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Senate Bill 675 (as introduced 8-1-07)
Sponsor: Senator Roger Kahn, M.D.
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CONTENT

Article IX, Section 35, of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 requires that Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board recommend projects to be funded from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. In December 2006, the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board recommended funding for 61 recreation projects and land acquisitions.

The bill would appropriate money from the Trust Fund for fiscal year 2006-07.

FISCAL IMPACT

The attached listing provides details regarding projects included in Senate Bill 675. The funding for the projects totals over \$36.1 million.

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FY 2006-07 NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND LAND ACQUISITION PROJECTS						
Rank	Project	Proposed Owner	County Location	Trust Fund Funding	Local/ Other Match	Project Total
1	Kamehameha Schools Development Rights Phase 5 of acquisition of a working forest conservation easement allowing continued timbering and public access on approximately 248,000 acres.	State of Michigan	Alger, Chippewa, Gogebic, Houghton, Luce, Marquette, Ontonagon, Schoolcraft	\$1,100,000	\$0	\$1,100,000
2	Bur Oak Land Acquisition Acquisition of 175 acres of high-quality, undeveloped natural land with 4,925 feet of Grand River frontage, one-half mile of bayou frontage, and 67 acres of wetlands for hunting, fishing, hiking, and other resource-based recreational uses.	Ottawa County	Ottawa	773,000	670,000	1,443,000
3	Cedar Run Creek Natural Area Acquisition Acquisition of 212 acres, including over 6,200 feet on Cedar Run Creek and over 1,500 feet on Cedar Lake for hunting, fishing, hiking, nature observation, and education	Long Lake Township	Grand Traverse	999,500	351,200	1,350,700
4	Camp Swampy Acquisition – Diamond Lake County Park Acquisition of 151-acre Steelcase Camp, including white oak-pine barrens, forests, dry sand prairie, and an 11-acre wetland bog with 2,000 feet on Diamond lake adjacent to existing protected areas for habitat protection, camping, hunting, fishing, and swimming.	Newaygo County	Newaygo	962,000	338,000	1,300,000

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5	Hyponex Wetlands Property Acquisition Acquisition of 524 acres of which approximately 480 acres are natural wetlands, with 150 acres of open water. Adjacent to 200-acre mini-State Game area. Protects many bird species including waterfowl and 2 special concern songbirds; hunting, fishing.	Flynn Township	Sanilac	785,900	438,800	1,224,700
6	Winter Deer Habitat Initiative Acquisition of high-priority winter deer habitat identified by Wildlife Division staff in the Upper Peninsula and northern Lower Peninsula.	State of Michigan	Upper and N. Lower Peninsula	875,000	0	875,000
7	Hackett Lake Conservation Easement Acquisition of a conservation easement on 640-acre parcel within the Pigeon River County State Forest dedicated boundary containing Hackett Lake and various creeks for hunting, fishing, boating, and other outdoor recreational opportunities.	State of Michigan	Cheboygan	2,600,000	0	2,600,000
8	Upper Bushman Lake Acquisition Acquisition of the 188-acre Upper Bushman Lake property, including a 31-acre lake, wetland, forested lowlands, and open meadows.	Oakland County	Oakland	1,900,000	2,600,000	4,500,000
9	North Shore Hunt Club Acquisition Acquisition of 172 acres on Lake Bellaire and Grass River, including 8,080 feet of waterfront.	Antrim County	Antrim	2,093,000	698,000	2,791,000

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10	Chief Hazy Cloud Park Expansion Acquisition of 96-acre parcel with 1,900 feet of Grand River frontage, 15 acres of wetlands, 23 species of special concern or endangered species for habitat protection, and resource-based recreation.	Kent County	Kent	1,110,000	390,000 1,500,000
11	Inland Water Access Initiative Acquisition of properties that provide access to inland lakes and streams statewide that do not currently have adequate public access.	State of Michigan	Various, statewide	750,000	0 750,000
12	State Park and Recreation Area Consolidation Acquisition of priority inholdings or other key parcels of land located within and adjacent to State park and recreation areas.	State of Michigan	Various, statewide	1,200,000	0 1,200,000
13	Barrier Dunes Sanctuary Expansion Addition of 2.2 acres of pristine barrier dunes and wetlands with 200 feet of Lake Michigan frontage to existing 11.42-acre barrier Dunes Sanctuary for public access and habitat protection.	White River Township	Muskegon	483,700	181,100 664,800
14	Deerlick Creek Park Acquisition Acquisition of 2.1 acres for a township park, which includes 172 feet of Lake Michigan frontage, over 700 feet of Deerlick Creek and 0.82 acres of wetlands.	South Haven Township	Van Buren	1,000,000	730,000 1,730,000

