

ER Review

Endangered Resources

Expedited Reviews

VEER vs. Standard ER Review

A completed VEER (Voluntary Expedited Endangered Resources) Review is equivalent in all respects to a standard ER Review, with the exception that it is completed within a guaranteed timeframe of seven working days at a higher cost. A VEER Review provides the requester with information from Wisconsin’s Natural Heritage Inventory (NHI) database on rare plants and animals (including state- and federally listed species), high-quality natural communities, and other endangered resources that may be affected by the proposed project. The review is completed in a guaranteed seven-day turnaround time and contains specific requirements and recommendations to help projects comply with Wisconsin’s Endangered Species Law (s. 29.604, Wis. Stats.) and other applicable laws and regulations protecting endangered resources in Wisconsin.

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Blanding’s turtle, photo © Brian Collins.

When to request a review

Similar to a standard ER Review, we suggest that you request review of the proposed project well in advance of when the project is scheduled to begin so that you can identify and plan for any seasonal limitations that may be imposed on the project and allow time for any field surveys that may need to be conducted during a specific time of year – for example, during the breeding or growing season. Inclusion of a VEER Review with application materials for other department permits may help quicken and facilitate the permit review process.



Eligible projects

Standard commercial, residential, and industrial development projects, as well as many other types of land management and planning projects, are eligible for VEER Review service. Projects whose nature, scope, or complexity requires more detailed analysis and does not allow for the expedited review timeline should instead be submitted through the standard ER Review process. If the project does not qualify for the expedited service, you will be notified.

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How to request a VEER Review

A landowner, or another party acting on the landowner's behalf—such as an engineer or consultant—may request a VEER Review of a proposed project at any time to determine whether the project is likely to impact endangered resources.

To request a VEER Review, please email the completed VEER Review Request Form, along with all required supporting documentation (see below), to DNRERReview@wi.gov. The \$420 minimum payment will be invoiced when the final letter is sent.

Submission materials:

- Completed and signed form
- Map(s) delineating the project area, preferably including an aerial photograph
- NHI Public Portal Preliminary Assessment printout
- Photographs clearly showing the project area, including natural features and existing vegetation
- Additional relevant information and reports (e.g., detailed project and habitat descriptions, wetland delineations, and site plans)

