

Canal Lands Memorandum

DATE: 9-20-2011
TO: David Payne, Chief Ohio State Parks
FROM: Mary Fitch, Canal Lands Coordinator
RE: Proposed Canal Land Sale in Miami County: Grilliot.

Mr. Grilliot has requested to purchase a Canal Lands parcel in Miami County. Per Canal Lands Real Estate Policy and Procedures, information about the sale was posted online for thirty calendar days. Five individuals/organizations offered comments, none were opposed. (See attached.)

Per Canal Lands Real Estate Policy and Procedures, the Chief must review this sale and respond within 14 calendar days - in this case by October 4th, 2011. The Chief's recommendation and rationale must then be posted on the ODNR website, and additional comments accepted. At the end of this process, the ODNR Director may recommend for or against the sale.

After internal discussion and an evaluation of the recreational potential of the subject parcel from a comprehensive standpoint, we have found that the current and potential future recreational use of the subject parcel is extremely limited, and that this parcel is excess property to the State of Ohio.

Recommendation: Proceed with sale.

I recommend this sale: 

Date: 9.19.11

I recommend against this sale: _____

Date: _____

Written Comments: Grilliot

I have no objections to this transfer since the Miami County Trail is all completed or in construction between Troy and Piqua. As a former Concord Trustee and current Miami County Trails Committee Chairman I'm familiar with the property and see no future Trail use for this small tract.

ROBERT J. SHOOK

I believe the canal land transfer should go through. Thank you for the opportunity to have input.

Kevin Haver, Director. Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District

I have reviewed the transfer request and am familiar with the area in question. My only reservation would be that a trail easement must be included due to the fact that this section of the Piqua to Troy bike path has undergone relocations in the recent past due to property issues and while it is not likely that the trail would be located on this land, I feel that all options should be protected. I would support this as long as the trail easement is included in the transfer documents.

Andy Hite,
Historic Site Manager
Johnston Farm & Indian Agency, an American Association of Museums

I support and endorse Andy's recommendation since he is most knowledgeable about the situation.

Dan Rice
President and Chief Executive Officer Ohio and Erie Canalway Coalition

Based on the application and conditions of sale, I do not object to this transfer.

Bob Fonte, Director
Stark County Park District