



2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 266

June 7, 2019 - Introduced by Representatives STEINEKE, B. MEYERS, NYGREN, ANDERSON, BROSTOFF, EDMING, EMERSON, KERKMAN, LOUDENBECK, MILROY, MURSAU, NEUBAUER, OHNSTAD, OTT, QUINN, RAMTHUN, ROHRKASTE, SKOWRONSKI, SPREITZER, THIESFELDT, TUSLER, VANDERMEER and STUBBS, cosponsored by Senators PETROWSKI, BEWLEY, HANSEN, RINGHAND, WANGGAARD and OLSEN. Referred to Committee on Rural Development.

- 1 **AN ACT** *to repeal* 20.370 (4) (ad); and *to create* 20.370 (4) (ad) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** a flood risk reduction pilot project and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill appropriates \$150,000 of general purpose revenue and requires the Department of Natural Resources to allocate that money in the 2019-21 fiscal biennium to Ashland County to design, implement, and evaluate not more than three demonstration projects that test natural flood risk reduction practices in that county. The bill provides that allocated money may be used for engineering and design, materials, construction, pre-construction and post-construction monitoring, and project management. Under the bill, DNR must require Ashland County to submit a report no later than June 30, 2021 summarizing the results of its demonstration projects, and DNR must submit to the legislature and to the Division of Emergency Management in the Department of Military Affairs a report summarizing the results of the demonstration projects and recommendations for how existing state policies or funding streams could be adapted to create incentives to protect and restore natural infrastructure and reduce floods.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

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SECTION 1

1 **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert
2 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

				2019-20	2020-21
3	20.370	Natural resources, Department of			
4	(4)	ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT			
5	(ad)	Flood risk reduction pilot project	GPR B	75,000	75,000

6 **SECTION 2.** 20.370 (4) (ad) of the statutes is created to read:
7 20.370 (4) (ad) *Flood risk reduction pilot project.* Biennially, from the general
8 fund, the amounts in the schedule for the pilot project under 2019 Wisconsin Act ...
9 (this act), section (4) (1).

10 **SECTION 3.** 20.370 (4) (ad) of the statutes, as created by 2019 Wisconsin Act ...
11 (this act), is repealed.

12 **SECTION 4. Nonstatutory provisions.**

13 (1) FLOOD RISK REDUCTION PILOT PROJECT. In the 2019-21 fiscal biennium, the
14 department of natural resources shall allocate \$150,000 to Ashland County to
15 design, implement, and evaluate not more than three demonstration projects that
16 test natural flood risk reduction practices in that county. Project expenditures for
17 the moneys allocated may be used include engineering and design, materials,
18 construction, pre-construction and post-construction monitoring, and project
19 management. The department shall require Ashland County to submit to the
20 department a report summarizing the results of its demonstration projects no later
21 than June 30, 2021. The department shall submit to the legislature, in the manner
22 provided under section 13.172 (2), and to the division of emergency management in
23 the department of military affairs a report summarizing the results of the

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1 demonstration projects and recommendations for how existing state policies or
2 funding streams could be adapted to create incentives to protect and restore natural
3 infrastructure and reduce floods.

4 **SECTION 5. Effective dates.** This act takes effect on the day after publication,
5 or on the 2nd day after publication of the 2019 biennial budget act, whichever is later,
6 except as follows:

7 (1) The treatment of s. 20.370 (4) (ad) (by SECTION 3) takes effect on July 1, 2021.

8 (END)