

Washtenaw County Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee

MEMORANDUM

TO: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Robert L. Tetens, Director
DATE: April 9, 2013
RE: Recommendation: Jarskey Property - Scio Township

Background

In November 2012, staff received contact from the Jarskey family, expressing their 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. A brief description follows.

Discussion

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 Memorandum dated October 7, 2008). An appraisal of the property was prepared by Bosserd Appraisal Services in February 2013, identifying a value of approximately \$14,285 / acre or \$57,140.

Recommendation

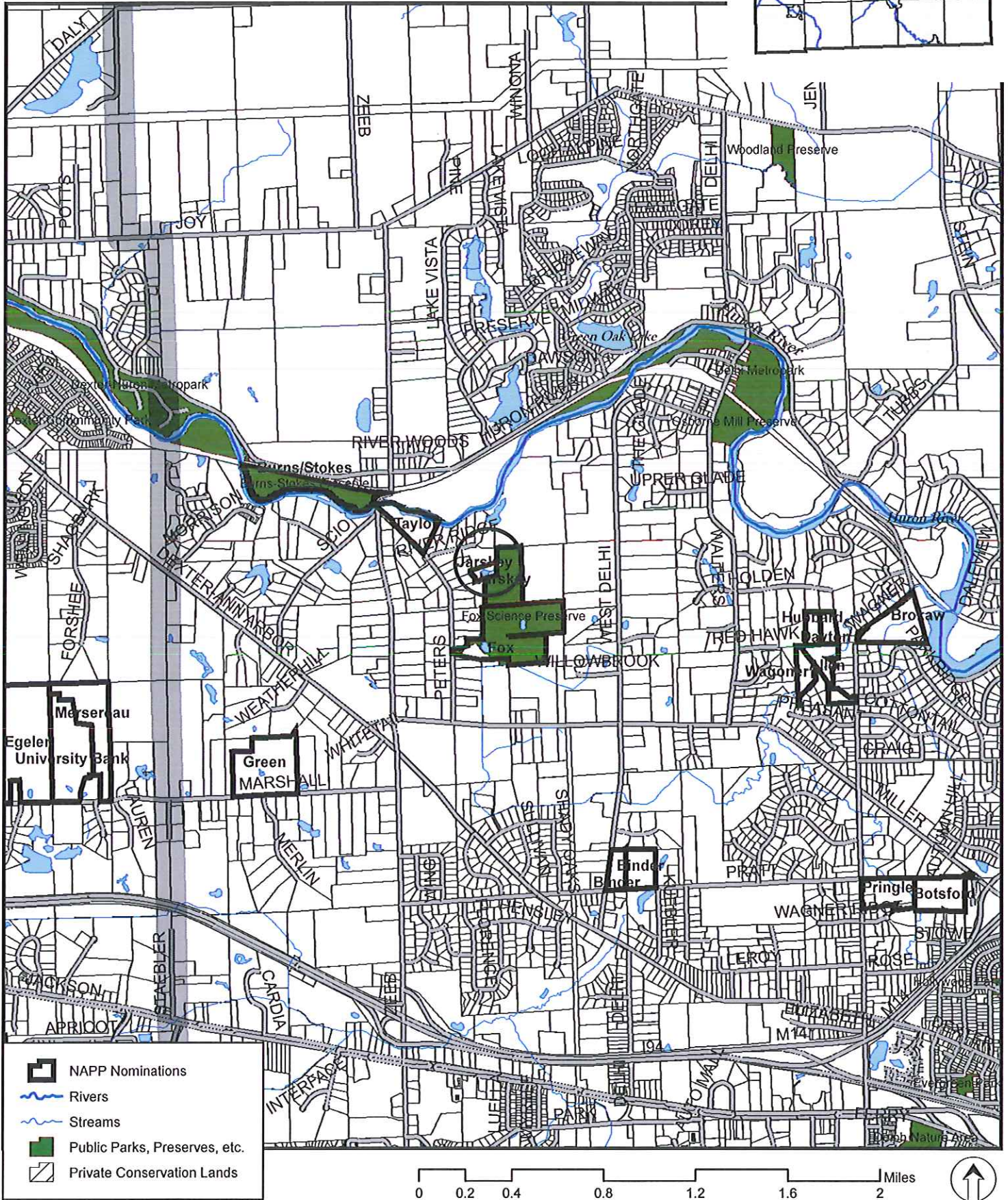
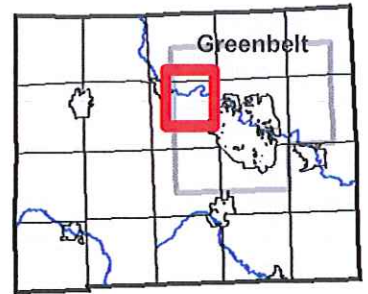
Based upon examination of the property, the Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee has identified the four (4) acre Jarskey parcel as a high priority property for acquisition/preservation. Therefore I recommend the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission authorize preparation of a purchase offer for the Jarskey parcel in the amount of \$14, 285 / acre or \$57,140, contingent upon completion of all necessary due diligence and final approval by the Commission.

