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CONTENT

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. On December 2, 2015, the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Board adopted FY 2015-16 recommendations for acquisition and development projects pursuant to Article IX, Section 35 of the Michigan Constitution and the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act. The recommendations include a \$28.0 million appropriation from the MNRTF for 26 acquisition projects (\$20.0 million) and 44 development projects (\$8.0 million). Matching funds of \$21.7 million result in total project costs of \$49.6 million. An appropriation bill is necessary to authorize the spending recommended by the MNRTF Board. House Bill 5377 would appropriate approximately \$28.0 million from the Trust Fund for this purpose. The attached information provides details on projects recommended, including a description of the project, location and cost.

The MNRTF was capitalized through deposits of bonuses, rentals, delayed rentals, and royalties collected or reserved by the State under provisions of leases for the extraction of nonrenewable resources from State-owned land, except such revenue accruing under leases of State-owned land acquired with money from the State or Federal Game and Fish Protection Fund. Pursuant to the Michigan Constitution, annual expenditures consisted of MNRTF interest and earnings, and 33⅓% of MNRTF revenue received by the State during the previous fiscal year, until the corpus of the MNRTF reached \$500.0 million. The MNRTF reached \$500.0 million in 2011, thereby limiting subsequent annual expenditures to interest and investment earnings, and funding carried forward from previous years.

The Michigan Constitution provides that not less than 25% of the total amounts made available for expenditure from the Trust Fund from any State fiscal year must be spent for acquisition of land and rights in land and not more than 25% of the total amounts made available for expenditure from the Trust Fund from any State fiscal year may be spent for development of public recreation facilities.

Boilerplate

Sec. 301. Provides criteria for agreements with local units of government for administration of MNRTF grants.

Sec. 302. Provides for work project status of grants. Requires funds to be carried forward consistent with Section 248 of the Management and Budget Act.

Sec. 303. Authorizes lapse of funds remaining from Trust Fund projects that have been completed or terminated pursuant to provisions of the Management and Budget Act.

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would appropriate \$27,957,200 from the MNRTF for 26 acquisition projects and 44 development projects. Matching funds of \$21,679,600 for local projects result in total project costs of \$49,636,800.

FY 2015-16 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)				
Projects	Number of Projects	Trust Fund	Match	Total Cost
<u>Acquisition Projects</u>				
State owned	5	\$4,675,000	\$200,000	\$4,875,000
<u>Local Government</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>15,251,000</u>	<u>5,954,300</u>	<u>21,205,300</u>
Subtotal Acquisition Projects	26	\$19,926,000	\$6,154,300	\$26,080,300
<u>Development Projects</u>				
State owned	5	\$1,500,000	\$5,306,500	\$6,806,500
<u>Local Government</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>6,531,200</u>	<u>10,218,800</u>	<u>16,750,000</u>
Subtotal Development Projects	44	\$8,031,200	\$15,525,300	\$23,556,500
TOTAL	70	\$27,957,200	\$21,679,600	\$49,636,800

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FY 2015-16 NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND LAND ACQUISITION PROJECTS						
Priority	Project ^a	Proposed Owner	County Location	Total Cost	Match	Trust Fund
1.	Oak Park Expansion. Acquisition of approximately 3.4 acres of property adjacent to Oak Park along the Grand River. The existing 5.58-acre Oak Park became a park in 1901 and contains some of the most spectacular outcrops of bedrock ledges in the area. The addition of 3.4 acres, which also includes rock outcrops, would significantly increase the parks size and would provide additional recreational opportunities for hiking, rock climbing and enjoyment of the natural features of the Grand River.	City of Grand Ledge	Eaton	\$60,000	\$18,000	\$42,000
2.	City of New Baltimore Marina Acquisition. Acquisition of the approximately 12-acre Schmid Marina property to provide public waterfront recreational access and move the City of New Baltimore's community recreational programming to the site. The vision is to provide a public marina, boat and kayak launches to best utilize the substantial water interface at the site. The proposed project is an opportunity for the City of New Baltimore to keep the site in recreational use in perpetuity. The Schmid Marina Property, which has been privately held for over 50 years, offers a rare opportunity for the city to obtain a site to provide public recreation, conservation, and environmental stewardship at a location in populous SE Michigan.	City of New Baltimore	Macomb	3,800,000	950,000	2,850,000
3.	GLBRT Land Acquisition. Acquisition of 32.43 acres for continuation of the Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail (GLBRT) which is also the Iron Belle Trail in this location. The subject parcel also includes valued wetland resources which will be managed for wildlife habitat and public recreation.	Saginaw County	Saginaw	141,100	36,700	104,400

^a Project descriptions provided by the Department of Natural Resources.

