

# STATE AND FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DIRECTORY

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## **ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES (ATV)**

**Authorization:** s. 23.33, Wis. Stats.

**Budget:** 2009-2010 Fiscal Year = \$3,371,100  
2010-2011 Fiscal Year = \$3,462,200

**Objective:** To provide funds to accommodate all-terrain vehicles through the acquiring, insuring, developing, and maintaining of all-terrain vehicle trails and areas, including routes.

**Eligibility:** Counties, cities, villages, and towns.

**Level of Assistance:** Up to 100% of costs up to \$220 per mile if ATV trail is available for spring, summer, and fall riding. Up to 100% of costs up to \$80 per mile if the trail is available only for winter riding opportunity. Up to 50% of the approved eligible costs for maintaining an all-terrain vehicle area. Up to 100% of the approved eligible costs to develop ATV trails and areas.

**Priorities:**

- Maintenance of existing approved trails and areas, including routes.
- Purchase of liability insurance.
- Acquisition of easements.
- Major rehabilitation of bridge structures or trails.
- Acquisition of land in fee and development of new trails and areas.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Development, maintenance, insurance, acquisition, and rehabilitation.

**Applications:** Applications are available at DNR Regional offices and are due by April 15 of each year.

**History:** Since its inception in 1985, this grant program has provided over \$18,000,000 for the construction and maintenance of all-terrain vehicle trails and intensive-use areas.

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# ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE (ATV) ENFORCEMENT PATROL

**Authorization:** s. 23.33 (9), Wis. Stats., s. NR 64.15, Wis. Admin. Code

**Budget:** Grants are prorated if requests exceed available funding.

2001-2002 = \$70,000	2005-2006 = \$200,000
2002-2003 = \$70,000	2006-2007 = \$200,000
2003-2004 = \$100,000	2007-2008 = \$500,000
2004-2005 = \$200,000	

**Objective:** To provide grants to county sheriffs for all-terrain vehicle patrols.

**Eligibility:** Counties

**Level of Assistance:** Counties may receive up to 100% of their net costs for the enforcement of s. 23.33, Wis. Stats. If their claims exceed monies available, the Department shall prorate the payments.

**Priorities:** Patrols must function as a law enforcement unit.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Salaries of officers engaged in the enforcement of s. NR 64.15 at a rate no more than the regular straight-time rate. Fringe benefits cannot exceed 29% of the gross salary. Travel, materials, and supplies are reimbursable. Depreciation is calculated at a rate of 12 ½ % annually on all equipment over \$100 except ATVs, which is calculated at the rate of 20% annually.

**Applications:** A county must file a *Notice of Intent to Patrol* form with the DNR on or before July 1 of each year. Claim forms shall be filed with the DNR on or before September 1st of the year following the 12-month period for which the claim is made. Forms and information are available from the DNR's Recreational Vehicle Safety Officer, Bureau of Law Enforcement.

**History:** For the 2008-2009 fiscal year, 44 counties have submitted *Intent to Patrol* forms; 9 counties have submitted state aid claims.

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**Website:** <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/Grants/atvenforce.html>

## AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES GRANTS

**Authorization:** ss. 23.22 (2)(c), Wis. Stats.; ch. NR 198, Wis. Admin. Code

**Budget:** 2010 \$4.3 million  
2011 \$4.3 million

**Objective:** To control aquatic invasive species aquatic invasive species (AIS) in lakes and rivers and their ecosystems.

**Eligibility:** Any entity that is eligible for a State Lake or River grant is also eligible for an AIS grant.

**Level of Assistance:** Up to 75% of total project costs for :

Education, Prevention and Response projects. The maximum award shall be \$150,000. Applications shall be separated into 2 classes—those requesting less than \$50,000 in state share and those requesting \$50,000 or more in state share.

Early Detection and Response projects. The maximum award shall be \$20,000.

Established Population Control projects. The maximum award shall be \$200,000.

Research and Demonstration projects. The total available annual funding is limited to \$500,000 for this category.

**Priorities:** Priorities are set on a statewide basis (see s. NR 198, Wis. Admin. Code) and consider the following factors:

- The degree to which the project includes a prevention and control strategy.
- The degree to which the project prevents the spread of aquatic invasive species.
- The degree to which the project results in long-term control.
- The degree to which the project protects or improves the aquatic ecosystem's diversity, ecological stability or recreational uses.
- The degree to which the project complements other management efforts.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Early detection and response, established population control projects, research and demonstration projects.

