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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2019 Assembly Bill 266**

**Assembly Substitute  
Amendment 1**

### 2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 266

2019 Assembly Bill 266 creates a new appropriation and requires that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) allocate \$150,000 to Ashland County in the 2019-21 fiscal biennium for the design, implementation, and evaluation of up to three natural flood risk reduction demonstration projects. The county must submit a report summarizing the results of the projects to the DNR by June 30, 2021.

The bill also requires that the DNR submit a report to the Legislature and to the Division of Emergency Management in the Department of Military Affairs that includes 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.

### ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 requires DNR to allocate \$150,000 to Ashland County in the current fiscal biennium for the flood risk demonstration projects described above. The substitute amendment requires Ashland County to submit a progress report summarizing its results to date to DNR no later than June 30, 2021. The substitute amendment retains the requirement that DNR must submit a report to the Legislature and the Division of Emergency Management. The substitute amendment does not appropriate new funds for those purposes.

### BILL HISTORY

Representative Steineke introduced the bill on June 7, 2019, and Assembly Amendment 1 on August 12, 2019. Assembly Amendment 1 revised the reporting requirement to direct Ashland County to submit a **progress report** summarizing its **results to date** to DNR no later than June 30, 2021. On September 19, 2019, the Assembly Committee on Rural Development recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 and passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 11; Noes, 0.

The Joint Committee on Finance introduced Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 on October 31, 2019. On the same day, the committee voted to recommend adoption of the substitute amendment on a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 4, and to recommend passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 12; Noes, 0.

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