

Farmland Preservation Board Meeting

Thursday, January 13, 2022, **3:00 P.M.** Township Hall

Draft Agenda

1. Call to order:
2. Public Comment.
3. Review of November Meeting notes
4. Treasurer's report - November Financial Statements
5. Kotus Application Update
6. Other items from members
7. Adjournment.

NOTES:

"Working Mission Statement": To support active farming and the rural character in Augusta Township through education, networking and implementation of the Purchase of Development Rights Ordinance.

Augusta Charter Township
8021 Talladay Road
Whittaker MI 48190

FARMLAND PRESERVATION BOARD MINUTES

Thursday November 11, 2021

1. Sue Jantschak called the meeting to order at 3:07pm. In person meeting was convened in the modular. Safety protocols were followed, non-vaccinated persons were required to wear proper face masks.
2. Roll Call: Present, Sue Jantschak, Belynda Domas, Liz Waffle, Sylvia Taylor and Susan Burek arrived at 3:15. Absent, none.
3. Public comment. None.
4. Motion by Domas, 2nd by Waffle to approve the September 9, 2021, Farmland Preservation Board Minutes. Motion passed, all ayes.
5. A Thank You card and a copy of the Selter/Karnatz Farm Press Release will be mailed by Domas and Burek to Jeffrey and Ronda Selter.
6. Motion by Waffle, 2nd by Taylor to approve the new Property Owner Application Form and post it on Augusta Township Website. Motion passed, all ayes.
7. An email will be sent to Remy Long, Open Space & Parkland Preservation Program regarding any reimbursement available to Augusta Township Farmland Preservation. Hours have been reported quarterly, an explanation will be requested.
8. Treasurer's Report – Revenue and Expense and Balance Sheet financial statements as of October 31, 2021 were provided and discussed. Motion by Waffle, 2nd by Taylor to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented by Burek. Motion passed, all ayes.
9. The Kotus Property owners on Willow Road, in Augusta Township, applied for the Washtenaw County Natural Areas Preservation Program. The Farmland Preservation Board will email Margaret Rosie Pahl Donaldson and Remy Long indicating Augusta Farmland Preservation can cost share in this venture.
10. Domas will prepare a letter of support for the December 14, 2021 Public Hearing regarding the Parks & Recreation Master Plan for Burek to present at the Hearing.

11. Motion to receive and file PA-21-01 Jeff and Ronda Seltor PA-116 Application which was approved by Farmland Preservation Board to be submitted to Augusta Township Planning Commission in compliance with the 45 day rule to approve or reject the application. Motion passed, all ayes.
12. Motion by Domas, 2nd by Waffle, to insert Selter/Karntaz Press Release in Augusta Township Winter Property Tax bill with FPB paying for the additional printing costs. Motion passed, all ayes.
13. Augusta Township Farmland Preservation Board Meeting Adjourned at 4:24pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Sue Jantschak, Chairperson

Belynda Domas, Secretary



Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

Brian Shelby, Supervisor
P.O. Box 100
Whittaker, MI 48190-0100

December 27, 2021

NOTICE OF ROUND 21 PRIORITIES FOR NATURAL AREA PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Dear Supervisor Shelby,

We are writing to inform you of the active land preservation priorities adopted by Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission's (WCPARC) Natural Area Preservation Program (NAPP) for Round 21 (year 2021), as one of these priorities is located in Augusta Township. Depending upon the landowner's preference, WCPARC may pursue purchase of a property to establish or expand a nature preserve, or purchase of a conservation easement on the property. Alternatively, WCPARC may financially participate in another local preservation program's efforts.

NAPP was established in 2000 to protect natural areas in Washtenaw County. Landowners voluntarily nominate their land for protection to the program, and nominated properties are reviewed according to the property screening system developed by the Natural Area Technical Advisory (NATAC) and/or Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Committee (ALPAC). During the 21st round of nominations, 15 properties were submitted for consideration, totaling 1,215 acres. To date, more than 450 properties totaling over 30,000 acres have been nominated to NAPP. The attached recommendations were developed by NATAC and ALPAC at their September 2021 meetings and subsequently adopted by the Parks and Recreation Commission in October.

One property in Augusta Township was nominated and prioritized to NAPP in 2021. The landowner indicated either fee simple or conservation easement purchase was acceptable. NATAC declared their preference to purchase an easement on the property, but WCPARC may consider fee simple purchase per negotiations with potential partners and the landowner. WCPARC is aware of Augusta Township's Farmland Preservation Board's interest in the property.