Attachments

NAPP Round 13: Local Area

Jarsky Property
 Scio Township
 4+/- acres

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 Locator Map

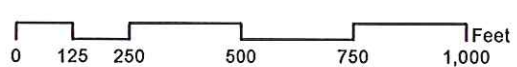
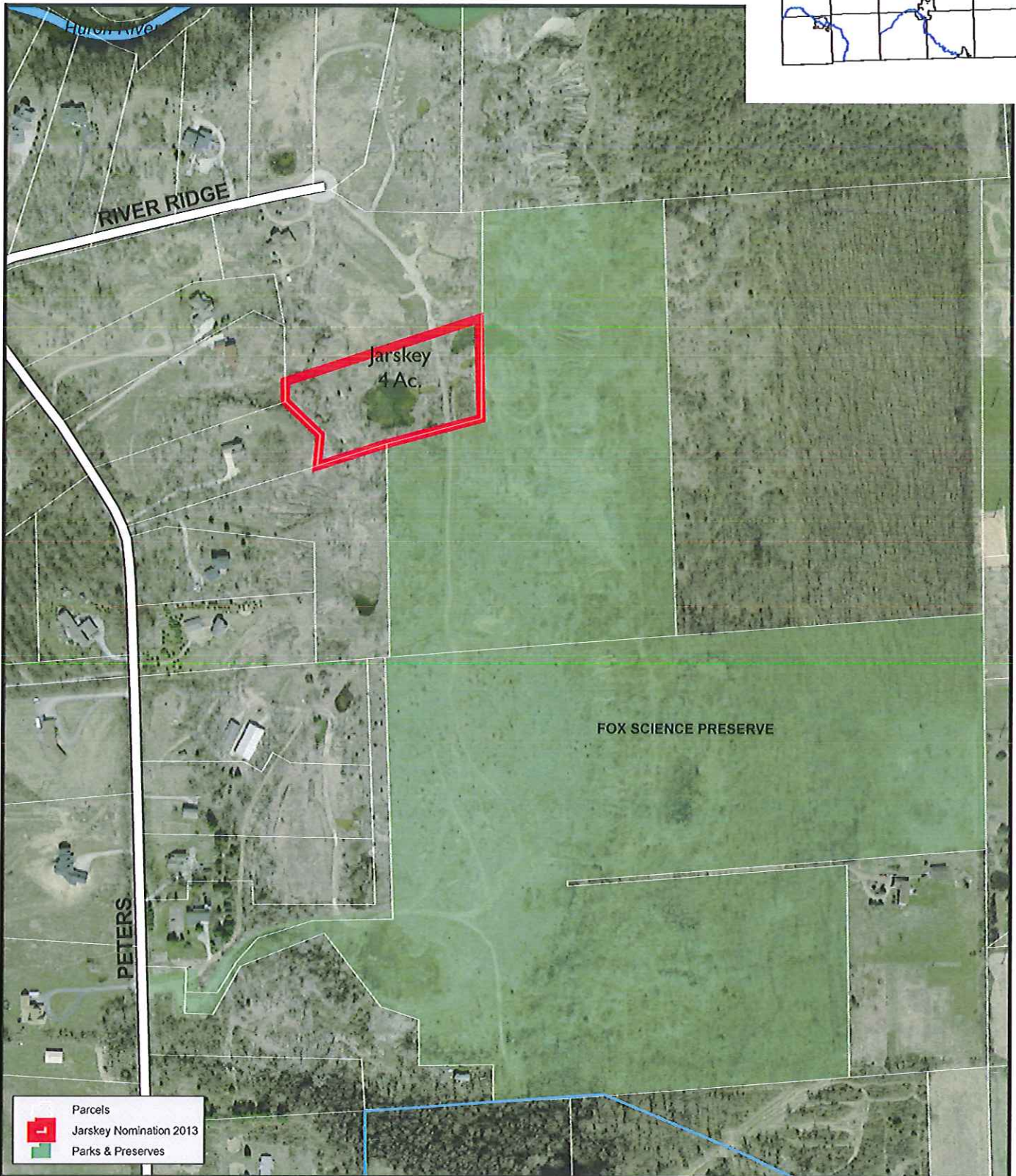
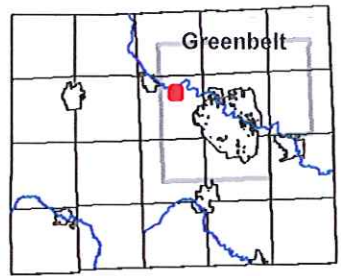


