

Surface and Ground Water Quality

- **Water Quality:** Maintain level of DNR funds for water quality planning and watershed projects. Support increased DNR financial assistance as an incentive to reduce non-point source pollution. Seek a fair share of state funding for inland waterways and lakes. Target state funds to where there is a high likelihood of project success, where recipient units of government have a proven track record of meeting state and local water resource goals. Support legislation to provide additional funding and staffing for local water quality protection, improvement and unfunded mandates.
- **Soil Erosion:** Support full implementation and funding of the state's water quality and established runoff pollution performance standards for agriculture, non-agriculture and transportation facilities standards.
- **Comprehensive Approach to Control Lake Levels:** Request the DNR to adopt a comprehensive approach to managing the levels of the lakes through collaboration with affected parties, including dam operators, municipalities and regulatory agencies toward improving natural hydrologic conditions and habitat. To address recent flooding, support efforts to manage the Yahara Chain of Lakes, improve the volume of water leaving the Yahara River system, reduce stormwater runoff volumes through increased stormwater infiltration and better management of stormwater on impervious surfaces.
- **Keep Asian Carp Out of Wisconsin Waterways:** Call on the WI Department of Natural Resources and the federal government to increase their efforts to stop the destructive advance of the Asian carp through Wisconsin.
- **Mining Reform:** Monitor mining reform legislation, support provisions that restore local government role and suspend floodplain rules that would nullify flood insurance and federal disaster assistance.
- **Water Management:** Support local governmental efforts to improve water management through water conservation, a balanced water budget and enhanced groundwater recharge.
- **High Capacity Wells:** Support science based regulation of high capacity wells that considers the individual and cumulative effects of high capacity irrigation wells on nearby waterbodies.
- **Public Trust Doctrine:** Oppose legislation that erodes the Public Trust Doctrine and DNR's ability to regulate navigable waters and wetlands.

Natural Resources Conservation

- **Stewardship Fund:** Support ongoing appropriations for the state stewardship fund that are strong and annually adjusted for inflation. Eliminate stewardship fund requirements for hunting and trapping.
- **State Urban Forestry Grants:** Allow towns, counties, and non-profits to access both the federal and state funds in the Urban Forestry Grant Program.
- **Payments in Lieu of Taxes:** Authorize counties to make payments in lieu of taxes to other local units of government when the county takes land off the tax rolls for conservation purposes.
- **DNR Staffing:** Support DNR staff levels that benefit Dane County water programs, including regulatory programs, lake/fishery, runoff specialists, conservation wardens, land conservation and parks programs.

Sustainable Agricultural Practices

- **State Commercial Building Code:** Support the exemption from the state Commercial Building Code of farm buildings used for agricultural purposes or horse boarding/stabling facilities.
- **Funding for Soil & Water Resource Management Program:** Support increased county conservation staff funding for implementation of the county's land and water resource management plan. Increase available cost share funding to support agricultural producers with implementation of conservation practices to grow the state's agricultural economy as well as protect soil and water resources.
- **Foreign Interests in Farmland:** Oppose legislation that removes limits on foreign ownership of Wisconsin agricultural land.
- **Non-Therapeutic Use of Antibiotics in Livestock:** Support statewide ban on on-therapeutic use of antibiotics in livestock production/agriculture.

Climate Change: Mitigation, Adaptation & Resilience

- **Renewable Energy Production:** Support legislation and statewide funding in the form of grants and incentives to encourage the increased use and viability of water-to-energy and renewable energy sources, such as wind, solar and biomass.
- **Green Jobs Economic Development:** Support statewide funding in the form of grants or incentives, for counties to develop, create and attract green job opportunities with green companies or industries.
- **Renewable Energy:** Support legislation that encourages waste-to-energy and renewable energy sources as viable energy sources for utilities and consumers.
- **Clean Energy Choice:** Support legislation to increase affordability/sustainability of renewable energy in Wisconsin.
- **Divestment from Fossil Fuels:** Support zero investments in fossil fuel companies for all local governments and state institutions.
- **Balanced & Fair Partnership Between Digesters, Gas Recovery Programs & Utility Companies:** Create a statewide reimbursement competitive grant program to enhance and fund bioenergy projects.
- **Climate Change:** Support legislative efforts to address climate change. Enhance county authority and funding for county-level action planning, mitigation, adaptation, and resilience around the impacts of climate change, including climate change influenced by human activity.
- **Energy Efficiency:** Work to defend and strengthen the statewide Focus on Energy Program and actively support efforts to increase funding and customer access to that program. Support efforts to return local control to local units of government for energy related decision making such as establishing commercial building codes. Restore school districts' energy efficiency exemption to the revenue limit.

Bicycle and Recreational Trails:

- **Transportation Aids:** Support the use of transportation aids for the construction and maintenance of bicycle trails with significant commuter traffic.
- **Bike Trail Task Force:** Support the creation and development of a statewide Bike Trail Task Force.
- **Commuter Transportation:** Support integrating bicycle transportation into future commuter transportation systems.
- **Trail System Development:** Request DNR assistance in the development of regional trail systems.
- **Eminent Domain:** Support efforts to restore the ability of state and local governments to use eminent domain to acquire land or interests in land for the purpose of building or extending state recreational trails, bike lanes or sidewalks.

Environmental Health

- **Reduce Fine Particle Emissions:** Target fine particle pollution non-attainment areas by providing increased funding and new incentives for fine particle emission reduction programs, including programs that reduce emissions from transportation sources and point sources through the increased use of alternative fuels, renewable energy sources, and energy efficiency improvements.
- **Diesel Idling Regulations:** Support statewide implementation of diesel idling regulations for trucks, buses and other diesel engines.
- **Mercury Rules:** Support changes to the mercury rules to achieve a 90% reduction per DNR rule.
- **Perfluorinated Compounds:** Support adopting a state-directed threshold standard of PFAS, PFOA and PFOS and the state exploring and identifying contamination and remediation options, including the associated costs and benefits.
- **Lead Pollution:** Support statewide/Utility User funding to help local governments mitigate lead contamination in drinking water. Support building statewide awareness and educational efforts related to the use of lead shot and tackle for hunting and fishing.