

STATE OF WISCONSIN STATUTES

Highlights of Chapter 44

CHAPTER 44 HISTORICAL SOCIETIES AND ARTS BOARD

SUBCHAPTER II HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

44.31 Definitions. In this subchapter:

(1) “Adverse effect” means any of the following:

- (a) Physical destruction, damage or alteration of any part of a property which would adversely affect the historic significance of that property.
- (b) Isolation of a property from or alteration of the character of the property’s setting when that character contributes to the property’s qualification as a listed property.
- (c) Introduction of visual, audible or atmospheric elements that are out of character with a property or alter its setting.
- (d) Neglect of a property resulting in its deterioration or destruction.

(1m) “Director” means the director of the historical society.

(2) “Historic preservation” means the research, protection, restoration and rehabilitation of historic properties.

(3) “Historic property” means any building, structure, object, district, area or site, whether on or beneath the surface of land or water, that is significant in the history, prehistory, architecture, archaeology or culture of this state, its rural and urban communities or the nation.

(4) “Listed property” means property which is listed on the national register of historic places in Wisconsin or the state register of historic places, or both.

(5) “National register of historic places in Wisconsin” means those places in Wisconsin which are listed on the national register of historic places maintained by the U.S. department of the interior

44.39 State agency cooperation.

(3) APPOINTMENT OF STATE AGENCY HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER; DUTIES. Every state agency notified under sub. (2) Shall appoint one of its employees or

officers, who has authority in the agency to affect the management of that agency's resources and to directly influence that agency's decision making, to serve as that agency's historic preservation officer. That state agency historic preservation officer shall coordinate all functions of that state agency related to historic properties and shall serve as the liaison between that state agency and the state historical society.

44.40 State agency decisions; negotiation.

(1) Each state agency shall consider whether any proposed action of the state agency will affect any historic property that is a listed property, on the inventory or on the list of locally designated historic places under s. 44.45. If the state agency determines that its proposed action will affect any historic property, it shall notify the officer.

44.41 Protection and use of state agency property.

(1) LONG-RANGE PLANS. Each state agency which owns listed property shall develop a long-range plan for the management, preservation and improvement of that property. The state agency shall develop the long-range plan as part of the long-range public building program under s. 13.48. The long-range plan shall, to the greatest possible extent, result in preservation of that property.

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