

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Fish and Wildlife Service**

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**Approved Recovery Plan for the Dwarf Lake Iris**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of document availability.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the availability of the approved recovery plan for the dwarf lake iris (*Iris lacustris*), a species that is federally listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). This plan includes specific recovery objectives and criteria to achieve removal of the species from the protections of the Act.

**ADDRESSES:** You may obtain a copy of the recovery plan by sending a request to Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Field Office, 2651 Coolidge Road, Suite 101, East Lansing, MI 48823 (printed copies will be available for distribution within 4 to 6 weeks) or by accessing our Web site at <http://midwest.fws.gov/Endangered>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Barbara Hosler, at the above address or by telephone at (517) 351-6326. TTY users may contact Ms. Hosler through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

Restoring an endangered or threatened animal or plant to the point where it is again a secure self-sustaining member of its ecosystem is a primary goal of the Service's endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, we are working to prepare recovery plans for most of the federally listed threatened and endangered species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for conservation of the species, establish criteria for reclassification and delisting, and provide estimates of the time and costs for implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Act requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act, as amended in 1988, requires public notice and opportunity for public review and

comment during recovery plan development. We provided the draft dwarf lake iris recovery plan to the public and solicited comments from May 30, 2012, through June 29, 2012 (77 FR 31869). We considered information we received during the public comment period and information from peer reviewers in our preparation of the recovery plan, and also summarized that information in Appendix 7 of this approved recovery plan.

The dwarf lake iris was listed as threatened on October 28, 1988, under the provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. The species grows along the northern shorelines of Lakes Michigan and Huron in Wisconsin, Michigan, and Ontario, Canada. Of 167 known occurrences, many lie on private property where awareness of the species' presence and significance is limited. Direct loss of plants and habitat is continuing, and is expected to accelerate due to the high demand of shoreline properties for development and recreation.

Dwarf lake iris typically grows in shallow soil over moist calcareous sands, gravel, and beach rubble. Sunlight is one of the most critical factors to the growth and reproduction of the species, and partly shaded or sheltered forest edges are optimal for sexual reproduction. Some form of disturbance is also required to maintain the forest openings that provide these partial shade conditions. The species is most often associated with shoreline coniferous forests dominated by northern white cedar and balsam fir. The principal limiting factor for dwarf lake iris is the availability of this suitable shoreline habitat.

The principal recovery strategy is to conserve the habitat that supports dwarf lake iris populations by implementing a variety of protection strategies, including landowner notification, education, and the preparation of management and monitoring plans. Additional efforts will focus on improving the baseline understanding of dwarf lake iris ecology. Outreach materials will be developed to improve awareness of the species' presence and its status as a threatened species.

The dwarf lake iris will be considered for delisting when the likelihood of the species becoming threatened in the foreseeable future has been eliminated by the achievement of three criteria:

Criterion 1. The species has a 95-percent probability of persistence within the next 20 years, based on data obtained from accepted standardized monitoring methods and on population viability analysis. In order to meet this criterion, the following must be verified:

1.a. There is a sufficient number and geographical distribution of element occurrences required to ensure long-term persistence, and 1.b. Each element occurrence needed to ensure a 95-percent probability of persistence within the next 20 years must meet a minimum viable population size and exhibit an increasing or stable population trend over a 10-year period.

Criterion 2. Management plans have been developed and are being implemented to protect and manage the habitat associated with the element occurrences identified in Criterion 1.b.

Criterion 3. A plan to provide public outreach and education for dwarf lake iris has been developed and is being implemented. Additional detail on these delisting criteria is available in the draft recovery plan.

We will achieve these criteria through the following actions: (1) Protect occurrences; (2) Manage and restore habitat; (3) Inventory and monitor known sites; (4) Conduct population viability analysis; (5) Develop an education program about dwarf lake iris, other federally listed shoreline species, natural communities, and their protection and management; (6) Improve understanding of baseline dwarf lake iris ecology; and (7) Review and track recovery progress.

