



## List of State Wildlife/Game Areas of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) or the DNR Wildlife Division (WLD) Lands plus Summary

(a.k.a. list of State Wildlife & Game Areas (SW/GAs), "Wildlife-Lands", "WLD-lands", WLD-Focus-areas, WLD-Project-areas, etc.)

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**Important Note:** this is a living document, subject to change as needed or when changes occur; therefore, please return to the latest version of this document for updates, provided online at ... [\[here\]](#).

**The purpose of this document** is to clearly communicate the current WLD named focus-area information and updated summaries; All those specific "named focus-area" land areas of particular interest to the Michigan DNR Wildlife Division (WLD), are, for ease of communication, termed State Wildlife / Game Areas (SW/GAs or SWGAs), or "Wildlife-Lands", "WLD-lands", WLD Focus-Areas and/or WLD Project Areas. For simplicity, refer to these grouped areas as SW/GAs or WLD-lands.

**Ensure** you read the notes and important clarifications for readers or users of this document and the two tables, at the end of this document. To ease repeat reference in named-area details, the tables have been re-ordered and the State-wide summary table now follows the named-area table, with readers notes at

**Table 1** is a complete current listing of each specifically-named and unique WLD focus-area, provided with some primary summary details (county name, acreage, etc.). WLD actually co-manages, cooperates and consults on every acre of State or DNR land, as per DNR and State policy standards. Table 1 lists those Dedicated and named unique focus-areas of particular interest & priority to DNR-WLD, in alphabetical order.

**Table 2** is State-wide summary of WLD-lands, with sub-groupings summarized by area-type, co-management or cooperator areas. If you don't understand the different "types" of areas, please see notes at end.

**Table 1: List of State Wildlife and Game Areas -or- WLD-Lands, WLD Focus Areas, etc. (official names)**

Official name of each State Wildlife and Game Areas (SW/GAs), WLD-Lands, WLD Focus Areas, or WLD Project Areas (in alphabetical order, using long-format official name) ...  Note: shaded line entries (with row backshaded in light green) are those formally Dedicated to WLD by official State process with DNR Director and NRC.  ** Note#2: Area names marked with, or followed by a double-asterisk, are comanaged or cooprator areas like Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs), etc.  See notes at end, for explanations of comanaged or cooperator areas and more.	area type as an abbreviation (type abbreviated)  See notes at end.	this area's county or counties (If this area spans multiple counties, then the first county name listed is that county with the majority portion of this area, followed by next, etc.)	this area is in what DNR-WLD management Region?  (regions are: UP, NLP, SWLP, or SELP)	this area formally Dedicated to DNR-WLD? ("yes" -or- blank if "no" -> see next column)  See notes at end.	this area has which DNR div, agency, or entity is the lead on area land administration (abbrev. name identifies comanager/cooperator)	total size in acres of this area (approx. acres)	acres of water in this area*** ("##/##") =format [(approx. acres water) / /acres-Great-Lakes water only] ) See notes at end.
Adams Township State Game Area	SGA	Hillsdale	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	181.2	[1 / 0]
Addis Creek Flooding Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Missaukee, Kalkaska	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	110.0	[71 / 0]
Allegan State Game Area	SGA	Allegan	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	51,355.0	[2227 / 0]
Almer Township State Game Area	SGA	Tuscola	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	160.0	[nil / 0]