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4.	Grand Rogue Campground. Acquisition of the approximately 70-acre private Grand Rogue Campground. The property is a fully functioning campground with 82 campsites at the convergence of the Rogue and Grand Rivers. This property has a common border with Grand Isle Park, thereby representing potential for an extension of greenspace riverfront connectivity. If successfully completed, this acquisition will enable the proposed trail connection to the White Pine Trail and creation of an east/west township trail.	Plainfield Charter Township	Kent	1,233,400	370,100	863,300
5.	River's Edge Park Acquisition. Acquisition of approximately 1.7 acres of land with 208 feet of frontage on the Rogue River, immediately adjacent to 11 existing acres of township-owned land known as River's Edge Park. This acquisition will expand River's Edge Park, provide more public access to the Rogue River, increase valuable greenspace in a riparian corridor along a Designated Wild and Scenic River, and potentially increase trail length, parking, and educational activities.	Algoma Township	Kent	184,100	46,100	138,000
6.	Lake St. Clair Boating Access Site. Acquisition by DNR Parks and Recreation Division of 6.2 acres adjacent to the existing DNR Clinton River Cut-off Boating Access Site on Lake St. Clair in southeast Michigan. The site will secure additional public access to Lake St. Clair and enable expansion of the current - heavily used - boating access site to accommodate more visitors. The parcel will also link the existing boating access site with existing Harrison Township property, connecting to their non-motorized pathway system along the Clinton River Cut-off waterway.	DNR - Parks and Recreation Division	Macomb	1,000,000	0	1,000,000

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7.	Williams Township Park Acquisition. Acquisition of a 4-acre parcel to enhance the Township's existing 17- acre park. In the short term, the 4-acre parcel will be used for an access driveway and an accessible parking area. In the long term, the site will provide for the expansion of recreational facilities desired by the community such as open playfields and walking paths. Landscaping improvements will screen the site and mitigate any disturbance to neighboring properties while enhancing the natural appeal of the site. The parcel is strategically located to maximize access from Midland Road to the Park. The parcel will provide a nice increase in visibility and accessibility to Williams Township Park for all users.	Williams Charter Township	Bay	190,000	49,400	140,600
8.	Petobego SGA Land Acquisition. Acquisition of a 43- acre parcel which would expand the existing 565-acre Petobego State Game Area (SGA). The primary management goal of the SGA is to provide essential habitats for migratory and resident wildlife, and recreational opportunities for hunting, trapping, fishing and wildlife viewing. The parcel is bordered by the SGA on the north and east, 1/4 mile of frontage on East Grand Traverse Bay to the west, and a county park (Maple Bay) to the south. The purchase would conserve the entirety of this particular Great Lakes Marsh ecological area. The parcel is forested with no development and provides high quality habitat for waterfowl, deer, turkey and small game.	DNR - Wildlife Division	Grand Traverse	2,475,000	0	2,475,000

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9.	Hay Lake Water Access Site Acquisition. Acquisition of a 24-acre waterfront parcel accessing the Crooked River/Hay Lake waterway approximately 3 miles north of Alanson, MI. The project area consists of approximately 3 acres of upland and 21 acres of wooded wetland, bordered on the east by the Crooked River wetland complex. The site is a key boating access and trailhead location for the Inland Waterway Trail. Development concepts include full redevelopment of the former private marina as an approximately 30-slip public marina. The site will also redevelop a small boat launch to DNR standards and a universal access kayak/canoe launch site with on-site car-trailer parking. Planned user amenities include UA restrooms/showerroom; accessible walks, picnic pavilion, park amenities, parking and wetland overlooks.	Littlefield Township	Emmet	226,800	59,000	167,800
10.	Caledonia Lakeside Park - North Shore Land Addition. Acquisition of approximately 25 acres adjacent to an existing Kent County Park and property Caledonia Township owns. The property will be used for greenspace, fishing access, wildlife habitat and trail connectivity for public benefit.	Caledonia Charter Township	Kent	1,350,000	405,000	945,000
11.	Waterfront Park Acquisition. Acquisition of approximately 1.7 acres known as the Waters Edge Resort. The property features 182 feet of Elk Lake frontage for a new public beach. Successful acquisition would complete an assemblage of four contiguous parcels for the beach facility. The conceptual plan for the property includes parking, restrooms, beach area, play area and small boat launch all designed for Universal Access. Establishment of a new beach facility is a main goal of the Milton Township 2014-2018 Recreation Plan.	Milton Township	Antrim	663,400	199,100	464,300

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12.	Acquisition/Expansion of Monroe North. This project would acquire 3.68 acres in fee simple to support the Grand River Rapids Restoration project and expand and enlarge the linear riverfront park system. Tentatively called Monroe North Park, the six adjacent parcels are at the site where the restored rapids are envisioned. The site has grass, trees, and views of the river below the Sixth Street dam, a popular urban fishing spot. Initially, the site would be used for activities such as bike facilities, skateboarding, soccer/futsal, food trucks and parking to support recreation. Later, it would be developed in coordination with the rapids restoration and flood control and mitigation improvements. Conceptual plans call for a tiered, stepped-back design providing flood control and mitigation and multi-use public recreation space with full access to the river rapids and float boat channel. The site would increase downtown park acreage by 12%, connect to existing riverfront parks, and link to the White Pine and Kent trails.	City of Grand Rapids	Kent	10,112,200	2,528,100	7,584,100
13.	Oscoda Beach Park Property Acquisition. Acquisition of just over 2 acres of land with nearly 300 feet of undeveloped Lake Huron shore frontage. The parcel, which lies immediately north of the existing Oscoda Beach Park property, offers the potential to significantly enhance recreational opportunities, and provides a highly desirable Lake Huron waterfront property for public access. In addition to epitomizing what residents and visitors seek at public beaches along the Great Lakes shoreline, the unique and pristine environment offers the potential for the use of interpretive signage highlighting the variety of plant and wildlife species present.	Oscoda Charter Township	Iosco	562,500	146,300	416,200

