

State of Wisconsin



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1997 WISCONSIN ACT 226

AN ACT to amend 36.37 (3) (intro.) and 36.37 (4) (a) to (c); and to create 36.37 (3) (e) of the statutes; relating to: Downer Woods on the campus of the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 36.37 (3) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

36.37 (3) DEFINITIONS. (intro.) In this section, “Downer Woods” or “the woods” means those parcels of wood, parkland and buildings comprising more than 18.805 ~~21.4337~~ acres located on the campus of the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, and divided into ~~4~~ 5 separate and distinct categories, which categories shall define the proper and permissible uses of the parcels, as follows:

SECTION 2. 36.37 (3) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

36.37 (3) (e) Park and woodland areas, consisting of 2.6287 acres, which may be subject to limited modifications, such as landscaping and utility lines.

SECTION 3. 36.37 (4) (a) to (c) of the statutes are amended to read:

36.37 (4) (a) That portion of Downer Woods designated a permanent conservation area is to be forever protected from encroachment or disparate uses, and its boundaries are to be defined and protected by fencing or other suitable means. The chancellor of the University of

Wisconsin–Milwaukee, through the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee Field Station, shall prepare and implement a Downer Woods natural area management and restoration plan to ensure that the conservation area is managed properly as a natural area.

(b) That portion of Downer Woods designated as permanently reserved woodland shall be set aside exclusively for purposes of community enhancement and relaxation, and any disparate uses to or encroachments upon such land is prohibited except for the purpose of constructing an addition and providing service to Sandburg Hall, which may not exceed 0.75 acres. The board shall grant a temporary easement sufficient to facilitate the construction of the addition, and whenever necessary to facilitate the maintenance of Sandburg Hall, conditioned upon the ecological restoration of the area within the easement.

(c) ~~That portion~~ Those portions of Downer Woods designated as park and woodland areas under sub. (3) (c) and (e) may be used by the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee as recreational and aesthetic corridors, ~~if any,~~ Any modifications made to such portions of the woods ~~do~~ under sub. (3) (c) and (e) may not significantly alter the present character of such land, and any disparate uses to or encroachments upon such land is are prohibited.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 1995–96: Effective date of acts. “Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor’s partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated” by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].