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### **I. INTRODUCTION**

This document is submitted in compliance with Section 1906(2) of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Act, Part 19 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 451 PA 1994 (Act 451), as amended. Part 19 of Act 451 requires an Annual Report be submitted to the Governor and Legislature detailing the operations of the MNRTF Board of Trustees for the preceding one-year period. The report provides a summary of the activities of the MNRTF Board and Program for calendar year 2013, including projects recommended for funding and program revenues and expenditures.

### **II. HISTORY OF THE MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND**

The MNRTF began as the “Kammer Recreational Land Trust Fund Act of 1976” via PA 204 of 1976. Act 204 created the Michigan Land Trust Fund (MLTF) program to provide a permanent funding source for the public acquisition of lands for resource protection and public outdoor recreation. Funding was derived from non-renewable revenues including royalties on the sale and lease of state-owned mineral rights.

On November 6, 1984, Michigan residents voted in favor of Proposal B, which amended the State Constitution and created the MNRTF. The constitutional amendment required that oil, gas, and other mineral lease and royalty payments be placed into the MNRTF, with proceeds used to both acquire and develop public recreation lands. To implement the constitutional amendment and build a permanent investment corpus, the Legislature passed the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Act of 1985 (PA 101 of 1985). This act stipulated that in any one fiscal year up to a third of all mineral lease revenues, plus the interest and earnings of the MNRTF, could be used to both purchase land for resource protection and public outdoor recreation and develop outdoor recreation facilities.

The State Constitution and Act 101 of 1985 also specify that not less than 25 percent of the total expenditures from the MNRTF in any fiscal year be expended for land acquisition and rights in land, and not more than 25 percent for development of public recreation facilities. In addition, Act 101 authorized the use of the MNRTF to make the annual payments in lieu of taxes (PILT) to local units of government that are required under subpart 14 of Part 21 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 451 PA 1994, as amended. Trust Funds are used to meet the State’s obligations under Part 21 for lands acquired by the DNR with MNRTF assistance.

On November 8, 1994, Michigan voters approved Proposal P, which again amended the State Constitution. The 1994 amendment reversed a previous constitutional provision which allowed the diversion of MNRTF revenue to the Michigan Strategic Fund. Proposal P also established in the Constitution the Michigan State Park Endowment Fund for the operation, maintenance and capital improvements at Michigan’s State Parks, and provided for the distribution of \$10 million annually of MNRTF mineral revenues to the new Endowment Fund. The 1994 amendment also raised the maximum amount of nonrenewable mineral royalties that can accumulate in the MNRTF investment corpus from \$200 million to \$400 million.

On August 6, 2002, Michigan residents approved Proposal 2. This amendment to Article IX of the Constitution allows the State Treasurer to invest MNRTF funds in a wider array of

investments including the stock market. It also raised the point at which nonrenewable mineral royalties accrue to the MNRTF from \$400 million to \$500 million.

In May of 2011 the MNRTF reached an investment corpus level of \$500 million from nonrenewable mineral revenues. As a result, the MNRTF no longer receives revenue generated from mineral production on State owned land. Future allocations for recreational development projects, land and rights in land acquisitions, investments for recreational purposes or future investment growth will be funded with interest and earnings on the investments.

Presently, PILT on lands purchased using MNRTF funds and held by the State are fully paid from the MNRTF. Previously, General Fund appropriations were provided for a portion of these payments. Recent changes in statute have increased the amount of taxes paid by utilizing MNRTF revenue. Lands purchased by local units of government using MNRTF funds are not subject to PILT and do not generate revenue related to property taxes.

For over 37 years the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund has been a very successful program that Michigan communities have used to fund public access to natural resources and outdoor recreation projects. To date, the MNRTF has awarded \$989 million in grants to assist 2,045 projects. This investment has delivered an important economic driver for Michigan tourism and regional economies. Furthermore, the recreation benefits of these projects include the promotion of healthy lifestyles, reduction in crime, place making and enhancement of community identity. This investment has provided:

- A trail system that is second-to-none in the country
- Acquisition and improvement of a network of more than one thousand local parks
- Playgrounds, water recreation, ball fields, nature areas and camping facilities
- Land for public hunting
- Public water access
- Fishing access
- Urban redevelopment
- Access to Great Lakes shoreline
- Access to outdoor recreation for citizens of varying types of physical ability

### **III. BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

The Board of Trustees created by the MNRTF Act is composed of five members. These members are the Director of the DNR or a member of the Natural Resources Commission, as determined by the Natural Resources Commission, and four residents of the State appointed by the Governor.

The citizen members appointed by the Governor and serving their terms during 2013 were:

Mr. Bob Garner from Cadillac, for a term which expired on October 1, 2013, replaced by Ms. Erin McDonough from Williamston who was appointed on August 15, 2013 for a term expiring October 1, 2017; Mr. Keith Charters from Traverse City, for a term expiring October 1, 2015; Mr. Brad Canale from Ann Arbor, for a term expiring October 1, 2016; and Mr. Samuel Cummings from Grand Rapids, for a term expiring October 1, 2014.

The Department of Natural Resources was represented by Director Keith Creagh.

Mr. Cummings served as Chairperson for the entire year and Mr. Charters was Vice-Chairperson for the entire year. At the December 4, 2013 meeting, the Board unanimously voted to re-appoint Mr. Sam Cummings as Chairperson and to appoint Mr. Brad Canale as Vice-Chairperson of the Board for 2014.

The Board unanimously approved Board meeting dates for 2014: February 19, April 16, June 18, August 20, October 22, and December 3.

#### **IV. BOARD ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2013**

The MNRTF Board met seven times in 2013 to conduct business. A strategy meeting was held on December 3 in Lansing to discuss the future of the MNRTF including the impact on the program of no longer receiving nonrenewable revenues for grant making and to obtain public input. The following is a summary of MNRTF Board action during 2013.

##### **Allocation of Project Funds**

Section 1907(1) of Part 19, PA 451 of 1994, requires that by January of each year the Board submit to the Legislature a priority list of lands recommended for acquisition and/or development.

Applications for MNRTF assistance are accepted annually. Applications are accepted from both local units of government and State agencies, primarily the land managing divisions of the DNR (i.e., Parks and Recreation, Wildlife, Fisheries, and Forest Resources). Applications are reviewed and scored by Grants Management of the DNR. Final grant recommendations are made by the MNRTF Board and submitted through the State Budget Office to the Legislature for approval and appropriation of funds.

The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund 2013 Application Guidelines (IC1905) booklet, which explains the program and application requirements, was made available to prospective applicants in January 2013. Applications for MNRTF land acquisition and recreation facility development projects were accepted from the DNR and local units of government on April 1, 2013.

DNR Grants Management staff review applications for eligibility and conformance to the stated program goals and evaluation criteria. Staff conducted an initial evaluation, provided a preliminary score to the applicants, and allowed the submittal of additional information before the final scoring process was conducted. Grants Management staff conducted a visit of all sites to verify conditions described in the application.

During 2013, 142 MNRTF applications requesting \$49.5 million in assistance were evaluated and scored by Grants Management staff based on criteria and a scoring model approved by the Board. The final staff rankings for acquisition and development projects were submitted to the Board in November. These rankings were based on application scores. The Board considered staff recommendations and other appropriate factors in making its recommendations.

At its December 4, 2013 meeting, the Board officially adopted its 2013 project recommendations for land acquisition and development projects for submission to the Legislature. The list includes the following projects, subject to legislative approval and appropriation of funds:

- A total of 32 acquisition grants requesting \$19 million (23 local acquisition grants totaling \$9.2 million and 9 State acquisition grants totaling \$9.8 million)

- A total of 44 development grants requesting \$8.6 million (39 local development grants totaling \$7.1 million and 5 State development grants totaling \$1.5 million)

The Board's recommendations were submitted to the State Budget Office for inclusion in a 2013 supplemental appropriations bill.

### **Board Actions**

As background information, in 2011 the MNRTF reached its Constitutional cap of \$500 million. Since that time, revenue generated from mineral production on State owned land is no longer available for use by the MNRTF. As a result, the amount of funding available for grant awards, Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT), and administration is now limited to the amount of income generated from the invested corpus. The MNRTF is totally dependent upon investment income for current spending and asset growth. Strong recent investment returns have allowed for MNRTF spending of 5% of investments. The ability to sustain 5% investment returns in the current economic climate is not probable. Annual spending at a 5% rate with no provision for growth is not a viable long-term plan for a fund that must function as a permanent funding source. Furthermore, with inflation the purchasing power of a 5% return on investment will erode as will the ability to fund public outdoor recreation.