**Applications:** From DNR regional Lake Coordinators or DNR regional Environmental Grants Specialists. Applications need to be received in the regional offices by February 1 or August 1 of each year.

**Contacts:** [For questions about eligible projects, contact the appropriate DNR regional Lake Coordinator.](#) For questions about eligible project costs, contact the appropriate DNR regional Environmental Grants Specialists.

**Website:** <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/Grants/Lakes/invasivespecies.html>

## **BROWNFIELD SITE ASSESSMENT GRANT PROGRAM**

**Authorization:** s. 292.75, Wis. Stats., and ch. NR 168, Wis. Admin. Code.

**Budget:** Fiscal Year = \$1,700,000

**Objective:** This program was created to assist local governmental units in assessing environmental contamination and conducting preliminary assessment actions at eligible Brownfield sites or facilities.

An eligible brown fields site or facility is defined as one or more contiguous industrial or commercial facilities or sites with common or multiple ownership that are abandoned, idle, or underused, the expansion or redevelopment of which is adversely affected by actual or perceived environmental contamination.

**Eligibility:** Local governmental units -- including cities, villages, towns, counties, tribes and redevelopment, community development, or housing authorities -- are eligible to apply for this grant. The applicant cannot have caused the environmental contamination at the site. The person who caused the environmental contamination must be unknown, unable to be located or financially unable to pay for grant activities.

**Level of Assistance:** Available funding is divided between small and large grants: 60% of funds are allocated to small grants (between \$2,000 and \$30,000); 40% are allocated for large grants (between \$30,001 and \$100,000). A single applicant may be awarded no more than 15% of all funds available in each fiscal year.

**Priorities:** If sufficient funds are not available to fund all eligible, complete applications, the DNR is required to score and rank eligible, complete applications and award points in accordance with the criteria set forth in ss. NR 168.13(2), (3), and (4), Wis. Admin. Code. The criteria are applied on a statewide basis. Grant funding is offered to the highest ranked applicant, then continuing down the ranked list until all funds in a year are allocated.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Grants from this program reimburse local governments for up to 80 % of the cost of the following eligible activities:

- Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments and ch. NR 716 site investigations;
- Demolition of structures, buildings, or improvements, including necessary asbestos abatement; and
- Removal of underground petroleum product storage tank systems and hazardous substance storage tank systems, and removal of abandoned containers.

**Applications:** At least one application cycle will be offered per fiscal year, if funding is available. A fact sheet, application, and instructions may be obtained from the DNR. Please see the Bureau for Remediation and Redevelopment's web site for information on the next application cycle.

**History:** The Brownfields Study Group, a state-wide advisory task force, recommended the creation of the Brownfield Site Assessment Grant (SAG) program in their 1998 final report. The State Legislature first authorized \$1.45 million for the SAG program in the 1999-2001 State Biennial Budget. For the 2001-2003 State Budget, \$3.4 was allocated for the SAG.

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# **BROWNFIELDS GREEN SPACE AND PUBLIC FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM**

**Authorization:** s. 292.79, Wis. Stats.

**Budget:** There is \$1 million available for the 2001-2005 biennium.

**Objective:** This program was created to promote the cleanup of brown fields where the end-use has a long-term public benefit, including preservation of green space, development of recreational areas or use by a local government. A Brownfield is an abandoned, idle, or underused industrial or commercial site or facility, the expansion or redevelopment of which is adversely affected by actual or perceived environmental contamination.

**Eligibility:** Eligible applicants are local units of government, including cities, villages, towns, counties, redevelopment authorities, community development authorities and housing authorities. Eligible costs include activities to remedy environmental contamination.

**Level of Assistance:** Grants up to \$200,000 are available.

**Priorities:** If sufficient funds are not available to fund all eligible, complete applications, the DNR is required to score and rank eligible, complete applications and award points in accordance with the criteria proposed ch. NR 173, Wis. Admin. Code. Grant funding is offered to the highest ranked applicant, then continuing down the ranked list until all funds are allocated. Projects are ranked according to the following criteria: project need, applicant commitment, financial contribution, and environmental benefits.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Eligible projects include cleanup of brown fields where the end use has a long-term public benefit.

**Applications:** Applications are available on the Bureau for Remediation and Redevelopment's web site.

**History:** The Brownfields Study Group, a state-wide advisory task force, recommended the creation of the program in their 2000 final report. The State Legislature then authorized \$1 million for the program in the 2001-2003 State Biennial Budget, however no grants were awarded that biennium because the funds lapsed into the general fund due to the budget repair law. In the first two rounds of grants, \$2 million in grants were awarded to 19 Brownfield projects.