Please contact Rosie Pahl Donaldson, pahlm@washtenaw.org or Ginny Leikam, leikamg@washtenaw.org, with any questions you have regarding the priority list. You are also encouraged to contact if Augusta Township is interested in supporting the acquisition by being a financial partner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rosie Pahl Donaldson".

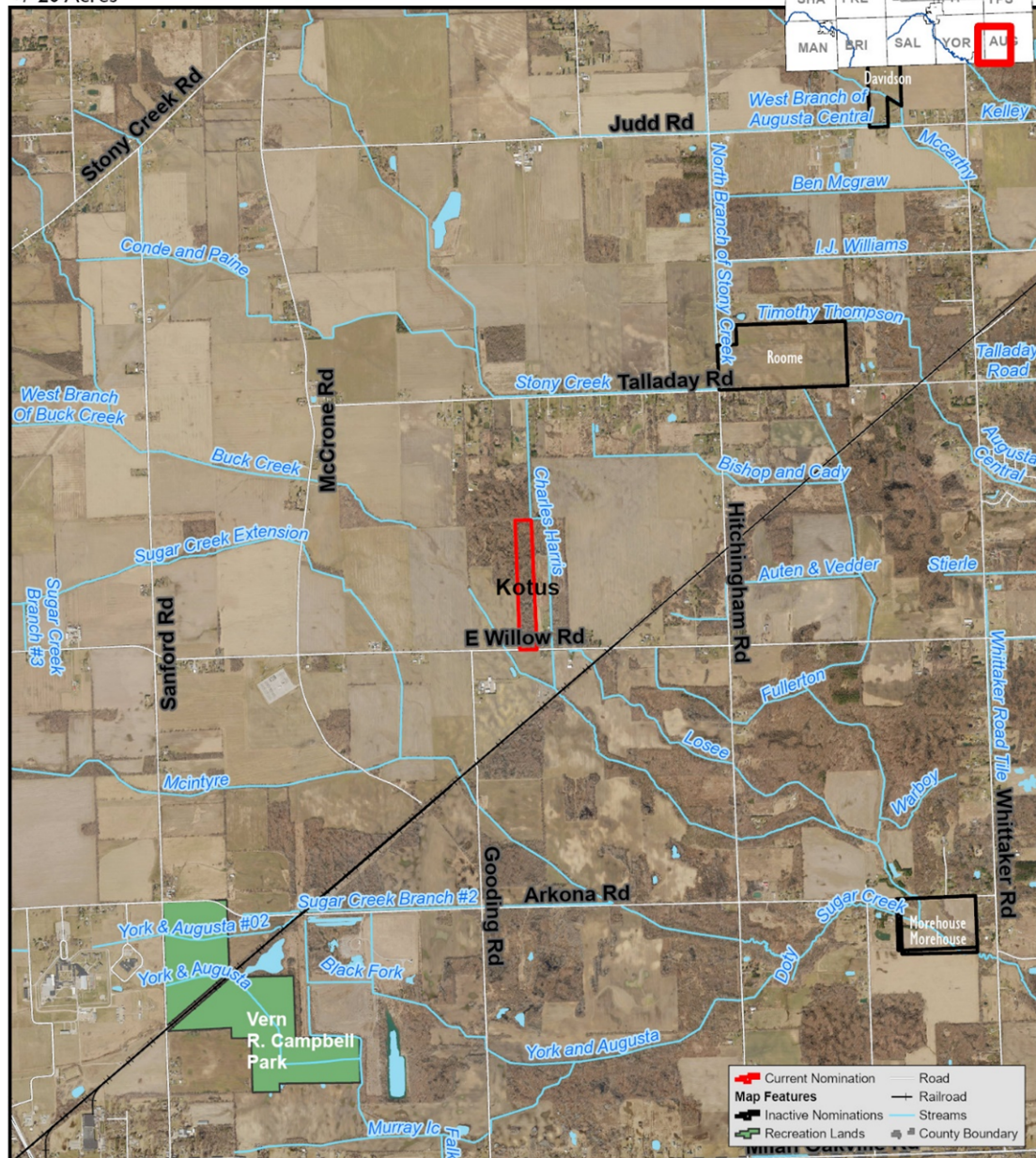
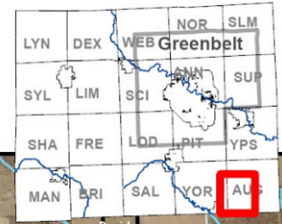
Rosie Pahl Donaldson
Park Planner



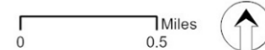
Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

