

MANAGEMENT UNIT: LITTLE WILLOW CREEK CORRIDOR

MANAGEMENT INTENT

This presently remote area is intended to serve primarily as a habitat and recreational area between the potentially more intensive uses north and south of the management unit. It is also intended to provide locations for small farms in four specific areas. A publicly-owned buffer along Little Willow Creek shall be retained within the management unit (except where private land holdings now occur) to insure high quality recreational opportunities, water quality maintenance, and habitat protection. Forestry operations will be encouraged within the unit when appropriate for enhancement of recreational or habitat values or when negligible adverse impacts on these resources would occur.

In the upper, remote reaches of the stream, road access should be encouraged. In the lower, accessible reaches, trail access should be maintained and road access confined to as few locations as possible.

Land use designations and management guidelines are presented below for sub-units: The river corridor and the agricultural areas.

SUBUNIT A: THE RIVER CORRIDOR

Primary Land Use

-Fish and Wildlife  
-Recreation

Secondary Land Use

-Forestry

MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

Location of Publicly-Owned Buffer

A publicly-owned buffer will be retained adjacent to the river (except where private land holdings now occur). Buffer width may vary with topography and vegetation within this subunit but should include sufficient land to provide for water quality maintenance, habitat protection, and recreational use on and along the river. In this subunit the buffer shall include, at a minimum, land  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile beyond the ordinary high water mark of the extreme channel meander or the 100-year floodplain, whichever provides the buffer of greatest width. (This guideline does not apply to Subunit B, the agricultural areas, where the buffer shall include land 300 feet from the extreme channel meander.)

### Forestry

For guidelines related to forestry management within publicly-owned river buffers, see Chapter III, Policies and Management Guidelines, River and Stream Corridors.

### Subsurface Resources

See Chapter III, Goals, Policies, and Management Guidelines; Subsurface Resources.

## SUBUNIT B: THE AGRICULTURAL AREAS

### Primary Land Use

-Small Farms

### Secondary Land Uses

-Forestry  
-Recreation  
-Fish and Wildlife

## MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

### Agriculture

Class II and III soils on public lands within this subunit should be used for small farms (40-80) whenever feasible. These farms should be designed in a manner which improves rather than limits public access to the river.

### Location of Publicly-owned Buffer

A publicly-owned buffer will be retained adjacent to the river (except where private land holdings now occur). Buffer width may vary with topography and terrain within this subunit but shall include, at a minimum, land 300 feet from the ordinary high water mark of the extreme channel meander.

### Forestry

For guidelines related to forestry management within publicly-owned river buffers, see Chapter III, Policies and Management Guidelines, River and Stream Corridors.

### Parks Highway

Management of public lands adjacent to the Parks Highway should be consistent with the recommendations of the report "Scenic Resources Along the Parks Highway." The recommendations in that report which are relevant to the Willow Sub-basin are in Appendix 1. The borough and state will encourage private land owners to follow recommendations in the report in order to protect the scenic values along the highway.

AREA-WIDE POLICIES AND MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

Chapter III presents additional policies and land management guidelines which may be relevant to particular decisions in this management unit. Categories of these policies and guidelines are listed below for ease of reference:

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