



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2007 Wisconsin Act 13
[2007 Assembly Bill 36]

**Catastrophic Damage Grants for
Urban Forests**

Under *current law*, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) administers a program through which counties, cities, villages, towns, and nonprofit organizations receive grants of up to 50% of the cost of certain tree management projects, such as the development of tree management ordinances and tree inventories, tree disease evaluations, public education concerning trees in urban areas, and other tree projects.

2007 Wisconsin Act 13 provides that, in addition to those grants, DNR may award grants to any of those entities, as well as to Indian tribes, for the costs of saving, moving, or replacing trees damaged in a catastrophic storm event in an urban area for which the Governor has declared a state of emergency. This grant does not require that the recipient contribute to the costs of saving, removing, or replacing the trees.

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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/>.