

**Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resources Board Agenda Item**

SUBJECT: Requesting NRB approval to deviate from following Chapter NR 44, Wis. Adm. Code when amending plans that pre-date ch. NR 44.

FOR: January 2018 Board meeting

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Diane Brusoe, Property Planning Section Chief

SUMMARY:

Chapter NR 44, Master Planning for Department Properties was established in 1996. Per NR 44.01, the purpose of the chapter is to:

- (1) Create a uniform planning process for the management and use of department managed properties.
- (2) Establish procedures for the development, revision, amendment, implementation and review of master plans for department managed properties.
- (3) Establish a land management classification system for use in master plans for department managed properties.
- (4) Establish the minimum content of master plans for department managed properties.
- (5) Ensure that opportunities for public involvement are available in the development of master plan recommendations to the board.

The plan amendment process, as defined in NR 44.04, allows the department to make a change to a management classification or subclassification of a property or management area within a property without changing the goals or objectives for the property. When it amends a plan, the department is required to use the land management classifications established in NR 44 "unless directed otherwise by the board." NR 44.05(1).

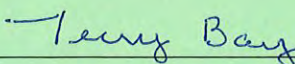


Plans that pre-date NR 44 do not include the land management classifications, subclassifications or the detailed goals and objectives that are identified in that chapter. Instead, they contain a classification scheme with broader use categories and no subclassifications. Consequently, it is difficult if not impossible to make a change to a pre-NR 44 classification using the NR 44 classifications and subclassifications without amending all of the classifications in the plan.

The department recommends that amendments to pre-NR 44 plans use the land classification system consistent with the plan being amended rather than using the NR 44 classifications and subclassifications, specifically ss. NR 44.05-44.07. The department will continue to follow the remainder of that chapter, including its public involvement requirements. This standing authorization will end when all master plans have been revised.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend the board direct the department to use the land management classifications consistent with the plan being amended instead of NR 44 classifications, specifically ss. NR 44.05-44.07, when amending plans that pre-date NR 44, in accordance with the board's authority under NR 44.05(1).

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS (check all that are applicable):

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