

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 13, 2012
RE: Recommendation for property acquisition from Round 12 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 12 rounds of applications. In rounds 1 through 11, 168 property nominations totaling 9077 acres were received. During the 12th round of nominations, 35 more properties were submitted for consideration, totaling 2192 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 – 11. Based upon that review, the following recommendation was developed by the Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee at their November 5, 2012 meeting:

Highest Priority: Proceed with negotiations as appropriate for acquisition.

Carpenter Property	176-B-2012	Northfield Township
Carpenter Property	177-C-2012	Webster Township
Carr Property	185-B-2012	Northfield Township
Ford Rod LLC Property	178-J-2012	Superior Township
Lippert Property	184-B-2012	Northfield Township
Primeau Property	190-N-2012	Freedom Township
Ramsey Property	183-B-2012	Northfield Township
West Pier Property	175-K-2012	City of Ypsilanti

Second Priority: Of high interest, consider acquiring if partnerships or collaboration is possible.

Allen Property	193-H-2012	Scio Township
Dayton Property	191-H-2012	Scio Township
Drake Property	197-M-2012	Lodi Township
Egeler Property	199-H-2012	Scio Township
Garrett Property	195-A-2012	Salem Township
Hornback Property	181-A-2012	Salem Township
Hubbard Property	192-H-2012	Scio Township
Mersereau Property	200-H-2012	Scio Township
Newman Property	201-H-2012	Scio Township
Sloan Property	189-H-2012	Scio Township
Taylor Property	196-I-2012	City of Ann Arbor
University Bank Property	202-H-2012	Scio Township
Wagoner Property	194-H-2012	Scio Township

Third Priority: Of high interest, consider acquiring a portion of property if possible.

Lewis Property	179-E-2012	Lyndon Township
Phillips Property	186-B-2012	Northfield Township
Wellings Property	187-B-2012	Northfield Township

Fourth Priority: Of high interest, requires additional research.

Bauer Trust Property	173-E-2012	Lyndon Township
Heim Property	188-G-2012	Lima Township
Lupi Property	169-Q-2012	Bridgewater Township
Schneider Property	182-G-2012	Lima Township
Shammas Property	180-I-2012	Ann Arbor Township
Skowronski Property	174-N-2012	Freedom Township
Stepien Property	203-J-2012	Superior Township
Xuereb Property	198-C-2012	Webster Township

Lowest Priority: Withdraw from further consideration.

Black Property	170-N-2012	Freedom Township
Dieterle Property	172-M-2012	Lodi Township
Smith Trust Property	171-C-2012	Webster 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.