



Real
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Section

Town / County Application for Access Abandonment

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References:

Adm Code NR 1.91

Adm Code NR 1.92(1)(a)

Wis Stat 66.1003 and 66.1006

Wis Stat 236.16(3) and 236.43

IMPORTANT NOTE: It is highly recommended that you contact a WDNR Access Abandonment Coordinator (see reverse) prior to submitting this application for their review. Please also contact a Coordinator should you have questions while completing this application and/or collecting the required supporting documents as listed below.

Request Date:		County:					
Contact Name and Title:		Township:					
		Section:		Township:		Range:	
Contact Address:		Quarter / Quarter:	1/4	1/4	Gov. Lot:		
Contact Phone:		Lake / River Name:					
Contact Email:		Subdivision/Plat Name:					

Is the public access point proposed to be abandoned currently improved? Please describe any signage, clearing/mowing, facilities, boat launch, piers, etc.

Do you have a replacement site to dedicate as public access to replace the public access you are seeking to abandon?

☐ YES☐ NO

If you do not have a replacement site, is there another public access you will enhance in lieu of replacement?

☐ YES☐ NO

Please describe the proposed replacement site or the existing site to be enhanced in lieu of replacement:

A fully completed application packet to WDNR will include ALL of the following items in the checklist below. You may attach additional sheets as necessary to support the proposed abandonment.

☐	Narrative/Justification
☐	Subdivision Plat - identifying the public access proposed to be abandoned (This is the map that was filed with the county and is of public record)
☐	Aerial Map
☐	Replacement Site (Include survey or plat, tax parcel ID if available, and aerial map)
☐	Management Plan (maintenance of the replacement site or enhanced existing site requires maintenance responsibilities in perpetuity)
☐	Resolution/Ordinance (resolution needs to address the following: abandonment of public access subject to WDNR approval, providing a replacement public access site OR enhancing an existing public access site, and a plan to maintain the replacement or enhancement in perpetuity.)

Items to consider:

You will need to provide a copy of your resolution/ordinance and notify WDNR **10 working days prior to acting** on resolution/ordinance.

You will need to provide a copy of your resolution/ordinance to WDNR **within 10 working days of enacting** an resolution/ordinance.

Other program areas within WDNR will be consulted during this process. Please expect this process to take up to 6 to 12 months to complete.

Contact Signature:

Date:

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