020. County Farm is one of our most popular garden sites. Small problems naturally come up, but I have a good relationship with Ed and we work through them together quickly.

This has been such a strange year in so many ways but it turned out to be a very good year for Project Grow and I hope for you as well. Happy holidays and best wishes for 2021!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kirk".

Kirk Jones
Managing Director, Project Grow Community Gardens

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New Nature Preserve To Open Next Year On The Saline River

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A Proposed York Township Park

To Feature a 20-Vehicle Parking Lot, a Canoe and Kayak Launch, a Nature Trail,
Picnic Areas, and a Fishing Site





We have not had much to look forward to in the Coronavirus era. But one thing that York Township residents will be able to look forward to is the completion of their new park; Mooreville Preserve.

“It’s a preserve, so it’s going to be somewhat rustic,” York Township Supervisor Chuck Tellas said. “There won’t be slides and swings.”

While the final opening date of the new nature preserve has yet to be determined, we do know what it will consist of. The park will be near the intersection of Dennison and Mooreville Roads, in the southwestern portion of York Township. While there is a private house at the corner of that intersection, that is not part of the preserve, the park will take up the rest of the area between those two roads, and the Saline River.

A 20 vehicle gravel parking lot will lead visitors into a pristinely preserved pocket of woodland, which you will be able to explore through a new, winding, circular foot trail. The foot trail will take you past a wooden fishing dock, and a pollinator plot, which is intended to provide a breeding ground for butterflies.

This park is welcome news, according to Cathy Koning, the Treasurer of the [Friends of the Saline River](#); a community group that cleans up the river in the summer for kayaking and boating between Saline and Milan. Mooreville Preserve will be basically in the middle of their route.

“It’s a beautiful pocket of trees, that will help people get out into nature,” Koning said.

The land was offered for sale by two families, who each owned neighboring parcels. York Township’s contribution to the \$89,000 investment was \$47,000 and the other \$42,000 was paid for by the Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission.

"It's really important for us, because we haven't secured many properties in the southeast portion," of Washtenaw County, Ginny

SUPPORT LOCAL NEWS

Trocchio, the Planning and Natural Areas Preservation Program Superintendent at Washtenaw County's Parks & Recreation

Commission, said. "We have Draper-Houston, which passive recreation and natural trails close to Milan. But we don't have a lot in the York and Saline area. That's one of the reasons why this project was so important for us to help York Township [to] purchase."

The final cost of developing the property into a nature preserve park is not yet known, because bids have not yet gone out to complete the work. That will happen in the spring, and Tellas hopes that the park will be opened sometime when the weather turns warm.

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Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

MEMORANDUM

TO: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Coy Vaughn, Director
DATE: January 12, 2021
RE: Project and Activities Update – December 2020

PARK FACILITY EVENTS AND PROJECTS

Independence Lake

- Staff met to begin the process of updating the park's Master Plan.
- "Yule Log Making" program was held on December 4. Participants used greenery, ribbon and other items to create a holiday display piece.
- "Almost Solstice Night Hike & Campfire" event was held on December 18. Participants walked along the trail through the woods and enjoyed treats and visit from (a masked) Santa.
- Maintenance staff continue to make improvements to the disc golf course, including creating two 18-hole courses.
- A lifeguard training class was met capacity with nine new lifeguards certified.
- December's "Yoga in the (Virtual) Park" attracted several new patrons. Staff will continue to offer the virtual class through the end of March.

Meri Lou Murray Recreation Center

- Fall Virtual Fitness Program ended on December 31. It consisted of 18 classes and included yoga, Pilates, Zumba, tai chi, and basic aerobics and strength training.
- Winter Virtual Fitness Program runs from January 10 through March 27. The cost is \$60 and will provide participants access to 26 virtual classes of varying fitness levels.
- Badminton remains very popular and MLMRC is one of the few local facilities where morning, afternoon, and weekend courts are available.

Pierce Lake Golf Course & Park

- Reconstruction of cart paths on the "Back 9" with Anglin Civil, LLC is nearing completion with only punch list items and some additional restoration elements remaining.

Rolling Hills Park

- 2021 Annual Vehicle and Disc Golf Bag Tag passes went on sale December 1, with a total of 155 annual vehicle passes and 14 bag tags sold that month.
- Gutters were installed on the Park Headquarters building to alleviate water runoff around the foundation.
- The Lodge furnace and air conditioner was replaced due to age and mechanical issues.
- Two Lifeguard Re-Certification Courses were held with 11 total participants; One Lifeguard Certification Course was held with seven participants.
- Work continues on the installation of a generator at the concessions stand.

Staebler Farm Park

- Consultants continue to develop of a business plan for potential Michigan Folk School acquisition and cost-benefit analysis for developing the farmhouse and multipurpose building.
- Staff and consultants from The Collaborative met to evaluate findings from the Master Plan input sessions and discuss items for potential inclusion in the plan.
- December MFS classes: three students attended the Blacksmithing for Kids class.

A. Special Initiatives

Border-to-Border Trail (B2B)

- Staff received approval from the City of Ann Arbor's Parks Advisory Commission to pave a 0.6 mile trail segment through Barton Nature Area conditional upon fully funding the Barton-Bandemer Railroad Underpass project, which is a critical B2B connection on the city's northwest side.
- Staff is engaged in planning and engineering for various upcoming projects that are anticipated to be constructed in 2021: 1) Zeeb Road to Delhi Metropark (Scio Township); 2) Dancer Road to Wylie Road (Lima Township); 3) Werkner Road to Veterans Park (Sylvan Township/City of Chelsea).
- Consultants from The Collaborative Inc. continue to develop designs and graphics for the B2B wayfinding project.

B. Natural Areas Preservation Program (NAPP)

Acquisition

- The Boss and Bull property, a Round 20 Tier 1 priority that expands Northfield Woods Preserve, closed on December 17.
- Appraisals for the rest of Round 20 Tier 1 properties have been received and sent to landowners. NATAC will review at their January meeting.
- Staff submitted a grant application to the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development's Agricultural Preservation on December 28 for the proposed Stegenga property conservation easement.

Stewardship

- Volunteers were invited to an "Almost Solstice Sunset Hike" at Independence Lake Park to honor their efforts of contributing more than 230 hours toward 2020 stewardship efforts at various parks and preserves. The event included hot chocolate and cookies, bonfires, small gifts, and a self-guided hike through the forest.
- Invasive species management occurred at West Lake, Baker Woods, Northfield Woods, and Fox Science preserves, and Park Lyndon (south), and County Farm Park.
- US Fish and Wildlife Service has confirmed that the newly acquired addition to Northfield Woods Preserve will be included in the site restoration scheduled for 2021. This adds an additional 18 acres of native grassland planting to the site.
- University of Michigan Dow Sustainability Fellows donated funds to purchase trees for the reforestation effort at Sharon Mills County Park. Staff picked up and planted the trees on site.
- An audit of 130 botanic inventories was completed, and the information uploaded into the ArcGIS geodatabase for assessment. The values indicate the quality of a system and are important in determining stewardship needs of a site. The information is available on universalfqa.org with all files archived in our server.
- Contracts were signed and submitted for farming activities at Rolling Hills Park, Sharon Mills Park, Northfield Woods Preserve, and Brauer Preserve.

C. Interpretive Programming

- 77 patrons attended interpretive programs in December.



Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

December 2020 - Claims Report

PARK / FACILITY / FUNCTION	UTILITIES	DIRECT PURCHASES	OTHER	TOTAL
Administration	\$ 1,268.21	\$ 3,622.46	\$ 160,640.80	\$ 165,531.47
Recreation Center	18,785.35	1,171.00	35,586.56	55,542.91
Park Maintenance	1,741.76	1,397.60	2,965.28	6,104.64
Pierce Lake Golf Course	1,422.63	894.73	2,222.19	4,539.55
Independence Lake	2,319.10	3,612.01	8,834.82	14,765.93
Rolling Hills	119.39	8,217.44	1,869.55	10,206.38
Parker Mill	-	95.26	-	95.26
Sharon Mills	77.49	149.10	14,315.29	14,541.88
Staebler Farm	205.80	1,364.95	531.00	2,101.75
Swift Run Dog Park	-	-	120.00	120.00
Capital Improvement	-	-	90,520.70	90,520.70
Committed Funding Partnerships	-	-	22,500.00	22,500.00
Commission	-	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL	\$ 25,939.73	\$ 20,524.55	\$ 340,106.19	\$ 386,570.47
Road Millage Fund	-	-	608,464.97	608,464.97
SUBTOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 608,464.97	\$ 608,464.97
Natural Areas Preservation Program				
Acquisition	\$ -	\$ 1,313.00	\$ 199,095.38	\$ 200,408.38
Preserve Management	-	2,695.27	2,827.75	\$ 5,523.02
NATAC	-	-	-	\$ -
Acquisition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,288.00	\$ 1,288.00
Annual Monitoring	-	-	-	\$ -
ALPAC	-	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL	\$ -	\$ 4,008.27	\$ 203,211.13	\$ 207,219.40
	25,939.73	20,524.55	948,571.16	995,035.44
TOTAL	<u>\$ 25,939.73</u>	<u>\$ 24,532.82</u>	<u>\$ 1,151,782.29</u>	<u>\$ 1,202,254.84</u>

It was moved by _____ and supported by _____
to approve payment of claims in the amount of..... **\$ 1,202,254.84**

WASHTENAW COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FUND BALANCE STATEMENT - DECEMBER 31, 2020

Beginning Fund Balance (1/1/20)	17,814,057	100%	YTD % Budget	
Revenue (Budget)		Revenue (Actual)		Variance
Property Tax	7,832,444	8,192,469	105%	360,025
State Grant Funds	-	-		-
Fees & Services	1,331,300	1,279,772	96%	(51,528)
Interest Earnings	150,000	190,122	127%	40,122
Other Revenue & Reimb.	<u>125,000</u>	<u>179,395</u>	144%	<u>54,395</u>
Total Revenue	9,438,744	9,841,759	104%	403,015
Expense (Budget)		Expense (Actual)		Variance
Personnel Services	(5,745,873)	(5,062,045)	88%	683,828
Supplies & Other Services	(2,543,300)	(2,243,239)	88%	300,062
Internal Service Charges	(862,692)	(876,302)	102%	(13,610)
Capital				
Land Acquisition	(78,628)	(79,543)	101%	(915)
CIP/Development	(2,916,300)	(1,650,705)	57%	1,265,595
Contingency	(170,872)	(49,190)	29%	121,682
Machinery & Equipment	<u>(157,500)</u>	<u>(95,119)</u>	60%	<u>62,381</u>
Capital Subtotal	(3,323,300)	(1,874,557)	56%	1,448,743
Total Expense	<u>(12,475,165)</u>	<u>(10,056,142)</u>	81%	2,419,023
Surplus/(Deficit)	(3,036,421)	(214,384)		
Operating Reserve	(7,832,444)	(7,832,444)		
Funding Commitments (Partnerships)	<u>(3,545,982)</u>	<u>(148,436)</u>		
	(11,378,426)	(7,980,880)		
Projected Fund Balance (12/31/20)	<u>3,399,210</u>	<u>9,618,793</u>		

WASHTENAW COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
NATURAL AREAS PRESERVATION PROGRAM
FUND BALANCE STATEMENT - DECEMBER 31, 2020

