

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 1124**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
by amending sections 503, 2106, and 2165 (MCL 324.503, 324.2106,
and 324.2165), sections 503 and 2106 as amended by 2018 PA 240 and
section 2165 as amended by 2022 PA 2, and by adding section 502c.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **Sec. 502c. (1) As used in this section:**

2 **(a) "Biological diversity" means the full range of variety and**
3 **variability within and among living organisms and the natural**
4 **associations in which they occur. Biological diversity includes**
5 **ecosystem diversity, species diversity, and genetic diversity.**

6 **(b) "Conservation" mean measures for maintaining natural**
7 **biological diversity and measures for restoring natural biological**



1 diversity through management efforts, to protect, restore, and
2 enhance as much of the variety of native species and communities as
3 possible in quantities and distributions that provide for the
4 continued existence and normal functioning of native species and
5 communities, including the viability of populations throughout the
6 natural geographic distributions of native species and communities.
7 "Conserve" and "conserving" have corresponding meanings.

8 (c) "Ecosystem" means an assemblage of species, together with
9 the species' physical environment, considered as a unit.

10 (d) "Ecosystem services" means the benefits people derive from
11 ecosystems, including provision of goods such as food, wood, fiber,
12 and other raw materials and of services, such as crop pollination,
13 soil conservation, nutrient cycling, water purification,
14 recreation, and well-being.

15 (e) "Environmental justice community" means a community that
16 is disproportionately affected by environmental hazards and social
17 inequalities.

18 (f) "Habitat connectivity" means the ability of organisms and
19 natural processes to move between patches of habitat, both on land
20 and in water. Habitat connectivity may be process- or species-
21 specific and may be natural or facilitated by humans.

22 (g) "Habitat corridor" means a clearly defined geographical
23 space that is under long-term management to maintain or restore
24 effective habitat connectivity.

25 (h) "Legacy plan" or "plan" means a plan required under
26 subsection (3).

27 (i) "Relevant legislative committees" means that term as
28 defined in section 503.

29 (j) "Sustainable use" means the use of components of



1 biological diversity in a way and at a rate that does not lead to
2 the long-term decline of biological diversity, thereby maintaining
3 its potential to meet the needs and aspirations of present and
4 future generations.

5 (k) "Water" does not include the Great Lakes or Lake St.
6 Clair.

7 (2) The department shall coordinate state efforts and work
8 toward the voluntary conservation, restoration, and connection of
9 30% of this state's total area of land and water by 2030. The land
10 and water conserved may include state, federal, and municipal lands
11 and waters, voluntarily conserved tribal lands, and voluntarily
12 conserved private holdings.

13 (3) By December 31, 2025, the department shall develop 6
14 regional legacy plans to implement subsection (2). Each of the
15 following regions shall be the subject of a legacy plan:

16 (a) The southeast Lower Peninsula.

17 (b) The southwest Lower Peninsula.

18 (c) The northeast Lower Peninsula.

19 (d) The northwest Lower Peninsula.

20 (e) The eastern Upper Peninsula.

21 (f) The western Upper Peninsula.

22 (4) In developing the legacy plans, the department shall do
23 all of the following:

24 (a) Solicit input from and coordinate planning activities with
25 the department of environment, Great Lakes, and energy and the
26 department of agriculture and rural development.

27 (b) Solicit input from the following:

28 (i) Federally recognized Indian tribes, relevant state and
29 federal agencies, conservation districts, regional planning



1 agencies, and local governments.

2 (ii) Working lands enterprises and private owners of working
3 lands, natural lands, and agricultural lands.

4 (iii) Land conservancies.

5 (iv) Conservation, environmental, outdoor recreation, and
6 social justice organizations.

7 (v) Other interested parties.

8 (c) Post the proposed legacy plans on its website.

9 (d) Solicit public comments on the proposed legacy plans and
10 conduct a public meeting on each proposed legacy plan in its
11 respective region.

12 (e) Submit the proposed legacy plans for review to the
13 relevant legislative committees with primary responsibility for
14 conservation issues.