As a result of reaching the Constitutional cap as described above, in 2013 the Trust Fund Board took steps toward operating as a permanent endowment/foundation without an influx of new donations. Toward that end, the Board adopted revisions to its Investment Policy and implemented a Spending Policy. A key objective is to position the Trust Fund financially to allow investment income to support a stable level of spending. The Investment Policy calls for targeted returns accomplished through active asset allocations. The Department of Treasury will continue to manage MNRTF investments and provide the expertise needed to set the optimal asset allocation mix.

With respect to the Spending Policy, the MNRTF Board approved setting aside a portion of the constitutionally protected investment income for future use. The purpose of this reserve is to enable the fund to keep up with inflation related to increasing land acquisition costs, increased property tax payments and rising project construction costs. The plan approved by the Board makes available 2.5% of the investable fund balance for current-year spending. This represents approximately half of the anticipated interest earned on the invested funds. The remaining earnings will be held in reserve so as to mitigate the impact of inflation and to preserve the ability to fund public outdoor recreation in the future. This approach makes possible the continued awarding of grants even when investment income is down or if investment losses occur due to economic conditions.

To soften the impact of the reduction in spending from the 5% level to a 2.5% target, the Board has decided to make a percentage of reserve funds available for grants over the next three years. This will ease the transition to the new, relatively lower amount of funds available annually for grants.

Board priorities for 2014 projects remain unchanged. Specifically, the Board seeks to fund projects that involve trails (including water trails), winter deeryard and wildlife corridors, and projects located in urban areas. In addition to these Board priorities, there were scoring changes implemented as a result of legislation (PA 619 of 2012) which called for additional points for the acquisition of parcels which will allow motorized recreational use and the acquisition of a parcel in a county with 50% or more privately owned land.

At the end of 2013 the Board held a meeting to discuss the long term strategy of the MNRTF. Public input was sought as to how the MNRTF can have an even greater impact on economic development within the State and how access to public outdoor recreation can be enhanced.

### **Awards**

In 2013, the Ocqueoc Falls Trailhead and Scenic Overlook Improvement project funded by the MNRTF was the recipient of a daVinci Award sponsored by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. This award was given for excellence in the “environmental adaptation for working/daily living” category. Also, in 2013 the work of MNRTF staff was recognized by the Marquette Access Group for excellence in universal design. Through the scoring criteria, the Board has encouraged a higher standard than the Americans with Disabilities Act, awarding projects with universal design more points in the application scoring process.

### **Board Recommendations**

A list of the MNRTF Board recommended acquisition and development projects in priority order follows this section.

**2013 Recommended Acquisition Projects in Priority Order**

<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Grant Award</b>
13-020	City of East Tawas	East Tawas City Park-Genii's/Verlac Acquisition	This project is for the acquisition of two properties, that together are just under one acre on Tawas Bay and will complete the connection between two city parks. The acquisition properties feature over 200 feet of shoreline. The existing home-office building will be used for meeting space, restrooms for the park and future camp sites, as well as storage. The site will expand the existing day use area, provide a trailhead for the US-23 Heritage Route and provide restroom and meeting facilities for a variety of users.	Iosco	406,300
13-032	City of Marquette	Clark Lambros Beach Park Acquisition	Acquisition of approximately 9 acres of land with approximately 1500 linear feet of frontage of Lake Superior and 500 linear feet of shoreline on the Dead River. This parcel is in a location that provides for a safe and accessible swimming beach, protected from the surf by the harbor break wall.	Marquette	1,440,000
13-123	DNR - Forest Resources Division	Pigeon River Property	This project will protect and open for public use 161 acres located within the Pigeon River Country State Forest. The features of the property include over 6,300 feet of frontage on the Pigeon River, protection of elk and deeryard habitat and recreational opportunities for hunting, fishing, trapping, camping, birdwatching and more. The Pigeon River Country State Forest is one of the largest contiguous blocks of quality wildlife and recreation land in the Lower Peninsula and is much revered as an outdoor recreation destination.	Otsego	500,000
13-128	DNR - Wildlife Division	Porter Township SGA Land Acquisition	With this grant, MDNR's Wildlife Division will attempt to acquire a 416-acre parcel with frontage on Grass Lake. The parcel will nicely complement the adjacent federally-owned Kinney Waterfowl Production Area. Features of the property include 9800 feet of frontage on Grass Lake including high quality emergent wetland habitat that is ideal for the division's intended use of the property as waterfowl habitat. Other features include over 250 acres of grassland and cropland acreage which enhance the site for wildlife habitat and viewing. The Department will manage the property primarily for mallard, pheasant, eastern meadowlark and wood duck. Excellent recreation opportunities are anticipated for this site.	Van Buren	1,800,000
13-100	Springfield Charter Township	Shiawassee Lake Property Acquisition	This project is for acquisition of eight acres of pristine, high-quality natural area on Shiawassee Lake and the headwaters of the Shiawassee River. According to the MNFI Shiawassee and Huron Headwater Preservation Project, this property is one of the last relatively untouched and high quality river corridors in urbanized Southeast Michigan.	Oakland	99,900
13-065	City of Pontiac	Clinton River Trail Acquisition-Pontiac	This project is for the acquisition of 85.4 acres of abandoned rail corridor that runs 4.5 miles. The property will connect three City of Pontiac parks and provide a northern spur to the Clinton River Trail. The Oakland County Greenway Plan also identifies this corridor as a link to ecological hubs within an urban area.	Oakland	370,000
13-118	Garfield Charter Township	Boardman Valley Nature Preserve Acquisition	Acquisition of approximately 30 acres for expansion of Boardman Valley Nature Preserve with just over 2,500 linear feet of frontage on the Boardman River.	Grand Traverse	270,000

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13-129	DNR - Wildlife Division	Holly Recreation Area Land Acquisition	Acquisition of a 291-acre parcel with frontage on Young Lake within the Holly Recreation Area in Oakland County. The land will provide additional access to Young Lake for ice-fishing and waterfowl hunting. Other hunting opportunities include deer, turkey and small game. Two huge benefits of the project are the way it fits in with the existing state land in the area and the fact that it is within a reasonable drive of many residents of the Southeast Michigan metropolitan area.	Oakland	3,030,000
13-057	Village of Baraga	Baraga Lake Superior Shoreline Acquisition	Acquisition of approximately 1700 feet of Lake Superior shoreline, including approximately 7.6 acres of vacant land for the Lake Superior Shore Park expansion.	Baraga	185,000
13-124	DNR - Forest Resources Division	Dair Creek Property	This project's intent is the acquisition of 240 acres located within the State Forest boundary and nearly surrounded by state land. Three-fourths of a mile of Dair Creek, a designated Natural River and cold water trout stream, feeds into the regionally-famous Betsie River. The creek contains self-sustaining populations of brown and brook trout, steelhead, coho and Chinook salmon. The riverine corridor on the parcel is a critical wildlife travel pathway. The upland forest, pond and excellent wildlife habitat of the land provide an ideal location for public recreation adventures.	Benzie	700,000
13-126	DNR - Forest Resources Division	Little Manistee River Property	This grant offers the potential to acquire 15 acres located within the State Forest boundary and adjacent to state land on three sides, with 1200 feet of Little Manistee river corridor. The Little Manistee supports native and wild populations of brook and brown trout, migratory steelhead, and coho salmon. Chinook salmon are stocked in the river. The river is also a critical wildlife travel corridor that, along with the upland forest, provides excellent habitat for game and non-game species. A wide variety of outdoor pursuits will be possible if the acquisition is completed, including hunting, fishing, mushrooming, birdwatching, hiking and dispersed camping.	Lake	100,000
13-017	Meridian Charter Township	Green Road Land Preserve Acquisition	This project is for the acquisition of 5 acres adjacent to Ingham County Lake Lansing Park North. The site will be acquired for land preservation and maintained as a natural area for passive recreation, nature observation and the township's managed deer harvest.	Ingham	99,200
13-064	New Buffalo Township	Kruger Road Park Acquisition	Acquisition of approximately 12.21 acres of undeveloped park land bordered by over 2,300 feet of Galien River frontage to develop a future public access point along the Galien River for nature trails, fishing and boating activities. In conjunction with development of the township's existing Glassman Park, the proposed Kruger Road Park will extend the Galien River Water Trail by approximately 3.8 miles.	Berrien	150,000
13-106	St. Clair County	North Channel Waterfront Acquisition	This project is for the acquisition of approximately 9.4 acres with 360 linear feet of shoreline on the North Channel of the St. Clair River, 362 feet of frontage on M-29, adjacent to a MDNR Boat Access Site, and on the Bridge to Bay Trail. The park will be developed as a universally-accessible county park including fishing piers, a canoe/kayak launch, swimming beach, pathways, restrooms, picnic facilities and parking.	St. Clair	296,000
13-107	City of Boyne City	Riverside Park Annex Acquisition	Acquisition of 6 +/- acres to expand public ownership of the Boyne River to protect forested wetlands, floodplain and wildlife habitat and provide water access, fishing and other passive recreation opportunities.	Charlevoix	48,600

