

## First Michigan waterways designated as state water trails

Eight waterways totaling 340-plus miles that flow through more than a dozen counties have been selected as the first state-designated water trails in Michigan, the Department of Natural Resources announced Monday.

The DNR from the Office of the Great Lakes has spent the effort to finalize this first round of designations, which include:

- Central River Raisin Water Trail, 11 miles in Monroe County.
- Chain of Lakes Water Trail, more than 90 miles in Antrim and Kalamazoo counties.
- Huron River Water Trail, 104 miles in Livingston, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties.
- Island Loop Route, 10 miles in St. Clair County.
- Rhinr River Trail, 22 miles in

Genesee and Lapeer counties.

Madeline Grant River Water Trail, 97 miles in Clinton, Eaton, Ingham and Ionia counties.

Shawnee River Trail, 88 miles in Genesee, Oakland, Saginaw and Washtenaw counties.

Upper Grand River Water Trail, 97 miles in Eaton, Ingham and Jackson counties.

A water trail is a designated route on a navigable waterway such as a lake, river, canal or bay, that is designed and managed to create a positive outdoor recreation experience for the user. Water trails feature well-developed trails, often are near significant historical, environmental or cultural points of interest and often have nearby amenities like restaurants, hotels and campgrounds.

"Water trails naturally are

an increasing trend in Michigan and throughout the country, as interest in paddle sports and other water-based recreation continues to grow," said DNR Parks and Recreation Chief Tom Olson. "We are pleased to help advance these opportunities by recognizing model public water trails that set the standard for future trails of Michigan's water trail program."

Over the last several months, the DNR has worked on creating a water trails program with the goal of announcing the first designations in 2018. Local water trail organizations with established water trails were invited to enter trail plans into the program for designations. The process was handled collaboratively with the Michigan State Parks Advisory Committee, the Michigan State Waterways Commission, the Michigan

Trails Advisory Council and the Nonmotorized Sports and Workgroup.

All applications were scored based on criteria including whether a proposed trail provides a quality trail experience.

"Others clear information for users."

Employs broad community support.

"This an appropriate water trail plan in place that address environmental, historic and cultural resources, education opportunities, hunting, agriculture, recreation and water use laws and marketing and promotion."

Paul York, the DNR's state trails coordinator, said that Michigan is in a great position to work with partners to create

a statewide water trails program that complements Michigan's broader trails system.

"Outdoor recreation-based tourism is experiencing major growth right now," York said.

Designating these trails as official water trails shines an even brighter light on some incredible natural resources. We fully expect that offering opportunities in Michigan will encourage more outdoor recreation and healthier lifestyles, and also serve as regional destinations that will give a boost to local economies.

Michigan has more miles of Great Lakes coastline than any other state and thousands of miles of rivers and streams. The use of waterways for transportation in Michigan is not new. Native Americans first used them for sustenance and trade;

early European settlers used them to transport goods and timber, and water resources were the foundation of Michigan's earliest manufacturing and shipping industries.

Toddmy's anniversary celebrates our state's connections to the Great Lakes coast and Michigan's inland waters," said Office of the Great Lakes Director Jon Allan. "We have made significant investments with community partners to build water trails. This program is the culmination of a commitment to public access and open trails for recreation and Great Lakes water use specifically, as we see the tremendous potential for water trails. Designated water trails will take place during the 2019 paddling season."

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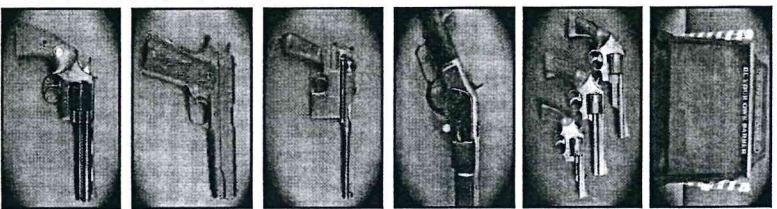
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Property Code#: 000-09-15-101-002-01

Purpose of Hearing: Conditional Use Permit

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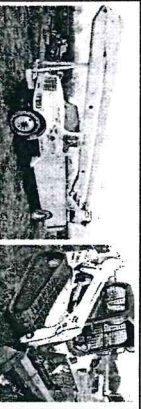
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