

**DRAFTER'S NOTE**  
**FROM THE**  
**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU**

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Your instructions for this draft were to require DNR to use stewardship funds “to the extent available but not to exceed \$2 million in each year” to acquire lands from the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands. Because I do not know how much moneys are available for expenditure from the stewardship program, I have provided in this draft that DNR must set aside \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year for the purchase of these lands from either or both of the subprograms for land acquisition and for property development and local assistance. If you do not want DNR to be required to set aside a specific amount in each fiscal year, you may want to discuss this draft with Daryl Hinz or Rebecca Hotynski at the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to determine the amount available for expenditure from the stewardship program.

Your instructions also stated that DNR must set aside the specified amounts for each year of “2007–2010.” The draft provides that the set aside begins with fiscal year 2006–07. Is this consistent with your intent?

Please note that under s. 23.0917 (3) (c), stats., DNR, in obligating moneys under the subprogram for land acquisition, must give priority for specified land acquisitions. This draft does not specifically give priority under that subprogram to the BCPL land purchase. Is this consistent with your intent?

The draft requires BCPL to sell land that it classifies as “natural areas” as that term is defined under s. 23.27 (1) (e). Please look closely at that definition to ensure that it describes all of the kinds of lands that you want to require BCPL to sell.

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The draft requires BCPL to sell the “natural areas” lands to DNR, but only requires BCPL to offer to sell to DNR the isolated and nonproductive public lands. Is this consistent with your intent?

For the payments in lieu of taxes provision, I provided that BCPL shall make annual payments in lieu of property taxes in an amount equal to 74 cents per acre. This was the amount specified in the governor’s budget bill. Is this consistent with your intent?

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