

CHAPTER 2  
MANAGEMENT OF STATE PRESERVES

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**575—2.1(465C) General provisions.**

**2.1(1) Definitions.** As used in these rules, the following definitions shall apply:

“*Articles of dedication*” means those terms described in Iowa Code section 465C.9.

“*Board*” means the state preserves advisory board.

“*Commission*” means the natural resource commission.

“*Department*” means the department of natural resources.

“*Director*” means director of the department of natural resources.

“*Preserve*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 465C.1.

**2.1(2) Types of preserves.** There shall be five major classes of preserves.

a. *Natural preserves.* These areas contain natural communities, habitats, native flora and fauna, or endangered, threatened, or rare organisms.

b. *Archaeological preserves.* These areas contain significant deposits left by prehistoric or early historic peoples.

c. *Historical preserves.* These are sites that contain structures or places that are of significance in studying the tenure of humans in Iowa since the advent of the first Euro-American explorers.

d. *Geological preserves.* These are areas which contain rare or distinctive landforms, fossils, stratigraphic sections, mineral deposits or examples of mining history; type or reference sections; or other special features or deposits which represent the events and processes of Iowa’s earth history.

e. *Scenic preserves.* These are areas that contain scenic features of aesthetic, scientific, or educational value.

**575—2.2(465C) Management provisions.**

**2.2(1) Administration and management.** The administrative and management authority shall be agreed upon by the board, the property owner, and the manager.

**2.2(2) Management plan.** For each preserve, an authorized representative of the owner shall prepare a management plan in consultation with the department staff assigned to the board. The management plan shall be consistent with the articles of dedication and shall include identification of uses of the preserve that are compatible and incompatible with its dedication as a preserve. The management plan shall be amended from time to time as appropriate in response to new information. The management plan and amendments shall be submitted to the board for approval. The department shall keep a copy of the current management plan. A management plan for a new preserve shall be submitted for approval by the board in conjunction with approval of dedication of the preserve. Management plans for existing preserves shall be prepared and submitted for approval as resources are available. If the director and board disagree concerning the plan for a department-managed preserve, the disagreement shall be resolved by obtaining commission approval of a management plan.

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