

**SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,  
TO 2003 SENATE BILL 394**

February 24, 2004 – Offered by COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

1 **AN ACT to create** 23.0916 of the statutes; **relating to:** information about real  
2 property purchased with stewardship money and public access to that property.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 23.0916 of the statutes is created to read:

4 **23.0916 Warren Knowles–Gaylord Nelson stewardship programs**  
5 **property access and information. (1) DEFINITIONS.** In this section:

6 (ag) “Department land” has the meaning given in s. 23.0917 (1) (c).

7 (am) “Governmental unit” has the meaning given in s. 23.09 (19) (a) 2.

8 (b) “Land” has the meaning given in s. 23.0917 (1) (d).

9 (c) “Nonprofit conservation organization” has the meaning given in s. 23.0955  
10 (1).

11 (d) “Stewardship programs” means the stewardship programs under ss.  
12 23.0915 and 23.0917.

1           **(2) LAND MAPPING AND DIRECTORY.** (a) Within 18 months after the effective date  
2 of this paragraph .... [revisor inserts date], the department shall establish and  
3 maintain an interactive mapping tool at the department’s website that identifies all  
4 land purchased under the stewardship programs that is open for public access.  
5 Public access to the mapping tool at the website shall be available without charge.

6           (b) Within 18 months after the effective date of this paragraph .... [revisor  
7 inserts date], the department shall make available a directory of all land purchased  
8 under the stewardship programs that is open for public access. The directory shall  
9 be organized by county and town and shall identify the legal description of the  
10 location of the land. The directory shall be updated at least every 2 years. The  
11 department may charge a fee for the directory, but the fee may not exceed the cost  
12 of the publication of the directory. In lieu of the department preparing and making  
13 available a directory, the department may provide to the public at the department’s  
14 cost, a map, book, or directory that meets the requirements of this paragraph and  
15 that is published by a private entity.

16           **(3) ACCESS TO STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMS PROPERTY.**

17           (b) The owner of land purchased under the stewardship programs on or after  
18 the effective date of this paragraph .... [revisor inserts date], shall provide notice of  
19 public access to that land by the placement of signs adequate to give notice. The  
20 owner of land purchased under the stewardship programs before the effective date  
21 of this paragraph .... [revisor inserts date], shall provide notice of public access to that  
22 land by the placement of signs adequate to give notice within 18 months after the  
23 effective date of this paragraph .... [revisor inserts date]. The area of each sign shall  
24 be at least 108 square inches and made of a durable substance. The signs shall be  
25 placed at major access points to the property.

1 (bg) If the land that is purchased under the stewardship programs on or after  
2 the effective date of this paragraph .... [revisor inserts date], is surrounded by  
3 department land, the department shall provide notice of public access to the land  
4 purchased under the stewardship programs by the placement of signs adequate to  
5 give notice at the major access points to the department land. If the land that is  
6 purchased under the stewardship programs before the effective date of this  
7 paragraph .... [revisor inserts date], is surrounded by department land, the  
8 department shall provide notice of public access to the land purchased under the  
9 stewardship programs by the placement of signs adequate to give notice at the major  
10 access points to the department land within 18 months after the effective date of this  
11 paragraph .... [revisor inserts date]. The area of each sign shall be at least 108 square  
12 inches and made of a durable substance.

13 (br) The signs required under pars. (b) and (bg) shall include information on  
14 the primary activities that are restricted or prohibited on the land and the name and  
15 telephone number of the owner of the property or a person to contact regarding the  
16 land. Signs shall also be placed at the specified major access points that give notice  
17 that the land was acquired in whole or in part using stewardship program funds.

18 (c) The department shall provide to the legislature biennially under s. 13.172  
19 (2) a list of all land purchased under the stewardship programs for which public  
20 access has been restricted or prohibited and the reasons for that action.

21 (d) If the owner of land purchased under the stewardship programs before, on,  
22 or after the effective date of this paragraph .... [revisor inserts date], fails to comply  
23 with the requirements of par. (b), that person is not eligible for any program or grant  
24 under s. 23.0915 or 23.0917 until the department determines that the person is in  
25 compliance with par. (b).

