Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Monitoring the Implementation of Property Master Plans

Property or Properties: **Aztalan State Park**

Year Master Plan was Approved: 2003

Property-wide

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES Real Estate Mtg.	**Recent Park Land Acquisitions / Transactions** • Acquire acreage within the expanded project boundary totaling 754 acres.
Accomplishments 2009	*No action*

Property-wide

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES Archaeological Mtg.	Conduct approved archaeological investigations before any soil disturbances greater than 2”deep in accordance with the legal protections listed in *Chapter 3, V. Existing Site Protections.*
Accomplishments 2009	*No Action*

Property-wide

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES Invasive Plant Species Mtg.	Remove and control the spread of invasive plant species by means that do not disturb the soil structure, such as limited chemical methods.
Accomplishments 2009	*Removed 20 acres of box elder trees for a prairie restoration project.*

Archaeological Protection Unit

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES Archaeological Mtg.	• Continue archaeological investigations as approved by the Department with assistance from the property's technical team and/or the WI State Archaeologist. • Use periodic mowing (4-5 times per year) to maintain existing bluegrass or low-grow/no-mow grass throughout the unit • Restore the northeast mound with methods and techniques directed by the Technical Advisory Team • Install secured erosion control matting and conduct revegetation plantings to continue the ongoing shoreline restoration project to stabilize soils on the riverbank. • Plant bluegrass or low-mow mixture in or on these areas to limit maintenance needs • Mow to manage burrowing animals in this area.

Accomplishments 2009	*Mowing continued as prescribed.*

<u>Public Use Unit</u>

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES Recreation/Interpretation Mtg.	<u>Additional Development</u> • New Park Road • Picnic Shelter • Picnic Areas - Lower Parking Lot Area - Upper Parking Lot Area • Interpretive Nodes • Interpretive Signage • Scenic Overlook • Trails - West Side Main Trail - West Side South Trail - East Trail • Pedestrian Bridge • East Side Elements

Accomplishments 2009	*New roof, siding and support posts for interpretive kiosk.* *Installed a flagpole with light at the shelter building.*

Public Use Unit

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES Vegetation Mtg.	• Remove invasive plants and revegetate them with native plants. • Implement erosion control practices on the shoreline riparian ecosystems. • Implement prescribed burns or twice-yearly brush mowing (18" height) to recreate tall and shortgrass prairie savanna.
Accomplishments 2009	*20 acres were over-seeded with native plant seed.*

Administrative Unit

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES Intensive Use Mtg.	Additional Development • Visitor Center • Archaeological Labe and Service Building • Parking

Accomplishments 2009	*No Action*

Administrative Unit

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES Vegetation Mtg.	• Conduct low mowing, 12-18”-high brush mowing, and/or prescribed burning to manage native grass areas for this unit • Continue to remove stumps, with archaeological investigation before removal when deemed necessary by the Technical Advisory Team or property manager • Continue to mow turf immediately adjacent to the building if deemed necessary
Accomplishments 2009	*5 stumps removed in non-sensitive areas.*

Visual Buffer Unit

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES Visual Buffer Mtg.	Additional Development • Construction of an accessible trail on a trail corridor to allow access to Signal/Pipestone Hill
Accomplishments 2009	*No Action*