15 (f) Consider each legacy plan's contribution to the following:

16 (i) Biological diversity.

17 (ii) Endangered or threatened species or species of greatest
18 conservation need.

19 (iii) Natural communities, particularly sensitive and rare
20 ecological areas and ecosystems.

21 (iv) Climate resilience.

22 (v) Equitable access to public land.

23 (vi) Environmental justice communities.

24 (vii) Habitat connectivity.

25 (viii) Water quality

26 (ix) Other factors supporting the health and resilience of this
27 state's ecosystems, environment, wildlife, water resources,
28 including the Great Lakes and Lake St. Clair, and people.



1 (5) A legacy plan shall be based on the best available science
2 regarding conservation, protection, and sustainable use of lands
3 and resources and include all of the following:

4 (a) Identification and monitoring of biologically diverse
5 areas with special attention to sensitive areas and areas of urgent
6 concern for biological diversity loss. The legacy plan shall
7 identify areas designated for restoration, where restoration is
8 occurring, and where restoration has been completed. To comply with
9 subsection (2), the department shall maintain, monitor, and utilize
10 scientifically appropriate data collection methods assessing the
11 conservation and protection of biologically diverse areas.

12 (b) An inventory and assessment of existing conservation
13 programs and best management practices and recommendations for
14 amending and creating new conservation programs and practices to be
15 utilized to comply with subsection (2).

16 (c) An assessment of existing funding and recommendations for
17 new funding sources for acquisition of land, staffing, and long-
18 term stewardship to comply with subsection (2).

19 (6) As technology and funding allow, the department shall
20 develop an online assessment and decision support tool to assess
21 land use and conservation alternatives in the development of legacy
22 plans.

23 (7) The department shall not implement a legacy plan if the
24 senate and house committees with primary responsibility for
25 conservation issues disapprove the legacy plan. The department
26 shall implement the most recent legacy plans and shall not change
27 the legacy plans except by a plan update prepared every 10 years
28 subject to subsection (3).

29 (8) The department shall do all of the following:



1 (a) Post the legacy plans on its website.

2 (b) In collaboration with the department of environment, Great
3 Lakes, and energy and the department of agriculture and rural
4 development, submit a report to the relevant legislative committees
5 every 2 years on progress in implementing the legacy plans. The
6 department shall post the report on the department's website.

7 (c) Update the inventory under subsection (5)(b) to track
8 progress in complying with subsection (2).

9 Sec. 503. (1) The department shall protect and conserve the
10 natural resources of this state; provide and develop facilities for
11 outdoor recreation; prevent the destruction of timber and other
12 forest growth by fire or otherwise; promote the reforestation of
13 forestlands belonging to this state; prevent and guard against the
14 pollution of lakes and streams within this state and enforce all
15 laws provided for that purpose with all authority granted by law;
16 and foster and encourage the protection and propagation of game and
17 fish **and biological diversity**. Before issuing an order or
18 promulgating a rule under this act that will designate or classify
19 land managed by the department for any purpose, the department
20 shall consider, in addition to any other matters required by law,
21 all of the following:

22 (a) Providing for access to and use of the public land for
23 recreation and tourism.

24 (b) The existence of or potential for natural resources-based
25 industries, including forest management, mining, or oil and gas
26 development on the public land.

27 (c) The potential impact of the designation or classification
28 on private property in the immediate vicinity.

29 (2) The department has the power and jurisdiction over the



1 management, control, and disposition of all land under the public
 2 domain, except for ~~these lands~~ **land** under the public domain that
 3 are managed by other state agencies to carry out their assigned
 4 duties and responsibilities. On behalf of the people of this state,
 5 the department may accept gifts and grants of land and other
 6 property and may buy, sell, exchange, or condemn land and other
 7 property, for any of the purposes of this part.

