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REPORT SUMMARY

Performance Audit

Parks and Recreation Bureau

Department of Natural Resources

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The mission of the Parks and Recreation Bureau is to acquire, protect, and preserve the natural, historic, and cultural features of Michigan's unique resources and to provide public recreation and education opportunities. The Bureau is responsible for planning, developing, and managing State parks and operating public access sites and State harbors.

Audit Objective:
To assess the effectiveness and efficiency of the Bureau's State Park, Boating Access, and Dock and Harbor Development Programs.

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Audit Conclusion:
We concluded that the Bureau's State Park, Boating Access, and Dock and Harbor Development Programs were generally effective and efficient. However, our assessment disclosed a reportable condition related to contract monitoring.

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Reportable Condition:
The Bureau did not conduct on-site inspections of harbors and boating access sites to ensure that site operators were in compliance with contract requirements (Finding 1).

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Agency Response:
The Department of Natural Resources agreed with the recommendation and informed us that it has revised Parks and Recreation Policy 3.1 to include reporting language to ensure that inspections are conducted and reported to the Bureau chief for appropriate action as needed.

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