

6100.7300 APPLICATION OF STATE CRITERIA TO PROJECTS OF THE SAME CLASSIFICATION; PRIORITIES.

Subpart 1. **Acquisition projects classification.** Acquisition projects will be classified as follows:

A. areas which will provide multipurpose sites for needed mass use type of recreational activity to meet the needs of urban and local populations;

B. areas having a combination of significantly outstanding natural, scientific, cultural, historic, educational, and recreational values, particularly those providing habitat for rare and endangered species of plants and animals, and those preserving scarce ecological associations, historic and cultural features, or unique geologic formations, which will, when acquired and developed, be open to public recreation use;

C. areas which will provide sites for only a single purpose or tenancy type of recreational use;

D. areas which will provide for dispersed recreation uses, including but not limited to: public access, scenic areas, fish and wildlife habitat areas, and roadside, trail side, and waterfront zones.

Subp. 2. **General acquisition project priorities.** The priority of specific acquisition projects within any one classification will be determined by the state criteria in part 6100.7100, subpart 3 provided each project complies with Minnesota Statutes 1967, section 86.71, subdivision 4. "Compatibility" as used therein shall mean in agreement with the currently accepted state outdoor recreation plan promulgated in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1967, section 86.71, subdivision 3.

Projects having the highest priority will be programmed as defined in part 6100.7400, within the limits of allocations available to the state and in conformity with the distribution of the funds provided in Minnesota Statutes.

Projects having a low priority will not be programmed for funding when funds are limited.

Subp. 3. **Development projects classification.** For purposes of priority evaluation, outdoor recreation development projects will be classified as follows:

A. Projects which are essential to the protection and perpetuation of the site and its environment providing the site is of unique character and of public interest.

B. Projects which are essential for protecting the health and safety of the user.

C. Projects essential to provide access to dispersed use areas including, but not limited to: water access sites, hiking, horseback, snowmobile, and other trails.

D. Projects which are essential to meet the need for facilities within an area to provide multipurpose recreational opportunities to the general public, rather than a segment of the public, and which provide for mass use needs and have combinations of facilities including, but not limited to: picnic grounds, playgrounds, launching ramps, swimming beaches, ski areas, playing fields. Consideration should be given to the needs of persons with disabilities, the aged, and underprivileged groups.

E. Projects which are essential in providing tenancy for outdoor recreation users such as campgrounds, where such facilities are not of sufficient capacity to meet the present needs.

F. Single-purpose projects which are essential in providing for mass use including, but not limited to: picnic areas, playgrounds, playing fields, swimming pools and beaches, ski areas, or ball fields.

Subp. 4. **General development project priorities.** The priority of specific development projects within any one classification will first be judged for the quality of the site itself and its suitability for the planned purposes as defined in the acquisition development priority schedule of the currently approved state outdoor recreation plan.

Secondly, the priority of said projects will be determined in accordance with the state criteria in part 6100.7100, subpart 3 provided each project complies with Minnesota Statutes 1967, section 86.71, subdivision 4. "Compatibility" as used therein shall mean in agreement with the currently accepted state outdoor recreation plan promulgated in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1967, section 86.71, subdivision 3.

Projects having sufficient priority will be programmed as defined in part 6100.7400 within the limits of the allocation available to the state and in conformity with the distribution of the fund as provided in Minnesota Statutes 1967, section 86.71, or any amendment or superseding statute thereto.

Projects having a low priority rating will not be programmed for funding when funds are limited.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 86.71*

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