

# ERReview

Endangered Resources  
Standard Reviews

## About the ER Review Program

Wisconsin's Endangered Species Law (s. 29.604, Wis. Stats.) requires the protection of our state's endangered and threatened species and directs the Wisconsin DNR to determine whether any activity the department conducts, funds or approves may affect endangered or threatened species.

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## What is an ER Review?

An ER Review is a formal letter detailing the rare species, high-quality natural communities and other endangered resources likely to be impacted by a specific proposed project. Reviews allow the project proponent to identify, address and develop solutions to endangered resources concerns. The letter includes actions needed and recommendations to help projects

Any activity the department conducts, funds or approves requires a review for endangered resources. A review may be completed in three ways: department permitting staff may conduct a review as part of their permit process; a project proponent



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may request a review for their project directly from the Endangered Resources Review Program; or utilize the ER Certification Program to complete your review.

**Going directly to the ER Review Program for a review will help facilitate the permitting process and allow for identification of potential impacts earlier in the process.**

## When to request a review

Requesting an ER Review well in advance of when the project is scheduled to begin allows identification and planning for any seasonal limitations. This may be necessary in order to avoid impacts to rare species and to allow time for any field surveys that may need to be conducted during a specific time of year (e.g., breeding season).

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## How long will a review take?

Regular ER Review turnaround times and costs vary depending on workload, staffing and complexity of the proposed project. A typical ER Review has an average turnaround time of 10 days and cost of \$75 to \$150.

If you have a short time constraint, consider an expedited review which is an ER Review completed in a guaranteed turnaround time of 7 business days for a higher cost.