

NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 451 of 1994

324.63703 Great Lakes sand dune areas; comprehensive study and inventory.

Sec. 63703. The department, by July 1, 1977, shall make or cause to be made a comprehensive study and inventory of Great Lakes sand dune areas in the state. The study and inventory shall include all of the following:

(a) An economic study of the current and projected sand dune mining practices in the state, showing where the sand is marketed, its uses, and the amount of sand reserves.

(b) A geologic study of sand areas within this state, other than Great Lakes sand dune areas, that would contain sufficient reserves and have properties suitable for use as foundry core and molding sands or for other uses of sand.

(c) Sand dune areas or portions of sand dune areas that, for environmental or other reasons, should be protected through purchase by the state or other persons or interests, or easements including the acquisition of mineral rights by the state, and a priority list of sand dune areas to be acquired by the department.

(d) An identification and designation of barrier dunes along the shoreline, showing their effect on aesthetic, environmental, economic, industrial, and agricultural interests in this state.

(e) Methods for recycling or reusing sand for industrial and commercial purposes, along with alternatives to the use of dune sand and its economic impact.

(f) Recommendations for the protection and management of sand dune areas for uses other than sand mining.

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