

Wisconsin Natural Areas Preservation Council GUIDELINES

Placing plaques or memorials on State Natural Areas DRAFT

Introduction

Placing a plaque or memorial on a designated State Natural Area may be appropriate to acknowledge a gift or personal service, a significant contribution to natural resources management, or to note a significant historical or cultural event on the property. A plaque, sign or memorial recognizing an individual who simply had a personal attachment to the property is not allowed.

Procedure for approving plaques, signs or memorials

1. Proposals shall be sent to the Director, Bureau of Endangered Resources (BER) for consideration. (NOTE: Manual Code 2281.1 would need to be changed to provide for a different procedure for SNA's. For DNR properties in general, approval authority for plaques, signs and memorials is with the Regional Director.)
2. Proposals shall be evaluated by Natural Areas staff. If staff recommends approval, the proposal may be forwarded to the Council by the Director, BER, for advice. In evaluating the proposal, the Council shall consider factors such as location, size, and appearance of the plaque, sign or memorial so that it minimizes visual intrusiveness and potential environmental disturbance; and whether the specific proposal is an appropriate recognition of the individual or group involved.

Removal of unauthorized plaques, signs or memorials

Consistent with the goals of the Natural Areas program, unauthorized plaques, signs and memorials may only be removed by natural processes or when part of an approved restoration project as provided in NAPC policy.

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(Not acted upon for approval)



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