

Waukesha County's Site Evaluation Service

What is a Site Evaluation?

- Some things are simply better in person. You can request a visit from Waukesha County's Conservation Biologist to come and look at your wild, or natural landscape you wish to know more about. We can your answer questions, and offer suggestions.

What do we provide?

- Most evaluations are straightforward; we visit, answer questions, and provide a summary. Some visits are more involved.
- We can provide a complete ecological inventory of your site, which includes any or all of the following:
 - Your land delineated into the present natural communities on an aerial photograph
 - Each plant community rated for quality
 - Dominant plant species listed
 - Invasive plant species and problems identified
 - Native plant identification
 - Soil types present on your property
- We can also provide a natural management plan to help you meet your goals, including:
 - Delineated management units (these can coincide with an inventory)
 - Written recommendations for each management unit
 - An appendix, explaining the recommended management strategies
 - Resources for seed, plant, and tool supplies
- In short, we can provide a customized product, with as little or as much detail to fit your needs and your budget.

When is the best time for you to visit my site?

- The best time is during the growing season, especially if you require plant identification work. If you have a desired planting window, then it is best we arrive beforehand.

What is the cost to you?

- Minimum charge is \$73.00. Additional charge rate is \$18.25 per quarter hour.
- Fees cover drive time as well. We estimate the quickest route, and the time it will reasonably take to drive that route. In the case that construction or other diversion adds time past our estimate, we will charge you the lesser amount. You do not pay for unforeseen events, or our wrong turns.
- No mileage charge is assessed for Waukesha County residents. Outside Waukesha County, mileage charge based on Federal per-mile rate and will be added to final bill.
- Every effort is made to ensure you are only charged for time spent on the site evaluation and preparation of your inventory or management documentation. You are not charged for research on plant identifications.

When do I pay?

- If you requested an inventory or a management plan, documents will be sent upon completion.
- If you did not request any additional office work, we contact you with a brief summary and/or answers to questions not addressed in the field.
- Payment invoice is sent separate to documentation and is due within 30 days of upon receipt.

What happens next?

- If you have questions in the future, we are better able to discuss your property with you. Please feel free to contact us.
- Enjoy your property and make the best use of it as you see fit.