TABLE 1 continued:	official area name	area type	counties	WLD Region	Ded. To WLD?	land admin lead?	size acres approx.	acres water/GL
	Au Train Basin Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Alger	UP	->	DNR-FRD	6,836.0	[ 564 / 0 ]
	Backus Creek State Game Area	SGA	Roscommon	NLP	yes	DNR-WLD	4,379.0	[ 655 / 0 ]
	Backus Creek Grouse Enhanced Management Site is part of & entirely within Backus SGA (above)	— GEMS	Roscommon	NLP	yes	DNR-WLD	(no acreage, as would cause a double -count ac)	
	Bakale Wildlife Unit of Bass River State Recreation Area	PRD Unit	Ottawa	SWLP	->	DNR-PRD	830.0	[ 244 / 0 ]
	Baraga Plains Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Baraga	UP	->	DNR-FRD	13,362.0	[ 27 / 0 ]
	Barker Creek Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Crawford	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	49.0	[ 8 / 0 ]
	Barry State Game Area	SGA	Barry	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	17,179.0	[ 465 / 0 ]
	Bear Creek Flooding Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Roscommon	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	943.0	[ 69 / 0 ]
	Beaver Islands State Wildlife Research Area	SWRA	Charlevoix, Leelanau	NLP	yes	DNR-WLD	43,439.0	[ 15552 / 14965 ]
	Bentley Marsh Flooding Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Gladwin	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	1,445.0	[ 63 / 0 ]
	Betsie River State Game Area	SGA	Benzie	NLP	yes	DNR-WLD	741.0	[ 38 / 0 ]
	Bill Rollo Memorial Grouse Enhanced Management Site	GEMS	Marquette	UP	->	DNR-FRD	6,595.0	[ 5 / 0 ]
	Black Creek Flooding Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Mackinac	UP	->	DNR-FRD	2,777.5	[ 176 / 0 ]
	Blendon Township State Game Area	SGA	Ottawa	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	180.1	[ 37 / 0 ]
	Blind Sucker River Flooding Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Luce	UP	->	DNR-FRD	5,084.3	[ 439 / 0 ]
	Blomgren's Marsh Flooding Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Dickinson	UP	->	DNR-FRD	570.0	[ 97 / 0 ]
	Blue Bill Creek Grouse Enhanced Management Site with US Forest Service	GEMS	Goegebic	UP	->	FED /US Forest Service	9,772.0	[ 134 / 0 ]
	Bluff Creek/ US-10/ M-18 Floodings Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Midland	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	790.0	[ 232 / 0 ]
	Boyle Lake State Wildlife Area	SWA	Berrien	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	407.0	[ 28 / 0 ]
	Brookfield Township Number 1 State Game Area	SGA	Huron	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	204.0	[ 11 / 0 ]
	Brookfield Township Number 2 State Game Area	SGA	Huron	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	40.0	[ 1 / 0 ]
	Brownstown Prairie State Wildlife Area	SWA	Wayne	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	56.0	[ 1 / 0 ]
	Cannon Creek Floodings Number 1 Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Missaukee	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	168.2	[ 86 / 0 ]
	Cannonsburg State Game Area	SGA	Kent	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	1,363.0	[ 8 / 0 ]
	Cass City State Game Area	SGA	Tuscola, Sanilac	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	1,202.0	[ 18 / 0 ]
	Cedar River Grouse Enhanced Management Site	GEMS	Menominee	UP	->	DNR-FRD	3,088.0	[ 19 / 0 ]

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	Charlotte (Eaton Township) State Game Area	SGA	Eaton	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	39.8	[ 3 / 0 ]
	Chelsea State Game Area	SGA	Washtenaw	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	802.0	[ 301 / 0 ]
	Chesterfield Township State Game Area	SGA	Macomb	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	142.0	[ 1 / 0 ]
	Clark Lake State Game Area	SGA	Tuscola	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	89.3	[ 8 / 0 ]
	Columbia Township State Game Area	SGA	Tuscola	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	210.0	[ 1 / 0 ]
	Connor's Marsh Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Crawford	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	1,052.0	[ 16 / 0 ]
	Cornish State Game Area	SGA	Van Buren	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	492.0	[ 3 / 0 ]
	Crane Pond State Game Area	SGA	Cass	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	4,214.3	[ 38 / 0 ]
	Crow Island State Game Area	SGA	Bay, Saginaw	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	4,221.0	[ 839 / 0 ]
	Crystal Waters State Game Area	SGA	Monroe	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	680.2	[ 207.4 / 0 ]
	Cusino State Wildlife Research Area	SWRA	Alger	UP	yes	DNR-WLD	1,538.0	[ 3 / 0 ]
	Dansville State Game Area	SGA	Ingham	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	4,997.7	[ 31 / 0 ]
	Davisburg State Game Area	SGA	Oakland	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	110.0	[ 1 / 0 ]
	Dead Stream Flooding Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Roscommon, Missaukee	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	1,024.0	[ 424 / 0 ]
	Deadman Swamp Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Clair	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	1,885.0	[ 16 / 0 ]
	Deford State Game Area	SGA	Tuscola	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	10,392.0	[ 3 / 0 ]
	Denmark Township State Game Area	SGA	Tuscola	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	95.0	[ 1 / 0 ]
	Denton Creek Flooding Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Roscommon	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	805.0	[ 42 / 0 ]
	Devil's Lake Flooding Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Alpena	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	912.0	[ 693 / 0 ]
	Dingman Marsh Flooding Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Cheboygan	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	4,863.0	[ 78 / 0 ]
	Dollarville Flooding Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Luce	UP	->	DNR-FRD	3,013.0	[ 447 / 0 ]
	Drummond Island Grouse Enhanced Management Site	GEMS	Chippewa	UP	->	DNR-FRD	3,027.0	[ 42 / 0 ]
	Drummond Island Pigeon Cove Flooding Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Chippewa	UP	->	DNR-FRD	160.0	[ 52 / 0 ]
	Edmore State Game Area	SGA	Montcalm, Isabella	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	3,809.0	[ 6 / 0 ]
	Elmwood Township State Game Area	SGA	Tuscola	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	271.0	[ 1 / 0 ]
	Erie State Game Area	SGA	Monroe	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	4,157.0	[ 2797 / 935 ]
	Fabius Township State Game Area	SGA	St. Joseph	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	174.0	[ 42 / 0 ]
	Fish Point State Wildlife Area	SWA	Tuscola	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	9,514.0	[ 3882 / 3406 ]