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15	Belle River Property Acquisition Acquisition of 300 acres with 1.5 miles of Belle River frontage for future development as a passive county park.	St. Clair County	St. Clair	1,408,000	792,000 2,200,000
16	State Forest Land Consolidation Initiative Acquisition of inholdings of State forest to improve access, management, and public use and to reduce fragmentation and use conflicts.	State of Michigan	Various, statewide	800,000	0 800,000
17	Wildlife Land Consolidation Initiative Acquisition of private land within the dedicated boundaries of State Game and Wildlife Areas statewide to consolidate ownership, protect habitat, and provide recreation.	State of Michigan	Various, statewide	800,000	0 800,000
18	State Trailways Acquisition Initiative Acquisition of approximately 220 acres of rail corridor in the Upper and Lower Peninsulas.	State of Michigan	Various, statewide	1,500,000	0 1,500,000
19	Veronica Valley Park Acquisition of 93 acres of land with over 47 acres of wetlands and 2,000 feet of frontage on Mebert Creek, a designated trout stream.	Leelanau County	Leelanau	600,000	302,000 902,000
20	Glacial Hills Pathway and Natural Area Acquisition of 165 acres for public recreation, hunting, natural resource protection, and public land consolidation.	Forest Home Township	Antrim	213,100	271,300 484,400

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21	Herman Park Acquisition Acquisition of 120 acres for proposed Herman Park, with 500 feet of frontage on Leo Creek.	Suttons Bay Township	Leelanau	394,200	168,900 563,100
22	Houghton Lake Shore Property Acquisition Acquisition in fee simple of approximately one acre of Houghton Lake property with over 150 feet of frontage to develop a township waterfront park.	Denton Township	Roscommon	450,000	280,100 808,700
23	Leelanau State Park Conservation Easement Acquisition of a conservation easement on 51 acres, with public access to Leelanau State Park at the tip of Leelanau Peninsula, including 1,400 feet of Lake Michigan shoreline, northern forest and wetlands.	State of Michigan	Leelanau	2,043,800	636,600 2,680,400
24	Trisch Trust Property Acquisition Acquisition of 600 acres of forested land that is completely surrounded by State forest land, with one-half mile of Willow Run Creek frontage and diverse habitat types for hunting, fishing, hiking, and other outdoor recreational opportunities.	State of Michigan	Missaukee	975,000	0 975,000

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25	Gerrish Township Public Park Acquisition of 5.13 acres of proposed public recreational property on the SW side of Higgins Lake with approximately 427 feet of frontage. Includes commercial buildings intended for continued commercial use.	Gerrish Township	Roscommon	1,400,000	1,200,000 4,000,000
26	River's Edge Park Addition Addition of 3.5 acres to existing 7-acre undeveloped park of wooded Rouge River riparian wetlands with 360 degrees of river frontage across from 84 acres of DNR property for greenway development, fishing, environmental education, and wetland protection.	Algoma Township	Kent	49,000	21,000 70,000
27	Brush Creek Dam and Millpond Acquisition Acquisition of approximately 1.5 acres of land and 200 feet of frontage on Brush Creek Millpond.	Village of Hillman	Montmorency	37,000	13,000 50,000
28	Satterlee Park Acquisition Acquisition of 8.5 acres including 5 acres of wetlands with Massasauga and other wildlife habitat along Suly Creek for wetland and habitat protection, natural resource-based recreate, and environmental education.	Grattan Township	Kent	30,000	10,500 40,500

