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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
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DANIEL EICHINGER  
DIRECTOR

March 14, 2022

**TO:** Daniel Eichinger, Director

**INFORMATION:** Natural Resources Commission

**Transaction:** Gift of Land  
Western Upper Peninsula District – Marquette County  
The Upper Peninsula Land Conservancy Tract  
Land Transaction Case #20220022

**Gift:** 1,235 acres

**PA 240 of 2018:** PILT Estimate: \$5,600.00  
The parcels are located north of the Mason-Arenac county line and will result in an increase of 1,235 acres of DNR-managed lands.

**Description:** Marquette County, Michigamme Township, T48N, R30W  
Section 05: N 1/2  
Section 06: N 1/2; SE 1/4; and SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4  
  
Marquette County, Michigamme Township, T49N, R30W  
Section 31: NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4; and S 1/2 of the S 1/2  
Section 32: SW 1/4; SE 1/4, except the East 22 acres of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4; and except parts of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Government Lot Two (2), and the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, as more accurately described in the case file.

**Donor:** Upper Peninsula Land Conservancy, a Michigan non-profit corporation, Marquette, 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) April 5, 2022, calendar and is eligible for approval on April 12, 2022. Public notice of this proposed gift of land was also published in the Marquette Mining Journal on March 9, 2022, and is posted on the department’s webpage at [www.michigan.gov/publiclandnotices](http://www.michigan.gov/publiclandnotices).

**Management Purpose:** The parcel will be managed as part of Craig Lake State Park.

**Comments:** The parcels consist of three nature preserves and contains 90% of the watershed that feeds Indian Lake and headwaters of the Peshekee River, which provides fish and drinking water. The property also consists of ten miles of hiking trails that connect to Craig Lake State Park’s trail system.

This acquisition will contribute to achieving department and division goals by protecting natural resources for future generations and wildlife habitat connectivity critical to providing important hunting recreation opportunities as outlined in the Managed Public Land Strategy. The acquisition also conserves and protects trail corridors as identified in the Comprehensive Trail Plan.

All but approximately 160 acres of the property are subject to a Conservation Easement conveyed to The Nature Conservancy that assures the property will be retained forever in its undisturbed forest, wetland, and wildlife habitat state.

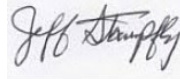
Mineral rights will be conveyed.

Michigamme Township unanimously supported a motion in favor of the gift of land at their November 8, 2021 township board meeting.

- Recommendations:
1. That the gift of land be accepted with appreciation.
  2. That the offered property be dedicated as part of Craig Lake State Park.
  3. That the project boundary for Craig Lake State Park be revised to include the gifted land.
  4. That the 2022 ad valorem taxes be paid by the Donor.



James L. Dexter, Chief  
Fisheries Division



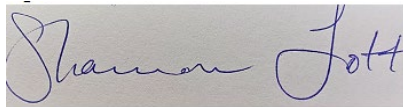
Jeff Stampfly, Chief  
Forest Resources Division



Ronald A. Olson, Chief  
Parks and Recreation Division



Jared Duquette, Chief  
Wildlife Division



Shannon Lott  
Natural Resources Deputy



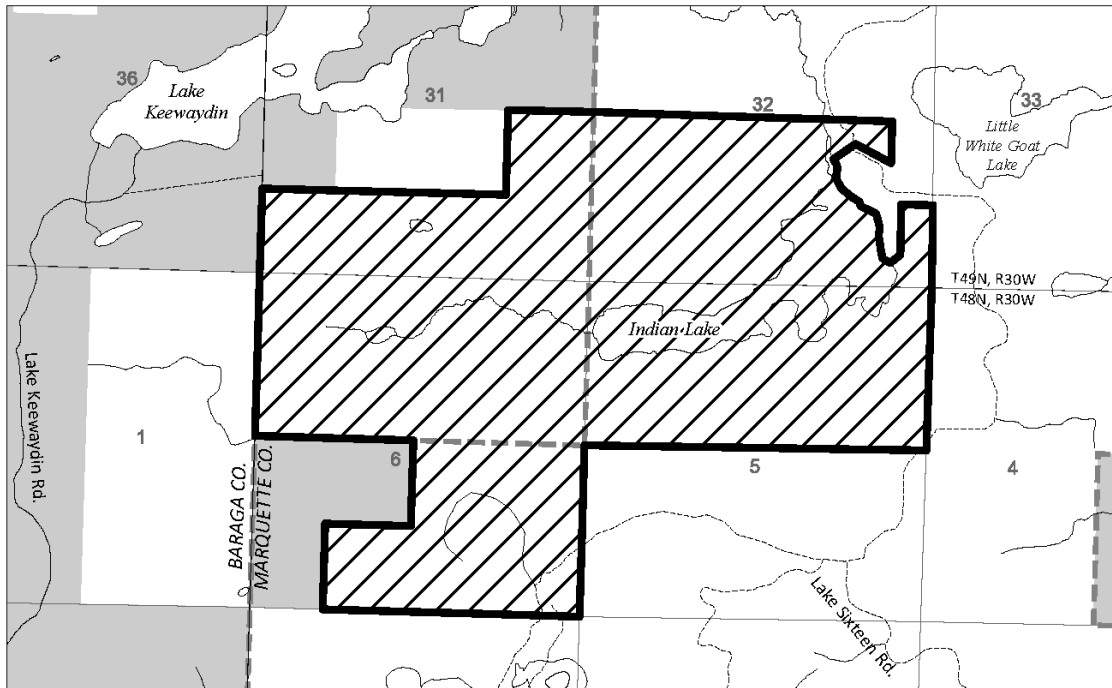
Mark H. Hoffman  
Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations.




Daniel Eichinger  
Director

Date Approved:

**PARKS AND RECREATION GIFT OF LAND**  
 Western Upper Peninsula District – Marquette County  
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Sections 5-6, T48N-R30W, and Sections 31-32, T49N-R30W, Michigamme Township

-  Land to be gifted to DNR (1,235 acres)
-  State land
-  DNR Project Boundary