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# CLEAN WATER FUND LOAN PROGRAM

**Authorization:** ss. 281.58 and 281.59, Wis. Stats.

**Budget:** Approximately \$200 million annually available for loans.

**Objective:** To protect water quality by correcting existing wastewater and storm water treatment problems and preventing future problems.

**Eligibility:** Any city, town, village, county, county utility district, town sanitary district, public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district, metropolitan sewerage district or federally recognized Indian tribe or band in Wisconsin.

**Level of Assistance:** Low interest rate loans. Additional assistance to low-income municipalities with up to a 70% grant and an interest-free loan.

**Priorities:** Protection of human health and water quality (see s. NR 162.30, Wis. Adm. Code).

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Construction of wastewater and storm water treatment facilities, sewer systems, and interceptors necessary to prevent a violation of discharge limits, to meet new or changed limits, or to protect human health and water quality in unsewered areas.

**Applications:** An *Intent to Apply* must be submitted by December 31 of the year prior to the year in which an application will be submitted. Applications are normally accepted on a continuous basis and projects are funded as they are ready for construction. In years with insufficient funding, projects are ranked on the basis of environmental and human health protection.

**History:** The program was authorized in 1987 to replace the wastewater construction grants programs. Over \$3 billion of loans have been issued under the program.

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# COUNTY CONSERVATION AIDS

**Authorization:** s. 23.09 (12), Wis. Stats., ch. NR 50, Wis. Admin. Code

**Budget:** 2010-2011 Fiscal Year = \$ 297,000

**Objective:** Provides financial assistance to enhance county fish and wildlife programs.

**Eligible Applicant:** County and tribal governing bodies participating in the county fish and wildlife programs.

**Level of Assistance:** The state may pay a maximum of 50% of the eligible actual project cost.

**Priorities:** The revenue to operate the program comes from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses and state sales tax on hunting and fishing equipment. The program allocates funds to each county in proportion to the ratio of the size of each county to the total area of the state. Funds are allocated annually to eligible applicants by resolution. After annual allocation, unused funds revert to 5 regions available to county and tribal government within region boundaries. Unused region funds revert to a statewide fund on May 1 of each year to be used on additional projects statewide. Contact your DNR Regional Grant Specialist listed below after May 1st for additional funds if available.

## **Eligible Projects:**

### **Wildlife Management:**

- Access Roads
- Browse improvement cutting
- Construction of wood duck houses
- Creating cover brush piles
- Creation of impoundments, construction, nature trails
- Diking and ditching
- Fence construction
- Fencing and boundary posting for hunting areas
- Firebreak construction
- Flowage and pothole construction
- Food patches and plantings
- Food seeding
- Habitat creation or improvement
- Habitat improvement, including: brush piles, controlled burns, planting, and nesting structures
- Hunter walking trail construction, including: seeding, mowing, and signing
- Land acquisition for habitat preservation
- Shooting range facilities which include a hunter safety program component
- Trail seeding, mowing and spraying
- Other types of projects that improve the wildlife resource and management

- Parking areas construction
- Recreation facilities useful solely for management purposes
- Specialized equipment useful solely for wildlife management purposes

### Fish Management:

- Aquatic habitat development
- Aquatic vegetation management
- Boat launch development
- Brush shelter in lakes
- Chemical rehabilitation of waters
- Construction of fish shelters
- Construction of parking areas
- Fencing construction and boundary posting for fishing areas
- Fish stocking
- Fishing access sites
- Fishing pier or bank fishing construction
- Habitat creation or improvement
- Impoundments for fishing
- Lake, stream and spring pond rehabilitation and improvement
- Land acquisition for fish habitat preservation
- Other types of project that improve the fish resource and management
- Pond or lake dredging for habitat improvement
- Recreation facilities useful solely for fish management purposes
- Rough fish control
- Spawning area development
- Specialized equipment useful solely for fish management purposes
- Stream bank fencing
- Stream side fencing
- Spawning area development
- Stream improvement devices including bank repair and vegetation control

### Applications:

Contact your DNR Regional Grant Specialist for determination of a reasonable application deadline. The application material is provided in the appendix of the web site listed at the bottom of this document.