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29	Ontonagon Marina Acquisition Acquisition of two acres of Ontonagon riverfront property for the development of a recreational boating facility and public fishing access.	Village of Ontonagon	Ontonagon	87,000	30,600 117,600
30	Township Boat Launch Expansion Five acre expansion to existing public boat launch. Parcel will add 50 feet of Muskegon River frontage, protect 2 acres of wetlands, increase recreation opportunities, and address bank erosion and traffic safety problems due to limited size of existing park.	Bridgeton Township	Newaygo	96,500	53,500 150,000
31	Black Lake Park Expansion Acquisition of 4.28 acres of undeveloped land of which approximately 50% is designated wetlands adjacent to Black Lake Park and Hoffmaster State Park for passive recreation.	City of Norton Shores	Muskegon	38,200	24,500 62,700
32	Recreation Property Acquisition Acquisition of 60 acres located in Lincoln Township to be used for baseball, softball, soccer, walking trail for joint city/township active recreation area.	City of Standish	Arenac	81,000	29,000 110,000
33	McNabb Park Land Acquisition Acquisition of 10 acres for multi-recreational purpose.	City of Ithaca	Gratiot	40,700	14,300 55,000

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34	Crooked River Access Project Acquisition of one acre of land on the Crooked River to establish recreational access to the river and a nearby "Island Sanctuary Park" already owned by the Village of Alanson.	City of Alanson	Emmet	99,000	42,000 141,000
	Project Ownership Subtotal	State of Michigan		\$12,643,800	\$636,600 \$13,280,400
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	TOTAL			\$27,774,620	\$10,247,400 \$29,539,600

FY 2006-07 NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS						
Rank	Project	Proposed Owner	County Location	Trust Fund Funding	Local/Other Match	Project Total
1	Mount Pisgah Dune Protection Project Improvement to Mount Pisgah Dune with exceptional views of Lake Michigan and Lake Macatawa including boardwalks, steps, decks, interpretive signs, and dune grass plantings to improve access to dune for the area's 1.5 million annual visitors and residents.	Ottawa County	Ottawa	\$280,000	\$248,000	\$528,000
2	Multi-Use Shooting Sports and Education Facility Development to include an indoor shooting range education facility in partnership with MSU. The range will provide new year-round recreation and education opportunities for archery, airguns, and smallbore arms.	State of Michigan	Ingham	500,000	2,500,000	3,000,000
3	Accessible Hunting/Viewing Facilities To provide for the creation or refurbishing of hunting and viewing facilities (parking lots, access trails, hunting blinds, and viewing platforms) to be made in compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act.	State of Michigan	Various, statewide	99,700	0	99,700
4	Grand Ledge Riverwalk 2,500 linear foot extension of the Grand Ledge Riverwalk, connecting multiple parks, improving fishing access, and providing access to 5 acres of riparian wetlands along the Grand River in downtown Grand Ledge.	City of Grand Ledge	Eaton	192,100	128,100	320,200

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Rank	Project	Proposed Owner	County Location	Trust Fund Funding	Local/Other Match	Project Total
5	Milford to Kensington Metropark Trail Development of approximately 2.9-mile nonmotorized trail through Kensington Metropark to Milford Dam.	Milford Township	Oakland	400,000	2,392,900	2,792,900
6	Ellsworth Community Park Enhancements Development of Ellsworth Community Park on Lake Ellsworth to include an archery range, boat dock, fishing pier, 4-season pavilion with warming area and restrooms, children's play area, nature trails, and a boardwalk.	Village of Ellsworth	Antrim	249,700	140,500	390,200
7	Coldwater Springs Nature Area - Linear Park Development of public access trailway along the Johnson Creek, one of only 3 cold water fisheries in SE Michigan and home to one endangered and one threatened species, and creation of linkage to the 119-acre community park.	Northville Township	Wayne	303,800	303,800	607,600
8	Wenonah Park Renovation Updating of existing park along the Saginaw River. New seawall mooring facilities, new riverside promenade allowing closer access to the water, new paving, planters and landscaping, and fishing access decks along the promenade.	City of Bay City	Bay	500,000	600,000	1,100,000