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	Flat River State Game Area	SGA	Ionia, Montcalm	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	11,811.5	[ 231 / 0 ]
	Flynn Township State Game Area	SGA	Sanilac	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	264.0	[ 1 / 0 ]
	Fraser Township Number 1 (Townline Road) State Game Area	SGA	Bay	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	46.0	[ 1 / 0 ]
	Fraser Township Number 2 (Kitchen Road) State Game Area	SGA	Bay	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	35.0	[ 15 / 0 ]
	French Farm Lake Flooding Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Emmet	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	2,948.0	[ 710 / 0 ]
	Fuller Woods State Game Area	SGA	Van Buren	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	85.0	[ 1 / 0 ]
	Fulton State Game Area	SGA	Kalamazoo	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	680.0	[ 3 / 0 ]
	Gagetown State Game Area	SGA	Huron, Tuscola	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	1,344.0	[ 5 / 0 ]
	Garden Grade Grouse Enhanced Management Site	GEMS	Delta, Schoolcraft	UP	->	DNR-FRD	6,170.0	[ 24 / 0 ]
	Gladwin State Game Area	SGA	Gladwin, Clare	NLP	yes	DNR-WLD	1,341.0	[ 6 / 0 ]
	Gladwin Wildlife Unit and Gladwin Field Dog Trial Area of the Gladwin area State Forest	WMA	Gladwin	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	4,750.0	[ 71 / 0 ]
	Gold Mine Grouse Enhanced Management Site with Plum Creek (a private landowner cooperator)	GEMS	Iron	UP	->	Private-owner	890.0	[ 11 / 0 ]
	Goose Creek Flooding Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Kalkaska	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	60.5	[ 7 / 0 ]
	Goose Lake State Game Area	SGA	Washtenaw	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	203.0	[ 22 / 0 ]
	Gordon Guyer - Augusta Creek State Wildlife Area	SWA	Kalamazoo	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	391.0	[ 1 / 0 ]
	Gourdneck State Game Area	SGA	Kalamazoo	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	2,293.0	[ 192 / 0 ]
	Grand Haven State Game Area	SGA	Ottawa	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	2,208.0	[ 860 / 0 ]
	Grand River Gale Road State Game Area	SGA	Ingham	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	143.0	[ 26 / 0 ]
	Grand River State Game Area	SGA	Ionia	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	1,029.8	[ 78 / 0 ]
	Grass Lake Flooding Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Benzie	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	1,760.0	[ 119 / 0 ]
	Grass Lake Marsh Flooding Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Missaukee, Kalkaska	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	339.0	[ 66 / 0 ]
	Grass Lake State Game Area	SGA	Jackson	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	124.0	[ 1 / 0 ]
	Gratiot-Saginaw State Game Area	SGA	Gratiot, Saginaw	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	16,729.0	[ 46 / 0 ]
	Greasy Creek Grouse Enhanced Management Site	GEMS	Montmorency	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	1,080.0	[ 13 / 0 ]
	Gregory State Game Area	SGA	Livingston	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	2,705.5	[ 55 / 0 ]
	Halifax Grouse Enhanced Management Site	GEMS	Luce	UP	->	DNR-FRD	2,694.0	[ 1 / 0 ]
	Hancock Creek Flooding Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Dickinson	UP	->	DNR-FRD	650.0	[ 45 / 0 ]
	Haymarsh Lake State Game Area	SGA	Mecosta	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	6,787.5	[ 301 / 0 ]

