



## Washtenaw County Natural Areas Preservation Program

### Property Owner Nomination Form

Name:	
Address:	Daytime Phone:
City:	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:

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

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

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"/> Roads/drives enter/bisect property |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prairie/Meadows                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultivated lands (past or present) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Waterbody                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Existing structure(s)              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rare or endangered plant/animal species | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical site or property        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stream or Water course                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Existing foot trails               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Varied topography                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adjacent to protected land              | <input type="checkbox"/> Other :                            |

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

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

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.

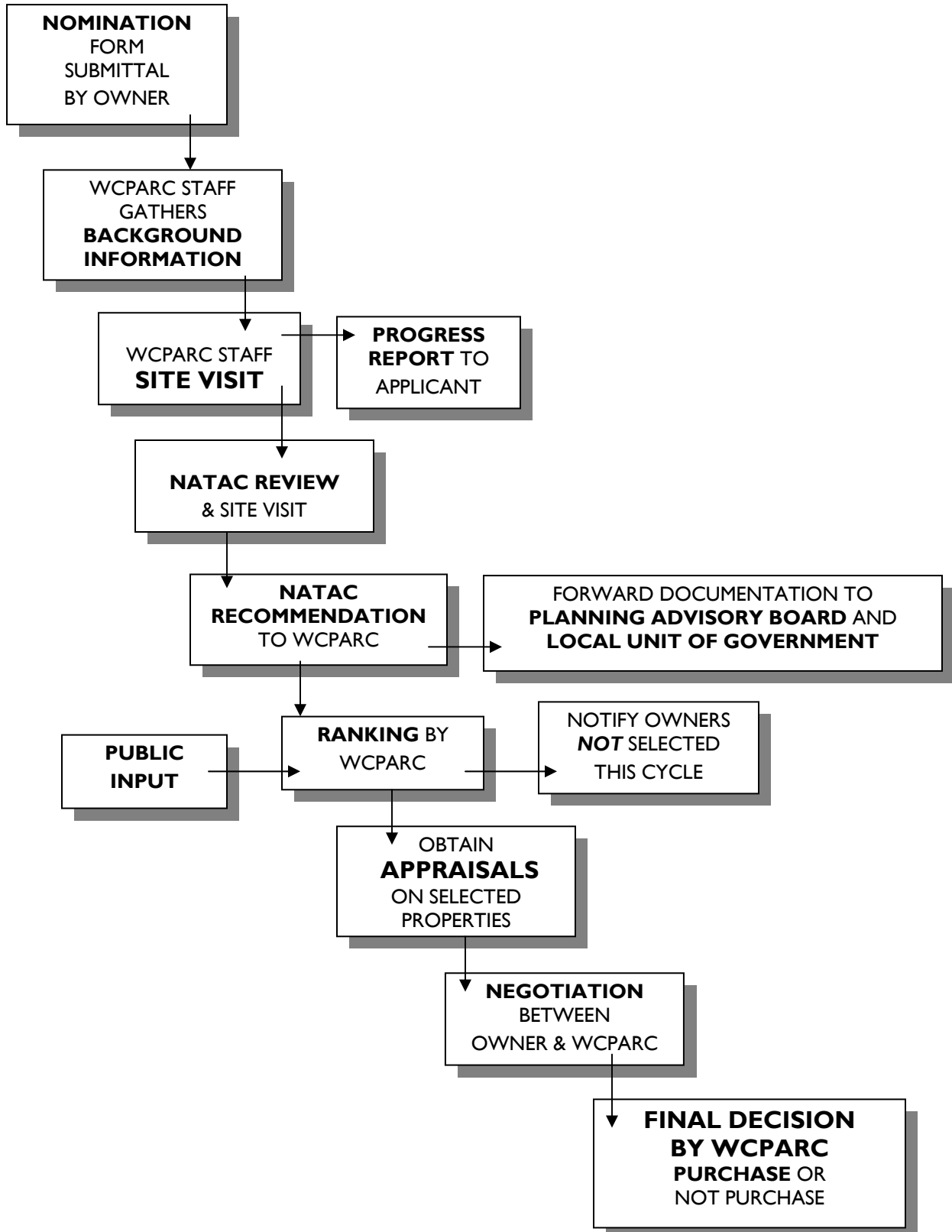
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*Signature*

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*Date*



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## Property Review Process





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Washtenaw County's Natural Areas Preservation Program (NAPP) purchases unique natural areas to ensure their preservation for the benefit of all County residents—plants, animals and people! The Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission 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

### Program Origin

NAPP was established in 2000 by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners through the passage of Natural Areas Ordinance No. 128. The ordinance was approved by a majority vote in the November 2000 election providing procedures and standards for purchase of natural areas by the County. Sixty-four percent of those voting approved the County-wide ¼ mill tax (millage) that funds the program. This millage will generate approximately \$27.5 million during the period 2002-2011.

### Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee

The ordinance established a citizens group to advise the Parks & Recreation Commission. That group, the Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee (NATAC), is comprised of County residents with expertise in *land trust/conservation, wildlife management, environmental education, real estate/development, land use planning, botany/forestry* and *fisheries/aquatic ecology*. Members were appointed to NATAC in the summer of 2001 and have been meeting regularly since September of that year.

NATAC has adopted the following major objectives:

- Recommend properties for acquisition
- Provide technical information relevant to management and long-term protection of potential acquisitions
- Suggest opportunities to collaborate with local, state and federal government agencies and non-government organizations, as appropriate

### Acquisition Process

Properties recommended by NATAC are reviewed by the Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission, the Washtenaw County Planning Advisory Board and the Local Unit of Government where the land is located. If the Parks & Recreation Commission decides to proceed with the acquisition, the landowner will be made an offer at fair market value, as established by a certified appraiser. Lands purchased with NAPP funds are owned and maintained by the Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission. These nature preserves are open to the public from dawn until dusk daily. WCPARC also partners with other land preservation organizations to find creative ways to protect and preserve natural areas. For example, in 2003 we partnered with The Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy (SMLC) to add 64 acres to their LeFurge Woods Nature Preserve. NAPP funds purchased a conservation easement on the 64 acres and SMLC owns and maintains the land.

**For more information** on the program visit our website at [parks.ewashtenaw.org](http://parks.ewashtenaw.org)