8 ~~(3) If any payment under subpart 13 or 14 of part 21 or~~
 9 ~~section 51106 for land located north of the Mason-Arenac line is~~
 10 ~~not made in full and on time during a fiscal year, then, until the~~
 11 ~~end of that fiscal year, the department shall not purchase surface~~
 12 ~~rights to land located north of the Mason-Arenac line unless 1 or~~
 13 ~~both of the following apply:~~

14 ~~(a) Full payment was made later during that fiscal year.~~

15 ~~(b) The specific acquisition is approved by resolution adopted~~
 16 ~~by the following, as applicable:~~

17 ~~(i) If the land is located in a single township, the township~~
 18 ~~board.~~

19 ~~(ii) If the land is located in 2 or more townships, the county~~
 20 ~~board of commissioners of the county where the land is located.~~

21 ~~(4) For the purposes of subsections (3) and (9), respectively,~~
 22 ~~land in which the department acquires or owns surface rights does~~
 23 ~~not include any of the following:~~

24 ~~(a) Land acquired under an option agreement in effect on the~~
 25 ~~date when the payment described in subsection (3) became due if the~~
 26 ~~acquisition takes place within 120 days after the payment became~~
 27 ~~due.~~

28 ~~(b) Land in which the department has a conservation easement.~~

29 ~~(c) Land that, before July 2, 2012, was platted under the land~~



1 ~~division act, 1967 PA 288, MCL 560.101 to 560.293, or a predecessor~~
 2 ~~act and acquired by the department.~~

3 ~~(d) Any of the following if acquired on or after July 2, 2012:~~

4 ~~(i) Land with an area of not more than 80 acres, or a right-of-~~
 5 ~~way, for accessing other land owned by the department or for~~
 6 ~~accessing the waters of the state as defined in section 3101.~~

7 ~~(ii) Land for a trail, subject to all of the following:~~

8 ~~(A) If the traveled portion of the proposed trail is located~~
 9 ~~within an abandoned railroad right of way, the land excluded is~~
 10 ~~limited to the abandoned railroad right-of-way.~~

11 ~~(B) If the traveled portion of the proposed trail is located~~
 12 ~~in a utility easement, the land excluded is limited to the utility~~
 13 ~~easement.~~

14 ~~(C) If sub-subparagraphs (A) and (B) do not apply, the land~~
 15 ~~excluded is limited to the traveled portion of the proposed trail~~
 16 ~~and contiguous land. For the purposes of the exclusion, the area of~~
 17 ~~the contiguous land shall not exceed the product of 100 feet~~
 18 ~~multiplied by the length of the proposed trail in feet.~~

19 ~~(iii) Land that, on July 2, 2012 was commercial forestland as~~
 20 ~~defined in section 51101 if the land continues to be used in a~~
 21 ~~manner consistent with part 511.~~

22 ~~(iv) Land acquired by the department by gift, including the~~
 23 ~~gift of funds specifically dedicated to land acquisition.~~

24 ~~(v) Land acquired by the department through litigation.~~

25 ~~(5) The department shall maintain a record of land as~~
 26 ~~described in subsection (4) (a) to (d). The record shall include the~~
 27 ~~location, acreage, date of acquisition, and use of the land.~~

28 ~~(3) (6) By October 1, 2014, the department shall develop a~~
 29 ~~written strategic plan to guide the acquisition and disposition of~~



1 state ~~lands~~**land** managed by the department, submit the plan to the
 2 relevant legislative committees, and post the plan on the
 3 department's website. In developing the plan, the department shall
 4 solicit input from the public and local units of government.

5 **(4)** ~~(7)~~—The strategic plan shall do all of the following:

6 (a) Divide this state into ~~—6~~ regions.

7 (b) Identify ~~lands~~**land** managed by the department in each
 8 region.

9 (c) Set forth for each region measurable strategic performance
 10 goals with respect to all of the following for land managed by the
 11 department:

12 (i) Maximizing availability of points of access to the land and
 13 to bodies of water on or adjacent to the land.

14 (ii) Maximizing outdoor recreation opportunities.

15 (iii) Forests.

16 (iv) Wildlife and fisheries.