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	Hayward Lake to North Lake Floodings Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Menominee	UP	->	DNR-FRD	3,289.6	[ 642 / 0 ]
	Hazel Swamp Grouse Enhanced Management Site	GEMS	Houghton	UP	->	DNR-FRD	2,383.0	[ 8 / 0 ]
	Headquarters Lake Flooding Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Grand Traverse	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	1,139.0	[ 202 / 0 ]
	Hillcrest State Game Area	SGA	Livingston	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	257.0	[ 1 / 0 ]
	Holly Wildlife Unit of Holly State Recreation Area	PRD Unit	Oakland	SELP	->	DNR-PRD	3,224.0	[ 62 / 0 ]
	Horseshoe Lake State Game Area	SGA	Oakland	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	419.0	[ 2 / 0 ]
	Houghton Lake Flats North Flooding Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Roscommon	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	764.7	[ 39 / 0 ]
	Houghton Lake Flats South Flooding Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Roscommon	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	957.9	[ 229 / 0 ]
	Houghton Lake State Wildlife Research Area	SWRA	Roscommon, Missaukee	NLP	yes	DNR-WLD	12,131.0	[ 169 / 0 ]
	Hubbard Lake State Game Area	SGA	Alcona	NLP	yes	DNR-WLD	522.2	[ 95 / 0 ]
	Kawkawlin Creek Flooding Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Midland	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	2,933.0	[ 71 / 0 ]
	Keeler State Game Area	SGA	Van Buren	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	397.4	[ 1 / 0 ]
	Kinney Waterfowl Production Area	WPA	Van Buren	SWLP	->	FED/ USFWS	78.3	[ 2 / 0 ]
	Lake Interstate State Game Area	SGA	Eaton	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	103.7	[ 51 / 0 ]
	Lake LaVasseur Flooding Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Marquette	UP	->	DNR-FRD	403.1	[ 193 / 0 ]
	Lame Duck Area (a.k.a. Lame Duck Foot Access) Grouse Enhanced Management Site	GEMS	Gladwin	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	11,331.0	[ 28 / 0 ]
	Langston State Game Area	SGA	Montcalm	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	3,257.0	[ 101 / 0 ]
	Lapeer State Game Area	SGA	Lapeer	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	8,599.0	[ 349 / 0 ]
	Lee Grande Ranch Grouse Enhanced Management Site	GEMS	Cheboygan	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	2,400.4	[ 21 / 0 ]
	Leidy Lake State Game Area	SGA	St. Joseph	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	109.0	[ 11 / 0 ]
	Little Betsie Grouse Enhanced Management Site	GEMS	Benzie	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	4,167.0	[ 47 / 0 ]
	Little Fox River Flooding / Stanley Lake Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Schoolcraft	UP	->	DNR-FRD	2,550.0	[ 63 / 0 ]
	Little Widewaters Flooding Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Lake	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	367.0	[ 49 / 0 ]
	Lost Nation State Game Area	SGA	Hillsdale	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	2,471.0	[ 23 / 0 ]
	Malan Waterfowl Production Area	WPA	Jackson	SELP	->	FED/ USFWS	141.5	[ 8 / 0 ]
	Manistee River State Game Area	SGA	Manistee	NLP	yes	DNR-WLD	4,379.0	[ 303 / 0 ]
	Maple River / Gratiot-Saginaw Connector State Game Area	SGA	Gratiot	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	311.0	[ 1 / 0 ]
	Maple River State Game Area	SGA	Clinton, Gratiot, Ionia	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	9,948.0	[ 463 / 0 ]

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	Mark Knee Memorial Grouse Enhanced Management Site	GEMS	Osceola	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	4,090.3	[ 52 / 0 ]
	Marsh Creek / Beaver Lake Flooding Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Roscommon	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	554.0	[ 38 / 0 ]
	Martiny Lake State Game Area	SGA	Mecosta	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	7,660.0	[ 1051 / 0 ]
	Melstrand Grouse Enhanced Management Site	GEMS	Alger	UP	->	DNR-FRD	1,225.0	[ 14 / 0 ]
	Middleville State Game Area	SGA	Barry	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	4,583.4	[ 5 / 0 ]
	Minden City State Game Area	SGA	Sanilac	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	9,199.0	[ 1 / 0 ]
	Molasses River Flooding Number 2 Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Gladwin	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	1,508.8	[ 324 / 0 ]
	Molasses River Flooding Number 3 Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Gladwin	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	1,885.0	[ 112 / 0 ]
	Molasses River Flooding Number 5 Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Gladwin	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	1,460.0	[ 8 / 0 ]
	Mosinee Grouse Enhanced Management Site	GEMS	Gogebic	UP	->	County Cooperator	1,136.0	[ 18 / 0 ]
	Mud Creek Flooding Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Cheboygan	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	18.0	[ 7 / 0 ]
	Munuscong Bay Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Chippewa	UP	->	DNR-FRD	19,292.0	[ 3714 / 2440 ]
	Murphy Lake State Game Area	SGA	Tuscola	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	2,715.0	[ 113 / 0 ]
	Muskegon County Wastewater Management System - a special wildlife (waterfowl) management area / hunt area	County coop.	Muskegon	SWLP	->	County Cooperator	8,411.0	[ 1220 / 0 ]
	Muskegon State Game Area	SGA	Muskegon, Newaygo	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	15,733.0	[ 599 / 0 ]
	Muskrat Lake State Game Area	SGA	Clinton	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	252.0	[ 5 / 0 ]
	Nayanquing Point State Wildlife Area	SWA	Bay	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	4,308.0	[ 869 / 545 ]
	Net River Flooding Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Baraga	UP	->	DNR-FRD	520.0	[ 160 / 0 ]
	Norwich Grouse Enhanced Management Site	GEMS	Ontonagon	UP	->	FED /US Forest Service	4,400.0	[ 42 / 0 ]
	Oak Grove State Game Area	SGA	Livingston	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	2,453.0	[ 242 / 0 ]
	Old Fur Farm Flooding (Floodwood Swamp) Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Clare	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	2,062.7	[ 281 / 0 ]
	Olive Township State Game Area	SGA	Ottawa	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	247.0	[ 1 / 0 ]
	Oliver Township State Game Area	SGA	Huron	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	130.2	[ 1 / 0 ]
	O'Neal Lake Flooding Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Emmet	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	1,250.6	[ 186 / 0 ]
	Onsted State Game Area	SGA	Lenawee	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	876.0	[ 141 / 0 ]
	Osceola-Missaukee Grasslands State Game Area	SGA	Osceola, Missaukee	NLP	yes	DNR-WLD	1,259.0	[ 2 / 0 ]

