



State of Wisconsin
2015 - 2016 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Ley, BB0273 – Eliminate various DNR grant programs

FOR 2015-2017 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; **relating to:** the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

NATURAL RESOURCES

OTHER NATURAL RESOURCES

Under current law, DNR administers various grant and financial assistance programs. This bill eliminates the following:

1. A program that provides annual grants to nonprofit corporations for urban open forest protection, water resource enhancement, or other urban open space objectives.
2. A program that provides grants to nonprofit corporations that conduct activities related to the development, maintenance, protection, and promotion of the ice age trail.
3. Funding for interpretive programming at the Northern Great Lakes Center.
4. A program that provides annual grants to nonprofit corporations to conduct various conservation activities including acquiring property for conservation purposes.
5. A program that provides annual grants to nonprofit corporations to encourage certain private conservation activities including activities that protect, preserve, or enhance natural resources.
6. A program to award contracts to nonprofit corporations to assist in the establishment of, and to provide technical assistance to, nonprofit river management organizations.

7. A program to award contracts to nonprofit corporations for lake classification technical assistance projects and to provide grants for lake management and lake classification projects.

8. Funding for rehabilitation and repair of the Fox River navigational system.

9. A program to award grants to counties to fund a percentage of the salary of a professional forester.

10. Funding for a forestry and fire prevention study.

11. A program to provide grants to assist individuals seeking certification as master loggers or seeking logger safety training.

12. A program to award grants to a nonprofit organization to provide education to persons who engage in hunting, fishing, and trapping and to establish and operate programs to recruit persons to engage in those activities.

13. A program to award grants to a nonstock corporation that promotes the safe operation of all-terrain vehicles.

For further information see the *state and local* 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:

SECTION 1. 20.245 (1) (y) of the statutes is repealed.

****NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

SECTION 2. 20.370 (5) (at) of the statutes is repealed.

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SECTION 3. 20.370 (5) (aw) of the statutes is repealed.

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SECTION 4. 20.370 (5) (ay) of the statutes is repealed.

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SECTION 5. 20.370 (5) (bw) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.370 (5) (bw) *Resource aids — county sustainable forestry ~~and county forest administration grants.~~* Biennially, the amounts in the schedule for county sustainable forestry grants under s. 28.11 (5r) ~~and county forest administration grants under s. 28.11 (5m).~~

***NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

SECTION 6. 20.370 (5) (cq) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.370 (5) (cq) *Recreation aids — recreational boating and other projects.* As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for recreational boating aids under s. 30.92, for the grant for Black Point Estate under s. 23.0962, for the Portage levee system and the Portage canal under s. 31.309, for development of a state park under s. 23.198, ~~for funding for the Fox River Navigational System Authority under s. 237.08 (2),~~ and for the engineering and environmental study under s. 31.307.

SECTION 7. 20.370 (5) (cx) of the statutes is repealed.

***NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

SECTION 8. 20.370 (6) (ar) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.370 (6) (ar) *Environmental aids — lake protection.* From the conservation fund, as a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for grants and contracts under ~~ss. s.~~ s. 281.68 and for grants under s. 281.69.

SECTION 9. 20.370 (6) (aw) of the statutes is repealed.

***NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

SECTION 10. 23.09 (20m) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

23.09 (20m) (a) 3. “Nonprofit conservation organization” ~~has the meaning given in s. 23.0955 (1)~~ means a nonprofit corporation, a charitable trust, or other nonprofit association whose purposes include the acquisition of property for conservation purposes and that is described in section 501 (c) (3) of the internal revenue code and is exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (a) of the internal revenue code.

SECTION 11. 23.0912 (1b) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

23.0912 **(1b)** (b) “Nonprofit conservation organization” has the meaning given in s. ~~23.0955 (1)~~ 23.09 (20m) (a) 3.

SECTION 12. 23.09165 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

23.09165 **(1)** (c) “Nonprofit conservation organization” has the meaning given in s. ~~23.0955 (1)~~ 23.09 (20m) (a) 3.

SECTION 13. 23.0917 (1) (dm) of the statutes is amended to read:

23.0917 **(1)** (dm) “Nonprofit conservation organization” has the meaning given in s. ~~23.0955 (1)~~ 23.09 (20m) (a) 3.

SECTION 14. 23.092 (1b) of the statutes is amended to read:

23.092 **(1b)** In this section, “nonprofit conservation organization” has the meaning given in s. ~~23.0955 (1)~~ 23.09 (20m) (a) 3.

SECTION 15. 23.0955 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 16. 23.0956 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 17. 23.0957 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 18. 23.096 (1) (ag) of the statutes is amended to read:

23.096 **(1)** (ag) “Nonprofit conservation organization” has the meaning given in s. ~~23.0955 (1)~~ 23.09 (20m) (a) 3.

SECTION 19. 23.098 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

23.098 **(1)** (c) “Nonprofit conservation organization” has the meaning given in s. ~~23.0955 (1)~~ 23.09 (20m) (a) 3.

SECTION 20. 23.295 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 21. 23.33 (5m) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 22. 26.105 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 23. 26.39 (7) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 24. 28.11 (5m) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 25. 29.605 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 26. 30.77 (3) (dm) 1. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

30.77 (3) (dm) 1. b. “Local entity” means a city, village, town, county, qualified lake association, nonprofit conservation organization, as defined in s. ~~23.0955 (1)~~, 23.09 (20m) (a) 3., town sanitary district, public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district, or another local governmental unit, as defined in s. 66.0131 (1) (a), that is established for the purpose of lake management.

SECTION 27. 77.895 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

77.895 (1) (d) “Nonprofit conservation organization” has the meaning given in s. ~~23.0955 (1)~~ 23.09 (20m) (a) 3.

SECTION 28. 237.07 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

237.07 (3) (a) For each fiscal year, the authority shall submit to the department of administration an audited financial statement of the funding received by the authority from the department of natural resources under s. 237.08 (2) and by the authority from contributions and other funding accepted by the authority under s. 237.08 (3).

SECTION 29. 237.08 (2) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 30. 281.68 (3) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

281.68 (3) (a) 1. Eligible recipients to consist of nonprofit conservation organizations, as defined in s. ~~23.0955 (1)~~ 23.09 (20m) (a) 3., counties, cities, towns, villages, qualified lake associations, town sanitary districts, qualified school districts, public inland lake protection and rehabilitation districts, and other local governmental units, as defined in s. 66.0131 (1) (a), that are established for the purpose of lake management.

SECTION 31. 281.69 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

281.69 (title) Lake management and classification grants and contracts.

SECTION 32. 281.69 (1b) (bn) of the statutes is amended to read:

281.69 **(1b)** (bn) "Nonprofit conservation organization" has the meaning given in s. ~~23.0955 (1)~~ 23.09 (20m) (a) 3.

SECTION 33. 281.69 (1r) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 34. 281.69 (2) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

281.69 **(2)** (title) AMOUNTS OF GRANTS AND CONTRACTS.

SECTION 35. 281.69 (2) (c) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 36. 281.69 (6) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 37. 281.70 (4) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

281.70 **(4)** (a) 3. Nonprofit conservation organizations, as defined in s. ~~23.0955 (1)~~ 23.09 (20m) (a) 3.

SECTION 38. 281.72 of the statutes is repealed.

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