17 **(v) The goals of section 502c.**

18 (d) To assist in achieving the **strategic performance** goals set
 19 forth in the strategic plan pursuant to subdivision (c), identify
 20 ~~all of the following:~~

21 ~~(i) Land to be acquired.~~

22 ~~(ii) Land to be disposed of.~~

23 ~~(iii) Plans **land** for natural resource management.~~

24 ~~(e) To the extent feasible, identify public lands in each
 25 region that are not managed by the department but affect the
 26 achievement of the goals set forth in the strategic plan pursuant
 27 to subdivision (c).~~

28 ~~(f) Identify ways that the department can better coordinate
 29 the achievement of the goals set forth in the strategic plan~~



1 ~~pursuant to subdivision (c), recognizing that public lands are~~
 2 ~~subject to multiple uses and both motorized and nonmotorized uses.~~

3 (e) ~~(g)~~ Identify critical trail connectors to enhance
 4 motorized and nonmotorized natural-resource-dependent outdoor
 5 recreation activities for public enjoyment.

6 (5) ~~(8)~~ The legislature ~~approves~~ **endorses** the strategic plan
 7 entitled "**Michigan** Department of Natural Resources Managed Public
 8 Land Strategy **2021-2027**" issued by the department. ~~and dated July~~
 9 ~~1, 2013.~~ The department shall implement the most recent
 10 ~~legislatively approved~~ strategic plan and shall not change the
 11 **strategic** plan except by a plan update proposed pursuant to
 12 subsection ~~(10)~~ and ~~subsequently approved by the legislature.~~ (7) .

13 (6) ~~(9)~~ The **Every 2 years, the** department shall ~~annually~~
 14 submit to the relevant legislative committees and post ~~and annually~~
 15 ~~update~~ on the department's website **an update of** all of the
 16 following:

17 (a) A report on the implementation of the **strategic** plan.

18 (b) The number of acres of land in which the department owns
 19 surface rights ~~north of the Mason-Arenac line, south of the Mason-~~
 20 ~~Arenac line,~~ **in the 6 regions** and in total for this state.

21 (c) Information on the total number of each of the following:

22 (i) Acres of land managed by the department.

23 (ii) Acres of state park and state recreation area land.

24 (iii) Acres of state game and state waterfowl areas.

25 ~~(iv) Acres of land managed by the department and open for~~
 26 ~~public hunting.~~

27 (iv) ~~(v)~~ Acres of state-owned mineral rights managed by the
 28 department that are under a development lease.

29 (v) ~~(vi)~~ Acres of state forestland.



1 (vi) ~~(vii)~~ Public boating access sites managed by the
2 department.

3 (vii) ~~(viii)~~ Miles of motorized trails managed by the department.

4 (viii) ~~(ix)~~ Miles of nonmotorized trails managed by the
5 department.

6 (7) ~~(10) For legislative consideration and approval, as~~
7 ~~provided in subsection (8), by~~ **By** July 1, 2021, and every ~~6-10~~
8 years thereafter, the department shall propose an update to the
9 strategic plan, submit the proposed updated **strategic** plan to the
10 relevant legislative committees, and post the proposed updated plan
11 on the department's website. **A strategic plan that is updated after**
12 **a legacy plan is approved by the legislature under section 502c**
13 **shall be consistent with the most recent legislatively approved**
14 **legacy plan.** At least 60 days before posting the proposed updated
15 **strategic** plan, the department shall prepare, submit to the
16 relevant legislative committees, and post on the department's
17 website a report that covers all of the following and includes
18 department contact information for persons ~~who~~ **that** wish to comment
19 on the report:

20 (a) Progress toward the goals set forth in the strategic plan
21 pursuant to subsection ~~(7)(e)~~. **(4) (c)** .

22 (b) Any proposed changes to the goals, including the rationale
23 for the changes.

24 (c) The department's engagement and collaboration with local
25 units of government.