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	Pentwater River State Game Area	SGA	Oceana	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	2,558.8	[ 26 / 0 ]
	Pere Marquette State Game Area	SGA	Mason	NLP	yes	DNR-WLD	402.0	[ 38 / 0 ]
	Petersburg State Game Area	SGA	Monroe	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	616.2	[ 1 / 0 ]
	Peterson Pond Flooding Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Menominee	UP	->	DNR-FRD	30.0	[ 4 / 0 ]
	Petobego State Game Area	SGA	Grand Traverse, Antrim	NLP	yes	DNR-WLD	787.0	[ 199 / 94 ]
	Pike Lake Flooding Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Houghton	UP	->	DNR-FRD	115.0	[ 26 / 0 ]
	Pinconning Township (Cody-Esty Road) State Game Area	SGA	Bay	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	51.0	[ 10 / 0 ]
	Pointe Aux Peaux State Wildlife Area	SWA	Monroe	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	224.6	[ 75 / 34 ]
	Pointe Mouillee State Game Area	SGA	Monroe, Wayne	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	7,483.0	[ 2500 / 1814 ]
	Port Huron State Game Area	SGA	St.Clair	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	6,857.1	[ 8 / 0 ]
	Portage Marsh Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Delta	UP	->	DNR-FRD	846.0	[ 182 / 172 ]
	Portland State Game Area	SGA	Clinton, Ionia	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	2,621.5	[ 309 / 0 ]
	Potagannissing Flooding Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Chippewa	UP	->	DNR-FRD	2,220.0	[ 325 / 0 ]
	Potterville State Game Area	SGA	Eaton	SGA	yes	DNR-WLD	444.1	[ 10 / 0 ]
	Quanicassee State Wildlife Area	SWA	Bay, Tuscola	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	4,331.7	[ 1760 / 1303 ]
	Ralph Grouse Enhanced Management Site	GEMS	Dickinson	UP	->	DNR-FRD	5,350.0	[ 60 / 0 ]
	Robinson Creek Flooding Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Roscommon	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	2,572.0	[ 95 / 0 ]
	Rogue River State Game Area	SGA	Kent	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	6,200.4	[ 18 / 0 ]
	Rose Lake State Wildlife Area	SWA	Clinton, Shiawassee	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	4,088.5	[ 179 / 0 ]
	Rush Lake State Game Area	SGA	Huron	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	2,256.3	[ 92 / 0 ]
	Russell Lake / Lake St. Helen Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Roscommon	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	950.0	[ 202 / 0 ]
	Sage Lakes Flooding Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Montmorency	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	247.7	[ 76 / 0 ]
	Salt River Marsh State Wildlife Area	SWA	Macomb	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	60.0	[ 2 / 0 ]
	Sand River / Jeske Flooding Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Marquette	UP	->	DNR-FRD	556.9	[ 107 / 0 ]
	Sandusky State Game Area	SGA	Sanilac	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	1,480.0	[ 73 / 0 ]
	Sanilac State Game Area	SGA	Sanilac	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	1,578.0	[ 18 / 0 ]
	Saranac-Lowell State Game Area	SGA	Kent, Ionia	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	2,334.0	[ 43 / 0 ]
	Schlee Waterfowl Production Area	WPA	Jackson	SELP	->	FED/USFWS	160.0	[ 4 / 0 ]
	Schoonover Waterfowl Production Area	WPA	Lenawee	SELP	->	FED/USFWS	95.0	[ 1 / 0 ]
	Sharonville State Game Area	SGA	Jackson, Washtenaw	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	5,231.0	[ 17 / 0 ]

