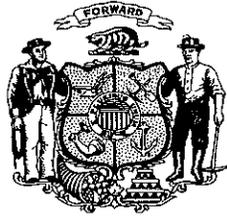


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## JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

### MEMORANDUM

To: Members  
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling  
Representative John Nygren

Date: November 23, 2015

Re: DNR Report to JFC

Attached is a report on estimates of future land acquisitions from the Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to s. 23.0913, Stats.

This report is being provided for your information only. No action by the Committee is required. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Attachments

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Pursuant to ss. 23.0913, Stats., the Department of Natural Resources is providing you with an estimate of future land acquisitions. The Department estimates that the total number of fee title acres to be acquired by the Department shall not exceed 1.9 million acres. This estimate is in compliance with s. 23.0917 (6m) (dg) (2) which requires approval by the Joint Committee on Finance for any fee title acquisition of land that results in the Department owning more than 1.9 million acres in total.

During the past five years the Department has acquired approximately 45,175 acres of land in fee ownership. In addition, the Department has acquired easement rights to an additional 109,004 land. As of June 30th, 2015 the Department owned 1,507,257 acres in fee title and 303,716 acres in easements.

Land acquisition funding is variable from year to year and the Department is unable to provide an exact estimate of the annual acres to be acquired. The Department anticipates acquisition opportunities over the next five years to decline compared to the previous five years due to declining budgets. There may be significant variations from year to year resulting from fluctuations in state and federal funding for land acquisition.

If you have any further questions or need additional information, please contact Doug Haag in the Bureau of Facilities and Lands at 608-266-2136 or douglasj.haag@wisconsin.gov.

Thank you.

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