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9	Ralph A. MacMullen Center Improvements Development to include new RAM Center lodging and classroom buildings (phased project) to meet current and future needs of user groups.	State of Michigan	Crawford	500,000	0	500,000
10	Camp Pet-o-se-ga Campground Facilities Development of a third campground loop, play area, boat access, and bath house at Camp Pet-o-se-ga Pickeral Lake.	Emmet County	Emmet	490,700	210,300	701,000
11	Iron Industry Museum Interpretive Trail System Development of a 2-mile nonmotorized interpretive trail system along the Carp River, including scenic and historical overlooks and informational kiosks.	State of Michigan	Marquette	261,600	155,000	416,600
12	Plainfield Township Nature Park Improvements Development of nature trails, boardwalk, boat launch, fishing platforms, picnic areas, pavilion, restroom, and parking on Loon and Mud Lakes in township park.	Plainfield Township	Iosco	332,000	125,000	457,000
13	Lake Lansing Trail Development of 2.5-mile pathway and accessible fishing pier providing access to Lake Lansing, Lake Lansing South County Park, Meridian Township parks, and natural areas. Future connector will connect to Lansing River Trail at MSU.	Ingham County	Ingham	358,300	674,200	982,500

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14	Rouge River Trail Network Extension - Pepler Park 1,600-foot boardwalk and bituminous extension of the Rouge River Trail network through Pepler Park in downtown Rockford.	City of Rockford	Kent	222,700	95,400	318,100
15	Campground Utility Improvements Renovation at various State forest campgrounds, including dump stations, vault toilets, and wells.	State of Michigan	Various, statewide	500,000	0	500,000
16	Clam River Greenway Development of an additional 0.4 mile to the existing one-mile Clam River Greenway to complete the walkway within the City of Cadillac.	City of Cadillac	Wexford	269,500	94,700	364,200
17	Ontonagon Township Park Improvements Improvements to Ontonagon Township park on Lake Superior to include development of a new restroom/shower building, pedestrian bridge and trails, campsite expansion, electrical upgrades, interpretive signage, and hiking trails.	Ontonagon Township	Ontonagon	232,800	130,900	363,700
18	Carpenter Lake Nature Interpretive Center Development of a community nature and environmental education center at Carpenter Lake Park.	City of Southfield	Oakland	500,000	500,000	1,000,000

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19	Upper Peninsula Pocket Park Renovation Development to include renovation of existing building, welcome center, display areas, interactive classroom, accessible bathrooms, and facility upgrades.	State of Michigan	Delta	178,300	0	178,300
20	Hunter's Point Public Access Enhancement Development to include access to Lake Superior with parking, boardwalk, viewing platform, toilet building, and information kiosk.	Grant Township	Keweenaw	47,100	26,500	73,600
21	Reed County Park Improvements Development of recreational day-use facilities, including beach house, youth playground, picnic area, pavilions, and other infrastructure improvements.	Gratiot County	Gratiot	495,000	185,000	680,000
22	Riverside Park Improvements Improvements to 43-acre Riverside Park with 1,500 Muskegon River footage, including parking, walking trails, skate park equipment, and fishing piers.	City of Evart	Osceloa	100,000	100,000	200,000
23	Tourist Park Campground Expansion Development to include additional campsites with water, sewer, and electrical services, foot bridge and pavilion/restroom/shower building at Tourist Park. Campground on Lake Superior.	City of Munising	Alger	210,500	76,000	286,500

24	Sanford Lake Park Improvements Improvements to Sanford Lake park to include pavilions, restrooms, rail/trail connector, and play structure.	Midland County	Midland	235,900	300,300	536,200
25	Oscoda Beach Park Boardwalk Development Development of a lighted, barrier-free boardwalk along the Lake Huron shoreline to include seating areas and access ramps to the beach and parking lot.	Oscoda Township	Iosco	44,800	38,200	83,000
26	Hunter Pool Renovation Improvements to Hunter Pool Park to include installation of splash park and upgrades to existing pool (zero depth entry, mechanical upgrades, drains, and pool deck) for water-based outdoor recreation in an urban setting.	City of Lansing	Ingham	500,000	350,000	850,000
27	Hubbell Pond Park Nonmotorized Trail Development of a one-mile, 10-foot-wide paved trail from Milford Dam north through Hubbell Pond Park.	Village of Milford	Oakland	297,000	105,000	402,000
Project Ownership Subtotal		State of Michigan		\$2,039,600	\$2,655,000	\$4,694,600
Project Ownership Subtotal		Local Governments		<u>6,261,900</u>	<u>6,824,800</u>	<u>13,036,700</u>
TOTAL				\$8,301,500	\$9,479,800	\$17,731,300