TABLE 1 continued:	official area name	area type	counties	WLD Region	Ded. To WLD?	land admin lead?	size acres approx.	acres water/GL
	Shiawassee River State Game Area	SGA	Saginaw	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	10,154.0	[ 626 / 0]
	Skegemog Lake Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Kalkaska , Antrim	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	3,613.8	[ 654 / 0]
	Somerset State Game Area	SGA	Hillsdale	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	748.0	[ 109 / 0]
	Spring Creek State Game Area	SGA	St.Joseph	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	81.5	[ 3 / 0]
	St. Clair Flats State Wildlife Area	SWA	St. Clair	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	30,158.0	[ 12055 / 11296]
	St. Clair Township State Game Area	SGA	St.Clair	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	112.0	[ 14 / 0]
	St. John's Marsh State Wildlife Area	SWA	St.Clair	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	3,060.0	[ 105 / 0]
	Stanton State Game Area	SGA	Montcalm	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	4,920.0	[ 131 / 0]
	Stoney Creek Flooding Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Cheboygan	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	1,150.0	[ 48 / 0]
	Strickler Grouse Enhanced Management Site	GEMS	Mackinac	UP	->	DNR-FRD	2,180.0	[ 27 / 0]
	Sturgeon River Sloughs Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Houghton , Baraga	UP	->	DNR-FRD	8,964.0	[ 1011 / 48]
	Tamarack Lake (Sunfield Township) State Game Area	SGA	Eaton	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	265.9	[ 52 / 0]
	Three Rivers State Game Area	SGA	Cass, St.Joseph	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	2,125.0	[ 8 / 0]
	Tobico Marsh Wildlife Unit of Bay City State Recreation Area	PRD Unit	Bay	SELP	->	DNR-PRD	2,088.0	[ 318 / 0]
	Tomahawk Creek Flooding Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Presque Isle, Montmorency	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	1,143.7	[ 277 / 0]
	Tuscola State Game Area	SGA	Tuscola	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	9,259.0	[ 2 / 0]
	Unadilla State Wildlife Area	SWA	Livingston, Washtenaw	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	1,188.0	[ 99 / 0]
	Vassar State Game Area	SGA	Tuscola	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	3,436.0	[ 53 / 0]
	Verona State Game Area	SGA	Huron	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	7,695.0	[ / 0]
	Vestaburg State Game Area	SGA	Montcalm	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	2,995.3	[ 325 / 0]
	Waterloo Wildlife Unit of Waterloo State Recreation Area	PRD Unit	Jackson, Washtenaw	SELP	->	DNR-PRD	5,781.0	[ 33 / 0]
	Webster Lake (Berrien Township Number 1) State Game Area	SGA	Berrien	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	43.2	[ 4 / 0]
	Wigwam Bay State Wildlife Area	SWA	Arenac	NLP	yes	DNR-WLD	6,743.0	[ 2023 / 1988]
	Wildfowl Bay State Wildlife Area	SWA	Huron	SELP	yes	DNR-WLD	13,190.0	[ 5400 / 5391]
	Windsor Township State Game Area	SGA	Eaton	SWLP	yes	DNR-WLD	356.0	[ 39 / 0]
	Wraco Lodge Lake Flooding Wildlife Management Area**	WMA	Roscommon	NLP	->	DNR-FRD	2,016.0	[ 99 / 0]

*Other notes regarding Table 1, including named-area changes from recent list versions, are at the end of this document after Table 2 (below).*

*(end-of-listing Table 1)*



**TABLE 2: State Wildlife and Game Areas or DNR Wildlife-Lands summary:**

Summary by SW/GA (or DNR-WLD-lands) type, category or grouping	area type	count of grand total (all)	count of sub-groups A and B	count of sub-sub groupings under A and B	acres total approx.	acres of water in area*** (see notes above & below)
<b>ALL (A + B below) State wildlife/game areas or DNR-WLD-lands named focus</b>	(varies; see below)	<b>202</b>		<b>***</b>	<b>677,077.4</b>	[ 76,758.4 / 44,432 ]
<b>(A.) Those areas Dedicated to DNR Wildlife Division (WLD) as lead administration and</b>		(SGA,SWA & SWRA)	<b>113</b>		453,509.9	[ 60,147.4 / 41,771 ]
State Game Area		SGA		<b>96</b>	318,682.1	[ 17,946.4 / 2,843 ]
State Wildlife Area		SWA		<b>14</b>	77,719.8	[ 26,479 / 23,963 ]
State Wildlife Research Area		SWRA		<b>3</b>	57,108.0	[ 15,722 / 14,965 ]
<b>(B.) Those areas dedicated to another DNR Division, another agency, or entity who are a cooperator with WLD on named area:</b>		(types vary; see below)	<b>89</b>	<b>***</b>	223,567.5	[ 16,611 / 2,661 ]
<b>Co-managed areas with DNR-Forestry-Divison (FRD), &amp; are specific named focus areas within in State Forests:</b>		typically WMA		<b>59</b>	122,211.8	[ 14,057 / 2,660 ]
<i>Note: WLD consults &amp; co-manages every acre of State Land (FRD) ; statistics in this table are for specific/unique focus areas.</i>						
<b>Co-managed areas with DNR-Parks-and-Recreation-Division (PRD), &amp; are Wildlife Units of specifically named State Park (SP) or State Recreation Area (SRA):</b>		typically a named "... Wildlife Unit of a named SP/SRA"		<b>4</b>	11,923.0	[ 657 / 0 ]
<i>Note: WLD consults &amp; co-manages every acre of State Land (PRD) ; statistics in this table are for specific/unique focus areas.</i>						
<b>Grouse Enhanced Management Site (GEMS) areas</b> (functionally these are named focus-areas, and like WMAs) :		(all GEMS)		<b>20</b>	80,389.7	[ 566 / 0 ]
GEMS on State Game Area / State land of DNR WLD		GEMS		<b>1</b> ***	(4379)	[ 655 / 0 ]
GEMS on State land with DNR Forestry Div. as cooperator		GEMS		<b>15</b>	55,780.7	[ 361 / 0 ]
GEMS on Federal Land with US Forest Service cooperator		GEMS		<b>2</b>	14,172.0	[ 176 / 0 ]
GEMS on County land with a County as cooperator		GEMS		<b>1</b>	1,136.0	[ 18 / 0 ]
GEMS on privately-owed land with a pvt-landowner cooperator		GEMS		<b>1</b>	890.0	[ 11 / 0 ]
Cooperatively managed areas with Federal USFWS, are <b>Waterfowl Production Areas (WPA)</b>		WPA		<b>5</b>	632.0	[ 22 / 0 ]
<b>Cooperative area with a County agency</b> for managed waterfowl hunts		County cooperator		<b>1</b>	8,411.0	[ 1,220 / 0 ]

\*\*\* Note: the Backus Creek GEMS land area is not added to the totals because it would be double-counting land area. If need a total of subject acres, then add Backus Creek SGA again to the GEMS totals and sum up from there (so Backus Creek SGA acreage would be also added to total (B.) and then (ALL) total.

