February 9, 2022 – Introduced by Senators BERNIER and PETROWSKI, cosponsored by Representatives ROZAR, SNYDER, EDMING and SPIROS. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

AN ACT to create 20.115 (7) (qg) of the statutes; relating to: funding for the Fenwood Creek watershed pilot project.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates an unfunded appropriation from the environmental fund for the purpose of providing grants to the Fenwood Creek pilot project in Marathon County to reduce watershed phosphorus and sediment levels. The bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection to request that the Joint Committee on Finance supplement this appropriation, in an amount up to $607,000, for this purpose in the 2022-23 fiscal year. The bill also requires DATCP to include a request for funding for this purpose in its 2023-25 budget request.

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

SECTION 1. 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:
20.115 Agriculture, trade and consumer protection, department of

(7) Agricultural resource management

(qg) Fenwood creek watershed pilot project

SECTION 2. 20.115 (7) (qg) of the statutes is created to read:

20.115 (7) (qg) Fenwood Creek watershed pilot project. From the environmental fund, the amounts in the schedule for the purpose of providing grants to the Fenwood Creek pilot project in Marathon County to reduce watershed phosphorus and sediment levels.


(1) Supplemental funding request. In the 2022-23 fiscal year, the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection shall request under s. 13.101 (3) that the joint committee on finance supplement the appropriation under s. 20.115 (7) (qg) with sufficient funds from the environmental fund for the purpose of providing grants to the Fenwood Creek pilot project in Marathon County to reduce watershed phosphorus and sediment levels. The committee may supplement that appropriation for that purpose, in an amount up to $607,000, without finding that an emergency exists under s. 13.101 (3) (a) 1.

(2) 2023-25 Biennial budget request. In submitting information under s. 16.42 for purposes of the 2023-25 biennial budget bill, the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection shall include a request to provide funding for the Fenwood
Creek pilot project in Marathon County to reduce watershed phosphorus and sediment levels.