

Report to  
Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse  
NR 47, subch. XII, Wis. Adm. Code  
Natural Resources Board Order No. FR-11-08

Wisconsin Statutory Authority

s. 23.097(1r) and 227.11(2)(a), Stats., interpreting s. 23.097(1r), Stats.

Federal Authority

N/A

Court Decisions Directly Relevant

None

Analysis of the Rule - Rule Effect - Reason for the Rule

2007 Wisconsin Act 13 gives the department the authority to provide urban forestry grants to meet communities' needs for repair, removal and replacement of trees following a catastrophic storm event for which the Governor has designated a state of emergency. Act 13 allows for a portion of the current urban forestry grant appropriation be used to fund no-match catastrophic storm grants in an expedited manner for Governor-declared disasters in urban or developed areas of the state.

To accomplish this, the proposed rule will update the general provisions section on grant termination and enforcement and create a new subchapter for the urban forestry catastrophic storm grants which will establish eligibility, application procedures, eligible costs for payment, the grant selection process and the required supporting documentation for the urban forestry catastrophic grant program.

Agency Procedures for Promulgation

Public hearings, Natural Resources Board final adoption, followed by legislative review.

Description of any Forms (attach copies if available)

None

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