Other notes regarding Table 2 are at the end of this document (below).

(end-of-listing Table 2)

## Notes to Help Readers:

**Due to repeated requests and encountered conversion problems, we also provide this document as a Microsoft Excel file**, online and can be reached using link ... [\[here\]](#).

**Additional details on each area named above**, like the local contact office, area maps, and more, are provided online at ... [\[here\]](#).

Please also be aware that online wildlife/game area information is under a major flux during changes and improvements for new technologies and access methods, as staff are improving content and more.

**Have you tried Mi-HUNT?** the Michigan DNR's interactive online huntable lands map tool (now for mobile devices and smart-phones) at <http://www.michigan.gov/mihunt> .

## Notes explaining "area types":

(A.) **"Dedicated types"** to the DNR Wildlife Division (administration) directly, where "Dedication" is a formal process which approves administering Division, intended purpose for an area, and other details. The list of these areas is not expected to change much or often, as the dedication process is involved and sets-up long term interests for conservation and management of wildlife. These specific types include: State Wildlife Areas (SWA); State Game Areas (SGA); and State Wildlife Research Areas (SWRA). *Note:* the State Fish and Wildlife Area (SFWA) type no longer exists as the one remaining area was rededicated in memorial with name change, and rededicated to a State Wildlife Area.

In **Table 1**, these Dedicated areas are shaded line entries (row back-shaded light green) as those formally Dedicated to WLD by official State process with DNR Director and NRC.

(B.) **"dedicated -to-other types"** are areas which are WLD focus areas or WLD project areas now or in the past the DNR Wildlife Division has an interest, where WLD is involved with management/ co-management, funding some portion of the area now or in the past, etc. but WLD is not lead on administration. For each area named, officially the land administration is by another DNR Division, another agency like US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), US Forest Service (USFS), County government, or entity as indicated below. Many of these areas exist because of a particular focus for wildlife management, including deer, waterfowl, grouse and more, or a special project funded by Federal Aid, or were created by a specific cooperative agreement. As a group, conceptually these areas are all "State Wildlife Management Areas", but may have other official terms for the area type, as indicated below. For example, Grouse Enhanced Management System (GEMS) areas are GEMS but functionally are SWMAs, as are all those listed in Table 1, part B, below.

**For more information on area types**, like why different types and more, see document online... [\[here\]](#).

## Notes on Table 1 -and- Table 2:

### **CHANGES in WLD-named-focus-areas and acreages, from recent document versions of Tables 1 & 2:**

Some long-term users of these two tables will notice that there were larger changes (decreases) in 2020 in both number of areas and totals in Table 1 (above) and 2 (below). Therefore, a comment is added in this document in order to maintain confidence in data and that there is no major error causing the differences.

These differences from recent previous statistics to now were due to

- (a.) Regular ongoing land acquisitions or land-swaps in existing named areas;
- (b.) Addition of 2 new SGAs (Potterville and Crystal Waters) in 2020 and 2021; and
- (c.) Retirement of some old wildlife management areas (typically openings or floodings, setup by WLD and now either established or served original purpose) after several review of purposes of some wildlife management areas, in the UP and NLP, and if continued reasons for maintaining them as a unique named focus area -or- to retire the named area (focus area outline) and manage the areas as part of the State Land system already being done with WLD involvement; This resulted in retiring named focus areas and change in the comanaged/cooperator lands of WLD-named-focus-areas.

\*\*\* Note: the Backus Creek GEMS land area is not added to the totals because it would be double-counting land area. If need a total of subject acres, then add Backus Creek SGA again to the GEMS totals and sum up from there

Specific retired named-areas (recently, since 2018 to current) are:

