



State of Wisconsin
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 220

April 20, 2023 - Introduced by Representatives ROZAR, EDMING, SHANKLAND, PALMERI and SNYDER, cosponsored by Senators JAMES, TOMCZYK and SPREITZER. Referred to Committee on Environment.

1 **AN ACT to create** 20.115 (7) (qg) of the statutes; **relating to:** funding for the
2 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 each year of the 2023-25 fiscal biennium for this purpose, in an amount up to \$607,000 in each year. The bill also requires DATCP to include a request for funding for this purpose in its 2025-27 budget request. Under the bill, DATCP must also submit reports to the legislature before the end of the 2024, 2025, and 2026 fiscal years on how the grant money has been spent and the results of the Fenwood Creek pilot project in reducing watershed phosphorus and sediment levels.

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:

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

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SECTION 1

2023-24

2024-25

1 **20.115 Agriculture, trade and consumer**

2 **protection, department of**

3 (7) AGRICULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

4 (qg) Fenwood Creek watershed pilot

5 project

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

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

11 **SECTION 3. Nonstatutory provisions.**

12 (1) SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING REQUEST. In each year of the 2023-25 fiscal
13 biennium, the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection shall
14 request under s. 13.101 (3) that the joint committee on finance supplement the
15 appropriation under s. 20.115 (7) (qg) with sufficient funds from the environmental
16 fund for the purpose of providing grants to the Fenwood Creek pilot project in
17 Marathon County to reduce watershed phosphorus and sediment levels. The
18 committee may supplement that appropriation for that purpose, in an amount up to
19 \$607,000 in each year of the fiscal biennium, without finding that an emergency
20 exists under s. 13.101 (3) (a) 1.

21 (2) REPORTS TO THE LEGISLATURE. No later than June 30, 2024, June 30, 2025,
22 and June 30, 2026, the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection
23 shall submit to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature in the manner

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1 provided under s. 13.172 (3) reports on how grant money provided to the Fenwood
2 Creek pilot project has been spent and the results of that project in reducing
3 watershed phosphorus and sediment levels.

4 (3) 2025-27 BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUEST. In submitting information under s. 16.42
5 for purposes of the 2025-27 biennial budget bill, the department of agriculture, trade
6 and consumer protection shall include a request to provide funding for the Fenwood
7 Creek pilot project in Marathon County to reduce watershed phosphorus and
8 sediment levels.

9 **SECTION 4. Effective date.**

10 (1) This act takes effect on the day after publication, or on the 2nd day after
11 publication of the 2023 biennial budget act, whichever is later.

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