

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

COMMISSIONER'S SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA ORDER NO. 24

WHEREAS, THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN MOWER COUNTY, MINNESOTA AS:

The abandoned right-of-way and extra width right-of-way of the Chicago North Western Transportation Company over and across the following described real estate:

The West Half (W ½) of the Northwest Quarter (NW¼) of Section 23 and the East Half (E ½) of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 22, Township 104 North, Range 14 West, but not including the Westerly 25 feet of right-of-way needed by the Department of Transportation.

AND, WHEREAS, such lands contain an undisturbed Mesic prairie community maintaining itself under prevailing natural conditions typical of Minnesota, and the habitat supporting the following rare, endangered or restricted plants; Baptisia leucantha white false indigo, Parthenium integrifolium wild quinine, Eryngium yuccifolium rattlesnake master, and Silphium laciniatum compass plants within the Southern Oak Barrens Landscape Region.

AND, WHEREAS, the most effective means by which said lands can be used and protected for educational and research purposes in such manner, and by such means as will leave them conserved for future generations is to be designation as a Scientific and Natural Area.

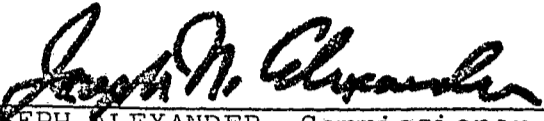
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph Alexander, Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to authority vested in me by law, do hereby designate the above described lands as Racine Prairie Scientific and Natural Area. Furthermore, Racine Prairie Scientific and Natural Area is designated as a Public Use Unit, limiting programs conducted by qualified scientists and graduate and post-graduate students, programs for primary, secondary, and college undergraduate students, and interpretive programs for the benefit of the general public.

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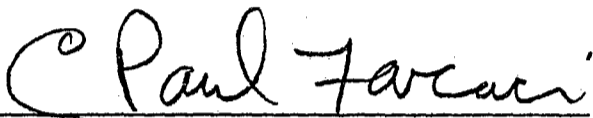
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the provision of NR 300 through and including NR 303 shall apply to the use of the above designated area.

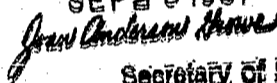
Dated this 23 day of Sept, 1981.

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JOSEPH ALEXANDER, Commissioner  
Department of Natural Resources

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND EXECUTION  
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