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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

## ACT MEMO

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**2019 Wisconsin Act 93**  
[2019 Senate Bill 125]

**Appropriations for Water  
Infrastructure Projects in State  
Parks**

### BACKGROUND

The Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson Stewardship program is administered by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The stewardship program includes land acquisition, property development and local assistance, and recreational boating aids subprograms. Under current law, portions of unobligated amounts for these subprograms from certain fiscal years have been obligated for specific purposes. For example, under current law, DNR is directed to obligate up to \$4.5 million of the unobligated amounts for these subprograms from fiscal year 2016-17 to fund critical health and safety-related water infrastructure projects in state parks, prioritizing projects in state parks with the highest demand.

### 2019 WISCONSIN ACT 93

2019 Wisconsin Act 93 directs DNR to obligate up to \$5.2 million of the unobligated amounts for these stewardship subprograms from fiscal years 2016-17, 2017-18, and 2018-19 to fund critical health and safety-related water infrastructure projects and high priority water infrastructure projects in state parks, prioritizing projects in state parks with the highest demand.

In addition, the act increases the fiscal year 2019-20 appropriation for state park operations by \$300,000, with a priority on state parks with the highest demand.

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