

AGENDA

Ingham County Parks & Recreation Commission
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The packet is available on-line by going to www.ingham.org, choosing the "Monthly Calendar," and clicking on Monday, September 15, 2014.

**A MEETING OF THE
PLANNING AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE
OF THE INGHAM COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Will Be Held at
6:00pm
Monday, September 15, 2014
Human Services Building
Conference Room B, Second Floor ~ 5303 S. Cedar, Building #3
Lansing, Michigan**

1. Call to Order
2. Limited Public Comment
3. ACTION ITEMS
 - A. [Resolution](#) Authorizing the Transfer of Two Parcels of Land to Meridian Township
 - B. [Resolution](#) Accepting a Grant of Easement Over Property Owned by the City of Lansing Located in the City Of Lansing
4. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - A. Snowpark Marketing
 - B. [Lake Lansing Park-North Deer Management Plan Review](#)
5. Director's Report
 - A. Touch a Truck
6. Limited Public Comment
7. Adjournment

INGHAM COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting of September 22, 2014

RESOLUTION #__-14

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF TWO (2) PARCELS OF LAND TO MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, Parks Department staff identified two small parcels of land owned by Ingham County that lie within two Meridian Township parks; and

WHEREAS, Meridian Township has requested that the properties be transferred from the County to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the properties have been appropriately maintained by the Township; and

WHEREAS, Park staff recommends that the parcels be transferred to the Township to continue to be used as a public park.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Ingham County Parks & Recreation Commission recommends to the Board of Commissioners that the two parcels identified be transferred to Meridian Township and that any agreement shall contain a restriction which limits the use of the Premises for public park purposes in perpetuity.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN

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Brett Dreyfus
Julie Brixie
Frank L. Walsh

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August 27, 2014

Victor Celentino
Chairperson, Ingham County Board of Commissioners
P.O. Box 319
Mason, MI 48854

Dear Mr. Celentino:

We have identified two small parcels of land that are owned by Ingham County that lie within two of our Township Parks. One parcel is located in Ferguson Park, along the Red Cedar River, and the other is across Okemos Road within Wonch Park.

Meridian Township has always maintained the parcels as part of our park system and desires to have them legally transferred into Meridian Township. Based on discussions with the Meridian Township Park Commission and Ingham County Parks, there are no objections to this action.

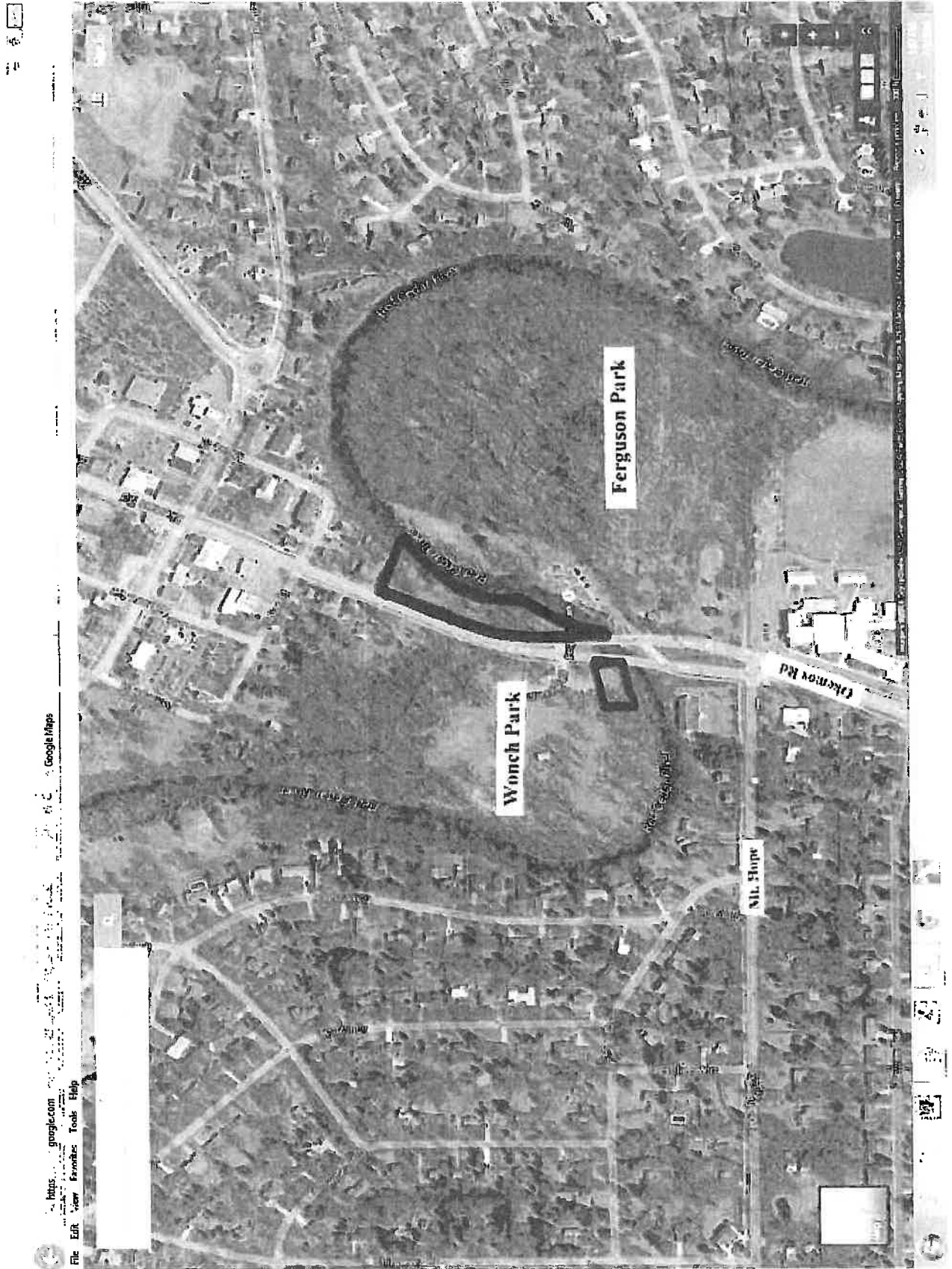
For reference, I have attached an aerial photo of the immediate area and identified the location of the parcels in relationship to our parks and adjacent roads. Also attached are the legal descriptions for the parcels.

