

Administrative Rule Analysis



PURE MICHIGAN TRAIL, WATER TRAIL, AND TRAIL TOWN DESIGNATION

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BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED RULES

The proposed rules outline the provisions and requirements of the Pure Michigan Trails, Water Trail, and Trail Towns programs. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is charged with defining the aforementioned designations in conjunction with the Pure Michigan program administration within the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. Nomination processes, Pure Michigan designation requirements, application review process, trail standards, and renewal standards are all defined within the proposed rules. These rules are required in accordance with Pure Michigan program provisions.

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED RULES

The proposed rules may increase administrative costs for the DNR by requiring the department to review nominations, applications, trail standards, and renewal requests; the magnitude of this cost increase is likely to be minimal as the department's Parks and Recreation Division is already equipped to handle these processes in the course of its current functions. The rules are unlikely to directly increase departmental revenues.

These rules do not impose any costs on local units of government since pursuing a Pure Michigan designation is optional, though local governments who own and operate trails may incur costs in the course of electively pursuing the designation. The extent of these costs is likely to vary widely based on the respective trail improvements or upgrades necessary to qualify for the designation. The rules are unlikely to directly increase local government revenues.

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