



Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Grants Management

## MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND

### NOMINATION FOR LAND ACQUISITION

*This information is required by the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund,  
Public Act 451 of 1994, as amended to nominate land for purchase under the program.*

#### For DNR Use Only

Nomination #	State Senate District
Region #	State House District

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Under the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Program, any individual, group, or organization may nominate parcels of land for acquisition by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Acquisition may be for recreation or resource conservation purposes. If you are a Michigan citizen, or represent a group or organization and wish to nominate land for DNR acquisition, provide the information below and attach a legal description(s) and map illustrating the parcel(s) to be acquired.

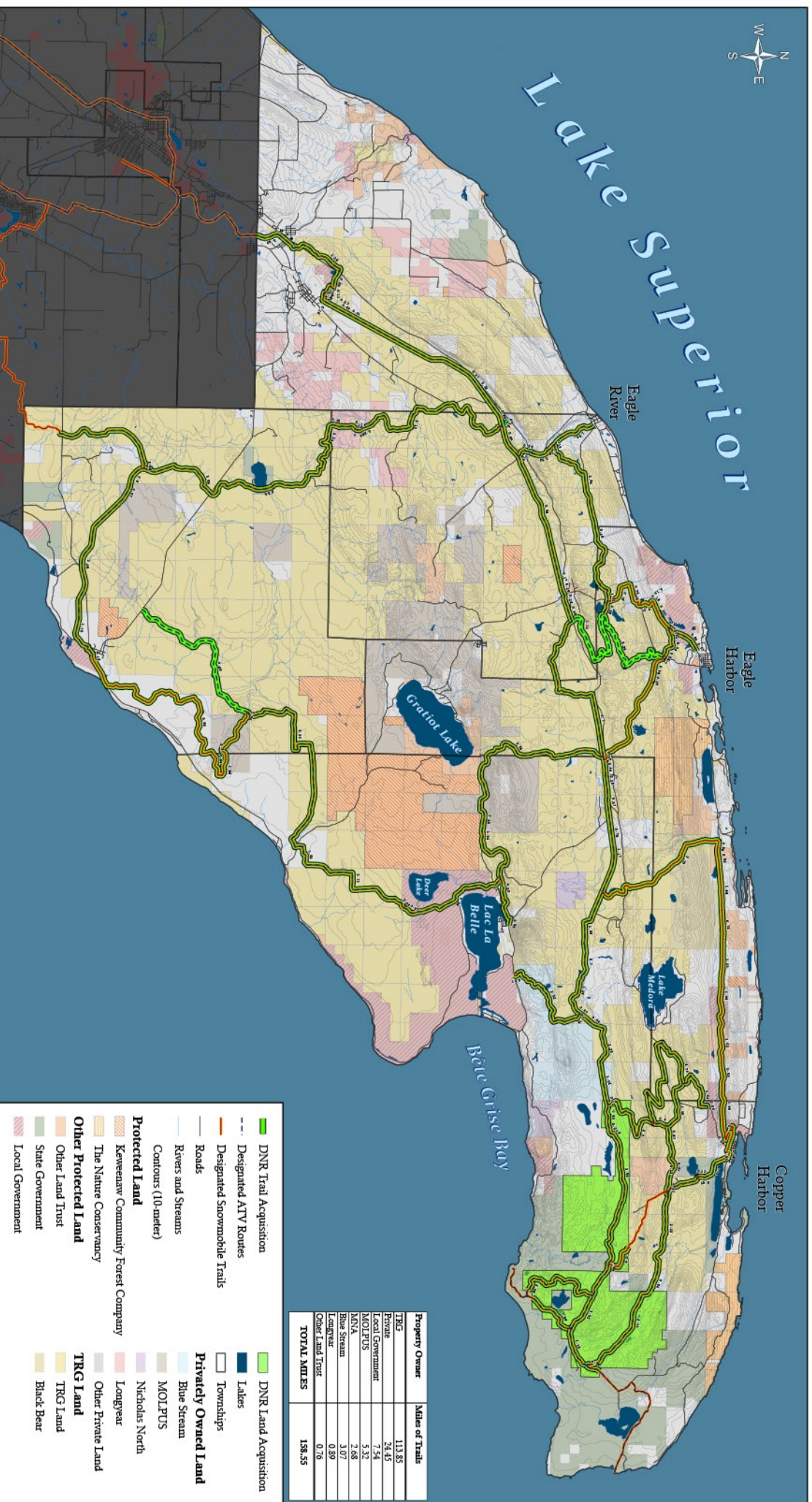
**NOTE:** If you represent a unit of government (state agency, county, city, village, township or school district) and wish to apply for a grant to acquire land or construct recreation facilities, you will need to access the MiRecGrants online application system through the portal that is linked on the DNR Grants main webpage. You will need to submit all requested information and attachments in the MiRecGrants system in order for the application to be considered for funding.