Kotus Property: Local Area Aerial
Natural Areas Preservation Program
Nomination ID: 21.334
Augusta Township
+/-20 Acres

Washtenaw County
Locator Map



Prepared by Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission
WC GIS; 2020 Aerial Photo

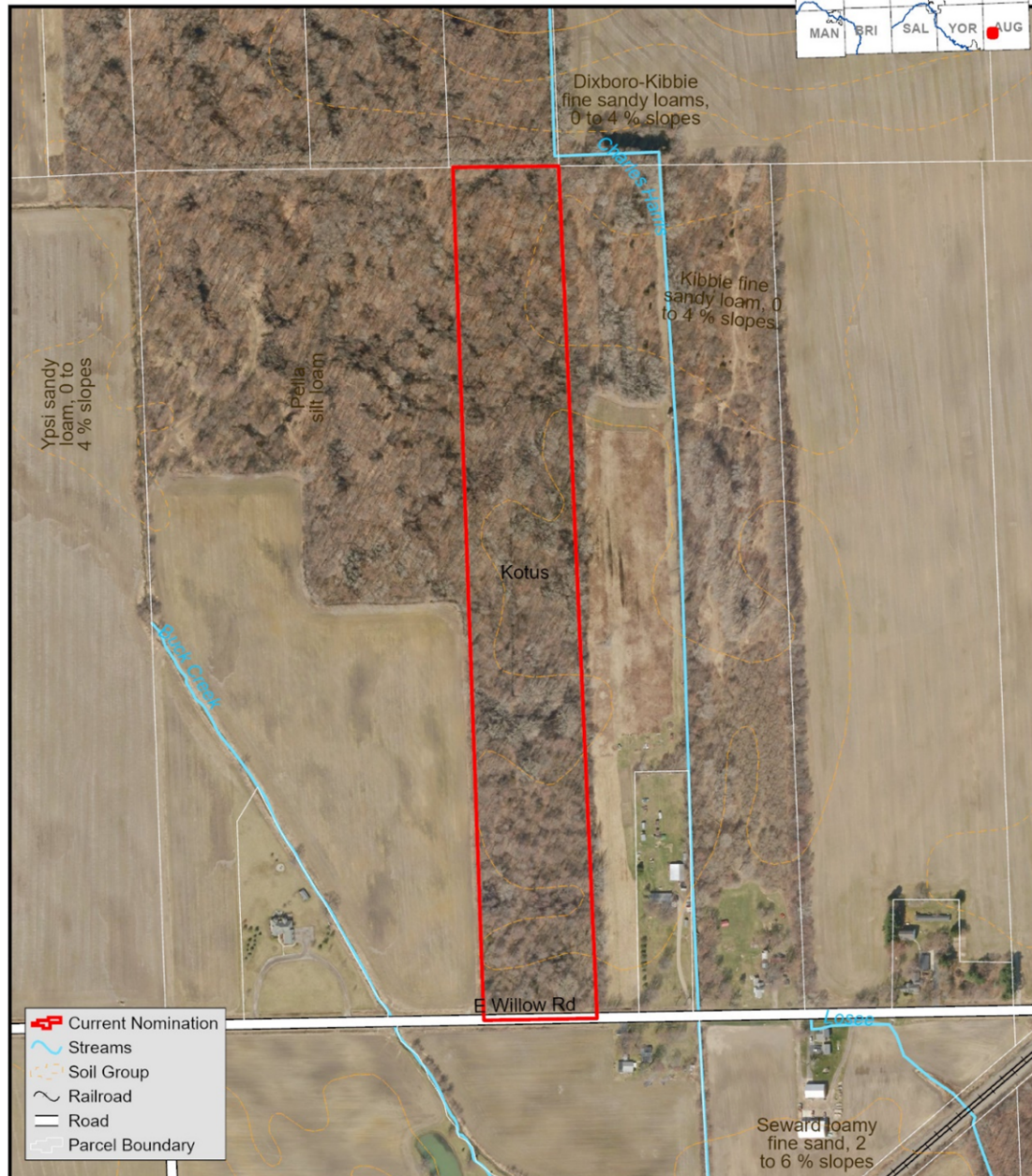
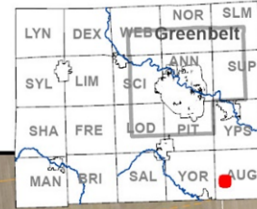




Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

Kotus Property: Aerial & Soils
Natural Areas Preservation Program
Nomination ID: 21.334
Augusta Township
+/-20 Acres

Washtenaw County
Locator Map



Prepared by Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission
2020 Aerial Photo; NRCS Soils





Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

MEMORANDUM

To: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Coy P. Vaughn, Director
Date: October 12, 2021
Re: Recommendation for Round 21 NATAC Priorities

At their September 2021 meeting, the Natural Area Technical Advisory Committee (NATAC) evaluated all property nominations received in 2021 to determine which properties are the “highest priority” for protect. This evaluation includes site visits to each of the properties and completion of the field review worksheets.

