



# STATE OF WISCONSIN Assembly Journal

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The Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date:

### REFERRAL OF AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin  
Public Service Commission  
Madison

September 11, 2002

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

Enclosed is a copy of the annual report the Public Service Commission (Commission) submits to the legislature as required by Wis. Stat. § 1.11 (2)(j). It reports on the number and type of proposed actions requiring the preparation of an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement by the Commission between July 1, 2001 and June 30, 2002.

If you have any questions on this report, please contact our Environmental Review Coordinator, Kathleen Zuelsdorff, at (608) 266-2730.

Sincerely,  
*AVE M. BIE*  
Chairperson

Referred to committee on **Natural Resources**.

State of Wisconsin  
Gathering Waters Conservancy  
Madison

September 12, 2002

To the Honorable, the Assembly:

It is my pleasure to share with you a report on Gathering Waters Conservancy's activities and accomplishments for Fiscal Year 2002. This report is being submitted in accordance with the statutory requirements of s. 23.0955 (2)(b)5. Gathering Waters Conservancy has had an extremely successful year, thanks to the ongoing support of the state legislature and the Department of Natural Resources.

In 2000, Gathering Waters Conservancy adopted an ambitious strategic plan (see attached) to guide our efforts through the end of 2002. We are proud to report that we accomplished and exceeded the goals set out in that plan. Our major accomplishments for FY 2002 are described in the attached report.

Thank you again for your ongoing support and commitment to building the strength of Wisconsin's land trust community. Our efforts are paying off. There are now 45 land trusts in the state. Together these organizations have permanently protected over 100,000 acres in communities across Wisconsin. Land trusts in Wisconsin have a combined membership in the tens of thousands and hundreds of local volunteers; they have raised millions of dollars to protect critical lands that benefit the public; and they work with private landowners every day to promote stewardship and protection of our natural resources.

We look forward to continuing to work with the Department and the state legislature to achieve our mutual conservation goals. Please do not hesitate to contact me for additional information. I have also attached Gathering Waters Conservancy's annual and financial reports for FY 2002 for your review.

Sincerely,  
*VICKI ELKIN*  
Executive Director

Referred to committee on **Natural Resources**.

State of Wisconsin  
University of Wisconsin System  
Madison

September 12, 2002

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

The University of Wisconsin System is pleased to provide you with a copy of our annual Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act (WEPA) report. In fulfillment of Section 1.11 (2)(j) Wisconsin Statutes, this document provides information on the numbers of Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA's) and Environmental Impact Statements (EIS's) completed in the past fiscal year.

This report addresses the activities of the University of Wisconsin System for the period from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002.

Questions regarding this report should be directed to Terri Reda, UW System Environmental Affairs Office. Terri may be reached at 263-4410.

Sincerely,  
*KATHARINE C. LYALL, PRESIDENT*  
University of Wisconsin System

Referred to committee on **Natural Resources**.

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State of Wisconsin  
Department of Administration  
Madison

September 13, 2002

To the Honorable, the Assembly:

The Wisconsin Land Council (WLC) and the Wisconsin Land Information Board (WLIB) are submitting the attached Report to the Governor and Legislature in compliance with the provisions of §16.023 (2), Wis. Stats., and 1997 Act 27, Section 9101 (11m).

This Report details WLIB and WLC statutory charges and accomplishments, documents benefits, recommends future directions and functions to continue progress on the statutory charges, and, notes areas of common interests between the WLIB and WLC. It also details impacts of the WLIB sunset and WLC sunset, provides alternatives to the sunsets and concludes with the WLC and WLIB recommendations for continuing their functions past the September 1, 2003, sunset. A brief Summary is included at the beginning of the Report.

From their examinations, the WLIB and WLC determined that important work remains to be done and agreed that their functions need to continue beyond the September 1, 2003, sunset. The WLIB and WLC strongly support maintaining the current distribution of funding for operations and local aids.

The WLC and the WLIB studied and vigorously discussed the feasibility of combining their functions but did not reach consensus on a recommendation. The WLIB vote to combine their functions failed on a 6-6 vote. The WLIB subsequently voted 7-5 to recommend lifting the sunsets of the WLIB and WLC and preserve the continuity of both bodies. The Wisconsin Land Council voted 15-1 to sunset the WLIB and WLC and combine current WLIB and WLC statutory responsibilities and functions under one new entity with three statutorily defined working groups.

The WLC and the WLIB would like to express their appreciation for the opportunity to examine their charges and accomplishments, reevaluate activities and future directions, and, provide the Legislature and the Governor with their recommendations. We are pleased to forward this Report for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
*MAYOR TIMOTHY M. HANNA, CHAIR*  
Wisconsin Land Council  
*TED W. KOCH, CHAIR*  
Wisconsin Land Information Board

Referred to committee on **Natural Resources**.

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State of Wisconsin  
Investment Board  
Madison

September 13, 2002

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

Pursuant to s. 1.11 (2)(j), Stats., the State of Wisconsin Investment Board is pleased to report, that during fiscal year 2002, it did not consider any proposals for major actions in Wisconsin that could significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the agency was not required to prepare any environmental assessments or impact statements under s. 1.11, Stats.

Please contact Sandy Drew at 261-0182 if you have any questions concerning this report.

Sincerely,  
*PATRICIA LIPTON*  
Executive Director

Referred to committee on **Natural Resources**.

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State of Wisconsin  
Department of Health and Family Services  
Madison

September 20, 2002

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

Pursuant to Section 46.014 (4) of the Wis. Stats., the Department of Health and Family Services is required to submit an annual report to the Legislature concerning the activities of the community action agencies under s. 46.30, and their effectiveness in promoting social and economic opportunities for low-income persons.

The attached report describes the use of the Community Services Block Grant Funding, and the services and activities of the community action agencies and limited purpose agencies carried out to reduce poverty, revitalize low-income communities, and empower low-income individuals and families to become fully self-sufficient.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Connie Klick, Manager, Community Services Section, at (608) 266-1489 or [klickcl@dhfs.state.wi.us](mailto:klickcl@dhfs.state.wi.us).

Sincerely,  
*PHYLLIS J. DUBE*  
Secretary

Referred to committee on **Children and Families**.