<b>1. PROJECT TITLE</b>			
Keweenaw Tip Expansion and ATV/Snowmobile Trails			
Name of Nominator		Area Code and Telephone Number (between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.)	
Address		City, State, ZIP Code	
E-mail Address			
<b>2. SITE LOCATION</b> (attach an 8 1/2" x 11" plat map indicating site)		Name of City, Village, or Township	
<input type="checkbox"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Township		Keweenaw County, MI 49950	
County	Section #	Range & Township #'s	
Keweenaw	See below	Land in T58N R28 and R27W	
<b>3. BRIEF PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF PARCEL(S) PROPOSED FOR ACQUISITION</b>			
<p>The State of Michigan DNR should increase its holdings at the Keweenaw Tip and should secure all motorized trails—ATV and Snowmobile—in Keweenaw County. Please see the attached map.</p> <p>Land to be acquired is currently owned by TRG. The DNR should acquire all remaining TRG land in Sections 7, 17, 18, 19, and 20 in T58N R27W (~1,521 acres) and the land surrounding Hoar Lake and east and west of the Montreal River and the Mandan Road corridor in T58N R28W Sections 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 (~6,007 acres). This is a major recreation area and motorized and self-powered trail corridor. There needs to be new safe and legal access to the Montreal River on the west side of the river and better protection around the Montreal River and Hoar Lake. (~7,528 acres)</p> <p>The DNR should also procure the entire ATV and snowmobile trail system particularly on TRG land (~113 miles) but also on all private lands (~45 miles). This is the best outcome for recreation and conservation. Having a permanent trail system prevents the damage that occurs when trails need to be moved.</p>			
<b>4. LANDOWNER/ACREAGE AND COST INFORMATION FOR ALL PROPOSED PARCELS</b>			
<b>Name and Address of Landowner</b>		<b>Acreage</b>	<b>State Equalized Value</b>
TRG Renewable Resources 33 Broad Street Suite 800 Boston, MA 02109		7,528 acres 113 trail miles	\$9,000,000
Small landowners with trails in Keweenaw County		45 trail miles	\$800,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			\$9,800,000
<b>5. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PARCEL(S).</b> (Use a separate sheet if needed).			
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<b>6. Will the proposed acquisition preserve any rare, fragile or scenic natural feature, or protect any rare or endangered plant or animal?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes (Explain)      Montreal River Corridor and Hoar Lake	
<b>7. Will the site provide access to any of the following?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Great Lakes or Connecting Waters <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inland Lake <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> River or Stream	
Identify the Body of Water: Lake Superior, Hoar Lake, Montreal River and some tributaries	Specify Amount of Frontage, in feet: 6.5 miles
<b>8. Does the site provide any of the following opportunities?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hunting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Wildlife Related Activities	
<b>9. What major city is nearest the site?</b> Copper Harbor	<b>How many miles from the city is the site?</b> 5 -10 miles
<b>10. Acquisition would be by (check one):</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Negotiated Purchase <input type="checkbox"/> Gift <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	
<b>11. Are there any buildings or improvements on the site?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
<b>12a. Have the landowners been contacted regarding the availability of the parcel(s)?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> I am the landowner	
<b>12b. Is the parcel immediately available for purchase?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	
<b>13. In the space below, describe why you believe the area is valuable for recreation or resource conservation purposes.</b>  <div style="margin-left: 40px;"> <p>This acquisition by the DNR would expand and improve the existing Keweenaw Tip Recreation Area and permanently protect this land for all citizens and visitors regardless of income and socioeconomic status. It would protect and help restore a mosaic of native northern Great Lakes habitats that is home to many native species and is part of a hemispheric migratory corridor.</p> <p>It is a place for people to hunt, fish and camp, trail ride on ATV and snowmobiles, kayak and canoe and for hiking, biking, and forging. It is part of the 1842 Ceded Territory and keeping it in the public trust for all to use and enjoy honors the terms of that treaty.</p> <p>It protects the water quality of the Montreal River, a tributary of Lake Superior, and reduces the impact of fragmentation and development.</p> <p>This land and the motorized trail system is vitally important for the tourism economy of Keweenaw County.</p> </div>	
<b>CERTIFICATION</b>	
<i>I certify that all statements on this nomination form are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge.</i>	
<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> <i>Signature of Nominator</i>	<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> <i>Date</i>