	NAPP Nominations
	Rivers
	Streams
	Public Parks, Preserves, etc.
	Private Conservation Lands

NAPP Round 13: Aerial

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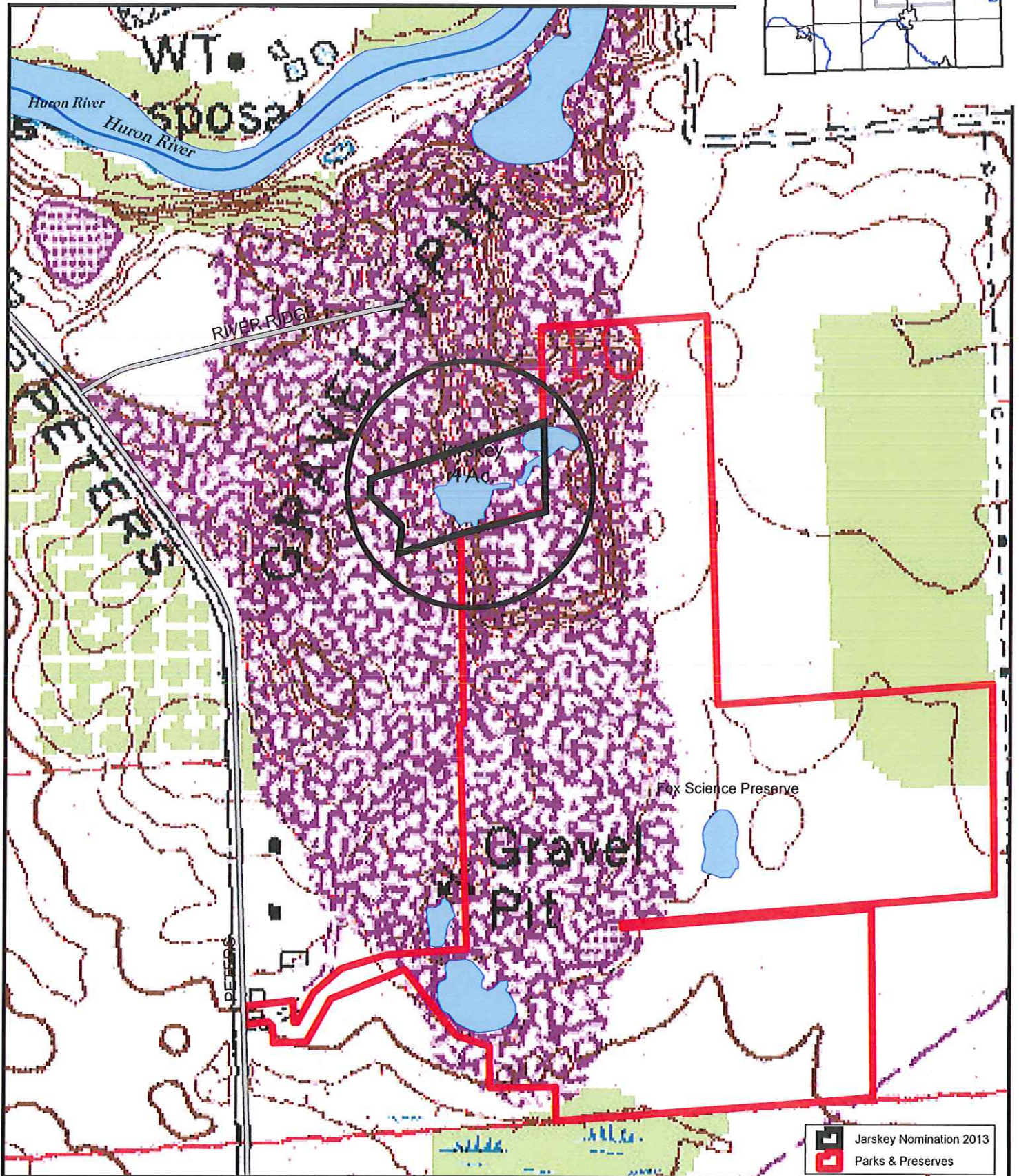
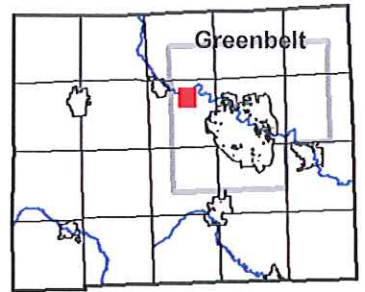
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NAPP Round 13: Topography

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USGS Topographic Contours (1:24,000)

