

LANDOWNER INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Authorization: ch. NR 58, Wis. Admin. Code

Budget: 2011-2012 Fiscal Year = \$57,500
2012-2013 Fiscal Year = \$57,500

Objective: To provide financial and technical assistance to restore habitat on private land to benefit “at-risk” plant and animal species. (defined as Endangered, Threatened, Special Concern, and Species of Greatest Conservation Need)

Eligibility: Landowners and organizations conducting management or restoration on privately-owned land may apply.

Level of Assistance: 75% matching reimbursement grants, up to \$25,000.

Priorities: Projects within Wisconsin’s Driftless area. Projects must benefit at least one at-risk species population on site or within ½ mile.



Eligible Types of Projects: Restoration activities may include (but are not limited to) conducting prescribed burns, restoring native vegetation, and removing invasive species. Funds must pertain directly to the on-the-ground work and cannot be used for overhead or indirect costs associated with restoration activities.

Applications: Applications are accepted during an annual request for proposals, posted on the LIP website. Hard copies may be downloaded from the website or requested from the LIP Coordinator. Electronic submission through the online form is preferred (note that this link is only active during a RFP). http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/er/wlip/to_apply.htm

History: Since 2006, Wisconsin has received more than 350 applications from private landowners interested in promoting native habitat on their land. In each of these cases, Landowners are actively seeking to enhance existing populations and attract additional rare or listed species to their property.

To date, more than **3,000** privately-owned acres have been restored through LIP funding, at an average cost of less than \$200.00 per acre. These projects range from 1.5 acres in size to 150 acres, and LIP-funded activities are providing a direct benefit to populations of at least **235** at-risk species known to occur at project sites, including: 6 Federally listed species (1 Endangered, 4 Threatened, 1 candidate), 78 State Listed species, and 151 Special Concern Species.

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