



Washtenaw County Natural Areas Preservation Program

Property Owner Nomination Form

Name:			
Address:		Daytime Phone:	
City:	State:	Zip:	Email:

Is this nomination partly the result of encouragement by others? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, please note the group or organization:	
Address:	City:

PROPERTY LOCATION:	
City: _____	Size: _____ (Number of acres)
Village: _____	Parcel ID Number: _____
Township: _____	
Address:	City:
Section Number:	Township & Range Number:
State Equalized Value: \$ _____	Taxable Value: \$ _____

SUGGESTED ACTION:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Simple Purchase	<input type="checkbox"/> Easement Purchase
<input type="checkbox"/> Donation of Property	<input type="checkbox"/> Donation of Easement/Development Rights

Are there any existing easements or rights of way? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If so, please describe:	

FEATURES OF PROPERTY (Check those that apply to all or part of the property)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Woodland | <input type="checkbox"/> Active agricultural fields |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prairie/Meadows | <input type="checkbox"/> Inactive agricultural fields |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Waterbody | <input type="checkbox"/> Roads/drives enter/bisect property |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rare or endangered plant/animal species | <input type="checkbox"/> Existing structure(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stream or water course | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical site or property |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland | <input type="checkbox"/> Varied topography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adjacent to protected land | <input type="checkbox"/> Property irrigated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foot trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled in PA 116 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | |

Has a review of the property, for natural areas values, been performed by a recognized expert?
 Yes No

If so, is a copy of the report available for review? Yes No

Do you have an approved Conservation Plan prepared by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service for the agricultural portion(s) of your property? Yes No

If so, is a copy of the plan available for review? Yes No

Are you aware of the existence of any environmental contaminants or concerns associated with the property? Yes No

If so, please describe:

Has a general environmental assessment been conducted of the property by a qualified consultant? Yes No

If so, is a copy of a report available for review? Yes No

May we share this application with other land preservation groups (such as Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy, Ann Arbor Greenbelt Program, etc.)? Yes No

PLEASE ALSO ATTACH ANY AVAILABLE PHOTOGRAPHS, AERIAL MAPPING, MAPS, REPORTS OR OTHER DEPICTIONS OF THE PROPERTY.

Signature

Date

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Washtenaw County Natural Areas Preservation Program

Washtenaw County's Natural Areas Preservation Program (NAPP) purchases natural areas to ensure their preservation for the benefit of all County residents—plants, animals and people! The Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission (WCPARC) manages the program, identifying and caring for lands with special ecological, recreational, and educational benefits.

The **program goal** is to identify lands which, through long-term preservation, will:

- Protect and preserve the natural, ecological diversity/heritage of Washtenaw County.
- Complement the existing network of publicly and privately protected lands.
- Maximize the public benefit, offering opportunities for passive recreation, environmental education and agricultural production.

Program Origin

NAPP was established in 2000 by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners through the passage of Natural Areas Ordinance No. 128, which provided procedures and standards for purchase and protection of natural areas by the County. In 2010, voters chose to renew the County-wide, ¼ mill tax that funds the program, which will continue through 2021.

Citizen Advisory Committees

Citizen groups advise the Parks & Recreation Commission with land acquisitions and conservation easement purchases. These groups—the Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee (NATAC) and Agricultural Lands Preservation Advisory Committee (ALPAC)—are comprised of County residents with expertise in various areas. NATAC members have experience in *land trust/conservation, wildlife management, environmental education, real estate/development, land use planning, botany/forestry and fisheries/aquatic ecology*. ALPAC is comprised of individuals with knowledge of agricultural practices and provide technical assistance for properties with an active farmland component. Members of both committees meet regularly throughout the year.

Both Committees serve to meet the following major objectives:

- Recommend properties for acquisition.
- Provide technical information relevant to management and long-term care of acquisitions.
- Suggest opportunities to collaborate with other local, state and federal agencies.

Acquisition Process

Properties recommended by NATAC and ALPAC are reviewed by the Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission and the Local Unit of Government where the land is located. If the Commission chooses to proceed with the acquisition, the landowner is made an offer at fair market value, as established by a certified appraiser. Properties purchased for nature preserves with NAPP funds are owned and maintained by the Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission and are open to the public from dawn until dusk daily. Properties with conservation easements remain privately owned; land with easements on active farmland is made available to the public at specific times throughout the year (outside the growing season).