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14.	Douglass Houghton Waterfall Acquisition. Acquisition by DNR Parks and Recreation Division of approximately 80 acres located in Houghton County in order to preserve and provide public access to the Hammell Creek gorge and Douglass Houghton Falls, considered to be one of the tallest waterfalls in Michigan. The property will also serve as a trailhead for the Hancock to Laurium Rail Trail . The DNR plans to partner with the Houghton Keweenaw County Recreation Authority and the Charter Township of Calumet to develop and maintain the property as a scenic site.	DNR - Parks and Recreation Division	Houghton	600,000	0	600,000
15.	Petoskey State Park Addition. A proposed MDNR Parks and Recreation Division acquisition of 6.3 acres located immediately west of Petoskey State Park. The property features 1,400 feet of undeveloped Lake Michigan shoreline, direct access to Michigan's Iron Belle Trail, known locally as the Little Traverse Wheelway, and Tannery Creek access. Acquisition of this property would not only allow DNR Parks and Recreation stewardship staff to conduct habitat management, it would also provide a very attractive Great Lake public access point for users of the Iron Belle Trail.	DNR - Parks and Recreation Division	Emmet	400,000	200,000	200,000
16.	Saugatuck Dunes State Park Property Acquisition. Acquisition by DNR Parks and Recreation Division of 18.85 acres immediately north of and adjacent to Saugatuck Dunes State Park. The property is part of a critical dune complex stretching south through Saugatuck Dunes State Park. The acquisition consolidates land within the planned project boundary of the park and provides for the protection of critical dune habitat for wildlife species as well as opportunities for passive recreation.	DNR - Parks and Recreation Division	Allegan	400,000	0	400,000

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17.	North Muskegon Property Acquisition. Acquisition of a 35-acre parcel of land located on the north side of Holton Rd. (M-120), west of Russell Rd. Through this acquisition, the City of North Muskegon intends to use the land for the development of a sports park (baseball/softball and soccer). This park will also allow for additional field space for youth sports and the ability for visitors to enjoy the property's extensive wooded natural habitat features including 2,010 feet of frontage on both sides of Bear Creek.	City of North Muskegon	Muskegon	223,400	55,900	167,500
18.	Barrier Dunes Sanctuary Addition. Acquisition of approximately 2 acres to expand the Barrier Dunes Sanctuary and add 204' of undeveloped Lake Michigan shoreline to the existing 1,100' in public ownership. The Township has a unique opportunity to acquire this natural dune land that has been proposed for development. The Barrier Dunes Sanctuary is a featured stop on the developing Lake Michigan Water Trail and is popular with beach walkers and boaters who anchor near the shore. The purchase will provide perpetual public use and enjoyment of the rolling dunes and naturally scenic shoreline of this property at the Barrier Dunes Sanctuary.	White River Township	Muskegon	841,200	541,200	300,000
19.	Millennium Park Land Addition. Acquisition of approximately 27 acres for enhancement of Millennium Park. This area of the park is among the most natural untouched areas of the 1500-acre park. The fen habitat present on the parcel is of high quality. There is an existing natural surface trail that provides access into the site and to fishing decks and bank fishing opportunities. The current nature trail will be extended as appropriate into the proposed 27-acre purchase.	Kent County	Kent	460,000	184,000	276,000

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20.	West Lake Preserve Expansion. Acquisition of 59 acres of undeveloped property to complement and enhance the existing 217-acre West Lake Preserve. Acquiring land adjacent to existing preserves is an action item in Washtenaw's Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2015-2019. These 59 acres are a combination of cropland and former cropland which has been seriously degraded by invasive species. The county intends to remove the invasive species, which threaten the existing preserve and adjacent natural landscape, and restore the land to natural endemic habitat species and communities to enhance public enjoyment and wildlife use at the preserve.	Washtenaw County	Washtenaw	382,300	115,000	267,300
21.	Tuscola Township Park Acquisition. Acquisition of approximately 3 acres of land for addition to the existing 12-acre park. The project will add 325 feet of Cass River frontage to provide expanded waterfront recreation for the public at this township's only existing park. This park also serves as a launch site and a rest site for users of the Cass River Water Trail.	Tuscola Township	Tuscola	135,900	35,900	100,000
22.	Pine River Property Acquisition. Acquisition of a 38.79-acre parcel located immediately west of Goodells County Park between Lapeer Road and County Park Drive. The south end of the property is bisected by approximately 690 feet of the Pine River and includes forested floodplain habitat. Planned use for the parcel will be to complement Goodells County Park by adding running and walking trails, event parking and nature education/appreciation programs.	St. Clair County	St. Clair	195,000	97,500	97,500
23.	Belle River Property Acquisition. Acquisition of approximately 26 acres of undeveloped, densely wooded land located immediately west of Columbus County Park. The property provides access to approximately 2,500 feet of the Belle River and includes both floodplain and upland. The property will be used to compliment Columbus County Park by extending river access for paddling and fishing; mountain biking and hiking trails.	St. Clair County	St. Clair	94,000	28,200	65,800

