

NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 451 of 1994

324.1907 List of lands, rights in land, and public recreation facilities to be acquired or developed; estimates of total costs; guidelines; legislative approval; "qualified conservation organization" defined.

Sec. 1907. (1) The board shall determine which lands and rights in land within the state should be acquired and which public recreation facilities should be developed with money from the trust fund and shall submit to the legislature in January of each year a list of those lands and rights in land and those public recreation facilities that the board has determined should be acquired or developed with trust fund money, compiled in order of priority. In preparing the list under this subsection, the board shall do all of the following:

(a) Give a preference to the following:

(i) A project or acquisition that is located within a local unit of government that has adopted a resolution in support of the project or acquisition.

(ii) The acquisition of land and rights in land for recreational trails that intersect the downtown areas of cities and villages.

(b) Identify each parcel of land that is recommended for acquisition by legal description and include the estimated cost of acquisition and assessed value.

(c) Provide a scoring of each parcel of land recommended for acquisition individually.

(d) Give consideration to an acquisition that meets either or both of the following:

(i) Is located within a county that contains 50% or more privately owned land.

(ii) Allows motorized recreational use.

(2) In preparing the list of lands to be acquired or developed under subsection (1), the following apply:

(a) The board shall not include an acquisition of land on the list if the board determines that the seller was harassed, intimidated, or coerced into selling his or her land by the department, a local unit of government, or a qualified conservation organization.

(b) A project or acquisition may be named in honor or memory of an individual or organization.

(3) The list prepared under subsection (1) shall be accompanied by estimates of total costs for the proposed acquisitions and developments.

(4) The board shall supply with the list prepared under subsection (1) a statement of the guidelines used in listing and assigning the priority of these proposed acquisitions and developments.

(5) The legislature shall approve by law the lands and rights in land and the public recreation facilities to be acquired or developed each year with money from the trust fund.

(6) As used in this section, "qualified conservation organization" means that term as it is defined in section 7o of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.7o.

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