

1977 Assembly Bill 794

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CHAPTER 374, Laws of 1977

AN ACT to create 20.370 (2) (bm) and 23.32 of the statutes, relating to requiring mapping of wetlands and making an appropriation.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. At the appropriate place in the schedule of section 20.005 of the statutes, insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

	1977-78	1978-79
20.370 Natural resources, department of		
(2) ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS		
(bm) Wetlands mapping	GPR C 175,000	175,000

SECTION 2. 20.370 (2) (bm) of the statutes is created to read:

20.370 (2) (bm) *Wetlands mapping*. As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for mapping wetlands under s. 23.32.

SECTION 3. 23.32 of the statutes is created to read:

23.32 Wetlands mapping. (1) In this section, "wetlands" include areas commonly called marshes, swamps, thickets, bogs or wet meadows; areas where water stands at, above or within approximately 18 inches below soil surface for significant portions of years with normal precipitation; areas with soils of the type identified on soils maps as histosols (peat and muck) or as mineral soils that are "somewhat poorly drained", "poorly drained", or "very poorly drained", or as "wet alluvial lands", "marsh", or "water"; and areas where aquatic or semiaquatic vegetation is dominant.

(2) (a) For the purpose of advancing the conservation of wetland resources the department shall prepare or cause to be prepared maps that, at a minimum, identify as accurately as is practicable the individual wetlands in the state which have an area of 5 acres or more.

(b) Mapping priorities, technical methods and standards to be used in delineating wetlands and a long-term schedule which will result in completion of the mapping effort at the earliest possible date, but not later than July 1, 1983, shall be developed by the department in cooperation with those other state agencies having mapping, aerial photography and comprehensive planning responsibilities.

(c) Wetland maps shall be prepared utilizing the best methods practicable with the funds available for that purpose and shall be based upon data such as soil surveys, aerial photographs and existing wetland surveys and may be supplemented by onsite surveys and other studies.