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24.	Superior Township Riverview Park Acquisition. Acquisition of a 0.91-acre riverfront parcel in a strategic location that is centrally located on the southeast corner of Highway M-221 and Six Mile Road in the Town of Brimley. The site is viewed as being an ideal public gathering space for those who enjoy outdoor recreation, as it lies within 1500 feet of Lake Superior and has 229 feet of frontage on the Waiska River.	Superior Township	Chippewa	130,000	33,800	96,200
25.	Bear Lake Frontage for Kayak/Canoe Launch. Acquisition of approximately 1/3 of an acre with 114 feet of frontage on Bear Lake that will be developed into a universally accessible kayak and canoe launch facility for people of all ages, needs and abilities to enjoy Bear Lake. It will be a county-designated "Explore the Shores" site and include educational signage. As a destination for Northern Michigan visitors, this project will be a catalyst for economic development and tourism in an economically depressed area. The park will be visible from US 31. It will be an important initial implementation project for the recently amended Recreation Plan and updated master plan through the collaborative Lakes to Land Regional Initiative.	Bear Lake Township	Manistee	110,000	27,500	82,500
26.	Land acquisition for expansion of Two Rivers Park. Acquisition of 1.68 acres for the expansion of the existing Two Rivers Park, which is located at the confluence of the Looking Glass & Grand Rivers. The acquisition will allow for future development of amenities to the park and trail and create a buffer from the existing condo development.	City of Portland	Ionia	110,000	27,500	82,500
Acquisition Project Summary						
State of Michigan Ownership (5 Projects)				\$4,875,000	\$200,000	\$4,675,000
Local Government Ownership (21 Projects)				<u>\$21,205,300</u>	<u>\$5,954,300</u>	<u>\$15,251,000</u>
TOTAL:				\$26,080,300	\$6,154,300	\$19,926,000

FY 2014-15 NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS						
Priority	Project	Proposed Owner	County Location	Total Cost	Match	Trust Fund
1.	Finn Road Park Improvements. Development to improve access to Saginaw Bay and Lake Huron. The site is on the Saginaw Birding Trail and improvements include a 1/3 mile path through woodlands and wetlands with an observation tower overlooking the Bay. The tower will include seating and interpretive signage. The site also serves as a trailhead for the Saginaw Bay Blueways Water Trail. Improvements to the boat launch area include parking, a new boat dock and boating access improvements.	Hampton Charter Township	Bay	\$260,500	\$78,200	\$182,300
2.	Huff Park Boardwalk Renovation & Restroom Improvements. Development to include renovations at Huff Park, an 87-acre urban park. Improvements include upgrades to the existing restrooms for energy efficiency and ADA compliance and renovation of over one-half mile of universally accessible boardwalk. The boardwalk will provide interpretive access to a 20-acre wetland area identified as a preservation priority in the several greenway plans in the region.	City of Grand Rapids	Kent	1,200,000	900,000	300,000
3.	North Beach Park Improvements. Development to construct various improvements to the existing North Beach Park. While the park is a pristine stretch of beachfront along Lake Michigan, the park's existing amenities and infrastructure, built between 40 and 60 years ago, do not reflect today's park design standards. The current configuration limits both accessibility to the park and also negatively impacts the park visitor experience. The project will involve beach enhancements, water trail access and accessibility improvements to enhance the overall experience of park users. Some of the major aspects of the project include an upgraded children's play area, a beach access mat, a canoe/kayak launch, boardwalk, shoreline stabilization, and parking lot improvements.	City of South Haven	Van Buren	863,700	536,700	300,000

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4.	Lakelands Trail Development: M-52 to Parnall Road. Development to improve 13 miles of the 23.5-mile Lakelands State Trail, which currently runs along a rail corridor between Jackson and Pinckney and is a part of the Iron Belle Trail and the Great Lake to Lake Trail. The portion of the trail included in this project is currently unimproved rail bed which is uneven and inconsistent for non-motorized use. The proposed project will consist of limestone and asphalt surfacing and bridge improvements for the purpose of enhancing accessibility for multiple types of users, and to bring the trail to current state and federal standards. The 13-mile stretch of trail traverses large tracts of agricultural land, woodlots, and wetlands that will provide wildlife viewing opportunities that otherwise could not be accessed, while transitioning into urban settings and connecting communities at both ends.	DNR - Parks and Recreation Division	Jackson	3,816,900	3,816,900	300,000
5.	Boardman Valley Nature Preserve Improvements. Development project at the Boardman Valley Nature Preserve to enhance public access to and enjoyment of the Boardman River and to provide a trailhead for the Boardman River Trail. The trailhead will serve both as water trailhead and non-motorized trailhead. All improvements will be universally accessible and include parking, paths, floating kayak dock/launch, picnic pavilion, changing building and modern vault restroom, interpretive signs and trail maps and renovation of the existing pickleball courts.	Garfield Charter Township	Grand Traverse	200,000	100,000	100,000
6.	Iosco Exploration Trail, Phase 1. Development of a 2.2-mile trail and pedestrian bridge that is part of the Iosco Exploration Trail and Iron Belle Trail. It will connect the community of Oscoda to the Oscoda Schools complex. The trail will cross the Au Sable River and run through the Huron-Manistee National Forest.	Iosco County	Iosco	1,373,300	1,077,300	296,000