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13-111	City of Manistique	Manistique River Waterfront North Lot Acquisition	Acquisition of 1.16 acres to acquire approximately 2,150 feet of frontage along the Manistique River. This acquisition will enhance the access to the waterfront and eventually be the location of a multi-use pathway.	Schoolcraft	26,400
13-112	City of Manistique	Manistique River Waterfront Lot US-2 Acquisition	Acquisition of 7.64 acres to make waterfront more accessible. It would eventually serve as the location of a multi-use pathway.	Schoolcraft	125,000
13-113	City of Manistique	Manistique River Waterfront Elk Street Acquisition	Acquisition of 2.73 acres (four lots) adjacent to the Manistique River to allow space for public parking to access the planned non-motorized path extension.	Schoolcraft	102,300
13-043	Berrien County	Love Creek County Park Expansion	Acquisition of approximately 24 acres directly adjacent to Love Creek County Park. This purchase will create a contiguous area of public park land that guarantees continued public access, protect the Love Creek watershed, and also provide an important buffer needed to protect the scenic values to Love Creek's Outer Loop area in perpetuity.	Berrien	114,500
13-125	DNR - Forest Resources Division	Strombolis Lake Property	Acquisition of 160 acres located within the State Forest boundary and surrounded by state land, containing four ice depression kettle lakes - the largest of which is 22 acres. Two very popular mountain bike pathways are in close proximity to this parcel, offering the potential for spur trails onto this property to provide access to the lakes. The property also provides excellent habitat for wild turkey, ruffed grouse, coyote, mink, bear and waterfowl. The wildlife habitat, recreation potential, and fit with existing state ownership make this parcel a very logical and highly desirable target for acquisition.	Grand Traverse	1,000,000
13-028	Marathon Township	Marathon Township Park Land Acquisition	This project is for the acquisition of approximately 23 acres of property adjacent to the Southern Links Trailway. The property will be developed as the first township park and act as a trailhead for the adjacent trailway. Future facilities may include trails, picnic areas, playground, parking and restrooms.	Lapeer	98,600
13-089	Peaine Township	Fox Pointe Acquisition	Acquisition of approximately 23 acres of land on Beaver Island with frontage on Fox Lake. It will serve as a recreational destination for residents and visitors and to preserve natural resources on site.	Charlevoix	155,300
13-084	City of Norton Shores	Hines Property Acquisition - North	Acquisition of 13.08 acres adjacent to Black Lake Park. This acquisition includes 1,100 feet of frontage on Little Black Lake. This land will be preserved for open space, wetland preservation, and passive recreation opportunities. Some of the passive recreation opportunities will include hiking, biking, fishing, and wildlife observation.	Muskegon	146,800
13-104	Spring Lake Township	Hines Property Acquisition - South	Acquisition of 30 acres adjacent to Little Black Lake and Black Lake Park. This acquisition includes approximately 650 feet of frontage on the Little Black Lake. This property will be preserved for viewshed and habitat preservation. This parcel will provide a habitat corridor from the North Ottawa Dunes and Hoffmaster State Park to wetlands around Little Black Lake.	Ottawa	94,900
13-132	DNR - Parks and Recreation Division	Lime Island Recreation Area-Karen's Cabins Acquisition	This project's intent is the acquisition of 7 acres of land with 600 feet of frontage on the St. Mary's River, including a 300-foot-long boat harbor. This parcel will be managed as an accessory to the Lime Island State Recreation Area and is needed to provide shelter for boats, parking for vehicles and an excellent location for freighter-watching, fishing and kayak stopovers. The site will also provide protected moorage for watercraft used for park safety and enforcement patrol.	Chippewa	180,000

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13-133	DNR - Parks and Recreation Division	Cheboygan State Park Acquisition	DNR's Parks and Recreation Division intends to use this grant to acquire a 36.97-acre undeveloped parcel inside the boundary of Cheboygan State Park. This inholding is home to a variety of plants and animals that make Michigan's coastal areas special. The site is very heavily used by migrating birds due to its important location as a resting spot before crossing the Straits of Mackinac. In addition, the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners has provided a resolution of support, indicating a desire of residents for expansion of recreation and habitat protection within the park.	Cheboygan	40,000
13-027	City of Detroit	Inner Circle Greenway - Conrail Acquisition	Acquisition of 8.3-linear mile section of abandoned rail corridor in Detroit and Highland Park, which is a critical component of the entire 26-mile Inner Circle Greenway loop. The Inner Circle Greenway loop also includes existing portions of the Southwest Detroit Greenlink, the Detroit RiverWalk and the Dequindre Cut Trail.	Wayne	3,431,300
13-050	Clinton Township	Clinton Township Nature Preserve/Campground Acquisition	Acquisition of 63.47 acres to establish a nature preserve and campground in the community.	Oscoda	134,800
13-097	City of Frankenmuth	Park Land Acquisition	This project is for the acquisition of 36.6 acres to be utilized for active recreation including soccer, baseball, softball and other outdoor active recreation opportunities. The project was initiated by a local soccer organization and the property will allow the city to meet the active recreation needs of the community.	Saginaw	721,800
13-086	Peninsula Township	Bowers Harbor Park Expansion	Acquisition to include approximately 60 acres for addition to an existing popular township park for recreational activities.	Grand Traverse	626,800
13-007	Thomas Township	Roethke Park Land Acquisition	This property is for the acquisition of a 5-acre parcel located next to Thomas Township Roethke Park. The parcel will provide a buffer to commercial development, will be left in a wooded state and the existing cabin will be used for nature education programs.	Saginaw	39,700
13-131	DNR - Parks and Recreation Division	Old Mooring Place Acquisition	In a fine example of intergovernmental cooperation, this project seeks to acquire 8.17 acres with 525 feet of frontage on the East Arm of Grand Traverse Bay (Lake Michigan). This parcel is to be acquired and improved by the MDNR and then managed for the long-term by Peninsula Township as a state-of-the-art boat launch and water access site. The site is in a protected bay that is ideal for such use and will provide the newest access point for Great Lakes recreational pursuits when it is completed. (The MNRTF recommendation of this project is contingent upon the local unit of government and the DNR resolving local concerns.)	Grand Traverse	2,500,000