26 ~~(11) Subject to subsection (12), if land owned by this state~~
27 ~~and managed by the department, land owned by the federal~~
28 ~~government, and land that is commercial forestland as defined in~~
29 ~~section 51101 constitute 40% or more of the land in a county, the~~



1 ~~department shall not acquire land in that county if, not more than~~
 2 ~~60 days after the department sent the notice of the proposed~~
 3 ~~acquisition to the board under section 2165, the department~~
 4 ~~receives a copy of a resolution rejecting the proposed acquisition~~
 5 ~~adopted by the following, as applicable:~~

6 ~~(a) If the land is located in a single township, the township~~
 7 ~~board.~~

8 ~~(b) If the land is located in 2 or more townships, the county~~
 9 ~~board of commissioners.~~

10 ~~(12) Subsection (11) does not apply to land described in~~
 11 ~~subsection (4) (d).~~

12 ~~(8) (13)~~The department may accept funds, money, or grants for
 13 development of salmon and steelhead trout fishing in this state
 14 from the government of the United States, or any of its departments
 15 or agencies, pursuant to the anadromous fish conservation act, 16
 16 USC 757a to 757f, and may use this money in ~~accordance~~**compliance**
 17 with the terms and provisions of that act. However, the acceptance
 18 and use of federal funds does not commit state funds and does not
 19 place an obligation ~~upon~~**on** the legislature to continue the
 20 purposes for which the funds are made available.

21 ~~(9) (14)~~The department may appoint ~~persons~~**individuals** to
 22 serve as volunteers to assist the department in meeting its
 23 responsibilities as provided in this part. Subject to the direction
 24 of the department, a volunteer may use equipment and machinery
 25 necessary for the volunteer service, including, but not limited to,
 26 equipment and machinery to improve wildlife habitat on state game
 27 areas.

28 ~~(10) (15)~~The department may lease ~~lands~~**land** owned or
 29 controlled by the department or may grant concessions on ~~lands~~**land**



1 owned or controlled by the department to any person for any purpose
 2 that the department determines to be necessary to implement this
 3 part. The department shall grant each concession for a term of not
 4 more than 7 years based on extension, renegotiation, or competitive
 5 bidding. However, if the department determines that a concession
 6 requires a capital investment ~~in~~ **for** which reasonable financing or
 7 amortization necessitates a longer term, the department may grant a
 8 concession for up to a 15-year term. A concession granted under
 9 this subsection shall require, unless the department authorizes
 10 otherwise, that all buildings and equipment be removed at the end
 11 of the concession's term. Any lease entered into under this
 12 subsection shall limit the purposes for which the leased land is to
 13 be used and ~~shall~~ authorize the department to terminate the lease
 14 ~~upon a finding~~ **if the department finds** that the land is being used
 15 for purposes other than those permitted in the lease. Unless
 16 otherwise provided by law, money received from a lease or a
 17 concession of tax reverted land shall be credited to the fund
 18 providing financial support for the management of the leased land.
 19 Money received from a lease of any other land shall be credited to
 20 the fund from which the land was purchased. However, money received
 21 from program-related leases on these lands shall be credited to the
 22 fund providing financial support for the management of the leased
 23 lands. For land managed by the forest management division of the
 24 department, that fund is either the forest development fund
 25 established pursuant to section 50507 or the forest recreation
 26 account of the Michigan conservation and recreation legacy fund
 27 provided for in section 2005. For land managed by the wildlife or
 28 fisheries division of the department, that fund is the game and
 29 fish protection account of the Michigan conservation and recreation



1 legacy fund provided for in section 2010.

2 (11) ~~(16)~~—When the department sells land, the deed may reserve
3 all mineral, coal, oil, and gas rights to this state only if the
4 land is in production or is leased or permitted for production, or
5 if the department determines that the land has unusual or sensitive
6 environmental features or that it is in the best interest of this
7 state to reserve those rights as determined by commission policy.
8 However, the department shall not reserve the rights to sand,
9 gravel, clay, or other nonmetallic minerals. When the department
10 sells land that contains subsurface rights, the department shall
11 include a deed restriction that restricts the subsurface rights
12 from being severed from the surface rights in the future. If the
13 landowner severs the subsurface rights from the surface rights, the
14 subsurface rights revert to this state. The deed may reserve to
15 this state the right of ingress and egress over and across land
16 along watercourses and streams. Whenever an exchange of land is
17 made with the United States government, a corporation, or an
18 individual for the purpose of consolidating the state forest
19 reserves, the department may issue deeds without reserving to this
20 state the mineral, coal, oil, and gas rights and the rights of
21 ingress and egress. The department may sell the limestone, sand,
22 gravel, or other nonmetallic minerals. However, the department
23 shall not sell a mineral or nonmetallic mineral right if the sale
24 would violate part 353, part 637, or any other provision of law.
25 The department may sell all reserved mineral, coal, oil, and gas
26 rights to ~~such lands~~ **land** upon terms and conditions as the
27 department considers proper and may sell oil and gas rights as
28 provided in part 610. The owner of ~~these lands~~ **the land** as shown by
29 the records shall be given priority in case the department