Beginning Fund Balance (1/1/20)	4,248,422	100%	YTD % Budget	
Revenue (Budget)		Revenue (Actual)		Variance
Property Tax	3,878,361	4,082,088	105%	203,727
Federal Revenue	-	194,371		194,371
Interest Earnings	50,000	56,124	112%	6,124
Other Revenue & Reimb.	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>	0%	<u>(5,000)</u>
Total Revenue	3,933,361	4,332,583	110%	399,222
Expense (Budget)		Expense (Actual)		Variance
Personnel Services	(639,781)	(504,703)	79%	135,078
Supplies & Other Services	(308,700)	(143,336)	46%	165,364
Internal Service Charges	(18,121)	(13,586)	75%	4,535
Capital				
Land Acquisition	(2,550,000)	(1,697,134)	67%	852,866
Land Development	-	-		-
Machinery & Equipment	<u>(30,000)</u>	<u>(24,070)</u>	80%	<u>5,930</u>
Capital Subtotal	(2,580,000)	(1,721,203)	67%	858,797
Transfers Out	(45,000)	(45,000)	100%	-
Total Expense	<u>(3,591,602)</u>	<u>(2,427,828)</u>	68%	2,022,570
Surplus/(Deficit)	341,759	1,904,754		
Projected Fund Balance (12/31/20)	<u>4,590,181</u>	<u>6,153,176</u>		

**ROLLING HILLS COUNTY PARK
YEAR-TO-DATE PARTICIPATION & REVENUE REPORT
DECEMBER**

	GATE					
	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
RESIDENT (ANNUAL)	1,470	1,487	1,273	\$ 44,100	\$ 40,770	\$ 38,190
NON-RESIDENT (ANNUAL)	164	178	106	7,380	6,840	4,770
RESIDENTS (DAILY)	11,480	12,744	4,129	68,880	76,464	24,774
NON-RESIDENTS (DAILY)	16,099	18,904	1,621	160,990	189,040	16,210
SENIOR (DAILY)	882	900	240	2,646	2,700	720
SENIOR NON-RES. (DAILY)	562	624	32	3,372	3,744	192
GLOW GOLF DROP-IN	-	-	20	-	-	100
BUSES (DAILY)	110	132	-	3,300	3,960	-
ANNUAL BUS	-	-	-	-	-	-
MINI BUS	61	44	1	915	660	15
ANNUAL MINI BUS	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>30,828</u>	<u>35,013</u>	<u>7,422</u>	<u>\$ 291,583</u>	<u>\$ 324,178</u>	<u>\$ 84,971</u>
PERCENT OF NON-RESIDENTS:						
ANNUAL	10.04%	10.69%	0.076867			
DAILY	57.41%	58.87%	27.45%			

WATER PARK POOL ATTENDANCE

	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
DAILY ENTRANCE	<u>96,531</u>	<u>123,418</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>\$ 878,080</u>	<u>\$ 1,040,014</u>	<u>\$ 48</u>
	96,531	123,418	4	\$ 878,080	\$ 1,040,014	\$ 48

PROGRAMMING & RETAIL OPERATIONS

	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
DAYCAMP	1,866	1,941	-	\$ 50,388	\$ 52,405	\$ -
BIRTHDAY PACKAGES	46	34	-	6,372	8,162	-
AQUATICS PROGRAMMING	118	726	-	608	2,731	-
DISC GOLF	-	4,488	3,092	-	8,976	6,184
SPECIAL EVENTS	<u>374</u>	<u>3,481</u>	<u>866</u>	<u>5,029</u>	<u>35,080</u>	<u>10,952</u>
	2,404	10,670	3,958	\$ 62,397	\$ 107,354	\$ 17,136

**ROLLING HILLS COUNTY PARK
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PROGRAMMING & RETAIL OPERATIONS (cont'd)

	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
FACILITY RENTALS						
WEEKDAYS	41	26	2	\$ 3,695	\$ 2,543	\$ 40
WEEKENDS	144	160	17	15,465	17,862	\$ 1,560
SOCCER FIELDS	4,841	5,289	192	19,530	15,200	\$ 550
WATERPARK SHELTERS	<u>26</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,167</u>	<u>1,240</u>	<u>-</u>
	5,052	5,508	211	\$ 39,857	\$ 36,845	\$ 2,150
TOBOGGANS	244	229	-	\$ 732	\$ 687	\$ -
CROSS COUNTRY SKIS	291	177	-	873	531	-
MISC. RETAIL	<u>373</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,096</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	908	406	-	\$ 3,701	\$ 1,218	\$ -
LOCKERS	20,897	23,002	-	\$ 5,224	\$ 5,751	\$ -
FOOD CONCESSIONS	90,216	113,264	-	188,763	226,386	-
MISCELLANEOUS	526	596	-	6,725	3,198	-
GIFT CERTIFICATE SALES	<u>-</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>777</u>	<u>478</u>
	111,639	136,906	4	\$ 200,792	\$ 236,111	\$ 478
	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
YTD TOTAL PARTICIPATION & REVENUE:	247,362	311,921	11,599	\$ 1,476,409	\$ 1,745,720	\$ 104,783

RECREATION CENTER
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MEMBERSHIPS

	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
INDIVIDUAL RESIDENT	1,191	1,062	395	\$ 246,095	\$ 222,072	\$ 73,046
INDIVIDUAL NON-RESIDENT	16	22	6	4,990	6,670	2,070
S/Y/D RESIDENT	1,540	1,539	483	257,893	252,971	81,080
S/Y/D NON-RESIDENT	7	4	3	1,820	1,050	788
FAMILY RESIDENT	307	313	139	120,318	121,300	45,269
FAMILY NON-RESIDENT	1	2	1	743	1,480	735
FAMILY - ADDT'L MEMBER	22	20	9	1,525	1,268	607
SENIORS OVER 80	427	446	147	25,505	26,670	9,000
PERSONAL TRAINERS	28	19	1	9,850	6,235	550
MILITARY PASS	-	4	5	-	540	918
30-DAY PASS	978	816	480	44,010	35,517	19,764
SEASONAL PASS	175	126	-	13,955	9,920	-
REPLACEMENT PASS	119	-	37	119	-	37
SUB-TOTAL	4,811	4,373	1,706	\$ 726,822	\$ 685,692	\$ 233,864
PASS FACILITY USE	182,340	173,131	56,353			
PERCENT OF NON-RESIDENTS:	0.78%	0.95%	0.97%			

DAILY ENTRIES

	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
INDIVIDUAL RESIDENT	9,756	9,277	2,552	\$ 78,048	\$ 74,216	\$ 20,416
INDIVIDUAL NON-RESIDENT	1,324	1,016	212	11,916	9,144	1,908
S/Y/D RESIDENT	8,346	8,149	2,122	50,076	48,894	12,732
S/Y/D NON-RESIDENT	473	364	105	3,311	2,548	735
INDIVIDUAL FITNESS RESIDENT	243	217	-	1,944	1,312	264
INDIVIDUAL FITNESS NON-RESIDENT	23	6	-	207	9	-
SENIOR FITNESS RESIDENT	697	608	-	4,182	3,365	756
SENIOR FITNESS NON-RESIDENT	8	18	-	56	35	14
DAILY PASS/GIFT CERTIFICATE SALES	-	-	-	5,377	4,704	450
SUB-TOTAL	20,870	19,655	4,991	\$ 155,117	\$ 144,227	\$ 37,275
PERCENT OF NON-RESIDENTS:	8.76%	7.14%	6.35%			

OTHER REVENUE

	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
DAYCAMP	3,294	3,299	23	\$ 88,943	\$ 89,077	\$ 630
RECREATION PROGRAMS	38,810	38,336	16,389	227,163	215,084	35,060
FACILITY RENTALS	2,234	280	106	10,879	6,712	2,554
POOL/STUDIO/GYM	31	-	-	415	-	-
PARTY PAVILION	365	-	102	11,160	11,892	2,838
MISC. RETAIL	37,948	33,102	9,068	9,487	8,276	2,267
LOCKERS	-	-	-	2,737	1,809	1,208
VENDING	-	-	-	-	-	-
SUB-TOTAL	82,682	75,017	25,689	\$ 350,783	\$ 332,850	\$ 44,558

	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
YTD TOTAL PARTICIPATION & REVENUE:	290,703	272,176	88,739	\$ 1,232,722	\$ 1,162,770	\$ 315,697

PIERCE LAKE GOLF COURSE
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GREEN FEES

	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
WEEKDAYS						
REGULAR - 9	682	943	708	\$ 6,030	\$ 7,483	\$ 8,028
SR/JR/STUDENT - 9	498	525	671	7,203	7,532	11,325
LEAGUES - 9	3,631	4,104	2,771	58,096	65,931	47,585
REGULAR - 18	2,214	2,163	3,995	63,940	64,694	120,367
SR/JR/STUDENT - 18	4,503	4,379	3,481	90,416	88,380	83,348
TWI-LIGHT	2,016	1,948	2,140	33,781	32,318	42,495
WEEKENDS						
REGULAR - 9	214	250	261	4,823	5,486	6,713
SR/JR/STUDENT - 9	12	39	38	192	624	722
REGULAR - 18	3,463	3,647	3,621	113,986	121,243	129,314
SR/JR/STUDENT - 18	274	289	252	7,124	7,514	7,288
TWI-LIGHT	1,190	1,295	1,390	26,700	29,665	35,440
EARLY BIRD - 9	42	58	36	672	928	684
MEMBERSHIPS						
ULTIMATE PACKAGE	310	426	523	3,850	9,500	14,776
WEEKDAY PACKAGE	623	765	1,218	7,229	9,400	10,257
WEEKEND PACKAGE	97	139	-	750	750	-
TWI-LIGHT PACKAGE	150	355	320	3,200	5,525	3,850
OUTINGS (WEEKDAYS & WEEKENDS)	<u>1,356</u>	<u>1,176</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>41,967</u>	<u>35,911</u>	<u>2,668</u>
	21,275	22,501	21,517	\$ 469,959	\$ 492,885	\$ 524,860

PROGRAMMING & RETAIL OPERATIONS

	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
CARTS	17,566	17,554	16,932	\$ 119,067	\$ 118,507	\$ 116,564
RENTALS	<u>43</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>670</u>	<u>660</u>	<u>280</u>
	17,609	17,620	16,960	\$ 119,737	\$ 119,167	\$ 116,844
FOOD & BEVERAGE	44,553	45,070	30,652	\$ 116,925	\$ 120,885	\$ 83,482
PRO SHOP	2,905	3,371	2,803	30,915	37,896	34,105
DISCOUNTS	-	-	-	(84,861)	(70,937)	(89,287)
VENDING	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,001</u>	<u>817</u>	<u>1,299</u>
	47,458	48,441	33,455	\$ 63,980	\$ 88,661	\$ 29,600
	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
YTD TOTAL PARTICIPATION & REVENUE:	86,342	88,562	71,932	\$ 653,676	\$ 700,713	\$ 671,303

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	GATE					
	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
RESIDENTS (ANNUAL)	1,089	996	1,060	\$ 32,670	\$ 28,920	\$ 31,800
NON-RESIDENTS (ANNUAL)	164	176	192	7,380	7,380	8,640
RESIDENTS (DAILY)	6,589	5,666	5,299	39,534	33,996	31,794
NON-RESIDENTS (DAILY)	5,207	4,920	4,565	52,070	49,200	45,650
SENIOR (DAILY)	575	581	524	1,725	1,743	1,572
SENIOR-NON RES. (DAILY)	293	323	262	1,758	1,938	1,572
BUSES (DAILY)	35	19	-	1,050	570	-
ANNUAL BUS	-	8	-	-	150	-
MINI BUS	26	20	3	390	300	45
ANNUAL MINI BUS	-	15	3	-	525	225
	<u>13,978</u>	<u>12,724</u>	<u>11,908</u>	<u>\$ 136,577</u>	<u>\$ 124,722</u>	<u>\$ 121,298</u>
PERCENT OF NON-RESIDENTS:						
ANNUAL	13.1%	15.0%	15.3%			
DAILY	43.4%	45.6%	45.3%			