**2013 Recommended Development Projects in Priority Order**

<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Grant Award</b>
13-003	City of Belleville	Horizon Park Improvements	Development to include a floating dock, universally-accessible canoe/kayak launch, parking lot resurfacing, sign kiosk and paved picnic pad on Belleville Lake in southeast Michigan. Belleville Lake is nearly 7 miles long, covers almost 1,270 acres and contains approximately two miles of Belleville Lake shoreline. The project area is part of the Huron River Watershed Council's Huron River Water Trail.	Wayne	120,700
13-010	City of Battle Creek	Willard Park Beach Relocation	Development to include relocation/restoration of the sand beach area in a 3.5-acre portion of Willard Park on Goguac Lake, which is one of the largest inland lakes contained entirely within the boundaries of an urban core city in southwest Michigan. The site provides a rare opportunity for many residents with limited transportation options to experience the beach and water during the summer months. Improvements will include universally accessible picnic shelters, picnic tables, hard surface trails, and a bio-retention basin for a new rain garden.	Calhoun	300,000
13-036	Davison Township	R. Williams Nature Park Improvements	This is a development project for a nature trail through a variety of habitats along the Kearsley Creek, an overlook structure for wildlife viewing and outdoor education programs, interpretive signs, amenities and parking at the R. Williams Nature Park and Learning Center. The park site will be used by the community, outdoor clubs and for programming available through a collaborative agreement between the township, City of Davison and Davison Area Schools.	Genesee	220,500
13-142	City of Munising	Munising Tourist Park Campground Improvements	This is a campground development project along the Hiawatha Water Trail on Lake Superior. It includes the renovation of existing campsites to full service sites, expansion of new rustic campsites, access paths, mobimat beach access path to the shoreline, upgrades to the existing dump station, septic field and lighting, parking improvements to meet ADA requirements, new toilet/shower building to fully provide the requirements for the expanded campsites and a new entrance sign.	Alger	200,000
13-093	City of St. Louis	Leppien Park Improvements	This is a universally accessible development project at Leppien Park. The project includes replacing a deteriorated boat launch and dock to improve boating access to the Pine River, rock slabs along the river bank to improve fishing access and stabilize the river bank and a large pavilion. The site is used as a community park and the location for an annual fishing derby.	Gratiot	161,000
13-037	Village of Jonesville	Jonesville Rail Trail Construction	Development to include construction of 1.4-mile long, 10' wide universally accessible recreational multi-use path, including interpretive sign and benches that will provide a scenic nature route along the St. Joseph River. The trail will connect and serve as an alternative route for a portion of the Hill-Jo Trail that runs from Hillsdale to Jonesville in Hillsdale County. The Hill-Jo Trail is part of the 4,600-mile North Country National Scenic Trail that stretches from Crown Point, New York to Lake Sakakawea State Park in North Dakota.	Hillsdale	296,000

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13-137	DNR - Parks and Recreation Division	Hart-Montague Trail State Park Reconstruction	Development to include removing existing surfacing and widening the Hart-Montague Trail - Segment A, which includes the northerly 11.3 miles of a 22.6 mile project, from 8' to 10' to meet current state and federal standards, bridges and culvert and rest area modifications from Hart to a point just north of New Era.	Oceana	300,000
13-077	Muskegon Charter Township	Fred Meijer Berry Junction Trail Development	Development to include 4.6 miles of a non-motorized trail that will traverse through several communities. The south end of the trail will connect to the Center Street/Lake Avenue Trail and ultimately will connect to the major regional trails such as the Muskegon Lake Trail, Musketawa Trail, and North Bank Trail. The proposed trail will also require 586 feet of timber boardwalk and a bridge over Bear Creek.	Muskegon	300,000
13-070	City of Flint	McKinley Park Improvements	This is a development project at McKinley Park for waterfront access improvements on Thread Lake and a new playground. Waterfront improvements include a fishing deck, kayak launch, overlook, access paths, exercise stations and a pavilion. The application was initiated by a local business looking to revitalize the neighborhood and surrounding area.	Genesee	225,000
13-053	City of Marquette	Presque Isle/Harlow/Williams Restroom Facilities	Development to include three new restrooms that meet universal design access at the 323 acre Presque Isle Park along Lake Superior and at Williams and Harlow Parks, which are both popular neighborhood parks.	Marquette	296,000
13-022	City of Alpena	NEST Alpena Regional Trailhead	Development to include a year-round trailhead along the North Eastern State Trail. Development includes restroom/storage building, pavilion, paved parking lot, snowmobile parking, access paths, drinking fountain, landscaping, all of the necessary site amenities and security lighting and camera.	Alpena	245,000
13-138	DNR - Parks and Recreation Division	North Western State Trail Surfacing - Alanson to Mackinaw City	Development to include approximately 22.7 miles of crushed limestone surface improvements, .5 miles of asphalt paving, drainage and one bridge improvement, including railings and decking along the Alanson to Mackinaw City rail-trail corridor.	Emmet	282,000
13-141	City of Munising	Munising Bay Mountain Bike Trailhead	Development to include a new trailhead with a universally accessible restroom, parking lot and all of the necessary amenities for a new 1.6-mile single track, mountain bike trail. The new mountain bike trail will have different trail types to meet a variety of user abilities.	Alger	194,100
13-038	Midland County	Pere Marquette Rail Trail Improvements and Trailhead	This is a universally accessible development project that includes resurfacing 2 miles of the 30 mile Pere Marquette Rail Trail and construction of a new trailhead with a pavilion, amenities, interpretive signs and parking at Hope Road. The trailhead is adjacent to the historic Averill Rollway and in close proximity to Lincoln Township Municipal Offices and the township park. The Township, in collaboration with the County, currently offers trail users additional parking for cars or larger vehicles and will offer access to the proposed restrooms at Lincoln Township Park.	Midland	300,000
13-069	Oshtemo Charter Township	Flesher Field Park Improvements	Development to include a new universally accessible play area, picnic shelter, garden space for social gatherings with gazebo, pathway, landscaping and relocation of two wiffleball fields at Flesher Field Park.	Kalamazoo	300,000
13-034	City of Wakefield	Eddy Park Improvements	Development to include renovation of restroom and change house facilities for accessibility and repair of the pier at Eddy Park located on the popular Sunday Lake.	Gogebic	112,500

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<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Grant Award</b>
13-139	DNR - Parks and Recreation Division	Fred Meijer White Pine Trail SP Surface and Bridge Improvements	Development to include approximately 40.8 miles of crushed limestone surface improvements and bridge widening improvements, including decking and railings for five bridges along the Leroy to Sand Lake rail-trail corridor.	Various	300,000
13-039	Lincoln Township	Lincoln Township Park Development	This is a universally accessible development project at Lincoln Township Park including a multi-use path within the park, picnic pavilion, restroom, horseshoes, interpretive signs and amenities. The park is adjacent to the Hope Road trailhead for the Pere Marquette Rail Trail, and in collaboration with Midland County, it will provide access to the existing parking for larger vehicles.	Midland	144,700
13-116	Village of Central Lake	Thurston Park Improvements	Development to include a new bath house, walkways, boardwalk along shoreline of Intermediate Lake and additional boat dockage at this popular lake that is part of the "Chain O' Lakes" in Antrim County.	Antrim	162,500
13-026	Oceana County	Hart-Montague Trail State Park Reconstruction of Segment B	Development to include removing existing surfacing and widening the Hart-Montague Trail - Segment B, which includes the southernly 11.3 miles of a 22.6 mile project from New Era to Whitehall, from 8' to 10' to meet current state and federal standards. This project also consists of widening bridges, culverts, and rest area modifications. This trail connects to local trails in Whitehall, which provides direct access to Lake Michigan, and also connects to the Fred Meijer Berry Junction Trail.	Oceana	300,000
13-119	Republic Township	Munson Park Improvements	Development of a campground along the Iron Ore Heritage Trail. It includes the construction of paved RV sites with water and electric, rustic tent campsites, accessible restrooms, access paths, parking and necessary site amenities at Munson Park along the Michigamme River and day use picnic sites along School Lake.	Marquette	172,200
13-092	Saginaw County	Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail Development	This project is for the development of the first paved phase of the Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail beginning at Kochville Road going north for approximately 2.3 miles to the Saginaw County-Bay County line. The trail will be universally accessible and runs along the border of the Crow Island State Game Area. Interpretive signs will be installed to provide information on the natural features of the adjacent game area.	Saginaw	280,000
13-099	Arenac County	Point AuGres Park Blue Water Trail Development	This project is for the development of a primary staging site at Point AuGres Park for the proposed Arenac Blue Water Trail. The trail will eventually provide a link between the Tip of the Thumb Heritage and Huron Blueways Water Trails. The park is on the Saginaw Bay and has existing cabins, restrooms, beach and day use facilities. Improvements will be universally accessible and include electrical service to the existing cabins, shower facilities, a dock for fishing and viewing the bay, a canoe/kayak launch and storage, and informational signs.	Arenac	126,100
13-136	DNR - Parks and Recreation Division	Statewide Showcase Trail Initiative	Development to include trail, trailheads and other support facilities for the Governor's Belle Isle to Wisconsin Showcase Trail located on state land.	Various	300,000
13-014	Hamburg Township	Lakelands Trail Access Improvements	This project is a universally accessible development project including a trailhead and half-mile paved extension of the 26-mile Lakelands Trail, which is the last remaining unpaved section in the township. The trailhead includes parking and an information kiosk.	Livingston	125,400