Tier One Priority – move forward with appraisals or negotiations

ID	Property Name	Acres	Township	Acquisition Type	Lead Org.
21.333	Maisel	315/220	Northfield	Fee Simple	WCPARC
21.334	Kotus	20	Augusta	Conservation Easement	WCPARC
21.336	Rouse	4.54	Scio	Fee Simple	WCPARC
21.337	Loveland	20	Scio	Fee Simple	Scio Township
21.339	Phinney	119	Sylvan	Fee Simple	WCPARC
21.341	Shaw	95	Manchester	Fee Simple	WCPARC

Tier Two Priority – reconsider after Tier One is complete, dependent on available funding

ID	Property Name	Acres	Township	Acquisition Type	Lead Org.
21.334	Kotus	20	Augusta	Fee Simple	WCPARC
21.338	Cykiert	93	Scio	Fee Simple	Scio Township

Recommend to Parks for Acquisition

ID	Property Name	Acres	Township	Acquisition Type	Lead Org.
21.340	Ahrens	2.75	Bridgewater	Fee Simple Donation	WCPARC

The Natural Area Technical Advisory Committee presents the above recommendation for your consideration. The Committee is available to address any questions you may have concerning the recommendation and members can be available to attend a Commission meeting.

01/02/2022 03:17 PM
User: BDOMAS
DB: Augusta Twp

BALANCE SHEET FOR AUGUSTA CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Period Ending 12/31/2021

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Fund 251 FARMLAND PRESERVATION FUND

GL Number	Description	Balance
*** Assets ***		
251-000-001.010	POOLED CASH	66,719.45
Total Assets		66,719.45
*** Liabilities ***		
251-000-339.000	DEFERRED REVENUE	857.70
Total Liabilities		857.70
*** Fund Balance ***		
251-000-390.000	Fund Balance	115,814.01
Total Fund Balance		115,814.01
Beginning Fund Balance		115,814.01
Net of Revenues VS Expenditures		(49,952.26)
Ending Fund Balance		65,861.75
Total Liabilities And Fund Balance		66,719.45

PERIOD ENDING 12/31/2021

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2021-22 AMENDED BUDGET	YTD BALANCE	ACTIVITY FOR		AVAILABLE		% BDGT USED
			12/31/2021 (ABNORMAL)	MONTH 12/31/2021 INCREASE (DECREASE)	BALANCE NORMAL (ABNORMAL)			
Fund 251 - FARMLAND PRESERVATION FUND								
Revenues								
Dept 000								
251-000-404.000	FARMLAND CY PROPERTY TAX	26,500.00	0.00	0.00		26,500.00	0.00	
251-000-414.000	PY PROPERTY TAX ADJUSTMENTS	0.00	5.46	0.00		(5.46)	100.00	
251-000-523.000	FEDERAL FARMLAND GRANT	25,000.00	0.00	0.00		25,000.00	0.00	
251-000-573.000	LOCAL COMMUNITY STABILIZATION AUTHORITY	50.00	4.10	0.00		45.90	8.20	
251-000-665.000	Interest Income	50.00	38.18	2.87		11.82	76.36	
Total Dept 000		51,600.00	47.74	2.87		51,552.26	0.09	
TOTAL REVENUES		51,600.00	47.74	2.87		51,552.26	0.09	
Expenditures								
Dept 272 - FARMLAND PRESERVATION BOARD (FPB)								
251-272-727.000	Office/Operating Supplies	1,000.00	0.00	0.00		1,000.00	0.00	
251-272-989.000	Capital Outlay expense	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00		0.00	100.00	
Total Dept 272 - FARMLAND PRESERVATION BOARD (FPB)		51,000.00	50,000.00	0.00		1,000.00	98.04	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		51,000.00	50,000.00	0.00		1,000.00	98.04	
Fund 251 - FARMLAND PRESERVATION FUND:								
TOTAL REVENUES		51,600.00	47.74	2.87		51,552.26	0.09	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		51,000.00	50,000.00	0.00		1,000.00	98.04	
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		600.00	(49,952.26)	2.87		50,552.26	8,325.38	