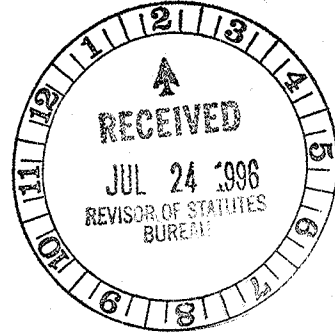


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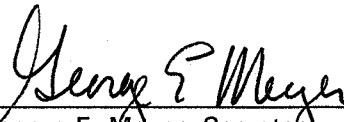
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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

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. PR-10-96 was duly approved and adopted by this Department on April 24, 1996. 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 17th day of July, 1996

  
George E. Meyer, Secretary

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ORDER OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD CREATING RULES.

The Wisconsin Natural Resources Board proposes an order to create NR 51 subch. VII relating to administration of Heritage State Park and Forest Trust grants. PR-10-96

Analysis Prepared by Department of Natural Resources

Statutory authority: ss. 25.295, 27.016, and 227.11, Stats.  
Statutes interpreted: ss. 23.098, 25.295, and 27.016, Stats.

The Department is proposing to create a new subchapter to ch. NR 51 to regulate the Heritage State Park and Forest Trust Grants. The Heritage State Parks and Forest Trust Fund program consists of revenues from gifts to the trust fund and from the sale of utility easements on state park property. The actual amount of money available is difficult to determine at this time because the Department does not know the extent of the Department's trust fund or interest on endowment funds of the Friends Organizations. All Funds will be used in the maintenance or operation of state parks, southern state forests and state recreation areas.

The proposed rules assure equal evaluations of qualifying groups under the definition of friends groups in s. 23.098(1), Stats., and s. NR 1.71. The rules emphasize the purpose, who can apply, which projects are eligible, the priorities and the application and grant awarding procedures.

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SECTION 1. NR 51 subch. VII is created to read:

**SUBCHAPTER VII. HERITAGE STATE PARK AND FOREST TRUST GRANTS**

NR 51.90 PURPOSE. The purpose of this subchapter is to establish criteria and procedures for the implementation of heritage state park and forest trust grants to friends groups for property maintenance and operations under s. 27.016, Stats.

NR 51.91 APPLICABILITY. This subchapter is applicable to friends groups organized for, and under formal written agreements with the department for properties or programs under s. 23.098(1), Stats., and s. NR 1.71. This subchapter is also applicable to nonstock, nonprofit corporations described under section 501 (c) (3) or (4) of the internal revenue code and exempt from taxation under section 501 (a) of the internal revenue code organized for the primary purpose of operating a department property by lease or similar written arrangements.

NR 51.92 ELIGIBLE PROJECTS. All projects shall be consistent with property master plans, or be from a comprehensive list of potential

projects, available through park and forest superintendent, which shall be prepared by the department annually.

NR 51.93 PRIORITIES. Priority shall be given to those projects, not listed in order of priority, that do any of the following:

- (1) Provide, maintain or operate department approved interpretive programs.
- (2) Provide or maintain accessibility for people with disabilities.
- (3) Assist in the restoration or rehabilitation of property using native flora or fauna or both.
- (4) Provide special events, programs, public information or marketing strategies consistent with the goals of the department for that property.
- (5) Maintain or operate basic facilities already provided at the property.

NR 51.94 APPLICATION AND GRANT AWARD PROCEDURES. (1) Applications shall include a description of the proposed project, a cost estimate, timetable and other information required by the department. This information shall be provided on forms provided by the department.

(2) The department shall establish an annual application deadline, which shall be stated on the application form. Applications for grants received after that deadline shall be considered on a case-by-case basis to the extent that funds are available.

(3) To qualify for a grant under this program, a friends group shall have established an endowment fund for the benefit of a state park, a southern forest or a state recreation area and shall have entered into a written agreement with the department for operation or maintenance of state property.

(4) Grant awards may be given for 50% of the amount of matching funds provided by the friends group and are restricted by all other conditions of s. 27.016, Stats. The department may not expend more than \$30,000 for each friends group or state property in a given year. Grant funds shall be deposited in a separate project account established by the friends group and may be used only for the project described in the approved grant application.

(5) The department shall evaluate all completed applications to determine which applications shall receive grants according to the priorities in this subchapter. All awarded grant monies may be advanced to the successful friends group applicant once the applicant can show it has 100% of its share of the project monies in a separate project account.

(6) Each friends group which receives a grant award shall maintain accurate and complete financial records of project expenses in accordance with department reporting requirements. A final accounting of project expenditures shall be submitted to the property manager within 60 days of the completion of the project or by the date indicated in the grant agreement, whichever is sooner. If actual expenses for the project are less than estimated, the friends group shall return any unused grant funds it has received with the final report.

Note: Copies of the department's financial reporting requirements and forms are available from the property manager.

The foregoing rules were approved and adopted by the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board on April 24, 1996.

The rules shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin administrative register as provided in s. 227.22(2)(intro.), Stats.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin

July 19, 1996

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By

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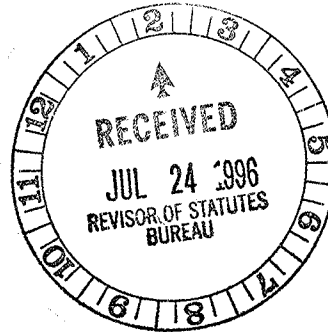
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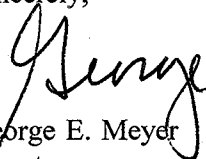


  
Dear Mr. Poulson:

Enclosed are two copies, including one certified copy, of State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board Order No. PR-10-96. 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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