BLUE HERON BAY ATTENDANCE

	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
BHB ANNUAL PASSES	-	132	-	\$ -	\$ 2,388	\$ -
BHB DAILY ENTRANCE	<u>14,074</u>	<u>12,725</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,886</u>	<u>47,212</u>	<u>-</u>
	14,074	12,857	-	\$ 56,886	\$ 49,600	\$ -

BLUE HERON BAY RETAIL OPERATION

	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
FACILITY RENTALS	12	4	-	\$ 225	\$ 80	\$ -
BIRTHDAY PACKAGES	27	15	-	3,322	1,541	-
SPECIAL EVENTS	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>-</u>
	40	22	-	\$ 3,597	\$ 1,871	\$ -
LOCKERS	114	143	-	\$ 29	\$ 36	\$ -
FOOD CONCESSIONS	11,105	10,229	118	22,785	21,434	125
ACCESSORIES/MISC.	<u>46</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>104</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>50</u>
	11,265	10,411	120	\$ 22,917	\$ 21,524	\$ 175

INDEPENDENCE LAKE COUNTY PARK YEAR-TO-DATE PARTICIPATION & REVENUE REPORT DECEMBER

PROGRAMMING & RETAIL OPERATIONS

	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
DAYCAMP	1,244	1,490	6	\$ 33,601	\$ 40,217	\$ 150
DISC GOLF	-	333	4,871	-	666	9,742
SPECIAL EVENTS	<u>265</u>	<u>362</u>	<u>349</u>	<u>5,513</u>	<u>6,602</u>	<u>6,104</u>
	1,509	2,185	5,226	\$ 39,114	\$ 47,485	\$ 15,996
FACILITY RENTALS						
WEEKDAYS	25	73	9	\$ 2,400	\$ 4,725	\$ 1,000
WEEKENDS	<u>79</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>9,600</u>	<u>10,175</u>	<u>4,100</u>
	104	159	43	\$ 12,000	\$ 14,900	\$ 5,100
ROW BOATS-HOURLY	190	144	-	\$ 950	\$ 720	\$ -
ROW BOATS-DAILY	26	32	-	520	640	-
PADDLE BOATS-1/2 HOUR	<u>475</u>	<u>449</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,325</u>	<u>3,143</u>	<u>-</u>
	691	625	-	\$ 4,795	\$ 4,503	\$ -
FOOD CONCESSIONS	8,916	6,972	5,287	\$ 16,475	\$ 11,876	\$ 10,739
ACCESSORIES/MISC.	<u>36</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>112</u>
	8,952	7,005	5,308	\$ 16,527	\$ 12,006	\$ 10,850
	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
YTD TOTAL PARTICIPATION & REVENUE:	50,613	45,988	22,605	\$ 292,413	\$ 276,611	\$ 153,420



Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

MEMORANDUM

To: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Coy P. Vaughn, Director
Date: January 12, 2021
Re: Recommendation for Partnership – Buesser Property, Northfield Township

Background

The Buesser property was nominated to the City of Ann Arbor's Greenbelt Program for the purchase of a conservation easement and subsequently forwarded to NAPP for review by NATAC. The property is located in Northfield Township, along Joy Road, just east of Arbor Woods and Northfield Woods Nature Preserves and in proximity of other Greenbelt held conservation easements. The property was evaluated by NATAC as part of the Round 16 nominations, where they placed the property in their second-tier priority category, based on the desire for partnership and other leveraged funds. The Commission reviewed and recommended participation in this partnership on March 12, 2019 meeting. At the time, the easement was presented with a 2-acre building envelope, which the landowner is now requesting to be expanded to 4-acres. A building area addition is a significant change to a project that warrants a renewed recommendation from the Commission.

Discussion

The Assessment and Prioritization Mapping identified the property as a medium-high quality and prioritized it for stream protection. Wetlands and open water cover approximately 24 acres of the property, and although the tract is not currently in active agriculture, 20 acres have a farming history. The tract is located in the Horseshoe Creek drainage, which is a tributary to the Huron River. The protection of this property is a priority for the Greenbelt Program because of the wetlands and natural resources found on the tract, the possibility to leverage funds from partners, and its proximity to other protected properties.

One building envelope will be allowed on the 30.95-acre easement parcel. The building envelope request is 4-acres and allows a residence to be built. The original approval allowed for a 2-acre building envelope. The landowner is requesting a larger envelope in case an engineered septic field is needed given the soils on the property. There are currently no buildings in the envelope. It is placed along Nollar Road to minimize overall impact to the property.

An appraisal was completed in October 2017, and the value of the conservation easement was determined to be \$135,000. Legacy Land Conservancy is also contributing \$8,000 toward the purchase of the property.

Legacy =	\$ 8,000 (6%)
Greenbelt =	\$ 82,000 (61%)
NAPP =	\$ 45,000 (33%)
FMV =	\$135,000

Recommendation

Based upon the review staff it is my recommendation that Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission continues to partner with the City of Ann Arbor's Greenbelt Program and Legacy Land Conservancy on the purchase of the conservation easement on the Buesser property as identified above and allow a 4-acre building envelope to be incorporated into the conservation easement.

Attachments

Buesser Property: Aerial & Soils

Natural Areas Preservation Program

Nomination ID: 16.275

Northfield Township

+/-30 Acres

Washtenaw County
Locator Map



Buesser Property: Local Area

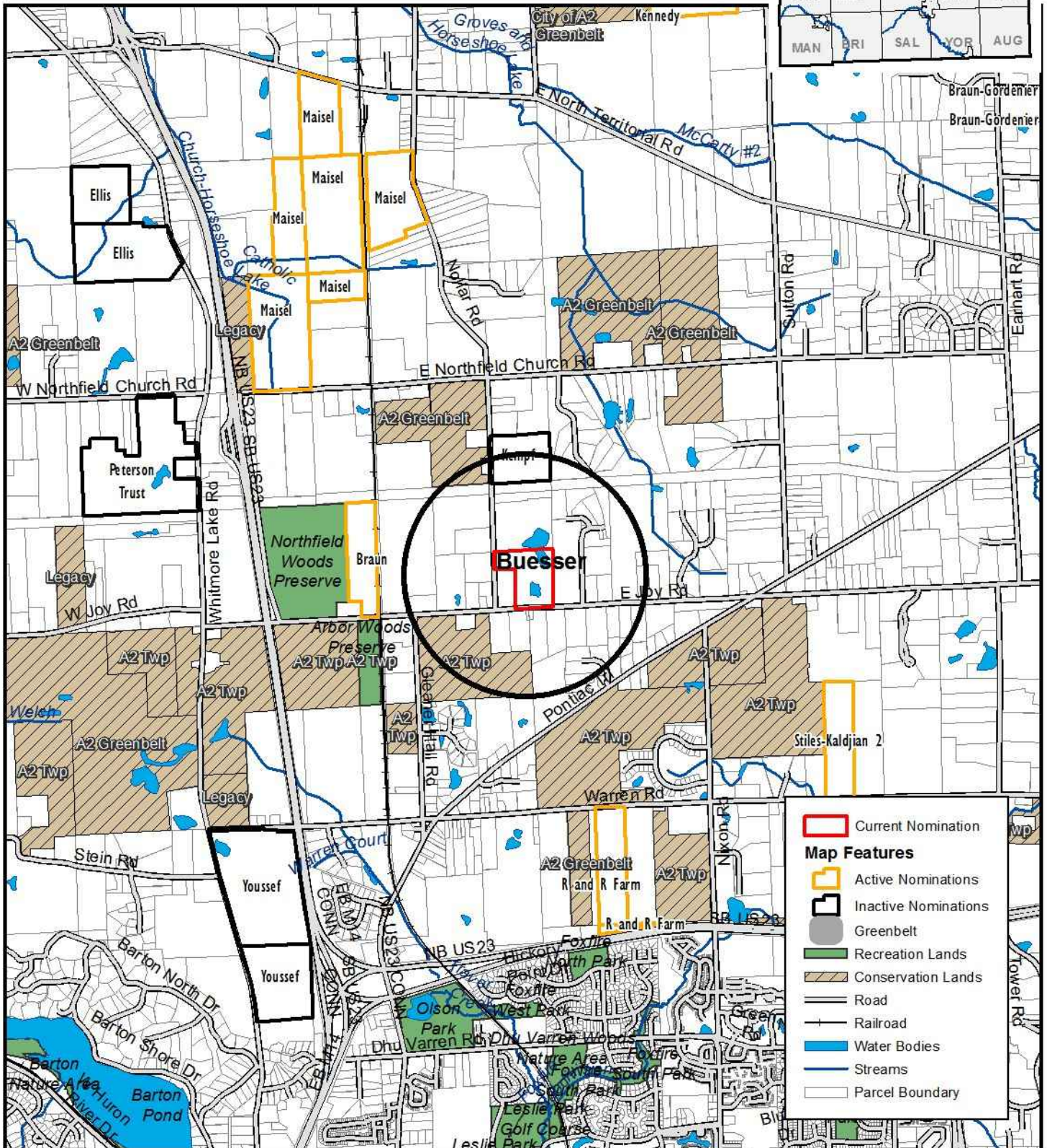
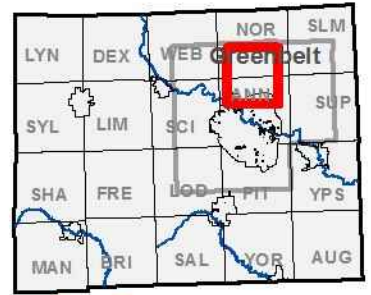
Natural Areas Preservation Program

Nomination ID: I6.275

Northfield Township

+/-30 Acres

Washtenaw County
Locator Map



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Buesser Property: Assessment & Prioritization Mapping

