



WASHTENAW COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
December 11, 2012

WHEREAS, in October 2012, a meeting was held with staff from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) regarding the possibility of working together to establish a new state recreation area and preserve; and

WHEREAS, the property under consideration for this new facility, owned by the Trolz family, is comprised of approximately 2,160 acres and straddles the border of Jackson and Washtenaw Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County portion of the property includes 473 acres located in Manchester Township, in the vicinity of Herman and Noggles Roads; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation Commissioners and staff, along with members of the Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee, have visited the Trolz property, noting a site exhibiting a significantly diverse landscape with woodlots, wetlands and open fields; and

WHEREAS, the Trolz Property also includes a portion of an abandoned rail corridor, running roughly east/west, which traverses the property and provides an excellent opportunity for development of a multi-use trail; and

WHEREAS, the Trolz Property possesses attributes and characteristics making some areas appropriate for use as a nature preserve, with other portions devoted to active recreation uses such as a multi-use trail and equestrian activity; and

WHEREAS, an appraisal prepared on behalf of the MDNR identified a value of \$1,410,895 for the Washtenaw County portion of the Trolz Property.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission authorizes initiation of the necessary due diligence examination of the Washtenaw County portion of the Trolz Property (approximately 473 acres), including preparation of a survey, environmental site assessment, as well as a sales offer, contingent upon development of a memorandum of understanding with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources; all items subject to review and final approval by the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission.

Resolution approved by the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission (WCPARC) ____ aye, ____ nay on December 11, 2012.

Robert Marans, President

Nelson Meade, Secretary/Treasurer