

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION[571]

Adopted and Filed

Rulemaking related to the community forestry grant program

The Natural Resource Commission (Commission) hereby rescinds Chapter 34, “Community Forestry Grant Program (CFGP),” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is adopted under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 455A.5(6)“a.”

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code chapter 461A and section 456A.24(13).

Purpose and Summary

The purpose of this chapter was to define the cost-sharing procedures between state and local public agencies or volunteer organizations to fund community tree planting projects. The Commission is rescinding this chapter because the program can be run with more flexibility without these rules under the terms of the underlying federal grants, along with the accompanying grant agreements signed by recipients and the Department of Natural Resources.

Public Comment and Changes to Rulemaking

Notice of Intended Action for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on December 27, 2023, as **ARC 7231C**. A public hearing was held on January 23, 2024, at 12 noon via video/conference call. No one attended the public hearing. No public comments were received. No changes from the Notice have been made.

Adoption of Rulemaking

This rulemaking was adopted by the Commission on April 11, 2024.

Fiscal Impact

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

This rulemaking is subject to the waiver provisions of 571—Chapter 11. Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Commission for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee’s meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

Effective Date

This rulemaking will become effective on June 5, 2024.

The following rulemaking action is adopted:

ITEM 1. Rescind and reserve **571—Chapter 34**.

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