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7.	Dunton Park Shoreline Renovation & Barrier Free Kayak Launch. Development of trailhead facilities for the Lake Macatawa and Lake Michigan Water Trails and renovation of HB Dunton Park. Improvements include accessible canoe/kayak launch, floating fishing pier, picnic shelter, playground, viewing areas, shaded seating areas and a restroom building with a kayak rental, concession and storage area. The park is used by the public for passive recreation, water access and outdoor education programming.	Holland Charter Township	Ottawa	945,000	645,000	300,000
8.	Belle Isle - Lake Okonoka Picnic Area Development. Development to relocate a major picnic area for the park. Picnicking was identified as the number one "common activity" from the 2010 Belle Isle Conservancy public survey. The picnic area will be moved to the south side of Woodside Drive, a scenic location along the shore of Lake Okonoka, to better serve park visitors. The project will include new picnic shelters, universally accessible walks, parking lot improvements, picnic nodes and playground equipment. The project will enhance picnicking, playground, and fishing opportunities on the island, while improving site drainage and aiding the restoration of the 200-acre wooded wetland area adjacent to the former picnic area.	DNR - Parks and Recreation Division	Wayne	300,000	0	300,000
9.	Whitefish Trail Restoration Project. Development to construct part of a planned 40-mile Wilderness Lakes Trail System. The proposed trail follows the route of the historic Whitefish Lake Road, originally constructed for Ladybird Johnson's motorcade when she dedicated the adjacent Sylvania Wilderness in 1967. After the dedication, the road was destroyed and abandoned for 45 years. This 2.5-mile segment extends from Thousand Island Lake Road on the North to intersect it again on the South, providing a safer alternative for cyclists using a narrow and winding section of this shared road that is currently the county-designated bike route. The new route traverses a beautiful landscape of pristine forests and inland lakes.	Watersmeet Township	Gogebic	218,000	110,000	108,000

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10.	Martin Road Park Improvements. Development to add a permanent walking path and universally accessible play structure. These improvements will enhance recreational opportunities for the surrounding community as well as increase accessibility throughout the park. In addition to the walking path and play structure, the project will also include recycling bins and Michigan native tree plantings for the park.	City of Ferndale	Oakland	150,000	75,000	75,000
11.	Harding Park Improvements. Development to include a new walking path and universally accessible play structure. These improvements will offer additional recreational opportunities to the City of Ferndale and improve accessibility throughout the park. In addition to the new walking path and play structure, Michigan native tree plantings and recycling bins will also be added to the park.	City of Ferndale	Oakland	150,000	75,000	75,000
12.	Frankenmuth Memorial Park Boat Launch Improvements. Development of fishing facilities and renovation of the only Cass River boat launch within eight miles. The site also serves as a trailhead for the Cass River Water Trail. Improvements will include an expanded boat launch, parking lot, signage, access routes and an accessible fishing dock and overlook.	City of Frankenmuth	Saginaw	305,000	79,300	225,700

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13.	Gallup Park Universal Access Playground and Site Amenities. Development to construct a universally accessible playground at Gallup Park. The current playground equipment will be replaced with new features and surfacing that will be inclusive, stimulating, and fun for all users, whether fully independent, or with mobility, sensory, or visual impairments. Specific playground features will include interpretive signs with Braille, a sensory garden, wide ramps and slides that enable side by side activity, adaptive swings, and moving play activities such as whirl and spring riders with back supports. Other universally accessible features of the project include grills, picnic tables, benches, a fishing pier, and a canoe/kayak launch. Lastly, the project will reconfigure a portion of the Border-to-Border Trail (which is part of the Iron Belle Trail) within the park to make it safer for trail riders and children using the play equipment.	City of Ann Arbor	Washtenaw	800,000	500,000	300,000
14.	Veterans Memorial Park Improvement Project. Development to construct over 3000 feet of new nature trails throughout the park, enhancing the park for both day-use and campground visitors. The limestone trail will include a 350-foot boardwalk through the park's wetlands. Interpretive signage along the trail will educate the public about local flora and fauna. The park serves as a major trailhead for both the Iron Belle Trail and State ATV and snowmobile trails, with parking. Dark-sky compliant LED lighting in the parking area will facilitate wintertime night use and deter vandalism without adding light pollution.	Spalding Township	Menominee	110,700	28,800	81,900