Please provide any appropriate information that the Township will need to proceed with the property transfer. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

LuAnn Maisner
Director of Parks and Recreation

cc: Willis Bennett, Director of Ingham County Parks



INGHAM COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting of September 22, 2014

RESOLUTION # -14

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT OF EASEMENT OVER PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF LANSING LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LANSING

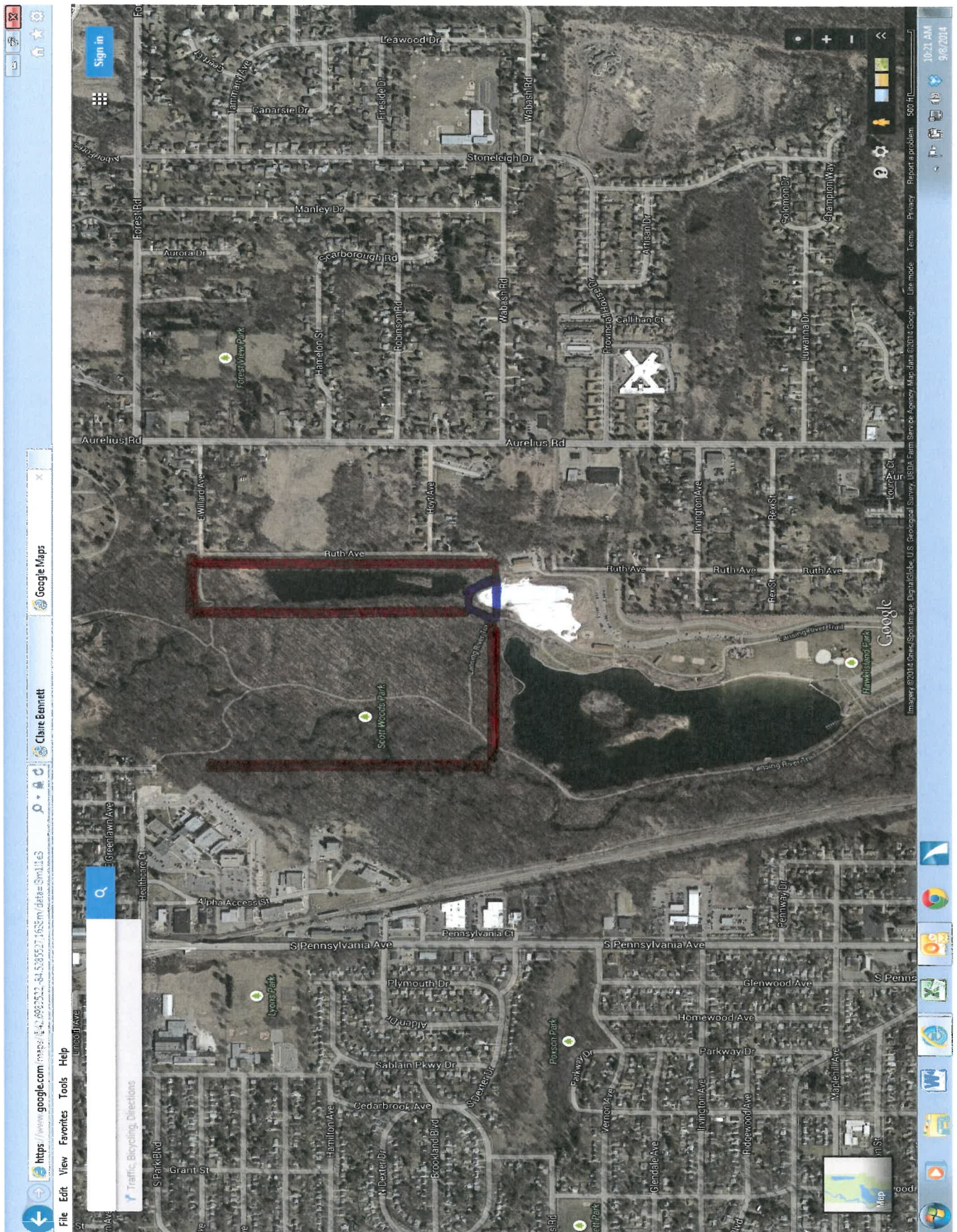
WHEREAS, the Ingham County Parks Department operates the Snowpark at Hawk Island County Park; and