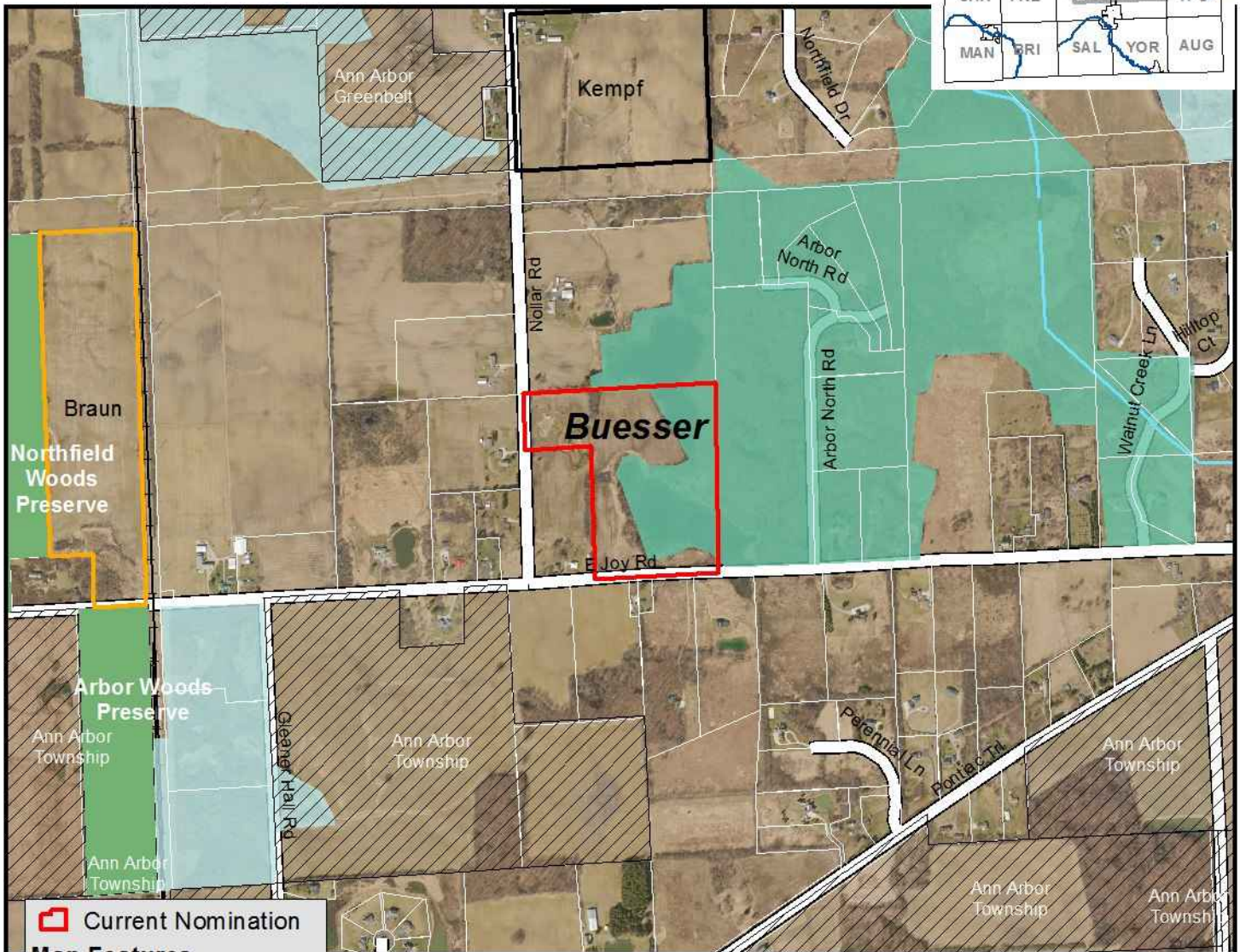
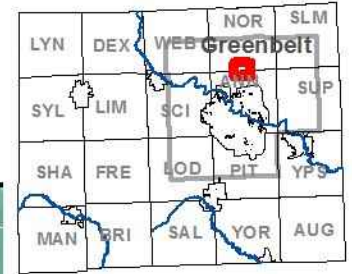
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Northfield Township

+/- 30 Acres

Washtenaw County
Locator Map



- Current Nomination
- Active Nominations
- Inactive Nominations
- Recreation Lands
- Conservation Lands
- ~ Streams
- ~ Railroad
- Road
- Parcel Boundary
- Natural Area Quality**
- Low Quality
- Medium-Low Quality
- Medium-High Quality

At least one parcel or area on this property was prioritized based on:

Patch Expansion: This site is located in a dense area of higher quality land and protection thereof enlarges the footprint of existing protected land.

New Patch Establishment: This site is located in a dense area of higher quality land and protection thereof helps preserve land where none is currently preserved, in a manner that still offers "stepping stone" connectivity.

Corridor: Protection of this site protects land within an identified path of linear habitat connectivity.

→ **Stream Protection:** Protection of this site preserves or is ecologically connected to a site that preserves creek frontage.

Lake Plain Ecoregion: Protection of this site preserves land in the lake plain ecoregion, much of which has been developed and is significantly underrepresented in NAPP's portfolio.

Not prioritized





Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

MEMORANDUM

To: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Coy P. Vaughn, Director
Date: January 12, 2021
Re: Recommendation for Partnership – Stiles-Kaldjian 2 Property, Ann Arbor Township

Background

In 2018, Ann Arbor Township received an application for preservation of the Stiles-Kaldjian 2 property for the purchase of a conservation easement. The township subsequently forwarded the application to NAPP for review in anticipation of requesting a contribution. With just under 50% of the land in active agriculture, the property was evaluated by NATAC, as it did not meet ALPAC's minimum requirement. The Commission reviewed and recommended participation in this partnership on May 12, 2020. At the time, the easement was presented without a building envelope, but one building envelope has since been added to the easement. A building area addition is a significant change to a project that warrants a renewed recommendation from the Commission.

Discussion

Located on the northside of Warren Road, this property adds to an area of already plentiful conservation easements. Stiles-Kaldjian 2 adjoins Ann Arbor Township's 143-acre Kapp easement to the west and their original Stiles-Kaldjian easement to the south, which together with four other easements in the vicinity form a contiguous block of about 580 preserved acres.

NATAC visited the property in late summer 2018. The approximate 10-acre woods at the north end of the property is comprised of upland forest with many small, wet depressions scattered within. These woods are healthy, having not being farmed at least since 1930 and with invasive species only along the wood's edge. The major wetland on the property extends east into other properties, though it is dominated by hybridized cattails on the Stiles-Kaldjian 2 property. In its 2018 review of nominated properties, NATAC placed the Stiles-Kaldjian 2 property in its "2nd Tier with more information needed," meaning staff will decide to move forward with acquisition of these properties after the 1st Tier are in progress and after obtaining certain additional information that has since been obtained. The 1st Tier properties from 2018 are all underway or have been withdrawn.

The Natural Areas Assessment and Prioritization Mapping assessed the property as medium-high quality compared to other natural areas in the county, and prioritized it for new patch establishment (for natural areas; the surrounding agricultural easements do not qualify the property for "patch expansion" categorization, though effectively it is expansion) and for being within a potential corridor. The addition of this building envelope does not change the Commission Scoring.

One building envelope will be allowed on the 40.933-acre easement parcel. The envelope is 2.07 acres and allows a residence to be built. There are currently no buildings in the envelope. It is placed along Warren Road in a spot that is half farm field and half "trees/brush."

Ann Arbor Township is using grant money from the Greenbelt's Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP), of which WCPARC is also a partner, to cover half of the easement purchase price. The township is contributing \$63,500 (17.3%) and is requesting \$60,000 (16.35%) each from the City of Ann Arbor Greenbelt program and NAPP. NATAC recommended at its May 4, 2020 meeting to partner with Ann Arbor Township and contribute \$60,000 each toward the easement purchase. NATAC recommended this again at its December 7, 2020 meeting, with the understanding there will be a building envelope.

Ann Arbor Township would be responsible for monitoring and enforcing the conservation easement.

RCPP	\$183,500 (50%)
A2 Twp	\$63,500 (17.3%)
A2 Greenbelt	\$60,000 (16.35%)
<u>NATAC</u>	<u>\$60,000 (16.35%)</u>
TOTAL	\$367,000

Recommendation

Based upon the review by the Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee, and staff, it is my recommendation that the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission continues to partner with Ann Arbor Township for the purchase of a conservation easement on the Stiles-Kaldjian 2 property in Ann Arbor Township, as identified in the attached maps, and approve the 2-acre building envelope that will be included with the conservation easement.

Attachments

PRELIMINARY PRESERVE PROJECT REVIEW CRITERIA WORKSHEET

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Project Name: <u>Stiles-Kaldjian 2</u>	
Location:	Size (acres): <u>-</u>
Current Use:	Date of Visit:

NATURAL AREA MAPPED PRIORITY

☐ Yes - Patch Expansion	☒ Yes - New Patch Establishment	☐ Yes - Lake Plain Ecoregion
☒ Yes - Corridor	☐ Yes - Stream Protection	☐ No

NOTES:

PROXIMITY TO OTHER WCPARC LAND

☐ not proximal	☒ in general vicinity
☐ adjoins land that has the potential to be protected, and that property adjoins protected land	☐ would be expansion of existing preserve

NOTES:

PROXIMITY TO OTHER OWNED PRESERVED LAND

☒ Yes - Township	☐ Yes - Greenbelt	☐ Yes - Other
☐ Yes - Legacy Land Conservancy	☐ Yes - SMLC	☐ No

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PROPERTY COMPLICATIONS

☐ Access requires other private land; removing significant trees; paving wetlands; or other undesirable actions	☐ Trails require full boardwalk	☒ Building envelope or exclusion complications
	☐ Site has debris too costly to remove	<u>along road</u>

NOTES: Conservation easement

Names of Assessors:

FIELD ASSESSMENT

ECOSYSTEMS

Please check all that apply:

<u>Palustrine</u> ☐ Submergent marsh ☒ Emergent marsh ☐ Wet meadow ☐ Wet/mesic prairie ☐ Lakeplain forest or prairie ☐ Fen ☐ Bog <u>small areas</u> ☒ Inundated shrub swamp (buttonbush) ☐ Southern shrub-carr ☐ Floodplain forest ☒ Other forested wetland <u>small pockets</u>	<u>Terrestrial</u> ☐ Dry prairie ☐ Oak savanna ☒ Mesic southern forest (beech-maple) ☐ Dry southern forest (oak-hickory) ☒ Other upland forest <u>Sugar maple, Baswood oak</u> <u>Other</u> ☒ River/Lake/Pond <u>Fleming's trib</u> ☐ Old farm fields <u>small piece</u> ☒ Active farm fields ☐ Evidence of restoration	How many veg communities are present? Include all, not just ones listed to the left. <u>upland forest, wetland for, 10m marsh, early successional shrub thickets, etc</u> Do we already have a preserve with a similar set of ecosystems? <u>CE</u> List uncommon, rare, threatened, or endangered species; evidence thereof; or critical habitat present:
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INVASIVE SPECIES DISTRIBUTION

☐ pervasive	☒ large monotypic stands	☐ isolated pockets
☐ within interior	☒ primarily along trails and edges	

NOTES (LIST SPECIES):