The applicant (county or tribal government) submits the application form and a current county or tribal board resolution delegating authority to a county or tribal committee to apply for funding or “Letter of Intent” to apply for funding to the appropriate DNR Regional Grant Specialist.

### DNR Regional Grant Specialist Contacts:

Contact the applicable DNR Regional Grant Specialist for your county location listed below if you have questions regarding application and the grant program.

**Southeast Region:** (Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Sheboygan, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha) , Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources, 2300 N. Dr. Martin

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**South Central Region:** (Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Lafayette, Richland, Rock, Sauk,) Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources, 3911 Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg, WI 53711. Patrick R. Sheahan, phone: (608) 273-5947, email: Patrick.Sheahan@Wisconsin.gov

**Northern Region:** (Ashland, Bayfield, Barron, Burnett, Douglas, Forest, Florence, Iron, Lincoln, Langlade, Oneida, Price, Polk, Rusk, Sawyer, Taylor, Vilas, Washburn), Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources, 107 Sutliff Avenue, Rhinelander, WI 54501-3349. Kirstie A. Larsen, phone: (715) 365-8983, email: Kirstie.Larsen@Wisconsin.Gov.

**Northeast Region:** (Brown, Calumet, Door, Green Lake, Fond Du Lac, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Marinette, Marquette, Menominee, Oconto, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca, Waushara, Winnebago), Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources, 2984 Shawano Avenue, PO Box 10448, Green Bay, WI 54313. Christine M. Halbur, phone: (920) 662-5121, email: Christine.Halbur@Wisconsin.Gov.

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**History:** This Fish and Wildlife Management Grant Program was created to assist Wisconsin Counties in the improvement of the fish and wildlife resources. The Fund was established by the Wisconsin Legislature in 1965 as an alternative to highly questionable bounty payments on coyote, foxes and bobcats. Every year since the bounty program was cancelled, a state allocation equal to the average annual bounty payment has been earmarked as matching money for a growing list of county sponsored fish and wildlife habitat projects.

**Website:** <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/Grants/coconserv.html>

## COUNTY FOREST ACREAGE PAYMENTS

**Authorization:** ss. 20.370(5)(bv) and 28.11(8)(a), Wis. Stats.

**Budget:** Fiscal Year = \$708,000

**Objective:** To provide financial assistance to towns with lands enrolled under the County Forest Law, in lieu of local tax revenue.

**Eligibility:** Towns in counties having lands enrolled under the County Forest Law.

**Level of Assistance:** Towns receive \$.30 per acre payments based on acreage in the town enrolled under the County Forest Law.

**Priorities:** Each town determines how payment will be used.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Statute places no restrictions.

**Applications:** None required

**History:** Payments have been made since the inception of the County Forest program in 1929 to compensate the Towns for the lost tax base. The acreage payment was \$.10/acre from 1929 through 1961, with further increases to \$.15/acre in 1962, \$.20/acre in 1972 and \$.30/acre in 1989.

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## COUNTY FOREST ADMINISTRATION GRANT

**Authorization:** ss. 20.370(5)(bw) and 28.11(5m), Wis. Stats.

**Budget:** \$1,348,200 annually

**Objective:** Promote the hiring of professional forestry staff by counties.

**Eligibility:** Counties must have land enrolled under the County Forest Law. Annual work plan must be approved. Salary must be for a County Forest Administrator or Assistant Administrator possessing a 4-year forestry degree from a university accredited in forestry curriculum.

**Level of Assistance:** Grant contributes 50% of the annual salary and fringe benefit costs. Fringe benefit costs may not exceed 40% of the salary of the applicant's eligible staff. Grant also pays for up to 50% of the dues for a county's participation in a not-for-profit organization that represents the collective interests of the County Forests.

**Priorities:** County determines interest and priority.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** County Forest Administrator or Assistant County Forest Administrator and County Forest organization dues.

**Applications:** Requests must be submitted by January 31 with the County Forest Specialist, DNR Division of Forestry.

**History:** In its present form, the County Forest Administrator grant program has been in existence since 1994. The grant essentially replaced state cost-sharing for county forest administrator positions that were created during the 1980s. None of the past cost-shared administrator positions remain. Provision to cost-share dues to a not-for-profit organization representing County Forest interests was created by a statutory change in 2007.

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## COUNTY FOREST PROJECT LOANS

**Authorization:** ss. 20.370(5)(bq) and (bs), 28.11(8)(b), 28.11(9), Wis. Stats.; s. NR 47.70, Wis. Admin. Code.

**Budget:** \$400,000 plus \$1,000,000 (est.) in project loan severance share funds from the forestry account of the Conservation Fund.

