

THE PRAIRIE ENTHUSIASTS, INC.

ALLOCATION OF WI DNR STATE STEWARDSHIP CREDITS

Recommended by Land Protection Committee to TPE Board: November 16, 2011

Adopted by TPE Board of Directors: January 25, 2012

Policy

In determining where to use State Stewardship Credit, effort will be made to strike a balance among the wishes of the chapter that brought in the credit, the availability and threats to (urgency of) projects that can be closed before the credit expires, and the conservation significance of the projects. Projects will be placed into a ranking queue as to where the credit will be used first, second, etc.

- Consideration shall be given to the wishes of the chapter that put the effort into securing the credit.
- The ranking of the project, as determined by the Land Protection Committee (see TPE Criteria for Ranking Land Protection projects), shall be an important consideration. Deference shall be given to highest ranking projects.
- If the credit cannot be used by the top project in the credit use queue, within the first two years of earning the credit, the credit may go to next project in the queue. An exception is if the DNR grants an extension on the expiration deadline, then the originally identified project(s) may proceed up to within 1 year of the credit's new sunset date. The intent here is to be sure we use the credit before it expires.

Procedure

1. Chapters submit projects proposals to use the credit.
2. Land Protection Committee makes recommendations to the board on the use of the credit, placing projects into a credit use queue.
3. TPE board approves or sends back to committee the allocation of the credits.
4. As new projects come and situations change, the credit queue will be updated by the Land Protection Committee and resubmitted to the board.