DEBRIS

Describe debris found on site: some debris edge of field

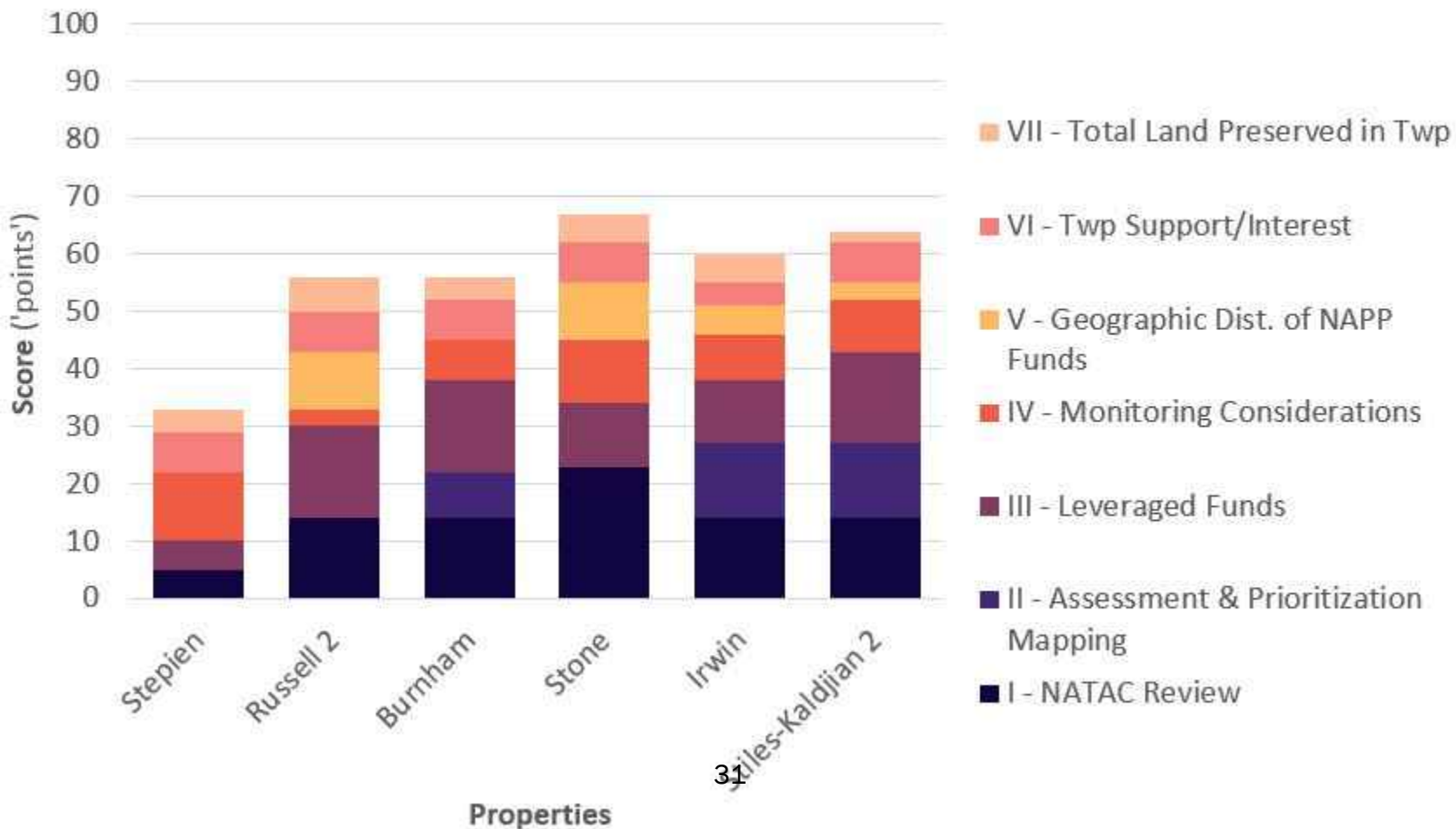
20 ac of woods + wetland terrain lots of small depression heavy moraine deposits

List all wildlife species seen	List plant species seen, to the best of your ability
turkey deer dove	Sugar maple (X) white oak Shagbark hickory pignut " Am Basswood Chinquapin oak small red & white ash wood nettle Leersia virginica grass cleverweed Pilea pumila wood reed Cinna arundinacea grass Catalpa prickly ash grey, red osier dogwood dogbane Apocynum caribinum Black walnut, Box elder in fields seedlings Hybrid cattail (X)

FIELD NOTES

According to your area of expertise, what is important about this site?

Parks Commission Scoring - Easements (NATAC)



Stiles-Kaldjian 2 Property: Local Area

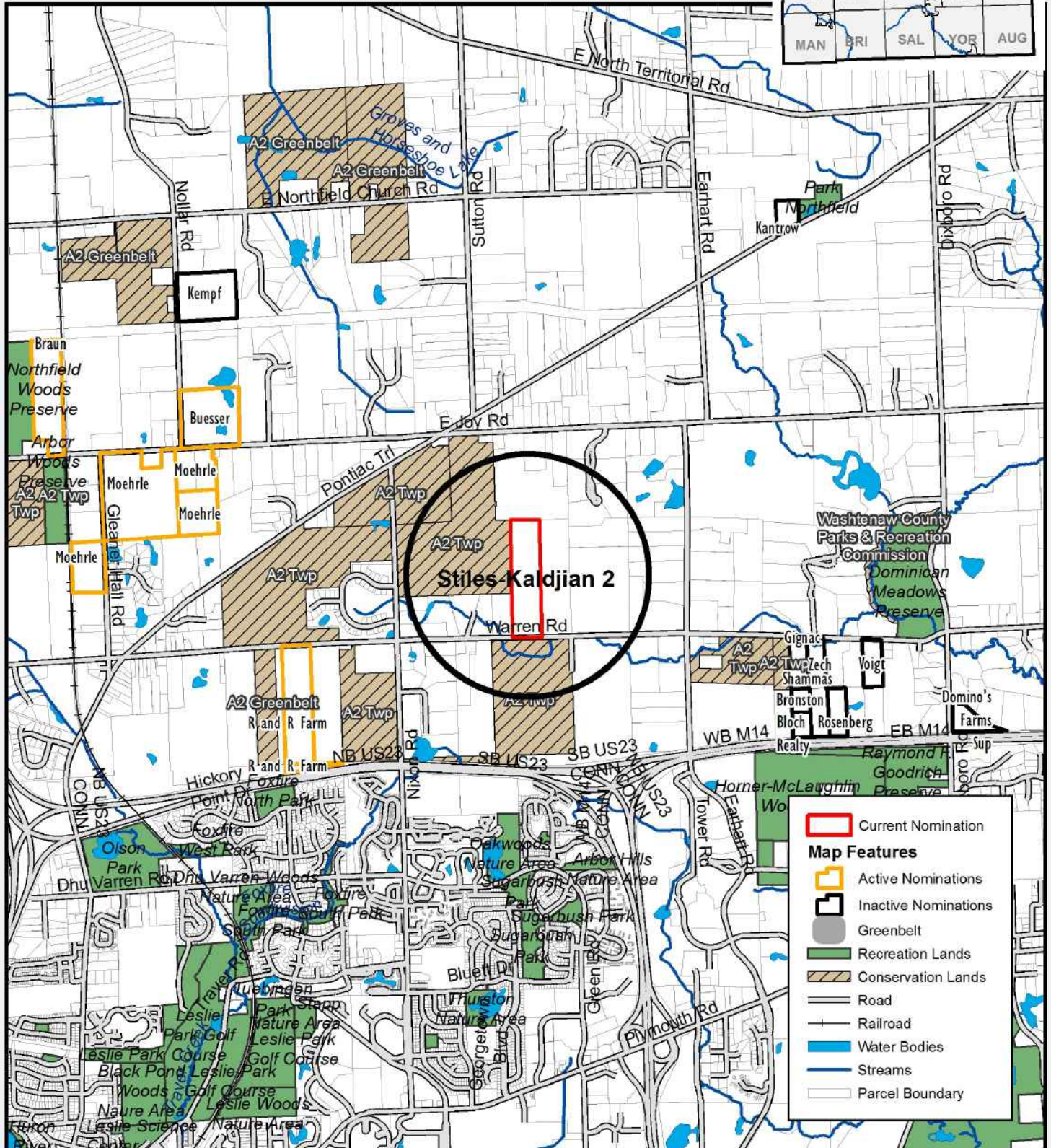
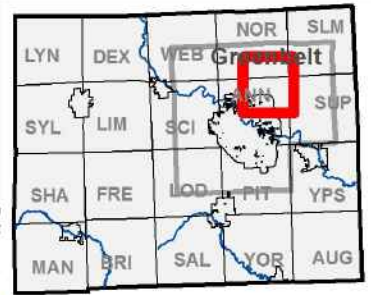
Natural Areas Preservation Program

Nomination ID: 18.302

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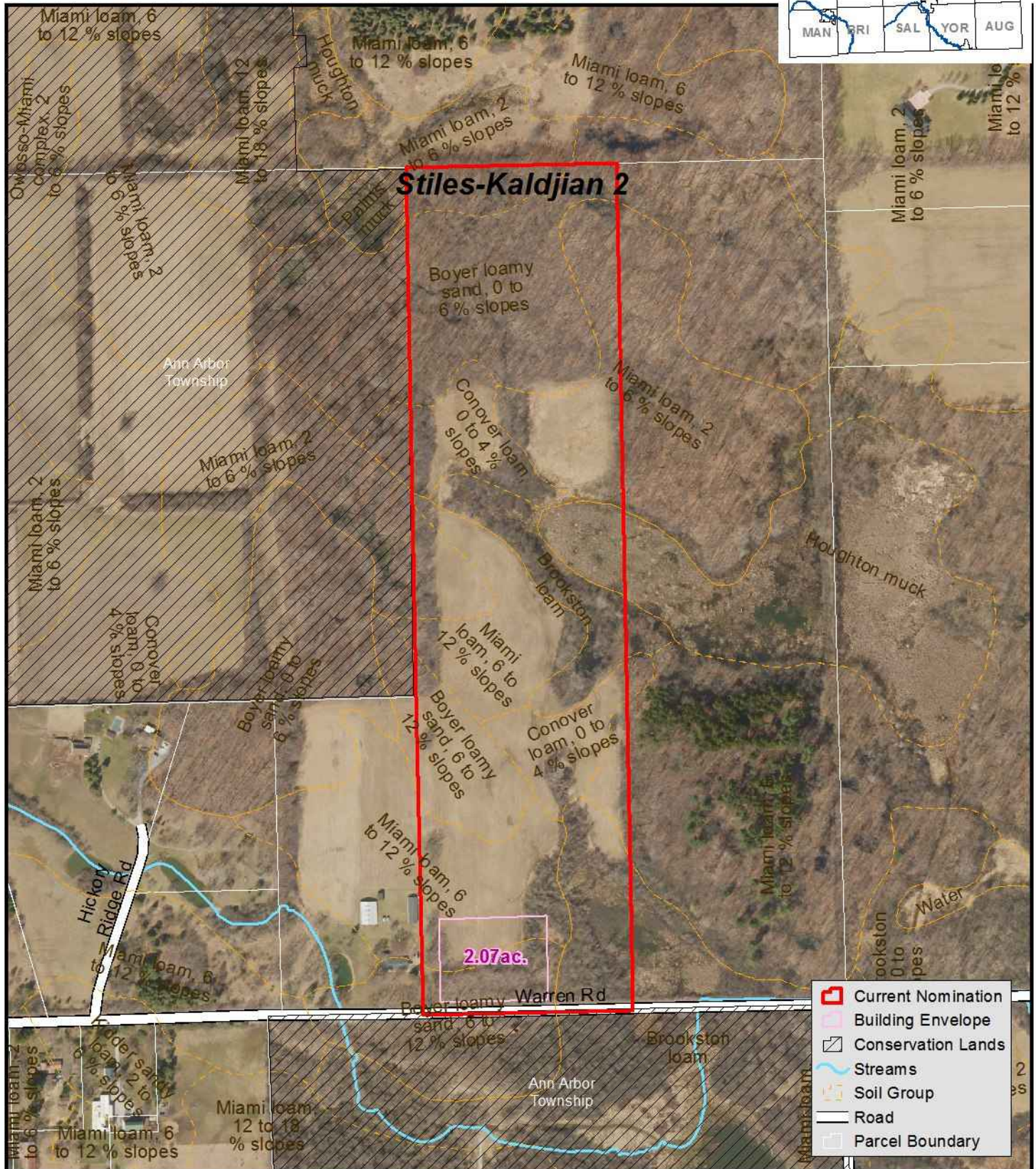
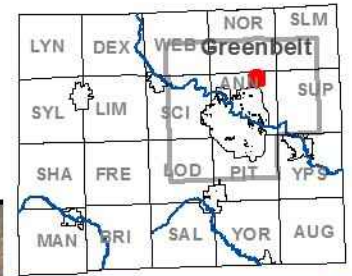
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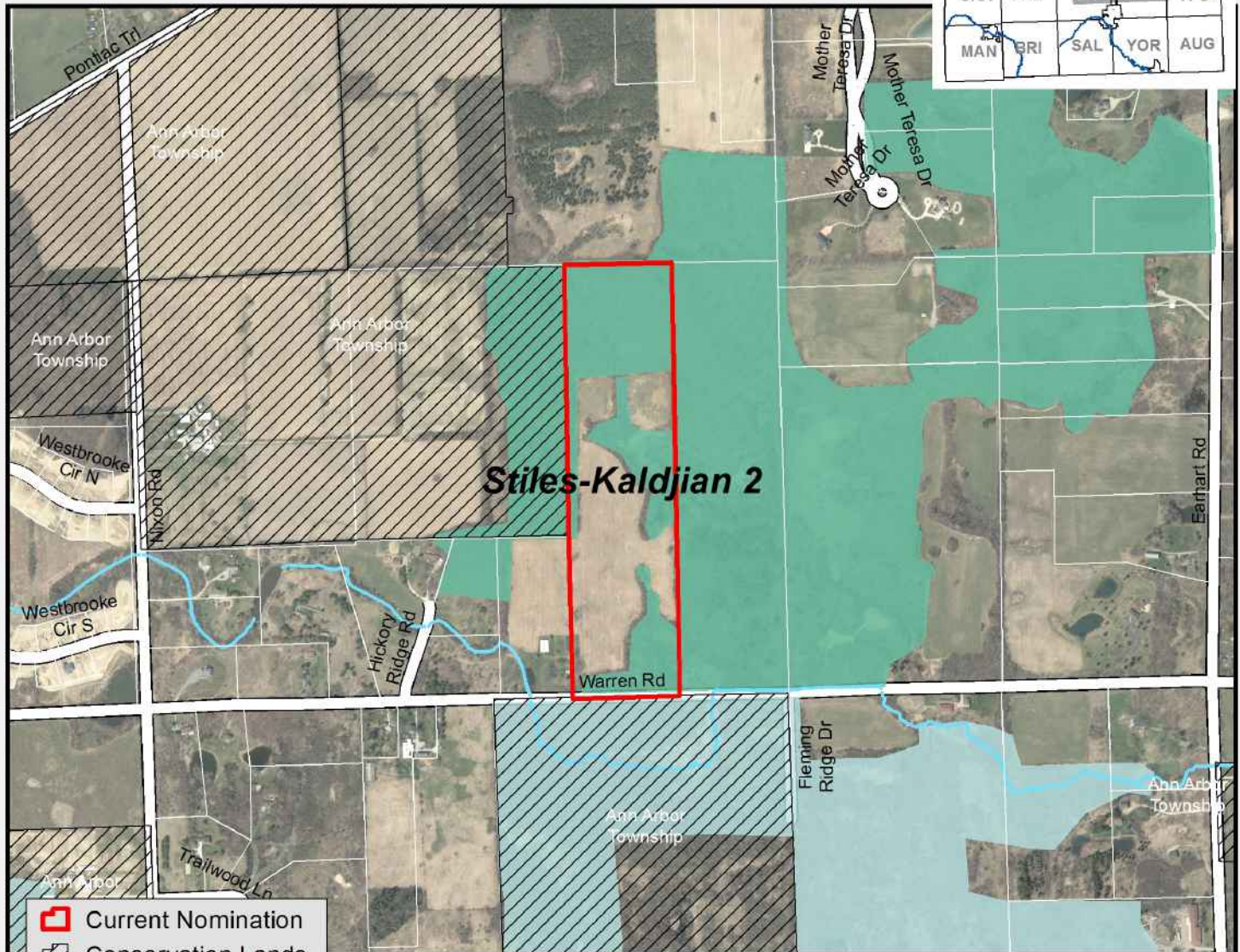
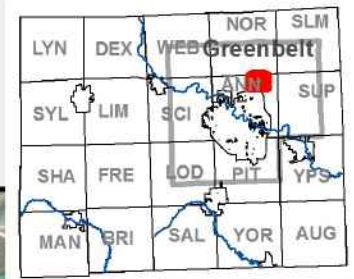
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Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

