

6105.1450 LAND ACQUISITION.

Subpart 1. **Priority areas.** The commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources hereby adopts the fee title and scenic easement lands, as identified in the fee title descriptions and scenic easement descriptions in parts 6105.1490 and 6105.1500, as priority areas for these types of acquisition:

A. Fee title acquisition is recommended in those areas where recreational sites are needed, and to consolidate existing blocks of public ownership, as identified in the fee title descriptions in part 6105.1500.

B. Scenic easement acquisition is recommended in those areas having outstanding scenic, natural, or similar values as identified in the scenic easement descriptions in part 6105.1490.

C. Because acquisition of lands or interests in land is from willing sellers at market value, some lands recommended for scenic easement acquisition may be purchased in fee title and some lands recommended for fee title acquisition may be purchased as scenic easements. These changes from the recommended acquisition can be done only with the mutual agreement by and between the state of Minnesota and the landowner(s). Furthermore, additional land or interests in land other than those recommended may be purchased within the land use districts to further the policies established in Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.305 and the management plan.

D. Other forms of acquisition such as use easements or leases, may be substituted for the recommended acquisition or used to acquire interests in other lands within the land use districts, when such purchases further the policies of this plan and Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.305.

Subp. 2. **Funds for acquisition.** Land or interests in land recommended to be acquired in the plan will be acquired from willing sellers when funds are available for such purposes as provided for in Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.331.

Subp. 3. **Land exchange.** Whenever feasible, land will be exchanged in a manner prescribed by state law to acquire land in the land use districts. Land will not be exchanged, however, if such exchanges would adversely affect this or other Department of Natural Resources (DNR) management programs.

Subp. 4. **Islands.** All islands acquired by or transferred to the DNR shall be managed in a manner consistent with policy established in the Minnesota Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and this management plan.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 104.35; 103F.325*

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