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Control on High Capacity Wells

Problem: High Capacity Wells are defined as water being pumped at a capacity of 70 gallons or more of water per minute on one property. Currently, High Capacity wells are approved with no notice to area residents and no study on impact to area wetlands, lakes and streams. Even after a high capacity well has been approved the impact on wetlands and residential wells are not realized until the high capacity well is in operation.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual spring hearing in Rock County on April 11, 2016 request Wisconsin legislative action be taken to require public notice be sent thirty days prior to approval of any high capacity wells, to area residents within a two mile radius of the proposed well site. We also request legislation that all high capacity well applications contain a clause that if any impact or impairment occurs to area wells or wetlands (marshes, lakes, streams) the high capacity well will be shut down.

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