

571—23.14(483A) Penalties. Whenever any property, real or personal, acquired or developed with habitat stamp fund assistance passes from the control of the grantee or is used for other purposes which conflict with the project purpose, it will be considered an unlawful use of the funds. The department shall notify the local entity of any such violation.

23.14(1) Remedy. Funds thus used unlawfully must be returned to the department for inclusion in the wildlife habitat stamp fund, or a property of equal value at current market prices and with commensurate benefits to wildlife must be acquired with local, non-cost-shared funds to replace it. Such replacement must be approved by the commission. The local entity shall have a period of two years after notification by the department in which to correct the unlawful use of funds. The remedies provided by this rule are in addition to others provided by law.

23.14(2) Land disposal. Whenever it has been determined and agreed upon by the grantee and the commission that land acquired or developed with habitat stamp fund assistance is no longer of value for the project purpose, or that the local entity has other good cause, the land, with the approval of the commission, may be disposed of and the proceeds thereof used to acquire or develop an area of equal value, or 75 percent of the proceeds shall be returned to the state for inclusion in the wildlife habitat stamp fund.

23.14(3) Equipment disposal. Whenever it has been determined by the grantee and the commission that equipment acquired with habitat stamp fund assistance, and with an acquisition cost of \$250 or more, is no longer of value for the project purpose, or that the local entity has other good cause, the equipment, with the approval of the commission, may be disposed of by sale or transfer to another eligible agency. The proceeds of any sale, with the approval of the commission, may be used to acquire other equipment, or 75 percent of the proceeds shall be returned to the state for inclusion in the wildlife habitat stamp fund.

23.14(4) Ineligibility. Whenever a local agency shall be in violation of this rule, it shall be ineligible for further assistance until the matter has been resolved to the satisfaction of the commission.