

Washtenaw County Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee

MEMORANDUM

TO: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
THROUGH: Robert L. Tetens
 Director
FROM: Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee (NATAC)
DATE: November 12, 2013
RE: Recommendation for property acquisition from Round 13 Applications

Ordinance No. 128 established the Natural Areas Preservation Program to preserve and protect unique natural areas within Washtenaw County and charged the Parks and Recreation Commission with responsibility for implementing the program. The Ordinance also established the Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee to serve as an advisory body to assist the Parks and Recreation Commission in consideration of potential property for acquisition.

The 1st applications from property owners were received in Spring 2002. Since that time there has been a total of 13 rounds of applications. In rounds 1 through 12, 203 property nominations totaling 11,269 acres were received. During the 13th round of nominations, 14 more properties were submitted for consideration, totaling 684 acres. Each property was reviewed according to the Property Screening System developed by the Committee and adopted by the Commission, just as was done with properties nominated in Rounds 1 – 12. Based upon that review, the following recommendation was developed by the Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee at the November 4, 2013 meeting:

Highest Priority: Proceed with negotiations as appropriate for acquisition.

Heumann Property	13.215	Sylvan Township
Koenn Property	13.217	Sylvan Township

Second Priority: Of high interest, requires additional research.

Bloch Property – Vreeland Rd	11.158	Superior Township
Bloch Property – Warren Rd	13.209	Ann Arbor Township
Bronston Property – Warren Rd	13.211	Ann Arbor Township
Connell Property	13.206	Lima Township
Novick Property – Warren Rd	13.214	Ann Arbor Township
Rosenberg Property – Warren Rd	13.213	Ann Arbor Township
Shammas Property	12.180	Ann Arbor Township
Voigt Property	13.212	Ann Arbor Township
West Lake Hills Property	13.204	Dexter Township
Zech Property	13.216	Ann Arbor Township

Lowest Priority: Withdraw from further consideration.

Bloch Property	13.205	Pittsfield Township
Bloch 2 Property	13.207	Pittsfield Township
Whitehouse Property	13.208	Augusta Township

The Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee presents the above recommendation for your consideration. The Committee is available to address any questions you may have concerning the recommendation and members can be available to attend a Commission meeting. In addition, Committee members have indicated they are willing to assist in negotiations with property owners, working with Parks staff or Corporation Counsel when appropriate, if the Commission so directs.