MEMORANDUM

To: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Coy P. Vaughn, Director
Date: January 12, 2020
Re: Award of RFP 8015: Border to Border Trail Tree Clearing

Background

Commission staff anticipates that 3 Border-to-Border Trail (B2B) projects will begin construction this year. In order to comply with environmental regulations, achieve economies of scale, maximize the flexibility of the schedule and solicit more competitive bids during construction, staff recommends completing the required tree and brush removal prior to March 31, 2021 for these projects under a single contract. This date is based on environmental regulations from the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the Michigan DNR which stipulate that tree removal be completed between October 15 and March 31 to avoid disruption to potential habitat of federally protected bat species during roosting while also minimizing the risk of spreading oak wilt disease.

Projects included in RFP 8015:

1. B2B - Zeeb Road to Delhi Metropark (Segment DAA3), 1.1 miles, Scio Twp
2. B2B - Dancer Road to Wylie Road (Segment CD2), 1.5 miles, Lima Twp
3. B2B - Werkner Road to Sibley Road (Segment C1), 1.3 miles, Sylvan Twp/City of Chelsea

Discussion

Staff solicited bids from qualified contractors under County RFP 8015 and 3 bids were received. The bid items were split into Schedule 1 (work within near the railroad) and Schedule 2 (work away from the railroad) because of different insurance requirements. Of the three bids, only Davey Tree Experts bid on both Schedules 1 and 2.

	Davey	Burman's	Chop
	Kent, OH	Chelsea, MI	Grand Rapids, MI
Schedule 1: Work in Vicinity of Railroad	\$ 93,409.00	\$ -	\$ -
Schedule 2: Land Clearing away from railroad	\$ 52,443.20	\$ 107,318.00	\$ 138,930.00
Grand Total	\$145,852.20	\$ 107,318.00	\$ 138,930.00

In December, while the RFP was being advertised, the Commission closed on an addition to the Watkins Lake State Park and County Preserve property – an old railroad corridor. After bids were received and Davey Tree Experts were determined to be the low bidder, staff discussed including the newly acquired area into the clearing contract. Clearing and trimming work would occur on the entire old railroad corridor from Jackson County Border to Austin Road – 3.25 miles, in Manchester Twp. For an additional fee (calculated by extending bid unit prices) of \$42,164.00

Recommendation

Based upon review by staff, I recommend that the Commission award RFP 8015 to Davey Tree Experts for the amount of \$188,016.20 and authorize an additional ten percent (10%) contingency of \$19,000.

Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

Facilities Map

6/21/2019

Conservation & Recreation Lands

-  County Park
-  County Nature Preserve
-  County Farmland Conservation Easement *
-  Other Recreation Land
-  Other Conservation Land *
-  Public Access not Available at Present
-  WCPARC Partnership Contribution
-  Ann Arbor Greenbelt Boundary

Border-to-Border Trail (B2B)

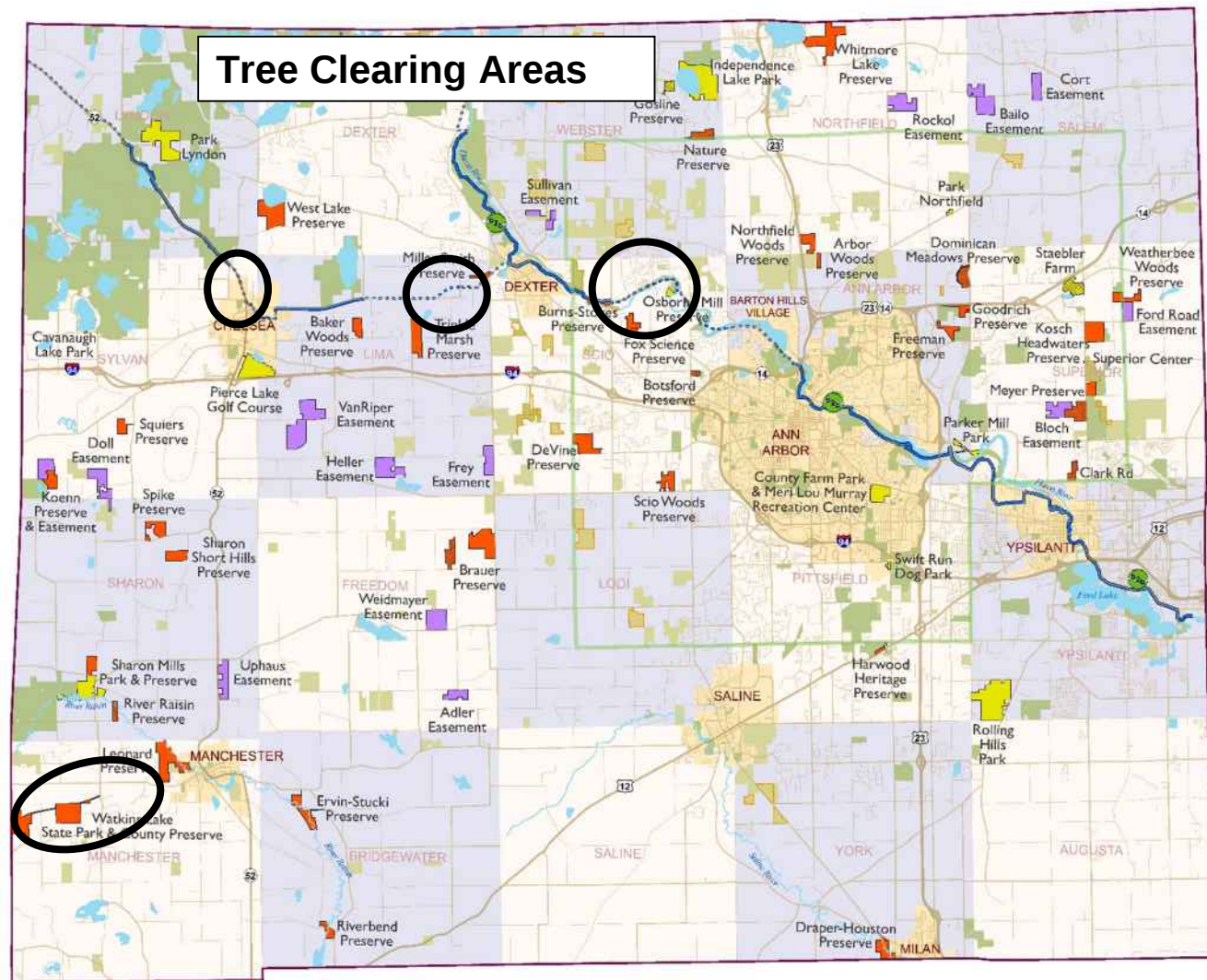
-  Existing Trail Route
-  Proposed Trail Route

Other Map Features

-  Water Body
-  River
-  Highway
-  Major Road
-  Local Road

+ = Access by Appointment

* = Property may not be Open to the Public



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Washtenaw County GIS

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Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

MEMORANDUM

To: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Coy P. Vaughn, Director
Date: January 12, 2021
Re: Scio Woods Preserve – Renaming Proposal

Background

The 91-acre Scio Woods Preserve was established in 2009 through the Natural Areas Preservation Program (NAPP). The property that is now known as Scio Woods, was purchased from 4 different property owners. The purchases occurred simultaneously. Both Scio Township and the City of Ann Arbor's Greenbelt program helped to fund the original purchase. At the time of the original nomination, the Burkhart property (mentioned below) was also nominated, but an agreement was not made with the landowner at that time. Scio Woods is one of the most popular WCPARC preserves. Based on the data from the counters installed along the trail in 2020, an average of almost 2,000 passes are recorded every month.

Lew Kidder and his wife Karen McKeachie (deceased) were instrumental in the preservation of the Scio Woods property (see attached). Recently, Mr. Kidder, whose primary residence abuts the preserve, acquired an additional 13.5 acres, formerly known as the Burkhart property, and has agreed to sell the property to WCPARC at the appraised value of \$351,000. The NAPP acquisition was initially approved at the May 12, 2020 meeting and is expected to close in the first quarter of 2021 once all due diligence is complete.