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13-080	Village of Middleville	Paul Henry Trail Extension and Riverfront Improvement	Development will include an extension of the Paul Henry non-motorized trail along the Thornapple River, a multi-purpose community pavilion, and a parking lot and universally-accessible small watercraft launch. The trail segment is key to providing non-motorized access to the Thornapple River north of the Middleville Dam and will set the stage for a connection to Kent County's regional trails which would provide non-motorized trail routes to Cadillac and Muskegon.	Barry	300,000
13-049	Wayne County	Elizabeth Park Greenway and Shoreline	Development to include construction of 4,000 feet of a 10 foot-wide non-motorized trail that will connect Grosse Isle Parkway in the City of Trenton, including trails that are part of the Downriver Linked Greenways Master Plan. The restoration of the canal includes shoreline stabilization, invasive species removal and fishing/canoe/kayak access. Elizabeth Park is a key location within the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge.	Wayne	300,000
13-052	Charlevoix County	Boyne City to Charlevoix Non-Motorized Trail	Development to include construction of a 3.2 mile, 10-foot wide HMA non-motorized path along Boyne City-Charlevoix Road, beginning at the Little Traverse Wheelway. It will include clearing, earthwork, drainage improvements, segmental retaining walls, timber boardwalks, HMA path, signage, landscaping and slope restoration.	Charlevoix	300,000
13-127	DNR - Fisheries Division	Wolf Lake Fish Hatchery Development	Development to include an accessible fishing pier, boardwalk and viewing platforms on two ponds at Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery.	Van Buren	295,000
13-015	Village of Muir	CIS Trail Spur and Pedestrian Bridge	Development to include converting the existing Twin Rivers vehicular bridge into a pedestrian bridge and paving a 10-foot wide spur from the CIS Trail to Lyons. This proposed project will encourage the use of the CIS Trail and allow easy passage from the Village of Muir to the Village of Lyons. This connection will allow members of each community to enjoy natural resources such as the Grand River and the Lyons Dam.	Ionia	200,000
13-046	City of Benton Harbor	Union Field Park Improvements	Development to include improvements to Union Field Park, including an ADA bathroom, resurface three baseball fields, fencing, bleachers, demolition of press box, replace sidewalks, tot lot playground equipment, lighting, drinking fountain and new scoreboard. The park is 8 acres and located in the southeast portion of the city and serves as the largest and most highly used community park for baseball activities within the City.	Berrien	300,000
13-071	Kent County	Pickerel Lake Park Boardwalk Replacement	Development to include the removal and replacement of an 800 LF floating boardwalk over Pickerel Lake. The floating boardwalk is the signature piece of the park, serving as both a functional necessity and an integral park feature. Pickerel Lake provides numerous outdoor recreational opportunities such as walking, running, hiking, cross-country skiing, fishing, and wildlife watching.	Kent	250,000

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13-042	Allegan County	West Side Park Improvements	Development to include the construction of a new parking lot for 33 vehicles, replacement of the beach access stairs, installation of a deck and accessible ramp, seasonal beach access walkway and landing, fencing, walkways, overlook area, landscaping, picnic area, and site amenities. The Lake Michigan shoreline is the true asset of this park, and this proposed project will provide barrier-free access for all users to enjoy.	Allegan	300,000
13-087	City of Harbor Beach	PFC Brian Backus Memorial Nature Trail	This development project will connect the North Park Campground to the city trail system, which runs from the Judge James H. Lincoln Memorial Bathing Beach, through the downtown, and ends at the city marina across from the North Park Campground. Site improvements include a two-mile wooded trail, parking lot and signs.	Huron	27,000
13-051	City of Clawson	Grant Park Restroom	This development project is for a restroom building with family restrooms and storage room and access path at Grant Park. The restroom will serve park users and youth soccer players.	Oakland	50,000
13-075	Menominee County	Stoney Point Rehabilitation	Stoney Point boat launch is a popular launch site that offers access to the Bay of Green Bay on Lake Michigan. Development includes replacement of deteriorating boat launch pads, resurfacing of existing parking lot to meet ADA requirements and site amenities for its users.	Menominee	18,700
13-056	City of Bessemer	Bluff Valley Park Development	Development to include replacement of playground equipment and exercise equipment that have outlived their useful lives and the renovation of an existing hiking trail to meet ADA requirements.	Gogebic	45,000
13-011	Coldsprings Township	Sands Park Playground	Sands Park is a six-acre park on Manistee Lake and is the only public access site on the lake. Development to include installation of two accessible play structures to enhance the recent developments to the park.	Kalkaska	30,900
13-041	Zeeland Charter Township	Drenthe Grove Park Improvements	Development to include replacing the existing field lighting system on the softball field, which will include poles, light fixtures, and wiring. Drenthe Grove Park is approximately 20 acres and serves the entire Zeeland community. This park was established in 1930 and is the oldest park in Zeeland Charter Township. The park also includes a natural pond, paved trail, tennis courts, and picnic shelter.	Ottawa	50,000
13-033	Oakland County	Independence Oaks County Park Universal Access Boat Launch	This project is for the development of a universally accessible kayak/canoe launch with access routes and parking on Crooked Lake in Independence Oaks County Park. The launch is adjacent to existing boathouse rental facilities. The launch will be used for special programmed events for persons with disabilities and the general public.	Oakland	37,700
13-040	Holland Charter Township	Hawthorn Pond Natural Area Improvements	Development to include additional parking spaces, picnic shelter/outdoor classroom, native tree planting, and minimal clearing to open views to pond. Hawthorn Pond Natural Area is a 40 acre park with a five acre man-made lake located adjacent to the Macatawa River. The park is a popular location for kayaking, fishing, and natural resource based recreation opportunities.	Ottawa	50,000
13-001	Brockway Township	Brockway Township Community Park Skate Park	This development project is for a skate park. Brockway Township Community Park is the only park in the township and the next closest facility of this type is over 20 miles away.	St. Clair	36,700

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13-029	Attica Township	Attica Township Park Playground Redevelopment	This development project includes a playground and access route at Attica Township Park. The playground will replace an existing playground that is over 30 years old at the only park in the township.	Lapeer	50,000
13-115	City of Marysville	Marysville City Park-Chrysler Beach Recreation Improvement	This is a development project at Chrysler Beach on the St. Clair River. The site serves as a trailhead for the Bridge to Bay Trail, provides support facilities and park amenities for the city boat launch and fishing pier and it is also the only public beach in the city. Improvements include a playground, picnic area, a fish cleaning station, remodeling of existing bathroom facilities and amenities. The improvements will have a focus on water-quality and ecology with a water-themed play area and site elements, raingardens to decrease runoff into the river and interpretive signs to educate the public on water ecology.	St. Clair	239,900

## MNRTF Nominations

While only the State and local units of government may apply to the MNRTF to acquire property, any individual, group, or organization may nominate land for consideration. A nomination is a suggestion that the DNR consider a property for acquisition. Individuals who would like to submit a nomination must complete the *Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Nomination for Land Acquisition* form (PR 1909).

Nominations are compiled by DNR Grants Management and made available to the land managing divisions of the DNR (Wildlife, Forest Resources, Parks and Recreation, and Fisheries) for review and to determine if the division desires to submit a MNRTF grant application for the property. Only those nominations which a DNR division decides to submit as an application are considered for funding. Nominations may be submitted at any time.

A total of three nominations were received in 2013.

## V. 2013 PROJECT EXPENDITURES

Expenditures made for grants and projects from the MNRTF for calendar year 2013 are provided in Appendix A. There are four separate lists: Local Government Acquisition, State Acquisition, Local Government Development and State Development. These lists provide the following information:

- **Project Number**
- **Grant or Project Name**
- **Grantee Name:** The grant recipient for local projects.
- **Grant or Project Amount:** The local grant or DNR project amount approved by the MNRTF Board.
- **2013 Expenditures:** Expenditures made toward completing the project in 2013. For local acquisitions, this includes the grant or project amount plus additional costs directly associated with the project, such as DNR review and approval of local land appraisals. For recently approved acquisitions, if the expenditures listed are small and a large balance remains, the costs incurred in 2013 are those associated with appraisal of the property. The actual acquisition was not completed in calendar year 2013.
- **Balance:** Project or grant funds remaining, taking into account the 2013 expenditures and all prior year expenditures.
- **2013 Acres:** For local and State acquisitions, if the property was acquired in 2013, or reported to the Grants Management as a completed acquisition in 2013, the acres acquired is provided. If the value in this column is zero, either the property was acquired in a prior year and any reported expenditures represent final close out costs (such as final payment to the grantee upon completion of a file audit) or the land has not been acquired. For lands not yet acquired, reported expenditures represent appraisal-related costs. In some cases, a conservation easement was purchased rather than acreage.

