

Chapter NR 47

FORESTRY GRANT AND STATE AID ADMINISTRATION

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Subchapter I — General Provisions

NR 47.001 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to implement and administer grant and state aid programs pertaining to forestry and forest resources in the state.

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NR 47.002 Definitions. For purposes of this chapter:

(1) "Act" means the cooperative forestry assistance act as amended (16 USC 2101, et seq.).

(2) "Committee" means the state forest stewardship coordinating committee created under s. NR 47.003.

(3) "Department" means department of natural resources.

(4) "Fiscal year" means October 1 through September 30.

Note: This is the fiscal year of the United States government.

(5) "Forest service" means United States department of agriculture, U.S. forest service.

(6) "Landowner" means any private individual, group, association, corporation, Indian tribe or other native group, or other private legal entity, excluding corporations whose stocks are publicly traded or legal entities principally engaged in the production of wood products.

(7) "Nonindustrial private forest land" means rural lands with existing tree cover or which are suitable for growing trees and owned by any landowner as defined in this section.

(8) "Project" means the practice or activity for which funds are applied for under this chapter.

(9) "State" means the state of Wisconsin.

(10) "State forester" means the state forester of the department's bureau of forestry, as appointed by the secretary of the department.

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NR 47.003 Forest stewardship coordinating committee. (1) **CREATION; COMPOSITION.** There is created a forest stewardship coordinating committee appointed by the state forester and chaired by the state forester or his or her designee. The state forester shall ensure that the membership of the committee is representative, to the extent practicable, of the following groups:

(a) The forest service, soil conservation service, agricultural stabilization and conservation service, and extension service;

(b) Representatives of:

1. Local governments
2. Consulting foresters
3. Environmental organizations
4. Forest products industry
5. Forest land owners
6. Land-trust organizations
7. Conservation organizations
8. The state fish and wildlife agency, and
9. Any other individual determined appropriate by the state forester.

Note: The composition of the committee is as directed in the act.

(2) **ROLE OF COMMITTEE.** The committee shall make recommendations to the state forester on administration of the forest stewardship program.

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NR 47.004 Project reports. (1) **APPLICABILITY.** The provisions of this section apply only to subchs. II, IV and V.

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(2) Applicants with a tree ordinance, plan or administrative rule which describes public policies for tree planting, protection, maintenance and removal.

(3) Applicants with an ongoing forestry program budget. This funding need not be a line item amount in the budget but could include for example expenditures for tree removal, administration expenses, volunteer labor and other activity involved in managing trees.

(4) Applicants that have not received urban forestry assistance grants in the past.

(5) Projects that maximize benefits to the urban forest resource.

(6) Projects that are cost effective.

(7) Projects that involve the community in the development or implementation of the project.

(8) Projects that maximize benefits to the public.

(9) Projects that are innovative.

(10) Activities that are not currently funded.

(11) Community population.

(12) Projects that involve or stimulate cooperation with other local governments, organizations, schools or businesses.

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NR 47.58 Grant awards; payment. (1) **GRANT AWARDS.** Grants shall be awarded subject to execution of the department's project agreement.

(2) **PAYMENT.** Grant payments shall be made upon approval of the final report and the final accounting claim supported by evidence of cost.

(3) **FINAL AUDIT.** All payments are contingent upon final audit. Financial records including all documentation to support entries in the accounting records to substantiate charges for each project shall be kept available for review by state or federal officials for a period of 3 years after final payment.

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