



**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

**INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION**

February 26, 2002

To: David Olson, District Supervisor, Plainwell District  
From: Mitch Wells, Unit Supervisor, Saugatuck Dunes State Park  
Subject: Land Transaction #20010188  
Name: City of Holland  
**Project Area: Saugatuck Dunes State Park**

The review for this case is complete. Attached is a memo summarizing our recommendations and including all required comments.

Attached are the following documents required for each case:

- Memo summarizing our review and recommendation, including any conditions or revisions we recommend.
- Comments form each land managing division
- Comments from Natural Heritage Unit
- Comments from Recreation Section
- Maps of transaction, showing any modifications we recommend

We recommend the following as outlined in the attached memo:

- Approve as proposed
- Approve, with modifications
- Approve, with conditions or restriction noted
- Deny, for reasons stated
- Other



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Subject: Summary of Land Transaction #20010188

Saugatuck Dunes State Park encompasses nine hundred plus acres of Lake Michigan shoreline, open dunes, interdunal wetlands (wetpannes), and wooded dunes. The fifty-car picnic area and parking lot is more than a half a mile hike to the Lake shoreline. The original acquisition was a jurisdictional transfer of 505 acres from the Department of Management and Budget in 1977. Over the years there have been several additional acquisitions that now comprise the State Park and the 297-acre Natural Area. During this 24-year period of Parks and Recreation control, the various administrations have had the same common goal of acquiring, protecting and preserving this fragile coastal area. The offered 23.2 acres, with 326 feet of Lake Michigan shoreline is certainly an attractive parcel and would make a welcome addition to the State Park. The downside is that the boundary with the State is not contiguous and it appears that it would give us an additional parcel of private property surrounded by the State Park.

The construction of a water treatment facility involves several components. The two that would be the most detrimental to the State Park are the shoreline pumping facility and the maintenance access road needed to service the structure. The pumping facilities that I'm familiar with are moderate to large structures that have the need for three phase electric service, back up generators, communication lines, and some sort of sewage system for excess water. The installation and maintenance of such a facility requires a wide easement and even a wider construction easement. Open trenching in this area is certain to kill trees and scar the land for years to come. Directional boring has also proven to destabilize dune and beach areas to some extent. In earlier informational discussions of this proposed project, it was mentioned that a paved access to the lakeshore pumping station would be preferable. A road of this magnitude with accompanying service vehicle traffic would split the State Park in two separate pieces.

Part of our mission statement is to acquire and preserve properties of this caliber for future generations. In this particular situation acquiring and preserving would be a trade-off. When I weigh the two out I side with preserving. Saugatuck Dunes State Park is one of only two large tracts of State owned Lake Michigan shoreline in the southwestern portion of the State. Primarily because of the development tied to this Land Transaction, It is my recommendation that we deny the application.

### REQUESTED LAND TRANSACTION FIELD REVIEW COMMENTS

APPLICANT: CITY OF HOLLAND		DATE SENT TO FIELD: 1-22-02		
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DESIRED STATE LAND: COUNTY: ALLEGAN	TOWNSHIP: LAKETOWN	T 4N	R 16W	SEC 27

IF MORE EXTENSIVE COMMENTARY IS NEEDED YOU MAY ATTACH A MEMO

**MANAGEMENT UNIT  
FISHERIES**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**FOREST, MINERAL & FIRE MANAGEMENT**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PARKS & RECREATION**

*See Attached Summary*

Signature *[Signature]* Date 2/26/02

**WILDLIFE**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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#### MANAGEMENT UNIT FISHERIES

*The proposed land transfer does not offer any substantial increase in Fisheries opportunities or values. While some new L. Mich. Shoreline would be gained, Anglers presently have plenty of Area to Surf fish if desired.*

Signature James J. Dwyer Jr. Date 2-1-02

#### FOREST, MINERAL & FIRE MANAGEMENT

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### PARKS & RECREATION

[Empty review box for Parks & Recreation]

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### WILDLIFE

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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#### MANAGEMENT UNIT

#### FISHERIES

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Signature

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Date

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#### FOREST, MINERAL & FIRE MANAGEMENT

We do not have a problem with this, and would concur with Park Division

Signature

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Date

2-13-02

#### PARKS & RECREATION

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#### WILDLIFE

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**PARKS & RECREATION**

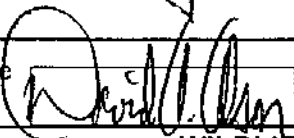
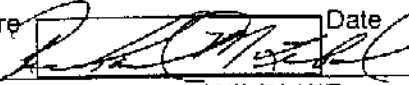
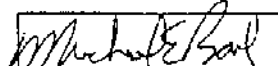
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**WILDLIFE**

*Wildlife Division concurs with Parks and Recreation Division Field Review comments. In addition, Wildlife Division has concerns regarding the potential environmental impact involved in crossing the dunes to Co much. I am with a pipeline and pumping station. This part of the request should be addressed with an Easement Request. Additional Wildlife comment will be offered through that process.*

Signature John Steg Date **1-31-02**

### REQUESTED LAND TRANSACTION FIELD REVIEW COMMENTS

DISTRICT (IF APPLICABLE)	FIELD COORDINATOR
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<p align="center"><b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b></p> <p>I concur with Mitch Wells analysis. This project is not compatible with the nature of this facility.</p> <p>Signature  Date 3/12/02</p>	<p align="center"><b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b></p> <p>THIS REQUEST SHOULD BE DENIED BASED ON ANALYSIS GIVEN BY MITCH WELLS</p> <p>Signature  Date 3/25/02</p>
<p align="center"><b>WILDLIFE</b></p> <p>I concur with Mitch Wells analysis and with John Jergs comments on the affecting any pipeline.</p> <p>Signature  Date 3/13/02</p>	<p align="center"><b>WILDLIFE</b></p> <p>Signature <input type="text"/> Date <input type="text"/></p>



**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

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February 07, 2002

TO: Lowen Schuett, Office of Property Management  
FROM: Edward J. Hagan, State Trails Coordinator  
SUBJECT: Land Transaction Application #20010188  
Applicant: City of Holland  
County: Allegan

The Recreation Section Snowmobile, ORV and Trailways Programs have reviewed the above referenced land transaction application. We find no trail program impacts in the proposed land purchase.

EH:sgfh

cc: Mr. Rodney Stokes, MDNR  
~~Mr. Mitch Wells, MDNR~~  
Mr. Ed Meadows, MDNR