

CHAPTER 2
MANAGEMENT OF STATE PRESERVES

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.

“*Preserves*” 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. Nature preserves. These areas which are of value primarily because they contain natural communities, habitats, or flora and fauna which have undergone little or no disturbance by modern man, or which contain species which are in danger of extinction in the state of Iowa.

b. Archaeological preserves. These areas contain important archaeological resources which include any material remains of past human life or activities which are of archaeological interest.

c. Historical preserves. These are sites which contain structures, objects, or features, both man-made and natural, which are of significance in studying the tenure of man in Iowa since European contact.

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 which contain scenic features of aesthetic or educational value.

575—2.2(465C) Management provisions.

2.2(1) Administration and custody. The administrative and custodial authority shall be designated in the articles of dedication. In the case that an individual is designated as the custodian, the articles of dedication shall provide for a successional custodian(s) until the area is assured of permanent care.

2.2(2) Management and use. All rules for the management and use of a preserve shall be included in the articles of dedication. A specific management plan shall be attached to and made a part of the articles of dedication.

2.2(3) Reports and records. The custodian shall submit periodic reports to the board and to the department as the board and the department shall designate, and shall retain a copy of the report. These reports shall constitute a portion of the records for each preserve. Such records shall be open for public inspection at any reasonable time.

2.2(4) Research. In addition to cultural and natural history research, there may be continuing studies on the management of each preserve or on particular problems unique to each preserve. Management plans may be updated as necessary. Revisions shall be attached to the articles of dedication.

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