**Section 2580.30 Conservation Management Plan Development**

a) A taxpayer requesting special valuation of unimproved land under this Section must first submit a conservation management plan for that land to the Department for review. The submission of an application for a conservation management plan under Section 10-415 of the Property Tax Code [35 ILCS 200/10-415] or of a forestry management plan under Section 10-150 of the Property Tax Code shall be treated as compliance with the requirements of that plan until the Department can review the application. The conservation management plan may be prepared by the taxpayer or his/her representative and shall include those items listed under Sections 2580.40 through 2580.160. The Department shall provide a means for submittal of conservation management plans via the Internet at http://dnr.

state.il.us. Conservation management plans may also be submitted to the Department as a hard copy via standard means of delivery. Conservation management plans submitted in hard copy should be sent to:

Conservation Stewardship Program

Office of Resource Conservation

Illinois Department of Natural Resources

One Natural Resources Way

Springfield IL 62702-1271

b) A taxpayer whose eligibility is based on Section 2580.20(b) shall not be required to submit a new conservation management plan if a management plan prepared as a condition of the programs listed in Section 2580.20(b) has been approved by the Department.

c) Management plans prepared for participation in other conservation programs administered by the Department and approved by the Department will be accepted as a conservation management plan provided that the plan includes a description of the managed land and specifies the conservation and management practices to be implemented on the managed land as required by Section 10-410 of the Property Tax Code.

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