

**462B.1 Definitions.**

As used in [this chapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Commission*” means the natural resource commission.
2. “*Conservation easement*” means an easement as defined in [section 457A.2](#).
3. “*Department*” means the department of natural resources.
4. “*Legislature*” means the Iowa general assembly.
5. “*Management plan*” means the document that states the goals and objectives of a specific protected water area which has been proposed for designation, the specific description of the area to be protected, land use agreements with property owners, the specific management programming considerations for the area, the in-depth project evaluations, analysis, justifications, and cost estimates, the proposed acquisition of fee title and conservation easements and other agreements, and the specific design and layout of facilities.
6. “*Prospective protected water area*” means a water area designated by the commission for which an in-depth study for permanent designation as an element of the protected water area system is conducted. Such areas shall possess outstanding cultural and natural resource values such as water conservation, scenic, fish, wetland, forest, prairie, mineral, geological, historic, archaeological, recreation, education, water quality, or flood protection values.
7. “*Protected water area*” means a water area permanently designated by the commission for inclusion in the protected water area system.
8. “*Protected water area system*” means a total comprehensive program that includes the goals and objectives, the state plan, the individual management plans, the prospective protected water areas, the protected water areas, the acquisition of fee title and conservation easements and other agreements, and the administration and management of such areas.
9. “*State plan*” means a long-range comprehensive document that states the goals and objectives of the protected water area system, establishes the procedure and criteria for prospective protected water area designation, provides the format for prospective area analysis, establishes a priority system for prospective area study, recommends potential areas for inclusion into the system, institutes interagency coordination, and outlines general administrative and management needs to develop and administer this system.
10. “*Water area*” means a river, lake, wetland, or other body of water and adjacent lands where the use of those lands affects the integrity of the water resource.

[84 Acts, ch 1261, §2](#)

C85, §108A.1

[86 Acts, ch 1245, §1848, 1849](#)

C93, §462B.1

Referred to in [§462B.4](#)