**MAIL THIS COMPLETED NOMINATION TO:**    **GRANTS MANAGEMENT**  
**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**PO BOX 30425**  
**LANSING MI 48909-7925**

# Land & Trails Proposed for Michigan DNR Acquisition - MNRTF



Property Owner	Miles of Trails
TRG	113.85
Private	34.45
Local Government	7.54
MOLPUS	5.32
NNA	2.68
Blue Stream	3.07
Longyear	0.89
Other Land Trust	0.76
<b>TOTAL MILES</b>	<b>158.55</b>



Map prepared by: Keweenaw Community Forest  
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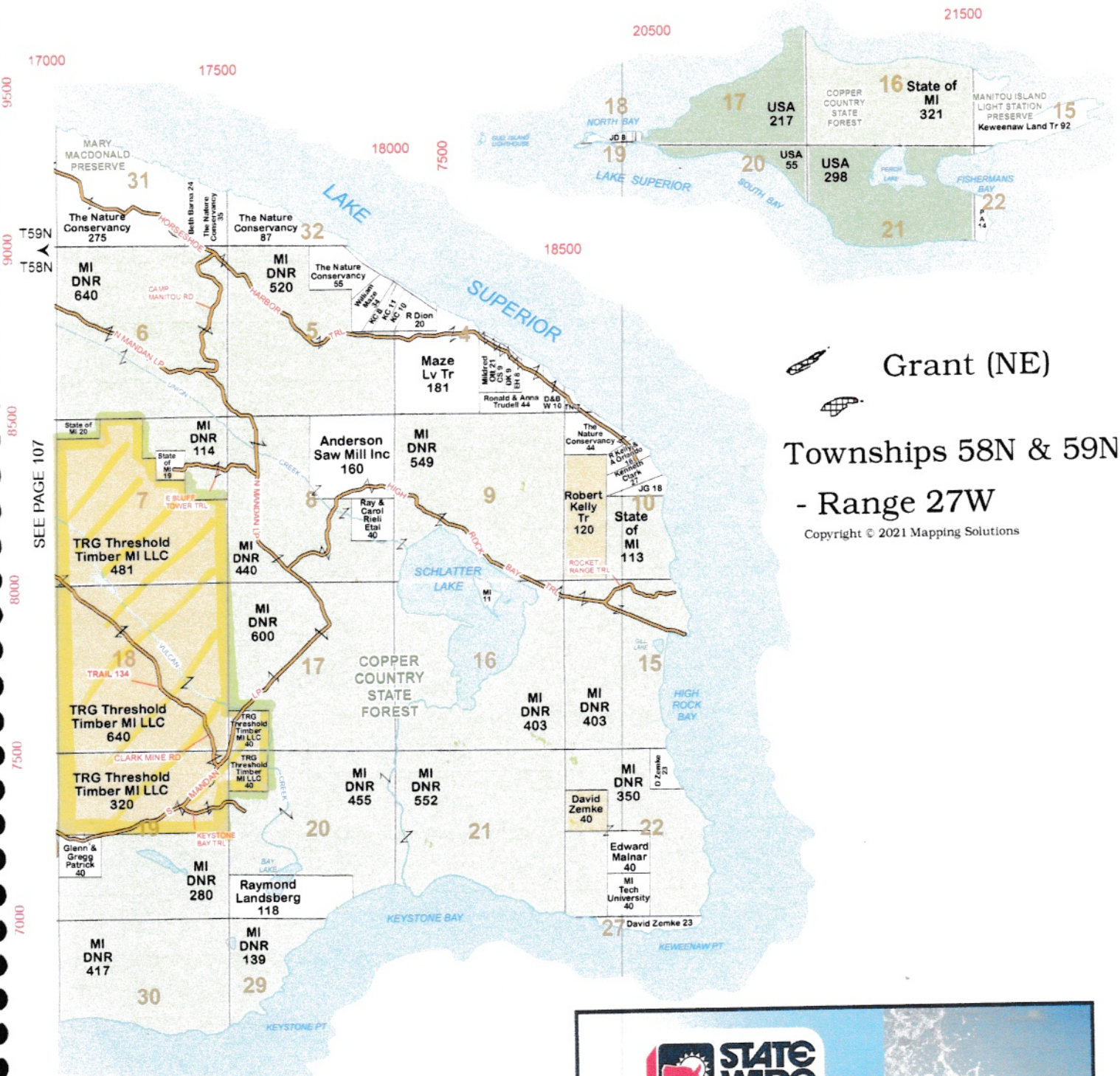


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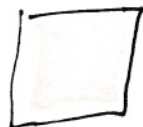


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