In addition to his significant contributions to the Scio Woods preserve, Mr. Kidder has been a longtime supporter of the Border-to-Border trail and was instrumental in establishing the current road/non-motorized trail millage that generates \$1.7M per year to benefit WCPARC for trail construction.

If the proposed renaming of Scio Woods is approved by the Commission, Mr. Kidder has agreed to pay for the replacement sign. Staff will update the website and all future maps and promotional materials will refer to the Kidder-McKeachie Scio Woods Preserve.

Recommendation

I recommend that the Commission approve the proposed renaming of the Scio Woods Preserve to honor the Kidder-McKeachie family based on significant financial contributions and their outstanding civic contributions to WCPARC and the residents of Washtenaw County. Without their leadership and creativity in helping coordinate these complicated real estate transaction, this high quality natural area would not be protected and open to the public.

Attachment



Policy for naming or renaming parks, preserves or facilities, including memorial/honorarium features

The Policy

Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission (WCPARC) parks and facilities are generally named for a geographic area or a natural/historic feature. Parks and facilities may also be named to reflect a person of historic or outstanding civic service and/or where appropriate, naming may also recognize significant historic, material, and/or financial contributions to WCPARC. Markers may be placed in parks and on recreational facilities honoring or memorializing individuals and organizations.

Procedure for Requesting Permission

Anyone wishing to name or rename a WCPARC park or facility, or erect a memorial/honorarium in a park or within a facility, must submit his or her request in writing to the Director of WCPARC with a sufficient explanation of the proposal to enable the director to make a determination that the naming or memorial is justified. The factors to be taken into consideration by the director will include, but not limited to the following:

1. The reason for the naming or renaming or erection of a memorial/honorarium;
2. The contribution or other factors for which the person is being memorialized/honored, or the park or facility named;
3. Whether and to what extent the facility or park has been financed by the person being honored or by the persons wishing to honor him/her;
4. Whether and to what extent the appropriate and/or impacted communities support the proposal;
5. Any other factors, which would support the request.

Naming/Renaming

1. The Director's considerations regarding the naming or renaming of parks, natural areas or facilities, shall be guided by the following considerations:
 - o Recognized geographic names;
 - o Natural historic features;
 - o Significant historic contributions;
 - o Significant material contributions;
 - o Significant financial contributions;
 - o Persons of historic service to WCPARC or Washtenaw County;
 - o Persons of outstanding civic service to the County;
 - o Documented community support.

2. If the naming request meets the required criteria, the Director will prepare a recommendation and schedule the proposal for a Commission meeting agenda. The requesting person(s) or organization(s) may present their request to the Commission at the meeting.
3. The Commission will review the request and the Director's recommendation and will take final action on the proposal.
4. The requestor will be notified via letter of the Commission's decision. The letter will outline, if applicable, those areas that did not meet the criteria.

Questions?

Petitioner Name: Lew Kidder

Please respond to the following questions:

1. What is proposed (naming, renaming or erection of a memorial/honorarium) and what is the purpose?

I hereby petition the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission to rename the Scio Woods Preserve to include the names of Lew Kidder and Karen McKeachie. Specifically, I propose to retain the established Scio Woods name and include Kidder-McKeachie as follows:

Kidder-McKeachie

SCIO WOODS PRESERVE

2. What are significant contributions or other factors for which the person is being memorialized/honored or the park or facility named?

The 91-acre Scio Woods Preserve was established in 2009 after several years of collaboration between the Kidder-McKeachie family and property owners to assemble the four parcels for ultimate purchase by WCPARC. We facilitated this transaction as follows:

- We saved the 62-acre Zalenski/Dudley property from an existing option to buy by submitting an offer to purchase to the Washtenaw Circuit Court which was hearing their marital litigation
- We spent over \$50,000 in attorney fees to defend our position and hold off the option holders. We never got a cent of that back.
- We also purchased the eastern 20-acres for \$500,000 (where the parking lot is now) and evicted the long-time tenants (who were serious hoarders)
- We invested significant resources in surveying & soil tests to make sure we understood the potential for development.
- We were the ones that corralled the other three parcel owners and got them to agree to a joint offer to WCPARC. Included in that was stopping (at the last moment - literally on the day it was scheduled to happen) a logger from cutting all of the major hardwoods on the Isabel Herrera property.
- When Zalenski attempted a self-help development by cutting trees for a potential road, contrary to township ordinances, we were the ones who got the township into the situation before the property was ruined.
- When the preserve was about to happen, we got Dean and Jill Dudley to reserve an easement from Saginaw Hills to the preserve to be. Otherwise, the non-adjacent owners in that sub would have been shut off from access to preserve.

3. To what extent has the facility or park has been financed by the person being honored or by the persons wishing to honor him/her?

At our own risk, we provided \$50,000 in up-front funds to help assemble the properties and close the deal in partnership with WCPARC. Expenditures included property taxes, soil evaluation, fees for legal services to stave off competing claims to the property, and eviction of tenants from a house on one of the parcels. None of this money was reimbursed by WCPARC.

We recently purchased the 13.4-acre parcel (an old growth forest) which abuts the entire east line of the existing preserve and have agreed to sell it to WCPARC for addition to the preserve. We purchased it for \$350,000, saving it from planned residential development, and are selling it to WCPARC for \$351,000. Along the way, we spent an additional \$9,871 and a few odd cents for closing costs, surveying, and property taxes.

4. To what extent is there support for this proposal from the appropriate and/or impacted communities?

All of the owners of the five parcels of property along the east edge of the 13.4-acre parcel are supportive of the petition to rename.

5. Are there other factors to be considered that would support this request?

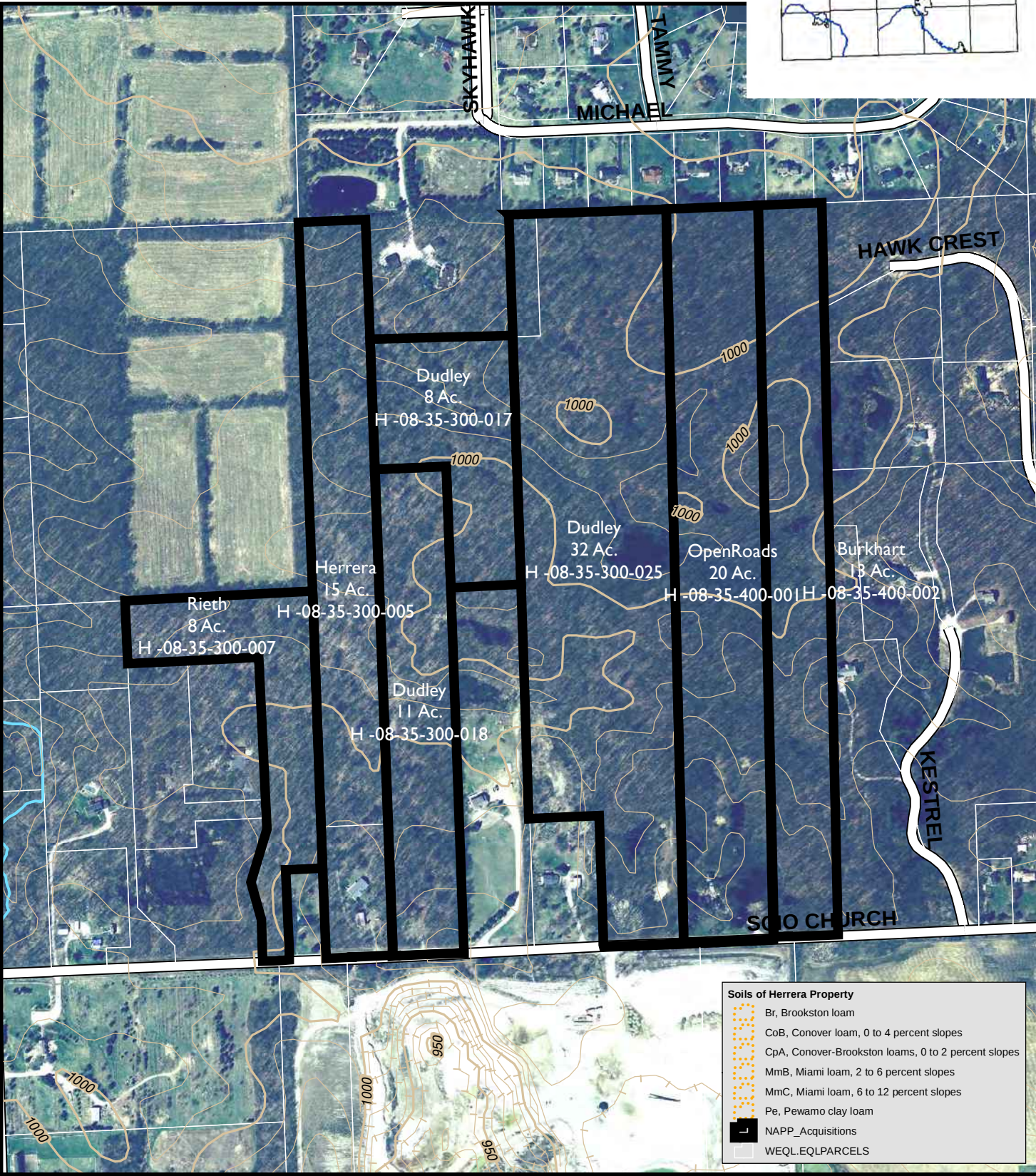
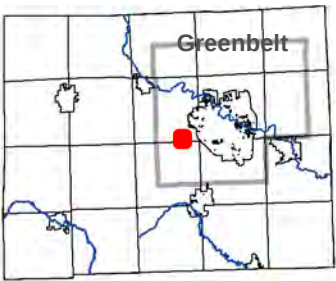
Over the past 12 years, we have pulled garlic mustard from the preserve, taking out nearly a ton and a half last spring alone, and we covered the cost of disposal (Calverts). Further, working with WCPARC staff, we helped design and construct the trail system in the preserve.

If WCPARC approves this proposal, I will pay for the cost of updating the sign to reflect the new name.

NAPP Round 8: Aerial & Soils

Scio Woods
Scio Township

Washtenaw County
Locator Map





Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

MEMORANDUM

TO: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Coy P. Vaughn, Director
DATE: January 12, 2021
RE: Recommendation for Sales Contract: Lippert – Northfield Township

Background

In 2012, several contiguous properties located in Northfield Township were nominated to the Washtenaw County Natural Areas Preservation Program as part of Round 12 for consideration of acquisition. The Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee (NATAC), along with Parks and Recreation Commission staff, visited the properties on a number of occasions. The site visits identified a diverse landscape including upland woods, open fields, a significant portion of Lawton Lake and extensive wetlands. These parcels were subsequently purchased in 2013 and became what is now known as the Whitmore Lake Preserve. Counters installed along the trail at the preserve in 2020 show that the preserve is a popular destination. At the time of the original purchase, one parcel owned by the Lippert family was not purchased. The family re-nominated the property in late 2020, an updated appraisal was completed, and the project is now ready to move forward.

Discussion

The roughly 24.72-acre Lippert property currently under consideration, is adjacent to the existing Whitmore Lake Preserve, and contains additional shoreline to Lawton Lake and will provide an opportunity for trail expansion on the property. Whitmore Lake Preserve currently consists of 235 acres with 2.7 miles of trails. NAPP staff with additional work completed by contractors have completed prairie restoration in a portion of the preserve.