1 authorizes any sale of ~~these lands,~~ **the land**, and, unless the
 2 landowner waives that priority, the department shall not sell such
 3 rights to any other person. For the purpose of this section,
 4 mineral rights do not include rights to sand, gravel, clay, or
 5 other nonmetallic minerals.

6 **(12)** ~~(17)~~—The department may enter into contracts for the sale
 7 of the economic share of royalty interests it holds in hydrocarbons
 8 produced from devonian or antrim shale qualifying for the
 9 nonconventional source production credit determined under section
 10 45k of the internal revenue code of 1986, 26 USC 45k. However, in
 11 entering into these contracts, the department shall ensure that
 12 revenues to the natural resources trust fund under these contracts
 13 are not less than the revenues the natural resources trust fund
 14 would have received if the contracts were not entered into. The
 15 sale of the economic share of royalty interests under this
 16 subsection may occur under contractual terms and conditions
 17 considered appropriate by the department and as approved by the
 18 state administrative board. ~~Funds~~ **The department shall transmit**
 19 **funds** received from the sale of the economic share of royalty
 20 interests under this subsection ~~shall be transmitted~~ to the state
 21 treasurer for deposit in the state treasury as follows:

22 (a) Net proceeds allocable to the nonconventional source
 23 production credit determined under section 45k of the internal
 24 revenue code of 1986, 26 USC 45k, under this subsection shall be
 25 credited to the environmental protection fund created in section
 26 503a.

27 (b) Proceeds related to the production of oil or gas from
 28 devonian or antrim shale shall be credited to the natural resources
 29 trust fund or other applicable fund as provided by law.



1 **(13)** ~~(18)~~—As used in this section:

2 (a) "Concession" means an agreement between the department and
3 a person under terms and conditions as specified by the department
4 to provide services or recreational opportunities for public use.

5 (b) "Lease" means a conveyance by the department to a person
6 of a portion of this state's interest in land under specific terms
7 and for valuable consideration, ~~thereby granting~~ **and that grants**
8 to the lessee the possession of that portion conveyed during the
9 period stipulated.

10 ~~(c) "Mason-Arenac line" means the line formed by the north~~
11 ~~boundaries of Mason, Lake, Osceola, Clare, Gladwin, and Arenac~~
12 ~~Counties.~~

13 **(c)** ~~(d)~~—"Natural resources trust fund" means the Michigan
14 natural resources trust fund established in section 35 of article
15 IX of the state constitution of 1963 and provided for in section
16 1902.

17 **(d)** ~~(e)~~—"Net proceeds" means the total receipts received from
18 the sale of royalty interests under subsection (17) less costs
19 related to the sale. Costs may include, but are not limited to,
20 legal, financial advisory, geological or reserve studies, and
21 accounting services.

22 **(e)** ~~(f)~~—"Relevant legislative committees" means the senate and
23 house committees with primary responsibility for natural resources
24 and outdoor recreation and the corresponding appropriation
25 subcommittees.

26 **(f)** ~~(g)~~—"Strategic plan" or "plan" means the plan developed
27 under subsection ~~(6)~~, **(3)**, as updated under subsection ~~(10)~~, **(7)**,
28 if applicable.

