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A series of management seminars are offered this fall by the University of Detroit's continuing education division. The main campus is at McNichols (Six Mile) and Livernois.

Two evening series on how to start a successful business and managing for profit begin today. A rapid reading course starts Oct. 13.

One-day seminars on time management, Nov. 20; absenteeism, Dec. 5; and labor relations, Dec. 6, are also offered.

Two-day seminars on women in management and management by objectives are scheduled for Oct. 28-29 and Nov. 5-6, respectively.

The seminars are designed to provide training for managers in industry, government and small business owners.

For applications, call U-D at 927-1025.

County-state eye Chrysler land in Orion for possible park site

The Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission may act next week to provide a half-million dollars for a joint state-county park in Orion Township.

The 2,400-acre park site, west of the Bald Mountain State Recreation Area, is owned by the Chrysler Realty Corp. Last week a \$1 million federal grant was awarded to the state to initiate purchase of the land. Another \$1 million for acquisition will be financed through a state land trust fund.

The remaining \$3.5 million needed for purchase could come from the county's \$500,000 share and the state share of federal land and water funds. If the state requests the \$500,000 county share, it will be considered by the parks and recreation commission next Wednesday, said R. Eric Reickel, county parks manager.

Reickel said the parks commission may borrow the money through sale of general obligation bonds.

The state has been negotiating with Oakland County to participate in the project since early this year.

Reickel said the state will request the money "only if necessary."

"I don't want to spend the money if I don't have to," he said.

A STATE Department of Natural Resources representative said Tuesday about "900 acres or so" of the Chrysler land would be for county park development if the county decides to participate.

More than half of the 2,400 acres would become part of the Bald Mountain state park. The remainder may be developed as a township park.

Purchase of the Chrysler property has been linked with a state assistance package for the financially troubled auto maker.

But DNR representative Ed Hagan said, "We're not doing this just to aid Chrysler."

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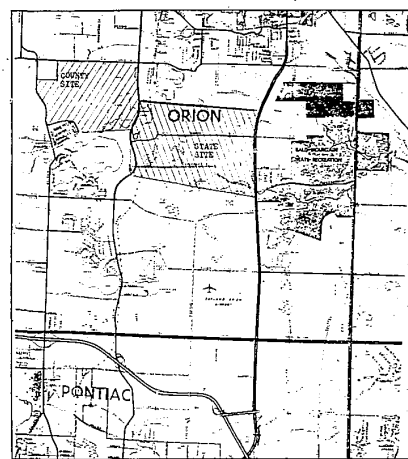
The land is valued at \$8 million, but Chrysler reduced the asking price to \$5.5 million as part of the negotiations.

State Rep. Alice Tomboulion, D-Oakland Township, and U.S. Sens. Donald Riegle and Carl Levin, both Michigan Democrats, last week announced that the special \$1 million federal purchase grant had been approved.

Tomboulion said the Interior Department had twice refused to approve federal funds for the park project.

"We're getting it put together piece by piece," she said.

The park site, between Lapeer and Baldwin roads in Orion Township, would be north of General Motors' proposed new auto plant.



If Oakland County chips in \$500,000 for land purchase, a new county park could be developed between Joslyn and Baldwin roads, south of Clarkston Road, in Orion Township. The area between Lapeer and Joslyn roads, south of Clarkston, would be developed by the state. Shaded areas indicate approximate boundaries of the land, now owned by Chrysler Realty Corp.

Pontiac gets federal grant

Gov. William G. Milliken has announced that the City of Pontiac has received a \$62,500 grant from the Economic Development Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

The grant, to be matched by \$20,900 in city funds, is to provide funding to continue a program of economic development planning for the next 10 months.

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