



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2009 Wisconsin Act 123
[2009 Assembly Bill 142]

Landscape Architecture

2009 Wisconsin Act 123 requires that an individual be registered as a landscape architect by the Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers, and Land Surveyors (board) to practice or offer to practice landscape architecture. The Act also provides that no person may use in connection with the person's name or otherwise assume, use, or advertise any title or description tending to convey the impression that he or she is a landscape architect or advertise to furnish landscape architectural services unless the person has been registered as a landscape architect.

"Landscape architecture" is the performance of a professional service involving conceptual land planning and conceptual design for integrated land development based on the analysis of environmental characteristics, operational requirements, land use, or commensurate land values. "Landscape architecture" includes the investigation, selection, or allocation of land or water resources for appropriate uses; the formulation of graphic or written criteria for a land planning or land construction program; the preparation, review, or analysis of a master plan for land use or development; the production of a graphic land area, grading, draining, planting, or land construction plan; and the planning of a road, bridge, or other structure with respect to the aesthetic requirements of the area on which it will be constructed.

"Landscape architecture" does not include any of the following:

- Professional services performed by a registered architect, professional engineer, or registered land surveyor.
- The practice of planning as is customarily done by a regional, park, or urban planner, or by a person participating on a planning board or commission, within the scope of that practice.
- The practice of a natural resource professional, including a biologist, professional geologist, or professional soil scientist.

This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.

- The actions of a person who is under the supervision of a licensed landscape architect or an employee of a licensed landscape architect, unless the person assumes responsible charge, design, or supervision.
- Work performed on property by an individual who owns or has control over the property, or work performed by a person hired by an individual who owns or has control of the property.
- Making plans or drawings for the selection, placement, or use of plants or site features.

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