**Section 4000.110 Definitions**

As used in these rules, the following terms have the meanings indicated, except where the context requires otherwise:

"Act" is the Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1991, ch. 105, pars. 701 et seq.) [525 ILCS 30].

"Buffer area" is defined in the Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act.

"Commission" is the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission.

"Custodian" is the person or agency designated by the owner as being responsible for the protection and care of a nature preserve in accordance with this Part and the master plan.

"Department" is the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

"Instrument of dedication" is the term used in the Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act.

"Management schedule" consists of two documents in a form prescribed by the Commission: the site management goals and the multi-year management schedule, which are both specific to a nature preserve and describe management activities to be undertaken therein.

"Master plan" is a written plan which, consistent with the Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act, the instrument of dedication, and this Part, sets forth in detail the preservation, protection, management, development, and use of a specific nature preserve, describing the ownership, location, purpose, character, resources, and conditions of custody and access.

"Nature preserve" or "preserve" is defined in the Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act.

"Rules" are Rules for Management of Nature Preserves, 17 Ill. Adm. Code 4000.

"Special Use Permit" is a form used to evaluate and approve research and other activities in nature preserves.