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2019 Wisconsin Act 157 [2019 Senate Bill 252]

Flood Risk Reduction Demonstration Projects in Ashland County

2019 Wisconsin Act 157 requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to allocate \$150,000 to Ashland County in the current fiscal biennium for the design, implementation, and evaluation of up to three demonstration projects that test natural flood risk reduction practices in that county. The act increases an existing appropriation from the environmental fund by that amount for the purpose of making the allocation.

Under the act, DNR must require Ashland County to submit a report summarizing its results to date to DNR no later than June 30, 2021. In addition, the act requires DNR to submit a report to the Legislature and to the Division of Emergency Management in the Department of Military Affairs. DNR's report must include a summary of the demonstration project results and recommendations for how state policies or funding streams could be adapted to create incentives to protect and restore natural infrastructure and reduce floods.

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