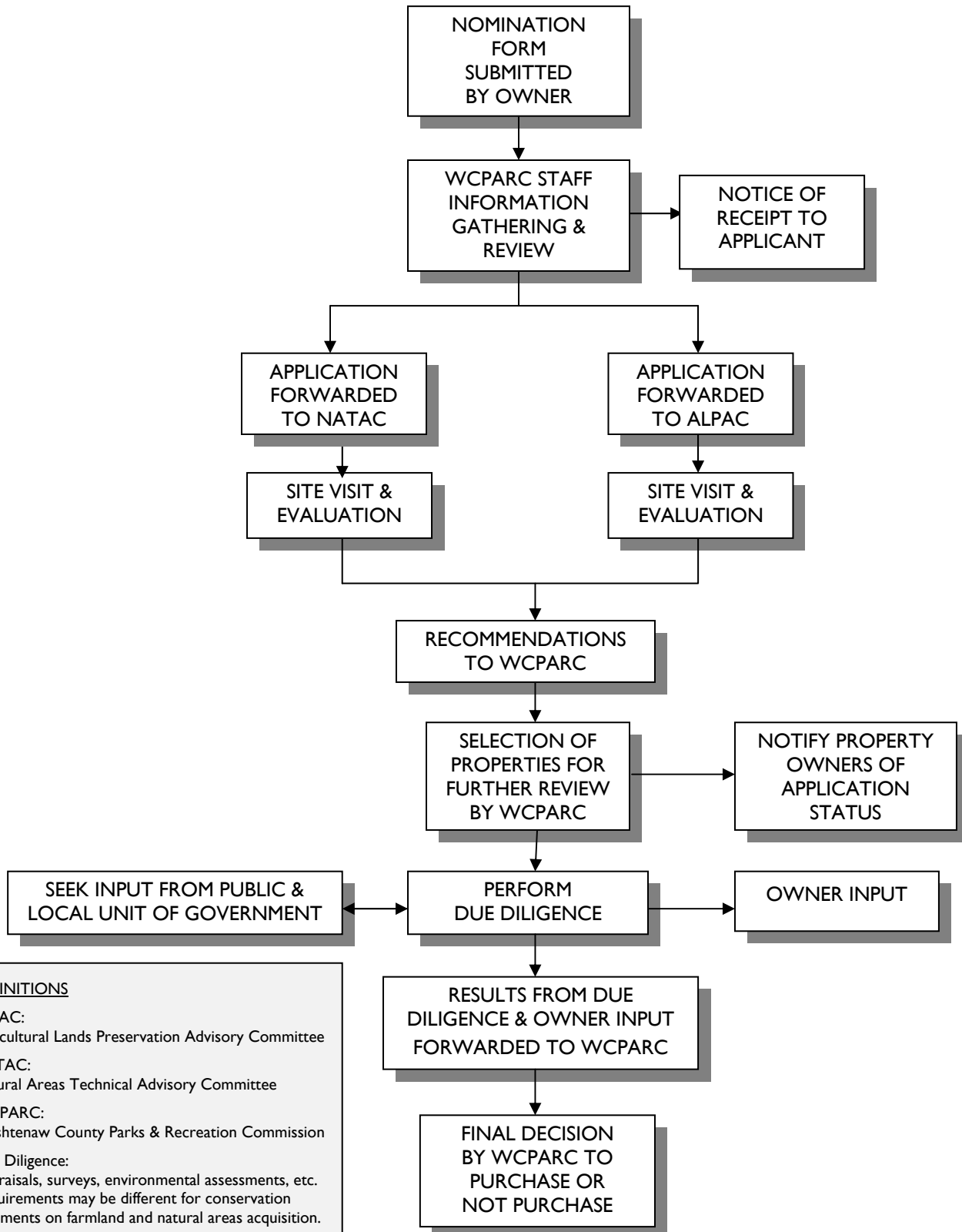
WCPARC also collaborates with other land preservation organizations to find creative ways to protect and preserve natural areas. For example, in 2008 the Commission partnered with Ann Arbor's Greenbelt Program and Scio Township government to protect over 140 acres in Scio Township.

For more information on the program visit our website at napp.ewashtenaw.org



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Property Review Process



DEFINITIONS

ALPAC:
Agricultural Lands Preservation Advisory Committee

NATAC:
Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee

WCPARC:
Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission

Due Diligence:
Appraisals, surveys, environmental assessments, etc.
Requirements may be different for conservation easements on farmland and natural areas acquisition.