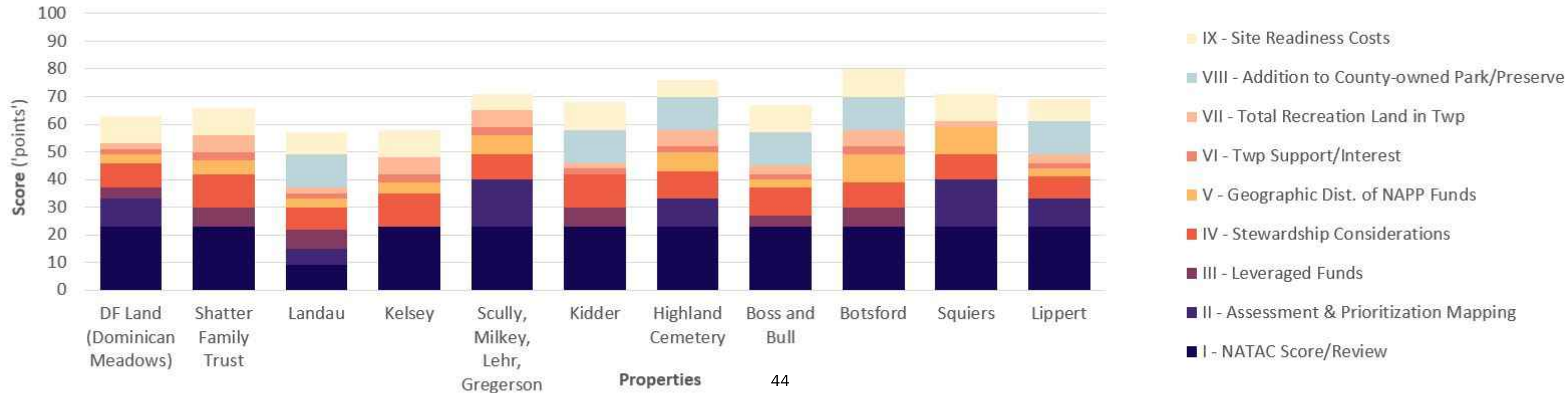
An updated appraisal was completed in November 2020. The appraised value was determined to be \$297,000 or roughly \$12,000 / acre. The family has requested a plaque on the property to recognize the family. Details will be discussed with the landowner and brought back to the Commission as part of the final approval, per the recently adopted policy.

Recommendation

Based upon the review by the Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee, along with other background information, it is my recommendation the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission authorize a sales contract for the Lippert property as identified in attached maps in the amount of \$297,000, contingent upon completion of all necessary due diligence investigation and final approval of the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission.

Attachments

Parks Commission Scoring - Fee Simple



Lippert Vaughn Property: Aerial & Soils

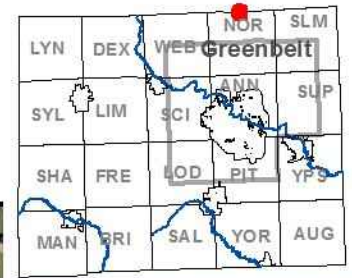
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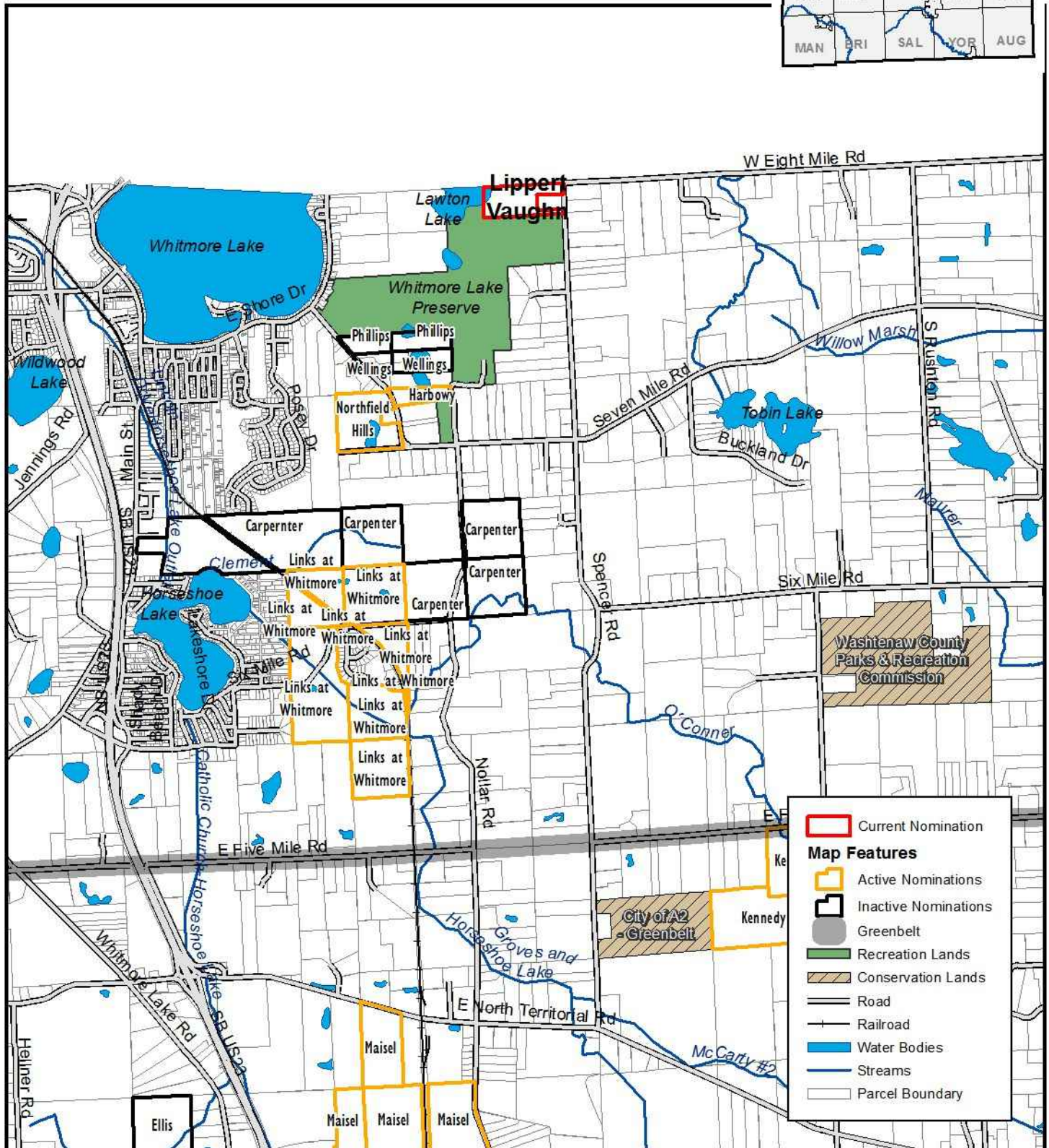
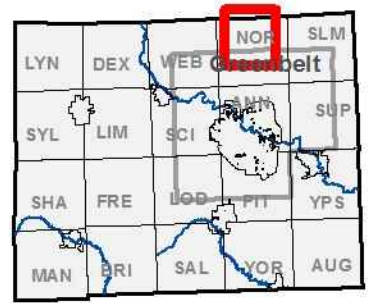
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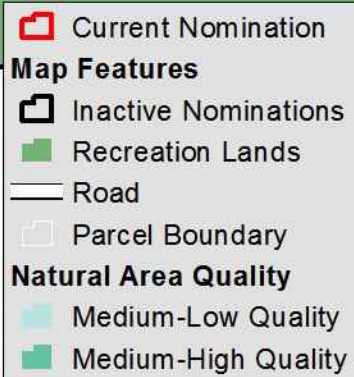
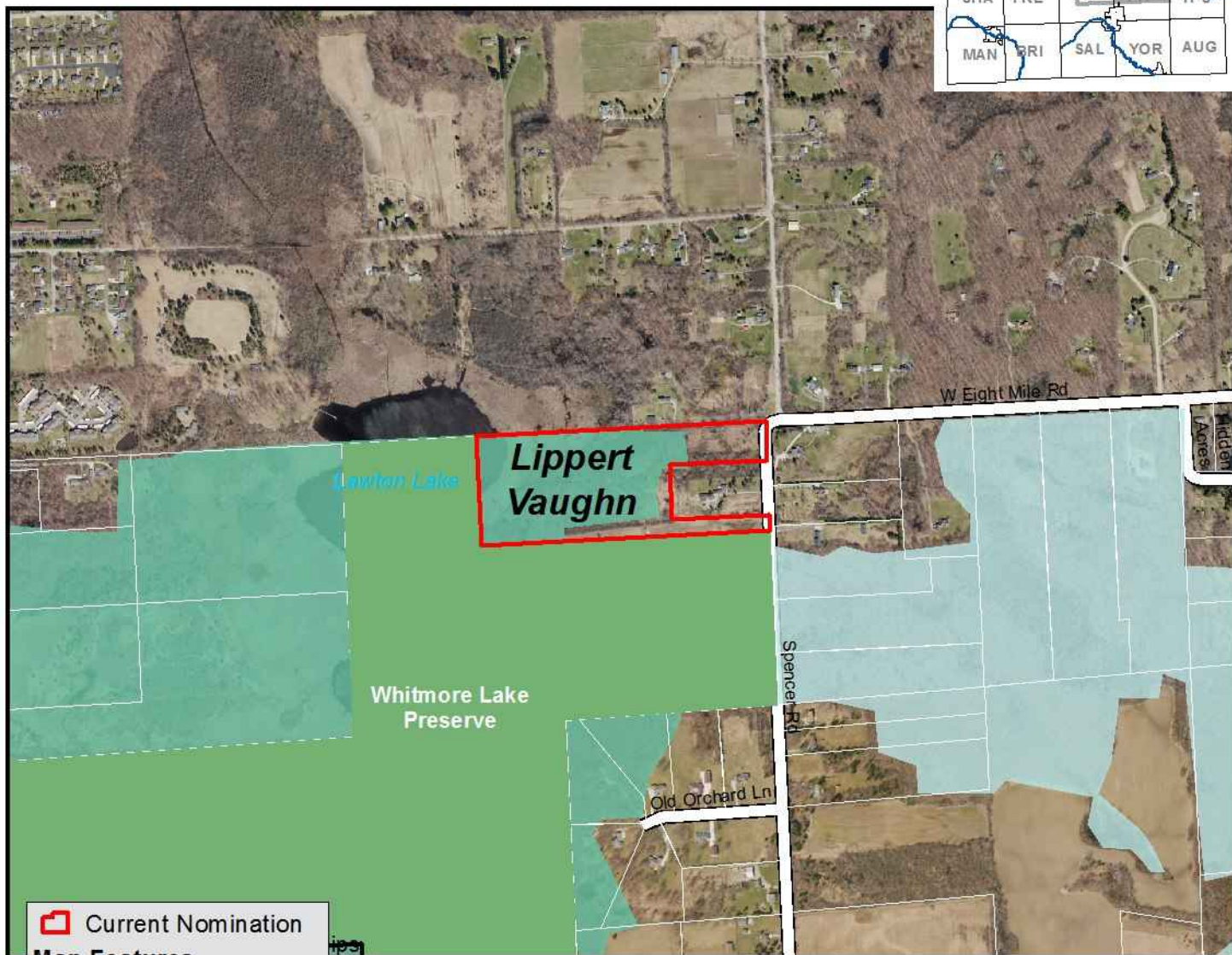
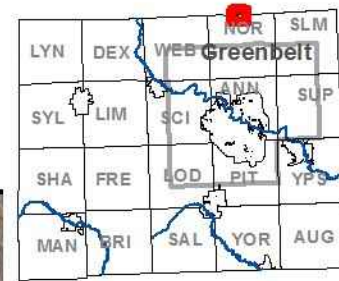
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