- Bullock Ranch Wildlife Management Area\*\*, in Schoolcraft Co., retired (2020 March 03).
- Cannon Creek Floodings No.2 Wildlife Management Area\*\*, in Missaukee Co., retired (2019 March 26).
- Cranberry Lake Flooding Wildlife Management Area\*\*, in Chippewa Co. (2020 Jan 02)
- Deer River Flooding Wildlife Management Area\*\*, in Iron Co., retired (2020 March 03).
- Dog Lake Flooding Wildlife Management Area\*\*, in Cheboygan Co., retired (2021 Dec. 09).
- Felch Mountain Wildlife Management Area\*\*, in Dickinson Co., retired (2020 March 03).
- Friday Flooding Wildlife Management Area\*\*, in Delta Co., retired (2020Mar.03).
- Gene's Pond Wildlife Management Area\*\*, in Dickinson Co., retired (2020 March 03).
- Groveland Mine Flooding Wildlife Management Area\*\*, in Dickinson Co., retired (2020 March 03).
- Hardwood Reservoir (north-side) Wildlife Management Area\*\*, in Dickinson Co., retired (2020Mar.03).
- Lake DuBonnet Flooding Wildlife Mgmt Area\*\*, in Grand Traverse Co., retired (2018 Dec. 12).
- Lake-36 Flooding Wildlife Management Area\*\*, in Dickinson Co., retired (2020 March 03).
- Molasses River Flooding Number 1 Wildlife Management Area\*\*, in Gladwin Co., is retired (2021 Dec. 08).
- Molasses River Flooding Number 4 State Wildlife Management Area\*\* does not exist (never created).
- Nestoria Creek Flooding Wildlife Mgmt Area\*\*, in Baraga Co., retired (2020 March 03).
- Presque Isle River Fl. Wildlife Mgmt Area\*\*, in Gogebic Co. (transferred to county started 2015)(2020 Jan 02).
- Rainy River Flooding Wildlife Management Area\*\*, in Montmorency Co., is retired (2021 Dec. 08).
- Sportsman's Lake (or Pond) Wildlife Management Area\*\*, in Montmorency Co., retired (2021 Dec. 09).
- Townline Creek Flooding Wildlife Management Area\*\* in Clare Co.; retired (2021 Dec. 08).

\*\*\* For both Table 1 and Table 2, there is a newly-added requested column on the far right-side, called "acres of approx. water in this area\*\*\*" and which lists where appropriate the acres of an area which are water and which are Great Lakes water (implying the area is on Great Lakes shoreline). Values are listed in the format of "[#/#]" or "[A/B]" where number is A total approximated acres of water in the area, and number B is the portion (in acres) of water related to one of the Great Lakes (GL) portion = [(acres water)/ (Great Lakes water only)]. This field which was added a couple years ago, is an attempt to represent that portion of total estimated area acreage which is composed of potential inland water and what is the portion of connected water from one of the the Great Lakes. The water portion were identified using the 2011 USGS NALC landuse/landcover data set intersected with the WLD-lands polygons. The portions identified as water are also known to include significant amounts of submerged and emergent marsh, mudflats and sand/sandbars or are valuable wildlife habitat and conservation areas relevant to WLD, beyond just a polygon boundary acreage total of each area.

### Specific notes on Table 1:

\*\* In Table 1: Area names marked with a double-asterisk, are areas (typically comanaged or cooprator areas like SWMAs, etc.) where WLD spent funds or helped setup the area (like a flooding), but the area may not now have active management activities because the original habitat project is working; this may be the case for self-managed floodings, seasonal floodings, or for floodings which have low water levels due to changes in local conditions. Do NOT assume because an area has "flooding" in the name, that it has open water at all times or is always suitable for waterfowl; it may have established marsh and wetlands areas but may not be as wet throughout the year, yet it is functioning on the landscape and still a WLD interest area.

Be aware that some areas previously named or referred to as a "flooding" have (a.) been experiencing low water levels either seasonally or permanently; (b.) may not have actual open water now but have well developed wetland areas; or (c.) the "flooding" portion of the name may only be related to a historical name based on the start of the WLD-project or because of seasonal flooding, and is not a flooding year-round.

\*\*\* For the right-most field "acres of approx. water in this area\*\*\*", see notes above / preceding.

**Note: regarding area acres:** Every reasonable effort has been made to be systematic and accurate. These are approximated, rounded, and may be from GIS but should be very close to official DNR real-estate records (LOTS database), plat information, deeds, certified surveys and more, based on official surveys if can (if available), etc. Every effort and due-dillencence is made if can to be as reasonable accurate as can be with current technology and records. Some areas include portions related to State owned bottomlands, some officially deeded but others non-deeded (but State authority is in State Constitution and Michigan Compiled Laws) yet are included because that portion of area is very important to our stewardship activities and public trust roles. Ownership details are complex and every effort is made to provide a fair, logical and consistent representation for these important Dedicated areas and focus-areas. As DNR staff continue to improve our acces to detailed information (like certified surveys and more) there are chances that the small areas of specific individual SW/GAs may change as they are updated to improved data

### Specific notes on Table 2:

Table 2 notes for readers are covered above and also below.

\*\*\* For the right-most field "acres of approx. water in this area\*\*\*", see notes above / preceeding.

Above notes regarding acreage also apply.

### If you have questions or need more help than provided in this document:

contact a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) office such as

[DNR-Wildlife@michigan.gov](mailto:DNR-Wildlife@michigan.gov) ;

(b.) See and contact one of the List of DNR Wildlife Division offices online off DNR website (below);

<http://www.michigan.gov/dnr> .

When contacting any DNR Wildlife Division staff on this document or contained information, please mention

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