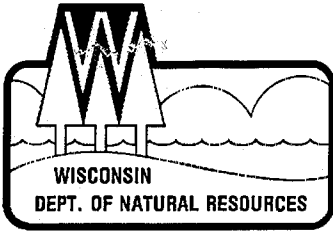


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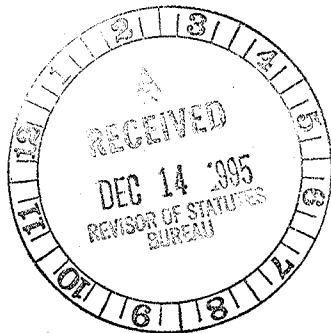
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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

I, George E. Meyer, Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and custodian of the official records of said Department, do hereby certify that the annexed copy of Natural Resources Board Order No. PM-17-95 was duly approved and adopted by this Department on October 26, 1995. I further certify that said copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this Department and that the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Department at the Natural Resources Building in the City of Madison, this 13th day of December, 1995.

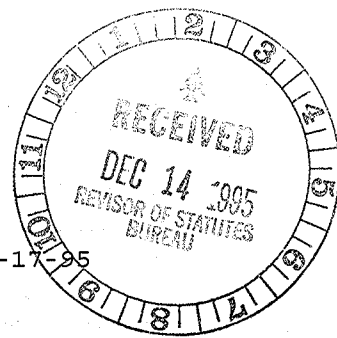
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ORDER OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD
REPEALING AND RECREATING RULES



The Wisconsin Natural Resources Board proposes an order to repeal and recreate NR 1.40(2) relating Natural Resources Board policies for land acquisition

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Analysis Prepared by the Department of Natural Resources

Statutory authority: ss. 23.09(2), 227.11(2) (a), Stats.

Statutes interpreted: ss. 23.09(2) (d), 23.09(2dm), Stats.

This order establishes land acquisition priorities. The Department will use these priorities to evaluate proposed new land acquisition projects.

SECTION 1. NR 1.40(2) is repealed and recreated to read:

NR 1.40(2) Projects under this section will be undertaken based on the following descending order of priority:

(a) Consolidation and completion of existing projects.

(b) New acquisition projects based on the following criteria listed in descending order of priority:

1. Land to protect rare and threatened natural resources; to protect genetic and biological diversity; and to protect, manage or restore critical fish and wildlife habitat.

2. Unique, one-of-a-kind opportunities that may only be available once; projects of special scenic quality; and projects that are "irreplaceable"; an uncommonly large tract of unique natural resources of sufficient size to provide immediate and significant results in meeting program goals.

3. Water-based resources that include land important to protect and improve the quality of the state's surface and ground water; and land for recreation and management along streams, rivers, lakes and flowages.

4. Lands to accommodate broad, natural resource-based outdoor recreation and state recreational trails.

5. Land within 40 miles of Wisconsin's 12 largest cities. If funding limits the ability to purchase available lands within existing urban areas, preference will be given to rural lands near population centers.

Note: Wisconsin's 12 largest cities are: Milwaukee, Madison, Green Bay, Racine, Kenosha, Appleton, West Allis, Waukesha, Eau Claire, Oshkosh, Janesville and LaCrosse.

6. Protection of scenic lands that meet the department priorities in subs. 1 to 5.

(c) Proposed new projects which fall within the following criteria will be given lower priority. Low priorities are not listed in order.

1. Wetland projects acquired primarily to provide additional protection beyond regulation and zoning that do not meet other recreational, water quality or resource management needs.

2. Projects to protect and preserve natural resources not threatened with incompatible use.

3. Projects not part of large, broad-based integrated management efforts to provide multiple outdoor recreational opportunities.

4. Timber production areas that do not meet other recreational, water quality or resource management needs.

5. Lands owned by another unit of government and not threatened with sale or incompatible use.

The foregoing rules were approved and adopted by the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board on October 26, 1995.

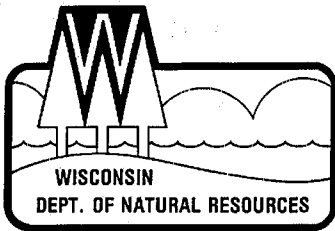
The rules contained herein shall take effect on _____ pursuant to authority granted by s. 227.22(2)(b), Stats.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, 12-13-95.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

By George E Meyer
George E. Meyer, Secretary

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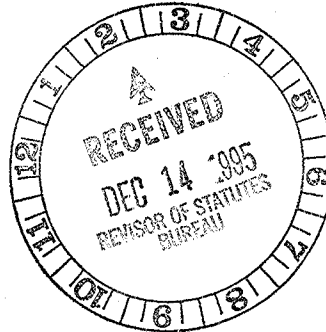
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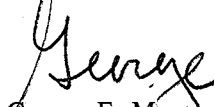


Dear Mr. Poulson:

Enclosed are two copies, including one certified copy, of State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board Order No. PM-17-95. These rules were reviewed by the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on Environment and Energy pursuant to s. 227.19, Stats. Summaries of the final regulatory flexibility analysis and comments of the legislative review committees are also enclosed.

You will note that this order takes effect following publication. Kindly publish it in the Administrative Code accordingly.

Sincerely,


George E. Meyer
Secretary

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