

**NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)**

**Act 451 of 1994**

Subpart 11

**CONSERVATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION EASEMENT**

**324.2140 Definitions.**

Sec. 2140.

As used in this subpart:

(a) "Conservation easement" means an interest in land that provides limitation on the use of land or a body of water or requires or prohibits certain acts on or with respect to the land or body of water, whether or not the interest is stated in the form of a restriction, easement, covenant, or condition in a deed, will, or other instrument executed by or on behalf of the owner of the land or body of water or in an order of taking, which interest is appropriate to retaining or maintaining the land or body of water, including improvements on the land or body of water, predominantly in its natural, scenic, or open condition, or in an agricultural, farming, open space, or forest use, or similar use or condition.

(b) "Historic preservation easement" means an interest in land that provides a limitation on the use of a structure or site that is listed as a national historic landmark under chapter 593, 49 Stat. 593, 16 U.S.C. 461 to 467, commonly known as the historic sites, buildings, and antiquities act; is listed on the national register of historic places pursuant to the national historic preservation act of 1966, Public Law 89-665, 16 U.S.C. 470 to 470a, 470b, and 470c to 470x-6; is listed on the state register of historic sites pursuant to Act No. 10 of the Public Acts of 1955, being sections 399.151 to 399.152 of the Michigan Compiled Laws; or is recognized under a locally established historic district created pursuant to the local historic districts act, Act No. 169 of the Public Acts of 1970, being sections 399.201 to 399.215 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, or requires or prohibits certain acts on or with respect to the structure or site, whether or not the interest is stated in the form of a restriction, easement, covenant, or condition in a deed, will, or other instrument executed by or on behalf of the owner of the structure or site or in an order of taking, if the interest is appropriate to the preservation or restoration of the structure or site.

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**324.2141 Conservation easement; enforcement; recordation.**

Sec. 2141.

A conservation easement granted to a governmental entity or to a charitable or educational association, corporation, trust, or other legal entity is enforceable against the owner of the land or body of water subject to the easement despite a lack of privity of estate or contract, a lack of benefit running to particular land or a body of water, or the fact that the benefit may be assigned to another governmental entity or legal entity, including a conservation easement executed before March 31, 1981. The easement shall be recorded with the register of deeds in the county in which the land is located to be effective against a bona fide purchaser for value without actual notice.

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**324.2142 Historic preservation easement; enforcement; recordation.**

Sec. 2142.

A historic preservation easement granted to a governmental entity or to a charitable or educational association,

corporation, trust, or other legal entity whose purposes include the preservation or restoration of structures or sites described in section 2140(b) is enforceable against the owner of the structure or site subject to the easement despite a lack of privity of estate or contract, a lack of benefit running to the particular structure or site, or the fact that the benefit may be assigned to another governmental entity or legal entity whose purposes include the preservation or restoration of structures or sites described in section 2140(b), including a historic preservation easement executed before March 31, 1981. The easement shall be recorded with the register of deeds in the county in which the land is located to be effective against a bona fide purchaser for value without actual notice.

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### **324.2143 Enforceability of restriction, easement, covenant, or condition.**

Sec. 2143.

This subpart does not render unenforceable a restriction, easement, covenant, or condition that does not have the benefit of this subpart.

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### **324.2144 Conservation easement or historic preservation easement as interest in real estate; document creating easement as conveyance; recordation; enforcement; assignment.**

Sec. 2144.

(1) A conservation easement or historic preservation easement is an interest in real estate, and a document creating 1 of those easements shall be considered a conveyance of real estate and shall be recorded in accord with Act No. 103 of the Public Acts of 1937, being sections 565.201 to 565.203 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, in relation to the execution and recording of instruments. The easement shall be enforced either by an action at law or by an injunction or other equitable proceedings.

(2) A conservation easement may be assigned to a governmental or other legal entity, which shall acquire that interest in the same manner as the governmental entity or legal entity acquires an interest in land.

(3) A historic preservation easement may be assigned to a governmental or other legal entity whose purposes include the preservation or restoration of structures or sites described in section 2140(b), and the governmental or legal entity shall acquire that interest in the same manner as the governmental entity or legal entity acquires an interest in land.

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