



## Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission  
**FROM:** Robert L. Tetens, Director  
**DATE:** June 11, 2013  
**RE:** Recommendation: Jarskey Property - Scio Township

#### **Background**

In November 2012, staff received contact from the Jarskey family, expressing interest in having a parcel of property they own in Scio Township placed into consideration by the Washtenaw County Natural Areas Preservation Program. Located immediately north of the Fox Science Preserve, the Jarskey property is part of the same former extraction site and shares many of the characteristics of the Preserve. It should be noted that a parcel of property was previously acquired from the Jarskey family in 2009 and added to the Fox Science Preserve. The parcel offered for consideration at this time comprises approximately 4 acres. Parks and Recreation Commission staff met with the owner to discuss the property being offered for consideration by NAPP. The property in question was the subject of previous site visits by both the Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee and staff. Of primary interest within the property are two ponds which are considered high quality natural features. NATAC noted the ponds would significantly enhance interpretive opportunities in the Preserve. At present the Fox Science Preserve is one of the most popular and frequently visited Preserves operated by WCPARC, heavily utilized by local school systems for field study and environmental education. Preservation of the additional acreage would insure the site continues to provide a unique environmental education setting for Washtenaw County students.

The Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee has identified the Jarskey Property – 2012 as a high priority property for acquisition (see October 7, 2008 Memorandum).

#### **Discussion**

As required, the following due diligence investigations have been conducted:

- An appraisal of the property, prepared by Bosserd Appraisal Services in February 2013, identified a value of approximately \$14,285 / acre or \$57,140.
- A Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment prepared by Mannik & Smith Group, Inc., found no evidence of recognized environmental concerns.
- A boundary survey was prepared, including legal description and sealed survey drawing.

#### **Recommendation**

Based upon review of the property by the Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee, along with other investigation, it is my recommendation the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission authorize purchase the Jarskey parcel in the amount of \$14,285 / acre or \$57,140.

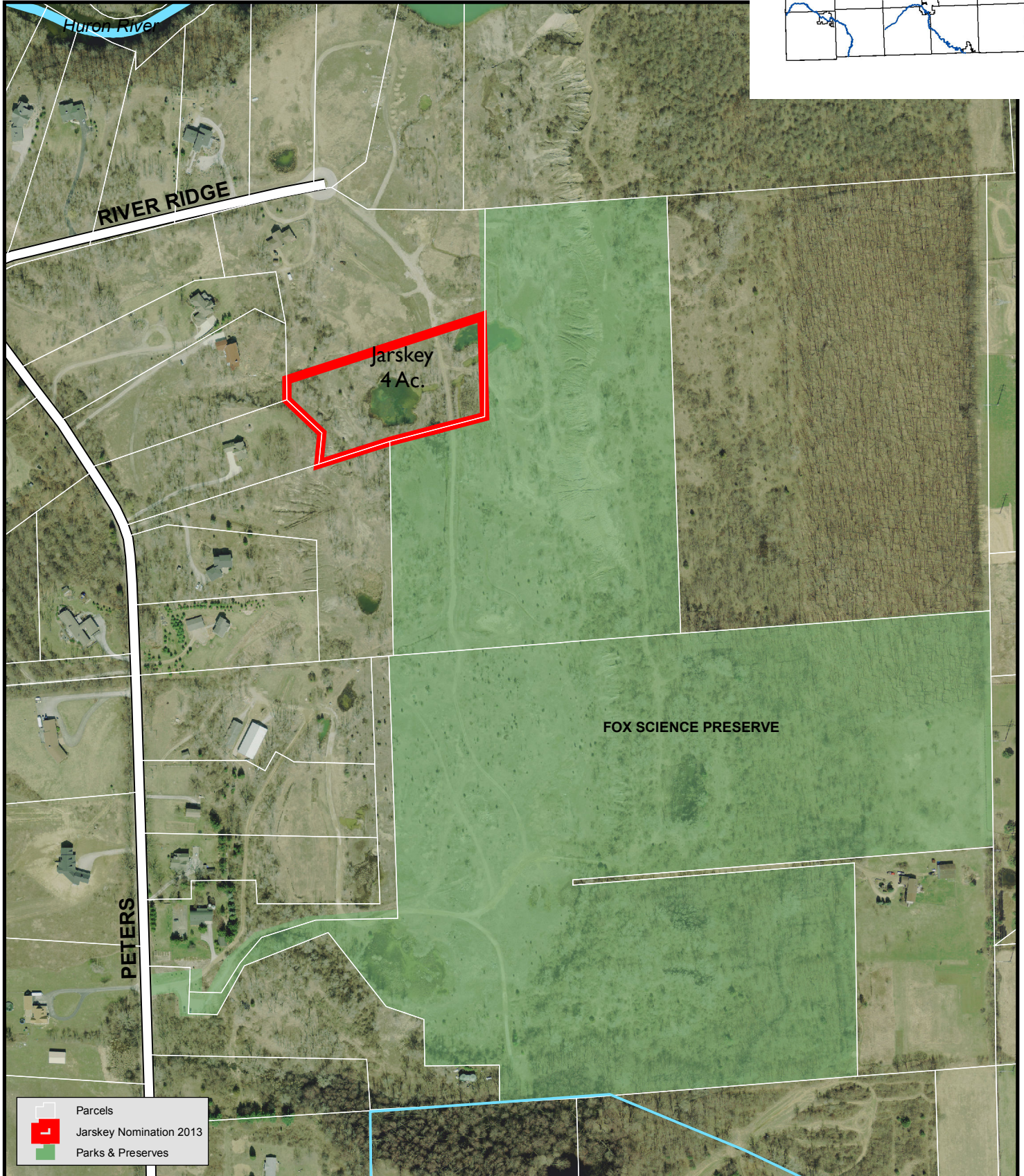
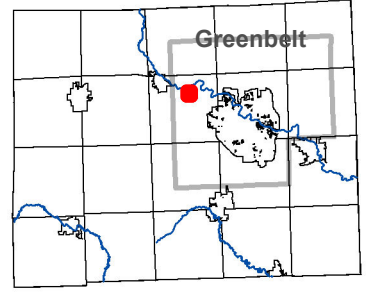
Attachments



# NAPP Round 13: Aerial

Jarskey Property  
Scio Township  
4+/- acres

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Locator Map









# NAPP Round 13: Topography

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