These 2013 expenditures represent only a part of the total project or grant amount, since costs are incurred over several fiscal years. These figures do not include local match expenditures for grants to local units of government.

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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACQUISITION**

TF #	GRANT NAME	GRANTEE	GRANT AMOUNT \$	2013 EXPENDITURES (1) \$	2013 BALANCE \$	2013 ACRES (2)
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Act 59 of 2007

06-032	Ontonagon Marina Acquisition	Village Of Ontonagon	87,000	36,410	0	0.48
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Act 278 of 2008

07-105	Ashmun Bay Park Trail Acquisition	City Of Sault Ste Marie	36,000	36,000	0	2.70
07-174	Ashmun Bay Park Entrance Acquisition	City Of Sault Ste Marie	100,000	82,787	0	2.57
			136,000	118,787	0	5.27

Act 23 of 2009

08-144	Sloan Property Parkland Acquisition	Scio Township	1,405,000	211,164	0	33.40
08-147	Hunter'S Ridge Land Acquisition	City of Lansing	785,300	20,904	0	0.00
			2,190,300	232,068	0	33.40

Act 16 of 2011

10-022	Hamlin Township Park Acquisition	Hamlin Township	99,400	53,470	45,930	24.79
10-029	Motz County Park Addition	Clinton County	1,886,300	1,099,984	786,316	271.75
10-060	Seely Creek Park Acquisition	Township of Grattan	48,100	48,100	0	20.60
10-075	Thomas Rock Nature Area Acquisition	Township of Powell	404,500	262,499	0	379.00
10-081	Iron Ore Heritage Trailhead Acquisition	Township of Marquette	156,900	118,555	0	4.75
10-093	Tower Park Acquisition	Village of Port Austin	60,000	33,960	0	1.39
10-142	Dequindre Cut North Acquisition	City of Detroit	375,000	198,461	0	3.84
10-144	Sac Bay Land Acquisition	County of Delta	90,000	67,817	0	2.90
10-146	Riverview Park Acquisition	Village of Constantine	36,000	17,684	0	3.50
10-149	Eveline Township Lake Charlevoix Access	Township of Eveline	46,500	19,547	0	0.22
10-164	Railroad Point Natural Area Expansion	Benzie County	1,387,100	293,003	1,094,097	142.53
10-165	Glafcke Family Public Preserve	Township of Spring Lake	61,200	2,233	0	0.00
			4,651,000	2,215,312	1,926,344	855.27

Act 283 of 2012

11-048	Pellegrom Property Acquisition	Township of Spring Lake	30,000	26,929	0	4.00
11-099	Keweenaw Coastal Wildlife Corridor Brockway Acquisition	Township of Eagle Harbor	498,000	489,669	0	320.00
11-019	Sagimore Acquisition	Resort Township	157,000	117,590	39,410	78.00
11-020	Clay Cliffs Natural Area Acquisition	Leland Township	2,933,000	2,394,848	538,152	104.50
11-082	Acme Waterfront Park Acquisition	Township of Acme	862,500	364,249	0	0.24
			4,480,500	3,393,286	577,561	506.74

Act 9 of 2013

12-036	Camp Seagull Acquisition-Lake Charlevoix	Hayes Township	3,375,000	2,851,332	523,668	20.00
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			14,919,800	8,847,195	3,027,572	1,421.16
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**NOTES:**

(1) 2013 Expenditures includes DNR Real Estate Services employee charges associated with acquisition closing

(2) 2013 Acres represents acreage acquired in 2013

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**STATE ACQUISITION**

TF #	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT AMOUNT \$	2013		2013 ACRES (2)
			EXPENDITURES (1) \$	BALANCE \$	

**Act 59 of 2007**

06-145	Winter Deer Habitat Initiative	875,000	2,595	0	0.00
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**Act 278 of 2008**

07-122	State Trailways Initiative-Corridor Acquisition	1,500,000	939,312	0	147.00
07-134	Au Train Basin Waterfowl Refuge	1,250,000	5,060	1,217,402	0.00
07-135	SW Lower Peninsula Eco-Region Land Consolidation	900,000	231,317	0	75.00
		3,650,000	1,175,689	1,217,402	222.00

**Act 23 of 2009**

08-116	SW Lower Peninsula Eco-Regional Land Consolidation	500,000	250,576	243,274	84.07
08-126	SE Michigan Eco-Regional Land Consolidation	4,000,000	39,645	0	0.00
08-128	Waterloo Recreation Land Initiative	2,500,000	5,434	0	0.00
08-153	Pigeon River Counry Acquisition Initiative	1,000,000	197,901	0	120.00
		8,000,000	493,555	243,274	204.07

**Act 27 of 2010**

09-130	SW Lower Peninsula Eco-Regional Consolidation	500,000	374,250	0	0.00
09-154	Pickney Rec Area Land Consolidation	415,400	3,650	0	0.00
09-156	Grassland/Bird Habitat Initiative	1,000,000	191,408	0	94.00
		1,915,400	569,308	0	94.00

**Act 16 of 2011**

10-116	Southwest Lower Pennisula Eco-Region	1,000,000	13,538	986,462	0.00
10-120	State Trails Initiative	1,500,000	13,279	1,474,498	0.00
10-121	Upper Pennisula Eco- Regional Land Consolidation	1,000,000	7,562	487,146	0.00
10-122	Sturgeon River Property Acquisition	1,750,000	2,943	0	0.00
10-123	Pigeon River Property Acquisition	1,000,000	309	0	0.00
10-128	Globe Building Adventure and Discovery Center Acquisition	9,000,000	4,088	8,977,162	0.00
10-131	Southeast Michigan Eco-Region Acquisition	1,500,000	17,472	1,478,396	0.00
10-136	Urban Areas Upland Game Habitat	1,250,000	64,286	1,185,714	18.60
10-137	Northern Lower Pennisula Eco-Regional Land Consolidation	1,000,000	264,040	678	160.00
10-139	Au Train Basin Waterfowl Refuge Project-Phase II	1,250,000	3,090	1,246,910	0.00
10-157	Big Trout Lake Acquisition	1,000,000	357,769	637,367	546.00
10-158	Camp Talahi Acquisition	1,280,000	11,767	1,262,825	0.00
10-159	Milliken State Park Acquisition	20,000,000	26,419	9,763,320	0.00
10-161	Huron Mountains Deeryard Complex Addition Acquisition	1,300,000	210	628,939	0.00
10-162	Gregory State Game Area Land Initiative	875,000	2,483	99,104	0.00
		44,705,000	789,252	28,228,523	724.60

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**STATE ACQUISITION**

TF #	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT AMOUNT \$	2013		2013 ACRES (2)
			EXPENDITURES (1) \$	BALANCE \$	

**Act 283 of 2012**

<b>11-142</b>	<b>Wigwam Bay State Wildlife Area Land Initiative</b>	400,000	2,250	397,750	0.00
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**Act 9 of 2013**

<b>12-131</b>	<b>Wheeler Creek Property</b>	510,000	2,613	507,387	0.00
<b>12-132</b>	<b>Cranberry Lake Property</b>	660,000	3,313	658,687	0.00
<b>12-125</b>	<b>Public Land Access and Consolidation-Two Hearted</b>	500,000	2,613	497,387	0.00
<b>12-128</b>	<b>Public Land Access and Consolidation-Staszuk Parcel</b>	200,000	2,763	197,237	0.00
		<u>1,870,000</u>	<u>11,301</u>	<u>1,860,699</u>	<u>0.00</u>
		<u>61,415,400</u>	<u>3,043,950</u>	<u>31,947,649</u>	<u>1,244.67</u>

**NOTES:**

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(2) 2013 Acres represents acreage acquired in 2013; some parcels were acquired using multiple project funding

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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT**

TF #	GRANT NAME	GRANTEE	GRANT AMOUNT \$	2013 EXPENDITURES \$	BALANCE \$
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Act 59 of 2007

06-010	Coldwater Springs Nature Area-Linear Park	Northville Township	303,800	30,381	0
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Act 278 of 2008

07-030	Addison Oaks Trail Connector	County of Oakland	228,800	228,800	0
07-054	Clinton River Hike Bike Trail Development	City of Utica	350,000	35,000	0
07-085	Russell Miller "Wild 100" Nature Center Development	Leslie Public Schools	400,000	214,757	0
07-095	Greilickville Harbor Park Improvements	Township of Elmwood	210,300	10,515	0
07-100	Grandville & Kent Trails	City of Grandville	118,800	26,589	0
07-106	Ecorse Creek Greenway & Park Development	City of Ecorse	415,000	6,594	0
			1,722,900	522,255	0