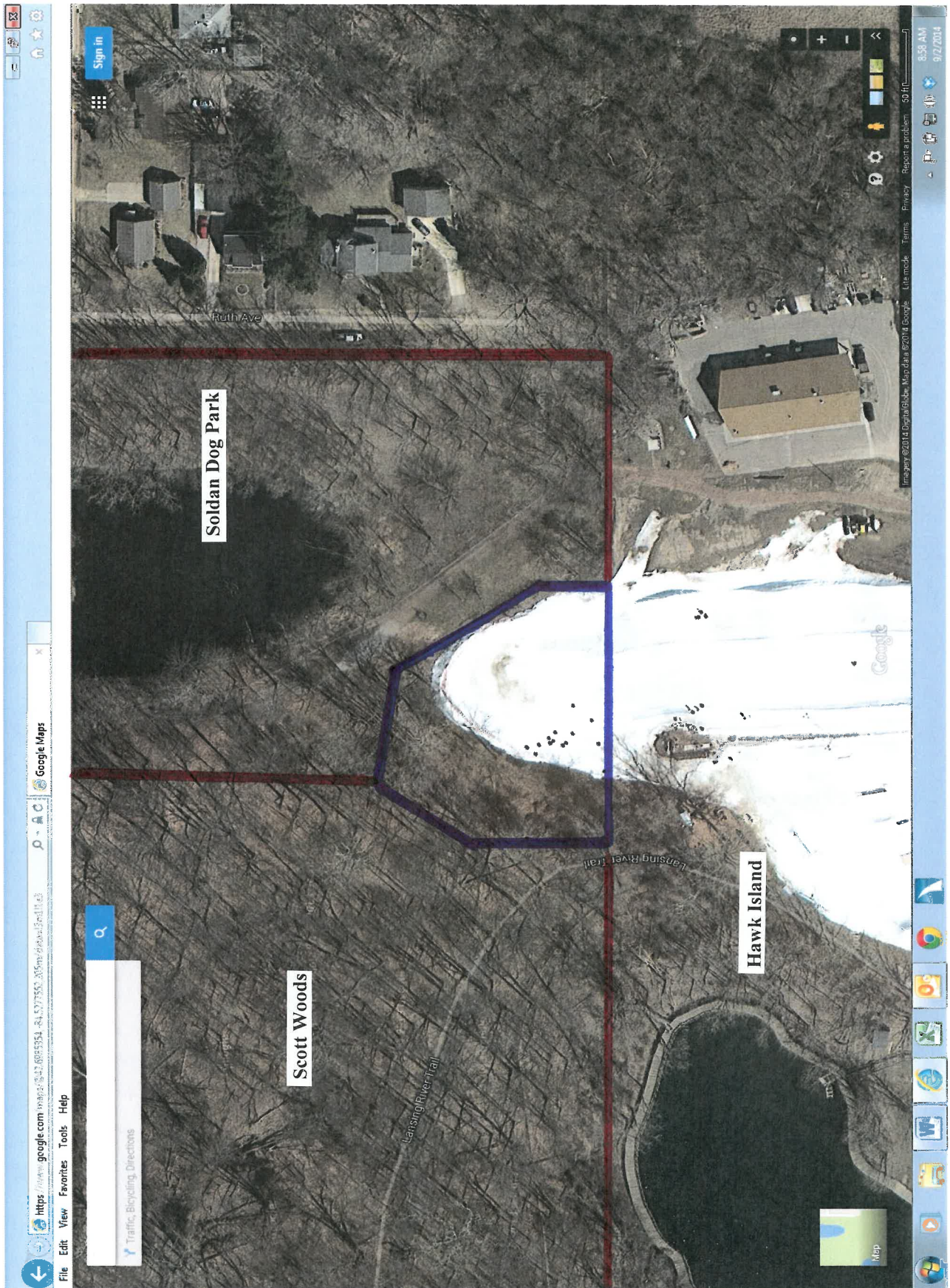
WHEREAS, for user safety and enjoyment, additional area is needed at the end of the tubing runs outside of County property; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing is willing to provide an easement for a small section of Scott Woods Park for this purpose.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Parks & Recreation Commission recommends the Ingham County Board of Commissioners accepts the grant of easement over property owned by City of Lansing located in Lansing, Michigan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all documents be subject to the review and approval of the County Attorney.