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15.	Dodd Park Water Trail Development Project. Development to install new barrier-free site amenities to support the development of a new water trail on the Dowagiac River. The Dowagiac River is the largest cold water river system in Southwest Michigan. Development will aid water trail users and other park visitors with trailhead signage, Universal Design compliant kayak/canoe launch, bridge, and parking expansion. In addition, there will be new ADA-compliant waterless, modern restrooms and camping area complete with two camper cabins, picnic grills and fire rings along with accessible pathways.	Cass County	Cass	375,000	97,500	277,500
16.	Mid-Michigan Community Pathway. Development of a 6.8-mile non-motorized trail connecting the Deerfield Road Pathway in Mt. Pleasant and Central Michigan University with the Triangle Pathway in the Village of Shepherd. The trail is part of a plan to connect the Pere Marquette Trail, Fred Meijer Heartland Trail and Fred Meijer CIS Trail through central Michigan.	Village of Shepherd	Isabella	1,909,600	1,613,600	296,000
17.	Horton Road Trail Development. Development to construct a half mile of trail that will connect to the existing Weatherwax Road Trail on the south end and the City of Jackson's proposed Fourth Street Connector Development (TF15-0097) on the north end. The proposed trail traverses residential and commercial areas and will provide Township residents with a connection to the region's trail network and various flagship parks like Ella Sharp Park and Sparks Park. The trail will also provide safe non-motorized access alternative to riding along a busy stretch of road in the Township.	Summit Township	Jackson	188,000	94,000	94,000

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18.	Sparks Park Inter-City Trail Connector Development Project. Development to construct a half mile of trail through a natural setting that includes wetlands, uplands, and wooded areas. The trail will connect to the Inter-City Trail on the south end and Sparks Park on the north end. The project will also include a parking lot on the north end and 250 feet of boardwalk with an observation deck in the wetland areas. The project will provide access to a natural area and wildlife viewing opportunities in an urban setting.	City of Jackson	Jackson	267,000	93,500	173,500
19.	Bridgeport Cass River Trailhead. Development of trailhead facilities for Bridgeport's Cass River Pathway which is part of the Iron Belle Trail. The site is located on the Cass River in downtown Bridgeport. All improvements will be universally accessible and include renovating an existing building into restrooms, a new pavilion, a wildlife viewing and fishing platform, landscaping and other amenities.	Bridgeport Charter Township	Saginaw	394,100	118,300	275,800
20.	Donald McKenzie Memorial Park Enhancements. Development to recreate the community park and regional trailhead with a new lighted pavilion, parking, walkways, picnic area, and landscaping. The pavilion will shelter a new ice skating rink and warming center with accessible restrooms and serve as the Visitor Center with displays for regional trail maps. New walking trails will be installed throughout the park and a picnic area will feature accessible picnic tables so the park will be welcoming to all individuals. New parking will also be provided with accessible spaces. Native Michigan landscaping will further emphasize the bountiful nature of the area.	Marenisco Township	Gogebic	400,000	105,000	295,000

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21.	Laughing Whitefish Falls Scenic Site Access Improvements. Redevelopment to provide visitors with improved access to one of Michigan's most beautiful waterfalls. Developed in the 1970s, the existing improvements include a parking lot, pathways, boardwalk and a scenic overlook. Although the parking lot and access pathways were recently improved, the wooden boardwalks and overlook structures have exceeded their usable life. This project will repair or replace the existing boardwalk and scenic overlook structures to improve safety and improve accessibility as well as serving as a trailhead for Michigan's Iron Belle Trail.	DNR - Parks and Recreation Division	Alger	300,000	0	300,000
22.	Waterfront Enhancement Project. Development to improve part of a property that once hosted a U.S. Coast Guard Station on the shore of Lake Huron. Lake access will be provided by establishing a 540-foot pier on bottomlands where a catwalk once connected the offshore station to the shore. The project will also include an access road, an access pathway, parking lot improvements, a canoe/kayak launch, lighting, benches, and bike racks. Universal design principles will be incorporated into several of the items to be constructed.	City of Harbor Beach	Huron	495,000	200,000	295,000
23.	Cass River Water Trail - Hoffmann Site. Development of a universally accessible canoe/kayak launch site on the Cass River Water Trail. This project will include parking, paths, a floating accessible canoe/kayak launch and an interpretive sign. From this site it is a three mile paddle to Bridgeport Township's Davis Park, a six mile paddle to an accessible launch site in Frankenmuth and an 11 mile paddle to Tuscola Township's park.	Bridgeport Charter Township	Saginaw	121,200	71,200	50,000

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24.	Fourth Street Connector Development Project. Development to construct a half mile of trail that will tie into the City of Jackson's Inter-City Trail, which is part of the Iron Belle Trail and is the main corridor that ties together regional trail systems in the Jackson area. The trail will connect to the popular Ella Sharp Park, a middle school, an elementary school, residential areas, and a small commercial district.	City of Jackson	Jackson	590,900	290,900	300,000
25.	Little Bear East Recreation Park Development. Development of the Little Bear East Recreation Park as a community sports park and trailhead for the Iron Belle Trail and North Country Scenic Trail which traverses the site. Improvements include new pathways, access to a large pond via a fishing and viewing platform, and development of two softball fields to accommodate community softball programs and allow for attraction of weekend tournaments. A new restroom and concession building will serve park visitors, hikers, and ATV trail users who access connecting motorized and nonmotorized recreational trails to the north.	City of St. Ignace	Mackinac	400,000	120,000	280,000
26.	Bay de Noc Trail System. Development to construct the Little Bay de Noc Trail, part of the Iron Belle Trail in the City of Gladstone, along US-2 for 2.5 miles along Little Bay de Noc on Lake Michigan. This portion of the shoreline is currently inaccessible to the public. The trail will be ten feet wide with four overlooks for fishing, resting, and bird watching on Lake Michigan. The new Bay de Noc Trail system will provide a safe and scenic non-motorized travel route for pedestrians and cyclists between Escanaba Township and Gladstone.	City of Gladstone	Delta	1,413,200	1,113,200	300,000

