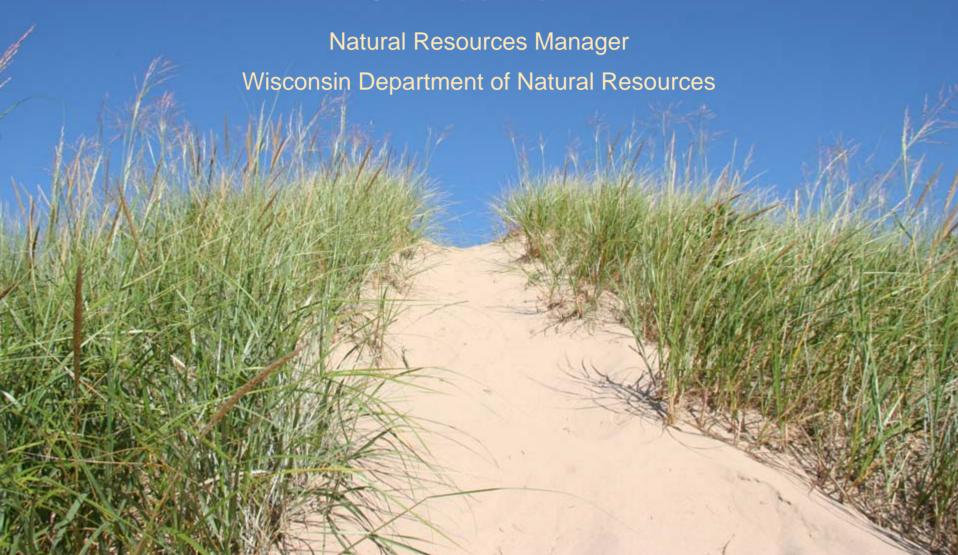
Management of Sand Dune Ecosystems

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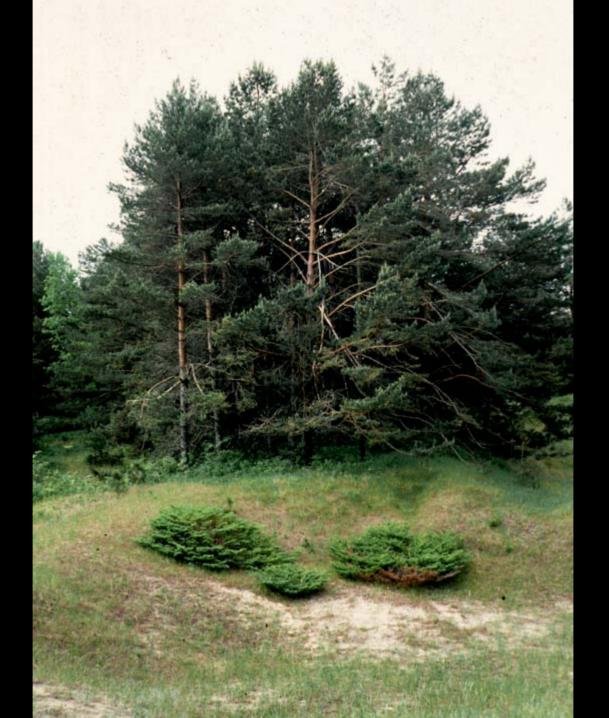
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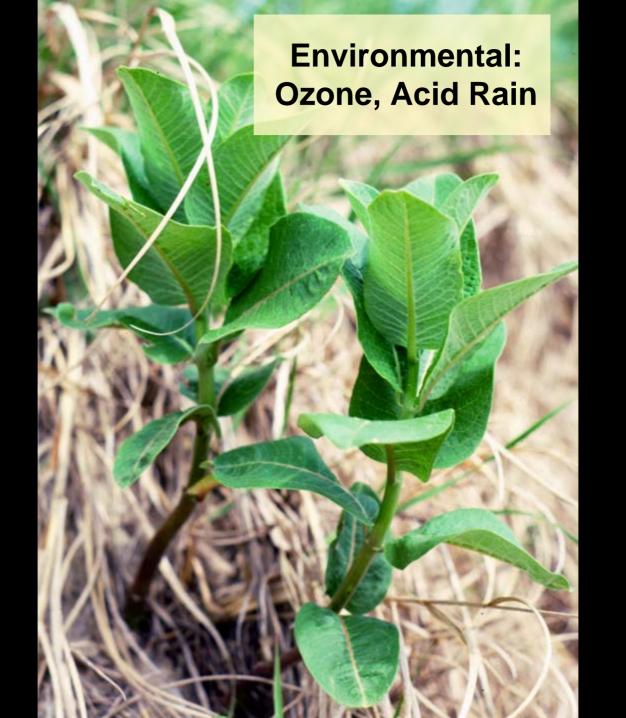


















"Management Opportunities" for Dune Ecosystems











Kohler Park Dunes State Natural Area

Wind and waves roaring off Lake Michigan have worked to create this rare landscape. As you walk along the cordwalk, notice the diversity of plant communities. You'll see dunes that are growing and shifting from blowing winds, as well as dunes that have become stabilized with plants like creeping juniper and marram grass. Rushes and sedges grow in the interdunal wetlands, the low areas between the dunes. On the high ground, a few tall white pine rise above the dune landscape.

This 135-acre State Natural Area protects this rare dune community and four threatened plants. It is one of over 300 Natural Areas that are preserved for education, research, and the benefit of future generations.

Please stay on the cordwalk. Bikes are prohibited on all cordwalk and pets are prohibited on the Nature Trail. All plants are protected. Thanks for your cooperation.







To help protect this and other rare plant

communities in Wisconsin, please