**Authority:** Section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: August 30, 2013.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****National Park Service**

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**Information Collection Request Sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval; Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program Grants**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We (National Park Service) have sent an Information Collection Request (ICR) to OMB for review and approval. We summarize the ICR below and describe the nature of the collection and the estimated burden and cost. This information collection is scheduled to expire on October 31, 2013. We may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of

information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. However, under OMB regulations, we may continue to conduct or sponsor this information collection while it is pending at OMB.

**DATES:** You must submit comments on or before October 10, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments and suggestions on this information collection to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at OMB—OIRA at (202) 395–5806 (fax) or *OIRA\_Submission@omb.eop.gov* (email). Please provide a copy of your comments to Madonna L. Baucum, Information

Collection Clearance Officer, National Park Service, 1849 C Street NW. (2601), Washington, DC 20240 (mail); or *madonna\_baucum@nps.gov* (email). Please include “1024–0048” in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Elisabeth Fondriest at 202–354–6916 (telephone) or *elisabeth\_fondriest@nps.gov* (email). You may review the ICR online at *http://www.reginfo.gov*. Follow the instructions to review Department of the Interior collections under review by OMB.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*OMB Control Number:* 1024–0048.

*Title:* Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program Grants, 36 CFR part 72.

*Service Form Number(s):* 10–911, 10–912, and 10–915.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Description of Respondents:* Cities and urban communities.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

*Frequency of Collection:* On occasion.

Activity	Number of respondents	Number of annual responses	Completion time per response (hours)	Total annual burden hours *
Recovery Action Program .....	1	1	80	80
Recovery Action Program Grant Applications .....	1	1	3.5	4
Preapplication for Rehabilitation or Innovation Grants .....	1	1	10	10
Final Application for Rehabilitation or Innovation Grants .....	1	1	10.5	11
Grant Amendments .....	1	1	3.5	4
Performance Reports .....	1	1	1	1
Conversion of Use Request .....	1	1	70	70
Recordkeeping .....	1	1	2	2
Totals .....	8	8	.....	182

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*Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:* None.

**Abstract:** The Urban Park and Recreation Recovery (UPARR) Act (16 U.S.C. 2501 et seq.) was passed as Title X of the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978. The UPARR Act authorized the Secretary of the Interior to establish a grant program to help economically distressed urban areas improve recreation opportunities for their residents. We administer the UPARR program in accordance with regulations at 36 CFR part 72, which: (1) Explain the policies to be followed for awarding grants, (2) List the requirements and criteria to be met for each type of grant and discretionary eligibility, (3) Discuss fundable uses and limitations, (4) Explain how proposals will be selected and funded, and (5) Describe the application process and administrative procedures for awarding grants. The three types of grants available under the program are:

- Rehabilitation—renovate or redesign existing close-to-home recreation facilities.
- Innovation—specific activities that either increase recreation programs or improve the efficiency of the local government to operate existing programs.
- Planning—development of a Recovery Action Program plan.

The information collection requirements associated with the UPARR Program are currently approved under three OMB control numbers, all of which expire on October 31, 2013. During our review for this renewal, we identified some additional requirements that need OMB approval. See our May 2, 2013, **Federal Register** notice (78 FR 25760) for specifics on the information we collect.

Congress has not appropriated funds for new UPARR grants since FY 2002. We are not currently accepting applications, and there are no open grants for which performance reports must be submitted. However, we still receive requests for conversion of properties improved or developed with UPARR grants through FY 2002 to other than public recreation uses. In anticipation of future funding, we are requesting OMB approval for the information collection requirements for UPARR grants. If OMB approves this revision, we will discontinue OMB Control Numbers 1024–0028 and 1024–0089.

**Comments:** On May 2, 2013, we published in the **Federal Register** (78 FR 25760) a notice of our intent to request that OMB approve this information collection. In that notice, we solicited comments for 60 days, ending on July 1, 2013. We did not receive any comments.

We again invite comments concerning this information collection on:

- Whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information;
- Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask OMB in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that it will be done.

Dated: September 4, 2013.

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