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27.	Albion River Trail Expansion Project. Development to construct one mile of trail at the hub of several regional trail networks, including the Iron Belle Trail, the Great Lake to Lake Trail, and the North County Trail. The trail will commence at the eastern terminus of the existing Albion River Trail in Victory Park, and will extend south through Albion College property that includes agricultural fields and a woodlot, and overlooks the Nancy G. Held Equestrian Center. The trail will exit through the Riverside Cemetery, where it will connect with M-99. The ten foot wide trail will provide access to scenic off-road portions of Albion College property while making an important connection with several regional trail networks.	City of Albion	Calhoun	398,200	104,200	294,000
28.	Atlas Township Section – Iron Belle Trail. Development to construct approximately one mile of trail along the Gale Road right-of-way which will extend the Iron Belle Trail and tie into the Genesee County Non-Motorized Trail Plan. The trail will provide safe access to Oaktree Elementary School at its southern end, and will then travel north along Gale Road until it ties into existing sidewalks in the Village of Atlas on the northern end. The trail will also tie into an existing nonmotorized trail that travels west from M-15 in the Village of Goodrich to Gale Road. Trail amenities such as benches, signage, and trash receptacles will also be included.	Genesee County	Genesee	713,600	413,600	300,000

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29.	Higgins Lake Regional Trail Connector. Development project to create universally accessible trails within North and South Higgins Lake State Park to fill a gap in the regional trail around the lake and to be part of Michigan's Iron Belle Trail. The trail will provide connections to the park's facilities including restrooms, lodging, picnicking, swimming, and scenic lake views and serve as a trailhead for Michigan's Iron Belle Trail. The project will improve the economy and tourism of the region by attracting visitors. This project is part of the broad plan to connect to regional trails and communities in the area, including Michigan's Iron Belle Trail and a 23.3 mile long trail around Higgins Lake. Future plans will connect the trail to the Crawford County and Houghton Lake trail systems connecting schools, villages and businesses.	DNR - Parks and Recreation Division	Roscommon	300,000	0	300,000
30.	Clarkston Road Regional Pathway Connection Project. Development to construct an eight foot pathway and ten foot boardwalk between Pine Tree Road and Thistle Valley Lane and also to provide pedestrian access to Camp Agawam. The long-range goal will be to extend the trail from Thistle Valley Lane to the Polly Ann Trail, providing safe passage to numerous recreation facilities such as Orion Oaks, Friendship and Civic Center Parks, Orion Center, and Orion Township's Library. Additionally, the pathway will serve area elementary students, whose campuses are within a half mile of the project.	Orion Charter Township	Oakland	694,200	394,200	300,000
31.	Hawk Meadow Restrooms. Development to construct a small restroom building at Hawk Meadow Park. The park contains 4.5 miles of trails that traverse close to 150 acres of agricultural fields, forests, and a small pond, and is the most popular park in the Township for walking, running, cross country skiing, and wildlife viewing. The park also abuts the Capital City Bird Sanctuary which is operated by Michigan Audubon. The current portable toilet is no longer sufficient due to the increased demand on the park. The new restroom building will serve both users of Hawk Meadow Park as well as the adjacent bird sanctuary.	Delta Charter Township	Eaton	99,000	49,500	49,500

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32.	Schwemwood Iron Ore Heritage Trailhead Parking/Path/Wetland. The Schwemwood Iron Ore Heritage Trailhead Parking, Path, and Wetland Project will provide universal access to the Iron Ore Heritage Trail (IOHT) for people of all ages and abilities. The site is Marquette Township's only IOHT trailhead. The parking area will be designed to exceed minimum accessibility standards and visitors will utilize a new universally-designed access pathway from the lower level parking area up to grade-level access on the Iron Ore Heritage Trail at minimal gradients. An additional feature of the project will be the development of an overlook to a forested wetland habitat including an educational nature interpretation sign. Site furnishings and native landscaping will further enhance the attractiveness of this wooded wayside trailhead for park visitors.	Marquette Charter Township	Marquette	71,700	21,700	50,000
33.	Clancy Park Improvements. Development project for the renovation of a Clancy Park. All improvements are universally accessible and include playground renovation, shelter, walking paths, a natural area and amenities.	City of Traverse City	Grand Traverse	124,400	79,400	45,000
34.	Zeeland Splash Park Expansion. Development project to expand the recently completed City of Zeeland Splash Park. The site serves as the only organized public open space in downtown Zeeland as a splash pad and gathering space for passive use and organized events. Improvements include a shade structure, a lawn sunning area, landscaping and amenities.	City of Zeeland	Ottawa	100,000	50,000	50,000
35.	Black River Park Skid Pier Replacement. Development to include replacement of two skid piers at the Black River Park boat launch, which is located one mile from Lake Michigan and is the only public boat launch site that provides access to Lake Michigan between Saugatuck and Benton Harbor, a distance of approximately 45 miles. The existing skid piers were constructed in 1974 and rehabbed in 1992, and are deteriorating due to age and wear from the river.	City of South Haven	Van Buren	50,000	12,500	37,500