Deer Exclosure & Adjacent Plot - Inventory Summary Lake Lansing Park – North Ingham County Parks August 2014

General Study Information

- Exclosures and adjacent plots each measure 15' x 30'
- This is a full inventory of all seedlings within (not sample data, no standard error to be measured)
- All seedlings are measured by height to live top in inches
- Exclosures and adjacent plots #2 and #3 were included in 2014 spring prescribed burn areas giving a perspective on all seedling growth since the burn without significant influence from previous years
- Average alone can be misleading. Standard Deviation (STDEV) measures the amount of variation from the average. A low standard deviation indicates that the heights measured in a particular area tend to be close to the average, a high standard deviation indicates there is a large range of values in the heights measured. For our purposes it will indicate when large and small seedlings were measured but were not necessarily expressed by the average. If you add and subtract the standard deviation to/from the average it gives you an idea of what is 'normal' in the distribution of heights within that data set.

Exclosure 1	13 seedlings
AVERAGE (in)	7.77
MEDIAN	2.00
MODE	2.00
STDEV	9.04
Browsed (Y/N)	N

Adjacent Plot 1	6 seedlings
AVERAGE (in)	1.83
MEDIAN	1.75
MODE	1.50
STDEV	0.41
Browsed (Y/N)	N

- Study area 1 is fully shaded from a well developed canopy and was not included in 2012 or 2014 prescribed burns
- Average and STDEV indicate that much larger seedlings persist in the exclosure
- Adjacent plot 1 had all 1st year seedlings, meaning mortality was 100% over the last year, no evidence of browse on new year growth, 1st year seedlings would not have been available winter and spring of 2014 when most seedlings are browsed

Exclosure 2	128 seedlings/resprouts
AVERAGE (in)	4.16
MEDIAN	2.00
MODE	1.50
STDEV	6.89
Browsed (Y/N)	N

Adjacent Plot 2	59 seedlings/resprouts
AVERAGE (in)	2.85
MEDIAN	2.00
MODE	2.00
STDEV	1.73
Browsed (Y/N)	Y

- Study area 2 is partially shaded by the canopy and was included in 2012 and 2014 prescribed burns
- Average and STDEV indicate that larger seedlings persist in the exclosure
- Adjacent plot 2 has less than half the number of seedlings compared to the exclosure area
- Evidence of significant browse within the adjacent plot

Exclosure 3	48 seedlings/resprouts
AVERAGE (in)	2.61
MEDIAN	2.00
MODE	2.00
STDEV	2.62
Browsed (Y/N)	N

Adjacent Plot 3	35 seedlings/resprouts
AVERAGE (in)	1.91
MEDIAN	2.00
MODE	2.00
STDEV	0.67
Browsed (Y/N)	Y

- Study area 3 is nearly fully shaded by a well developed canopy and was included in 2012 and 2014 prescribed burns
- Average and STDEV indicate that larger seedlings persist in the exclosure
- Evidence of significant browse within the adjacent plot

Exclosure 4	51 seedlings
AVERAGE (in)	12.94
MEDIAN	11.50
MODE	9.50
STDEV	5.79
Browsed (Y/N)	N

Adjacent Plot 4	55 seedlings
AVERAGE (in)	8.90
MEDIAN	8.00
MODE	8.00
STDEV	4.90
Browsed (Y/N)	Y

- Study area 4 is partially shaded by the canopy, light conditions are the most favorable in this area. Not included in 2012 or 2014 prescribed burns
- Average and STDEV indicate that larger seedlings persist in the exclosure
- Evidence of significant browse within the adjacent plot
- Exclosure area holds a significant amount of growth by herbaceous species, adding competition to tree seedlings within but contributing to diversity and available forage within the park (if it was not in an exclosure and deer pressure was low enough for these species to thrive)
- Browsing pressure on seedlings contributes to mortality more slowly here because light conditions are much better, but seedlings experience zero net growth due to overbrowsing