Act 23 of 2009

08-016	Oscoda Beach Park Observation and Fishing Pier	Township of Oscoda	460,000	316,388	0
08-033	Kensington Metropark-Milford Trail Connector	Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority	315,000	31,500	0
08-035	Hiawatha Rotary Skate Park	City of Ironwood	46,300	4,735	0
08-043	Bakers Field Park Development	Township of Port Huron	282,200	28,220	0
08-073	Burchfield Park Fishing Dock Development	County of Ingham	60,000	6,000	0
08-076	East Grand River Park Improvements	City of Grand Haven	300,000	52,753	0
08-085	Sparks County Park Urban Fishing Project	County of Jackson	360,000	44,894	0
08-089	Bell Creek Park Non-Motorized Trail	Charter Township of Redford	450,000	45,000	0
08-092	Jones Landing Park Development	Township of Bear Creek	487,600	48,760	0
08-105	Iron Ore Heritage Trail Development	City of Ishpeming	354,800	51,440	0
08-107	Mckeown Bridge Park Development	County of Barry	215,300	21,530	0
08-113	Sandy Beach County Park Improvement	County of Newaygo	267,500	26,750	0
			3,598,700	677,970	0

Act 27 of 2010

09-003	Frederick Meijer White Pine Trail Staging Area	City of Cedar Springs	100,000	38,079	0
09-013	Hickory Woods Park Development	Township of Pittsfield	300,000	37,995	0
09-015	Grand River Greenway Non-Motorized Trail	Village of Spring Lake	465,000	137,531	0
09-027	Pinconning Park Improvements	County of Bay	325,000	99,385	92,615
09-028	Mill Creek Park Development	Village of Dexter	450,000	45,000	0
09-049	Colon Community Park Development	Village of Colon	200,000	20,000	74,379
09-050	Concord Mill Pond Trailhead Park-Falling Waters	Village of Concord	109,400	11,429	0

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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT**

TF #	GRANT NAME	GRANTEE	GRANT AMOUNT \$	2013 EXPENDITURES \$	BALANCE \$
09-058	Lowell Area Trailway	Lowell Area Recreation Authority	398,000	70,947	0
09-068	Central Park Fishing Dock	Charter Township of Meridian	30,000	3,000	0
09-071	Iron Ore Heritage Trail Interpretive Signage	Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority	15,000	3,128	0
09-092	Liberty Park Improvements	Bridgeport Charter Township	500,000	89,120	0
09-099	City Beach Improvements	City of Grand Haven	115,200	23,040	0
09-101	Cass River Greenway Water Trail Development	City of Frankenmuth	35,300	35,300	0
09-102	Cass River Greenway Water Trail Development	Township of Tuscola	32,700	3,270	0
09-103	Bloomer Park Development	Township of White Lake	350,000	329,077	0
09-112	North Bank Trail Development	Township of Spring Lake	231,500	101,842	0
09-114	Island Sanctuary Park Boardwalk	Village of Alanson	250,000	105,784	0
09-115	L'Anse Area Schools Village Park	L'Anse Area Schools	440,000	66,313	153,841
09-120	Marina Boardwalk and Boat Launch	Village of Baraga	50,000	5,000	0
09-123	Central Agonikak National Recreation Trail Enhancement	Township of Watersmeet	240,000	59,085	0
09-127	Elizabeth Park Riverwalk-Northpointe	Charter County of Wayne	400,000	271,693	128,307
			<b>5,037,100</b>	<b>1,556,018</b>	<b>449,143</b>

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10-001	Lakeland Trail Development	Township of Putnam	500,000	204,585	295,415
10-002	Flat Rock-Oakwood Metro Park Connector	City of Flat Rock	447,900	232,123	215,777
10-006	Pond And Nature Trail Enhancement	City of Brown City	35,000	35,000	0
10-011	Galien River County Park Development	County of Berrien	500,000	376,775	123,225
10-019	Trestle Park Development Project	Township of Denton	372,700	372,700	0
10-020	Riverview Park Development	Village of Constantine	91,000	44,839	0
10-024	Ely Park Improvements	City of Hartford	29,600	2,960	0
10-025	Farmer's Market Trailhead/Mini-park	Township of Texas	287,800	33,882	0
10-026	Mill Pond Park Development	County of Oceana	54,000	23,896	30,104
10-027	Inkster Park Greenway Trail	City of Inkster	408,000	239,030	168,970
10-028	McNabb Park Site Development	City of Ithaca	183,700	74,025	22,576
10-030	Veterans Memorial Boardwalk	Village of Columbiaville	121,500	121,500	0
10-035	Millersburg Historic Depot Regional Trailhead Development	County of Presque Isle	492,100	100,097	0
10-038	West Bloomfield Trail Development	West Bloomfield Township	500,000	348,938	151,062
10-041	Fowlerville Community Park Renovation	Village of Fowlerville	159,300	14,876	0
10-042	Grove/Haridine/West Parks Non-Motorized Trail Development	City of Carson City	90,000	9,000	0
10-043	Landings Park Trailhead/Waterfront Development	City of Novi	437,500	393,750	43,750
10-046	Conkling Heritage Park Improvements	Village of Mackinaw City	74,900	67,410	7,490
10-049	Valhalla Park Restroom/Pavilion	Delhi Charter Township	283,100	283,100	0
10-052	Barryton Park Improvements	Village of Barryton	92,900	92,060	0
10-053	Waterfront Improvement Project	Village of Northport	500,000	169,434	50,000
10-056	City Park Improvements	City of Iron Mountain	500,000	73,097	426,903

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TF #	GRANT NAME	GRANTEE	GRANT AMOUNT \$	2013 EXPENDITURES \$	BALANCE \$
10-059	Rouge River Nature Trail Development	City of Rockford	86,500	8,650	0
10-061	Mason County Fairgrounds Development	County of Mason	320,000	288,000	32,000
10-062	Clinch Park Bayfront Revitalization	City of Traverse City	450,800	405,720	45,080
10-065	Lake Erie Beach And Pier Acces	City of Luna Pier	490,000	56,965	0
10-066	Casco Township Nature Preserve	Township of Casco	154,900	64,637	21,566
10-069	Lost Lake Nature Park Development	Township of Oakland	154,900	154,900	0
10-071	Hess Lake Park Improvements	Township of Baroda	256,000	256,000	0
10-072	Fire Hall Park Improvements	Village of Port Sanilac	166,200	109,408	0
10-073	Crystal Lake Waterfront Revitalization	Village of Beulah	227,500	32,015	0
10-074	Iron Ore Heritage Trail Development	Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority	400,000	312,315	87,685
10-076	Farquar/Metsa Tourist Park Improvements	Township of Forsyth	268,600	117,923	150,677
10-077	Sunset Beach Recreational Improvements	Township of Egelston	82,100	82,100	0
10-079	North Agonikak National Recreation Trail Enhancement	Township of Watersmeet	500,000	320,011	97,567
10-082	Airport Recreation Park Improvements	Charter Township of Ironwood	291,400	79,829	52,269
10-085	Nicholson Nature Center	County of Macomb	205,000	70,968	134,032
10-090	Ike Payne Park Improvements	City of Galesburg	162,200	42,079	0
10-091	Community Park Improvements	City of Galesburg	266,600	76,257	0
10-094	Little Girl's Point Improvements	County of Gogebic	235,500	151,443	84,057
10-097	South Beach Improvements	City of South Haven	250,000	250,000	0
10-098	Natural Accessibility Improvements	County of Oakland	308,000	83,298	224,702
10-101	Olive Shores Park Improvements	County of Ottawa	365,000	36,500	0
10-102	Gerber Hill Park Improvements	County of Lenawee	69,000	21,778	0
10-103	Mona Lake Park Renovations	City of Muskegon Heights	500,000	303,247	196,753
10-105	Coldwater Township Hall Park	Township of Coldwater	266,300	266,300	0
10-109	Shamrock Park Campground Expansion	Village of Berrien Springs	306,800	52,310	0
10-114	Fremont Lake Park Development	City of Fremont	180,300	47,915	0
			<u>13,124,600</u>	<u>7,003,645</u>	<u>2,661,660</u>