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36.	Riverfront Park Lighting Replacement. Development to replace a deteriorated lighting system with a new energy efficient version including new poles, bases, electrical wiring and fixtures. The lighting replacement project will substantially improve safety and aesthetics at the park while at the same time yielding significant cost savings for the city by reducing operations and maintenance costs to light the five-acre park on the St. Clair River. The park includes a four-block shoreline boardwalk, gazebo, benches, boat launch, visitor center and historical museum.	City of Algonac	St. Clair	220,000	170,000	50,000
37.	Extension of the North Bank Trail. Development of a 1.75-mile section of the North Bank Trail. The proposed extension will connect the North Bank Trail from Crockery Township to trail networks in Spring Lake Township and Grand Haven.	Crockery Township	Ottawa	664,000	619,000	45,000
38.	Accessible Pavilion - North Meridian Road Park. Development to construct a universally accessible pavilion as an addition to an existing restroom building in North Meridian Park. This park is a popular recreation site in Meridian Township with a sledding hill, soccer fields, walking and cross country skiing trails, sand volleyball courts, and a playground area. The fourseasons park sees high use but does not have any structures that provide shade. The pavilion will provide a much-needed shade area as well as an additional gathering area for park users.	Meridian Charter Township	Ingham	100,000	50,000	50,000
39.	Farwell Park Placemaking Improvements. Development of Farwell Park in the center of downtown Farwell. The site is adjacent to the Pere Marquette State Trail and the City Hall. Improvements include pathways throughout the site and to a Civil War-era obelisk erected in 1894, landscaping and signs to interpret the centuries-old trees on the site and their historical context to the village.	Village of Farwell	Clare	50,000	25,000	25,000

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40.	Kraft Park Multi-Sports Complex Renovation. Development to include renovation of an existing tennis court area in Kraft Park. The tennis court is currently underutilized and will be renovated into a multi-use facility that includes a tennis court, basketball court, and skate park. To help ensure safety and minimize interference, fencing will be constructed between the separate areas. The multi-use area will better serve the needs of the residents and will encourage participation by children, young adults, and families.	Redford Charter Township	Wayne	75,000	25,000	50,000
41.	Market Center Park - Pavilion Improvements. Development to construct additional wings on the main pavilion at the recently established Market Center Park. The wings added to the pavilion will incorporate principles of universal accessibility. The additional space in the pavilion will provide supplemental seating areas for users of the adjacent amphitheater and surrounding park area.	City of Southgate	Wayne	66,500	17,000	49,500
42.	Alpena to Hillman Trail Development Phase One. The Alpena to Hillman Rail Trail currently consists of 24 miles of undeveloped trail between the communities of Alpena and Hillman in Alpena and Montmorency Counties. The existing rail bed and cinder surface make the trail uneven and difficult for some non-motorized trail users. The proposed project will improve surfacing and bridge crossings for 13.5 miles of the trail from Franklin Street in Alpena to M-65 to provide access to multiple types of users and to bring the trail to current state and federal standards. The scenic rail corridor will attract visitors and provide transportation alternatives to M-32, which the trail parallels, connecting businesses, schools and residential areas. It will also provide fishing and wildlife viewing recreation opportunities as well as local economic business opportunities once the project is completed.	DNR - Parks and Recreation Division	Alpena	2,089,600	1,789,600	300,000

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43.	Father Marquette Park Accessibility/Improvement Plan. Redevelopment of this important historic site so that it provides access to persons of all ability levels. The project will feature pathways throughout the park and up to a large bronze sculpture of the famed explorer, Father Jacques Marquette. The work will feature an elevated viewing platform which provides dramatic vistas of Lake Superior. The project will also provide for an accessible picnic area. The park serves as a trailhead for the Iron Belle/Iron Ore Heritage/North Country Scenic Trails which pass by this site. Paved walkways will provide an accessible connection to the park from the Front Street trail routes. Other project improvements include bike racks, benches and native Michigan landscaping.	City of Marquette	Marquette	200,000	60,000	140,000
44.	Fordham Street Playfield Improvements. Development of a playground in an urban, neighborhood park. Improvements include replacement of old, unsafe playground equipment with new equipment and surfacing that meets current safety and accessibility standards.	City of Roosevelt Park	Muskegon	20,200	5,200	15,000
Development Project Summary						
State of Michigan Ownership (5 Projects)				\$6,806,500	\$5,306,500	\$1,500,000
Local Government Ownership (39 Projects)				<u>\$16,750,000</u>	<u>\$10,218,800</u>	<u>\$6,531,200</u>
TOTAL:				\$23,556,500	\$15,525,300	\$8,031,200

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<u>ACQUISITION & DEVELOPMENT PROJECT SUMMARY</u>						
	State of Michigan Ownership (10 Projects)			\$11,681,500	\$5,506,500	\$6,175,000
	Local Government Ownership (60 Projects)			<u>\$37,955,300</u>	<u>\$16,173,100</u>	<u>\$21,782,200</u>
	TOTAL:			\$49,636,800	\$21,679,600	\$27,957,200

Source: Department of Natural Resources Program Statements