29 Sec. 2106. (1) The department shall maintain on its website



1 and make available in writing to persons seeking to purchase land
2 from, sell land to, or exchange land with the department under this
3 part information about relevant requirements and procedures under
4 this part. ~~and section 503(11) and (12).~~

5 (2) If it is in the interests of this state to exchange any of
6 the lands described in section 2104 for lands of an equal area or
7 of approximately equal value belonging to private individuals, the
8 department shall maintain a description of the lands to be conveyed
9 and a description of the lands belonging to individuals to be
10 deeded to this state.

11 (3) Before any of the lands are deeded to an individual as
12 provided in this subpart, the person or persons owning any lands to
13 be deeded to this state shall execute a conveyance of those lands
14 to this state. The department shall accept delivery of the deed.
15 The attorney general shall examine the title to the lands deeded to
16 this state and certify to the department whether or not the
17 conveyance is sufficient to vest in this state a good and
18 sufficient title to the land free from any liens or encumbrances.
19 If the attorney general certifies that the deed vests in this state
20 a good and sufficient title to the deeded lands free from any liens
21 or encumbrances, the department shall within 30 days execute a deed
22 to the individual of the lands to be conveyed by this state.

23 Sec. 2165. (1) At least 30 days before acquiring, or making a
24 decision to dispose of, lease, or develop, lands that are more than
25 80 acres in size, the department shall do all of the following:

26 (a) Provide notice in writing to the legislative bodies of the
27 local units of government where the land is located.

28 (b) Post the notice on its website.

29 (c) Publish the notice in a newspaper of general circulation



1 in the county where the land is located.

2 (2) The notice under subsection (1) shall contain all of the
3 following information:

4 (a) The acreage, the location by address or by distance and
5 direction from specified roads or highways, and the legal
6 description of the land.

7 (b) The proposed timing of the land transaction.

8 (c) The proposed use for the land.

9 (d) The opportunity for the legislative body of a local unit
10 of government where the land is located, or 5 or more residents of
11 or owners of land in the county where the land is located, to
12 request a general public meeting on the proposed transaction and
13 the date by which the request must be received by the department
14 under subsection (3).

15 (e) A website address where additional information on the
16 proposed transaction can be found.

17 (f) For persons who wish to comment on or ask questions about
18 the proposed transaction, the name, telephone number, electronic
19 mail address, and mailing address of a department contact person.

20 (g) For the website notice, the following additional
21 information:

22 (i) For the acquisition, lease from another person, or
23 development of land, the fund source that will be used.

24 (ii) For the acquisition of land, the estimated annual payments
25 in lieu of taxes.

26 (iii) The effect the proposal is expected to have on achieving
27 the strategic performance goals set forth in the strategic plan
28 pursuant to section ~~503(7)~~. **503(4)** .

29 (3) If the legislative body of a local unit of government



1 where the land is located or 5 or more residents of or owners of
 2 land in the county where the land is located request a general
 3 public meeting and the department receives the necessary request or
 4 requests within 15 days after providing notice under subsection
 5 (1), the department shall meet with the general public in the
 6 county where the land is located to discuss the proposed
 7 disposition, acquisition, lease, or development. The department
 8 shall send a representative to the meeting who is familiar with the
 9 proposal.

10 (4) The department shall provide notice of a meeting under
 11 subsection (3) by all of the following means:

12 (a) Written notice to the legislative body of each local unit
 13 of government where the land is located.

14 (b) Written notice to each resident or owner of land that
 15 requested the meeting under subsection (3).

16 (c) Posting of the notice on the department's website.

17 (5) The department shall provide an opportunity for
 18 representatives of all local units of government where the land is
 19 located to meet in person with a department representative who is
 20 familiar with the proposed disposition, acquisition, lease, or
 21 development to discuss the proposal.

22 (6) Subsections (1) to (5) do not apply to either of the
 23 following:

24 (a) A lease with a term of 10 years or less.

25 (b) A lease limited to exploration for and production of oil
 26 and gas.

27 (7) As used in this section:

28 (a) "Development" means development that would significantly
 29 change or impact the current use of the land subject to



1 development. "Developing" has a corresponding meaning. The removal
2 of a berm, gate, or other human-made barrier under section 504 is
3 not development.

4 (b) "Newspaper" means that term as defined in section 1461 of
5 the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.1461.