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11-001	Abbot Fox Community Park Handicap Accessibility	Township of Interior	43,500	25,489	18,011
11-002	Topinabee Lakeside Park Improvements	Township of Mullett	280,000	252,000	28,000
11-003	Robert Morris Park Development	Comstock Township	300,000	183,748	116,252
11-008	Sands Park Development	Township of Coldsprings	47,000	47,000	0
11-016	Silver Creek Russom Park Development	City of Dowagiac	300,000	88,506	211,494
11-017	Silver Creek Russom Development	Silver Creek Township	298,200	45,301	252,899
11-027	Lake St. Helen Universal Access Development	Township of Richfield	55,800	44,743	11,057
11-034	Lake Odessa Beach Development	Village of Lake Odessa	200,000	180,000	20,000
11-036	Bear Lake Road Non-Motorized Trail Development	Township of Laketon	300,000	104,354	195,646
11-039	Mccoy's Creek Trail Development	City of Buchanan	288,000	208,705	79,295
11-040	Pewamo Trailhead Development	Village of Pewamo	85,200	35,855	49,345

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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT**

TF #	GRANT NAME	GRANTEE	GRANT	2013	
			AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
			\$	\$	\$
11-052	Waterfront Development Project	City of Harbor Beach	281,000	252,900	28,100
11-054	Community Center Park Renovation	City of Roosevelt Park	45,000	42,736	0
11-056	Mason County Campground Entrance Improvements	County of Mason	129,600	108,806	20,794
11-057	Evergreen Park Development	County of Sanilac	300,000	269,749	30,251
11-066	Flat River Amphitheater Park	City of Lowell	300,000	56,996	243,004
11-074	Calumet Lions Park Trail Improvements	Township of Calumet	29,000	21,125	7,875
11-077	Restroom Facilities Development	City of Gaastra	64,200	64,200	0
11-083	Rutherford Pool Renovation	City of Ypsilanti	300,000	132,458	167,542
11-095	Lions Park Beach Improvements	City of St Joseph	247,100	49,358	197,742
11-105	Bates Township Park Improvements	Township of Bates	155,900	155,900	0
11-112	Depot Recreation Park and Trailhead Improvements	City of Ironwood	295,900	295,900	0
11-113	S. Agonikak National Recreation Trail Enhancement Development	Township of Watersmeet	276,800	53,202	223,598
11-144	Elkenburg Park Improvements	City of South Haven	254,800	173,562	81,238
			<u>4,877,000</u>	<u>2,892,594</u>	<u>1,982,142</u>
			<u>28,664,100</u>	<u>12,682,862</u>	<u>5,092,944</u>

**APPENDIX A: PROJECT EXPENDITURES FOR 2013**

**STATE DEVELOPMENT**

TF #	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT	2013	
		AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
		\$	\$	\$

**Act 23 of 2009**

08-118	Building Demolition Initiative 2008	250,000	199,709	0
08-130	State Park Infrastructure Repair	350,000	5,236	0
		<u>600,000</u>	<u>204,945</u>	<u>0</u>

**Act 27 of 2010**

09-143	Dodge #4 State Park-Water System Replacement	400,000	151,911	219,759
09-148	State Park Infrastructure Development	489,000	168,331	0
09-149	Milliken State Park East Riverwalk Final Link	450,000	337,210	96,869
09-155	Building Demolition Initiative	175,000	153,434	21,566
		<u>1,514,000</u>	<u>810,886</u>	<u>338,194</u>

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10-119	Pigeon River Country Vistor Center Renovation	50,000	5,510	37,540
10-127	Spring Trail Upgrade	50,000	9,967	12,493
		<u>100,000</u>	<u>15,477</u>	<u>50,033</u>

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11-125	Little Manistee River Weir Development	300,000	30,448	269,552
11-133	Statewide Equestrian Initiative	300,000	20,438	279,562
11-135	Dansville State Game Area Shooting Range Development	300,000	4,348	295,652
		<u>900,000</u>	<u>55,234</u>	<u>844,766</u>

**Act 9 of 2013**

12-130	Oden State Fish Hatchery Development	300,000	4,348	295,652
		<u>3,414,000</u>	<u>1,090,890</u>	<u>1,528,645</u>

**VI. MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

During FY2013, the interest earnings and income on the investments of the MNRTF were available for MNRTF projects, PILT, and program administration. To avoid large fluctuations and to minimize the impact of potential investment losses, spending has been fixed by Board policy at 2.5% of the sum of the \$500 million corpus plus amounts in the Stabilization and Growth Reserves each year. Retroactive to 2012, an amount equal to 2.5% of the \$500 million corpus is invested in a permanent Growth Reserve. Beginning in 2013, the amount deposited to the permanent Growth Reserve will be 2.5% of the sum of the \$500 million corpus plus prior years' deposits to the Growth Reserve. Investment income generated in excess of 5.0% is held in a Stabilization Reserve and in years when investment income is less than 5%, the Stabilization reserve will be used to fund the shortfall. A portion of the Stabilization Reserve was used to fund grant requests in 2013 to ease the transition to the policy of limiting spending to 2.5% and retaining additional amounts in reserves.

Non grant expenses for FY2013 totaled \$2,961,942. These costs include PILT to local units of government on State-owned lands purchased under the MNRTF program since 1987, support for grants and acquisition staff in the Grants Management and Real Estate Services Sections of the DNR, and support from the Departments of Treasury and Technology, Management, and Budget.

Project and grant award recommendations made in calendar year 2013 were based on projected funds available for grants and DNR projects during FY2013 as described below:

<b><i>Project Funds Available*</i></b>	<b><i>Explanation</i></b>
\$14,439,214	Comprised of 2.5% investment income distribution from the Stabilization Reserve and revenue from easements, sale of lands, conversion mitigation and common cash earnings. These funds were split between acquisition (75% less administrative expenses) and development (25%)
\$190,034	Carry forward from 2012
\$18,872,416	Reauthorization of lapses (These are funds made available from previously funded projects which were withdrawn or were completed under budget.)
\$1,061,700	Reauthorization of withdrawn grants not yet lapsed
\$3,415,693	Un-awarded amounts from prior years (these funds were held in the Stabilization Reserve.)

*\*Project Funds Available figures are current as of December 31, 2013*

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<b>Corpus</b>		<b>Stabilization Reserve</b>	
Beginning Balance - 10/1/12	500,000,000	Beginning Balance	59,180,212
Stabilization Reserve	41,844,839	Investment Revenue	18,033,010
Growth Reserve	25,312,500	Deposits to Growth Reserve	(25,312,500)
Ending Balance as of 9/30/13	567,157,339	2.5% Distribution	(13,979,505)
		Additional Distribution	(3,415,693)
		Un-Awarded Amount	7,339,315
		Ending Balance	41,844,839

<b>Calculation of Funds Available for Acquisition</b>	
Investment Revenue Distribution--2.5%	13,979,505
Other Revenue	459,709
	14,439,214
Less 25% of Available Funds for Development Projects FY 2013*	(3,609,804)
Less:	
<u>Non-Grant Expenditures</u>	<u>Actual Expenditures</u>
Grants Management	(1,187,100)
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	(1,251,514)
Treasury Investment Management Fees	(395,400)
Capital Outlay Accounts Payable Write-off	(82,038)
Other Departments	(45,890)
Total Non-Grant Expenditures	(2,961,942)
Funds from Revenue Available for Acquisition Projects FY 2013*	7,867,469

Funds Available for Projects	Acquisition	Development	Total
Total Funds Available from FY 2013 Revenue	7,867,469	3,609,804	11,477,272
Add Available Balance Forwarded from FY 2012	190,000	34	190,034
Add Reauthorization of Balances from Lapses--FY2013	17,853,347	1,019,069	18,872,416
Add Reauthorization of Withdrawn Grants not Lapsed	461,700	600,000	1,061,700
Add Un-awarded Amounts from Prior Years	0	3,415,693	3,415,693
<b>Total Funds Available for FY 2013 Projects</b>	<b>26,372,515</b>	<b>8,644,600</b>	<b>35,017,115</b>
Less:			
Approved projects - Act ___ of 2014	(19,033,200)	(8,644,600)	(27,677,800)
Transferred to Stabilization Reserve	(7,339,315)	0	(7,339,315)
Funds Remaining of 2013 Available Funds	0	0	0

\*Acquisition floor is 25%, Development ceiling is 25%