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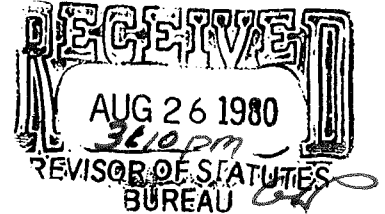
State of Wisconsin \ DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Anthony S. Earl  
Secretary

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IN REPLY REFER TO: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF WISCONSIN )  
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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ) SS



TO ALL TOWHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

I, Anthony S. Earl, 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. FA-59-79 was duly approved and adopted by this Department on March 27, 1980. I further certify that said copy is the form approved by the legislative review committees pursuant to s. 227.018, Stats., and that said copy has been compared by me with the corrected original on file in this Department and that the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such corrected original.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Department at General Executive Facility #2 in the City of Madison, this 26<sup>TH</sup> day of August, 1980.

*Anthony S. Earl*  
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Anthony S. Earl, Secretary

(SEAL)

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ORDER OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

CREATING RULES

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 IN THE MATTER OF creating section 50.16 .  
 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code . FA-59-79  
 pertaining to the administration of .  
 a conservancy zone grant program .  
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Analysis Prepared by Department of Natural Resources

Chapter NR 50, Wis. Adm. Code, pertains to the Department of Natural Resources' administration of the snowmobile aids, LAWCON and ORAP aids programs. The department is required to establish a Conservancy Zone Grant Program for the protection and enforcement of the natural environment on trail development, wildlife habitat improvement, shelter facilities and other projects. The rules will allow the department to disburse funds for these projects and similar projects on municipally owned conservancy zones or areas of 160 acres or more.

Pursuant to the authority vested in the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board by Section 2039(9), Chapter 34, Laws of 1979, and section 227.014, Wisconsin Statutes, the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board hereby creates rules interpreting Section 2039(9), Chapter 34, Laws of 1979 as follows:

SECTION 1 - Section NR 50.01(18) is created to read:

(18) "Conservancy zone" is the designation a unit of government may give to a natural area held for the preservation of open space and supporting environmental education, nature interpretation and research activities.

(19) "Qualified naturalist" means a person who has had academic training and/or experience in ecology and outdoor education.

SECTION 2 - Section NR 50.02(9) is created to read:

(9) Conservancy zone grant program, s. 2939(9), chapter 34, laws of 1979, which provides aids to municipalities for the protection and enhancement of the natural environment on municipally owned conservancy zones of 160 acres or more.

SECTION 3 - Section NR 50.16 is created to read:

NR 50.16 Conservancy zone grant program. (1) Cities, villages and towns may receive up to 100% reimbursement of funds used for the protection and enhancement of the natural environment on trail development, wildlife habitat improvement, shelter facilities and similar projects on municipally owned conservancy zones or areas of 160 acres or more.

(2) General provisions. (a) A conservancy zone or area developed with funds from the program shall not be converted to any other use without prior consent of the department secretary or designee in writing. The department shall require the payback of all funds granted.

(b) Facilities developed with funds from the program shall be open to the general public.

(c) To be eligible the municipality must have an established nature study program under the supervision of a qualified naturalist.

(3) Eligible projects. Types of projects eligible for funds may include but are not limited to the following: (a) Improvement of accessibility which includes materials and equipment to create or extend trails including bridges, shelters, observation platforms and trail markers.

(b) Identification and definition of boundaries including signing and surveying.

(c) Construction of structures for instruction, the storage of instructional equipment.

(d) Instructional equipment including display cabinets, cages, tanks and related furnishings.

(4) Allowable costs, billings, and audits. (a) To be eligible for reimbursement, costs must have been incurred within the project period unless written retroactivity has been granted by the department secretary or designee.

(b) Force account work is eligible for reimbursement. Fringe benefits, indirect costs, and donated labor, equipment and materials shall not be allowable costs in force account projects.

(c) Billings may be submitted upon completion of a project or an usable portion of a project.

(d) Final payment will be dependent on completion of the project in accordance with the conditions described in the approved project agreement.

(5) Procedures for application. (a) An application shall be submitted on prescribed department forms including a resolution officially adopted by the governing unit.

(b) Environmental assessment information, cost estimates, specifications, and other information shall be furnished to evaluate the application.

(c) If applications for aids exceed the funds available, the department shall prorate the funds available to the municipalities.

The foregoing rules were approved and adopted by the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board on March 27, 1980.

The foregoing rules will take effect upon publication as provided in section 227.026(1) intro., Wisconsin Statutes.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin

26 August 1980

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

By

Anthony S. Earl

Anthony S. Earl, Secretary

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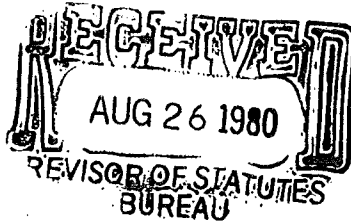


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August 27, 1980



IN REPLY REFER TO: 1020

Mr. Orlan L. Prestegard  
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411 West  
C A P I T O L

Dear Mr. Prestegard:

Enclosed are two copies, including one certified copy, of State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board Order No. FA-59-79. These rules were reviewed by the Assembly Tourism, Recreation and Economic Development Committee and the Senate Natural Resources and Tourism Committee pursuant to section 227.018, Wisconsin Statutes. There were no objections.

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

Sincerely,

Anthony S. Earl  
Secretary

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