

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2011 Wisconsin Act 250 [2011 Assembly Bill 395]

Niagara Escarpment

Current law specifies that, when acquiring land or awarding grants to nonprofit conservation organizations to acquire land under the stewardship program, the Department of Natural Resources must give priority to certain types of land acquisitions, including acquisitions along the shores of the Great lakes, land for habitat and natural areas, and land in the middle Kettle Moraine.

2011 Wisconsin Act 250 adds land in the Niagara Escarpment corridor to this list of priorities. The Niagara Escarpment is a geologic feature that runs through various counties in the eastern part of the state.

Effective date: Act 250 takes effect on April 20, 2012.

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