**Objective:** Provide interest-free loans to counties with lands enrolled under the County Forest Law.

**Eligibility:** Counties having lands enrolled under the County Forest Law.

**Level of Assistance:** Determined by the DNR, based on an application and approved county board resolution requesting the loan.

**Priorities:**

- Land acquisition within the county forest boundary for lands to be entered
- under the County Forest Law
- Forestry land management activities
- ◆ Forestry land information
- ◆ Forest capitol improvements

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Meritorious and economically productive forestry projects in county forests. No wildlife or recreation projects are eligible.

**Applications:** County board resolution and other application materials outlining the project.

**History:** The project loans were originally approved in 1978 although there was no funding in 1988 and 1990. The current system of a revolving loan fund was approved in 1992 and has been in existence ever since.

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**Website:** None at this time.

# COUNTY FOREST VARIABLE ACREAGE AND PROJECT LOANS

**Authorization: Variable Acreage Loans:** ss. 20.370(5)(bq)(bs) and 28.11(8)(b), Wis. Stats.

**Project Loans:** ss. 20.370(5)(bt)(bu) and 28.11(8)(b), Wis. Stats.

## **Budget:**

**Variable Acreage Loans:** \$622,400 annually from the Forestry Account of the Conservation Fund.

**Project Loans:** \$400,000 annually from the forestry account of the Conservation Fund. In addition, an estimated \$1,250,000 in severance share repayments which may be available to be loaned.

**Objective:** Provide interest-free loans to counties for forestry operations on lands under the County Forest Law.

**Eligibility:** Counties having land enrolled under the County Forest Law.

## **Level of Assistance:**

**Variable Acreage Loans:** Determined by the DNR after December 31 each year based on dollar amounts requested. A county may request up to \$.50/acre of eligible county forest lands. Requests in excess of available funds will be prorated.

**Project Loans:** Determined by the DNR after each of the first two application periods (August 15 and December 1). After December 2, first come, first served. Individual loans may not exceed 25% of available funds for any one year.

## **Priorities:**

**Variable Acreage Loans:** County determines project priority.

## **Project Loans:**

**1<sup>ST</sup> Preference:** Land acquisition

**2<sup>nd</sup> Preference:** Land management activities

**3<sup>rd</sup> Preference:** Land information activities

**4<sup>th</sup> Preference:** Capital purchases and improvements

**Eligible Types of Projects:**

**Variable Acreage Loans:** Forestry projects on land enrolled under the County Forest Law.

**Project Loans:** Economically productive forest operations consistent with the Comprehensive Land Management Plan. Projects may not be used for recreational facilities or fish/wildlife projects.

**Applications:**

**Variable Acreage Loans:** Requests must be submitted to the DNR via county board resolution by December 31 of each year.

**Project Loans:** Request deadlines are August 15 and December 1 of each year. December 2 and later, requests are reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Date of Payments:**

**Variable Acreage Loans:** Payments made on or before March 31 of each year.

**Project Loans:** Payment made upon project completion, unless an advance payment has been requested. A 75% advance payment is available with mutual agreement of the applicant and the DNR.

**History:**

**Variable Acreage Loans:** These loans have been available since 1980 for use in acquiring, developing, preserving or maintaining county forest lands. Annually, \$600,000 - \$620,000 is distributed. Loans are repaid through a 20% severance tax on forest products harvested off of County Forest lands.

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**Website:** None at this time.

## COUNTY SNOWMOBILE ENFORCEMENT PATROLS

**Authorization:** ss. 350.12(4)(a)(4) and 20.370(4)(ft), Wis. Stats.; s. NR 50.12, Wis. Admin. Code

**Budget:** Grants are prorated if requests exceed funding available.  
2001-2002 Fiscal Year = \$400,000  
2002-2003 Fiscal Year = \$400,000

**Objective:** To encourage county snowmobile patrols to function as a law enforcement unit for the enforcement ch. 350, Wis. Stats.

**Eligibility:** Counties.

**Level of Assistance:** Counties may receive up to 100% of their net costs for the enforcement of ch. 350, Wis. Stats. If county claims exceed available funds, the DNR shall prorate the payments.

**Priorities:** Patrols must function as a law enforcement unit.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Salaries of officers engaged in the enforcement of ch. 350, Wis. Stats., at a rate not more than the regular straight-time rate. Fringe benefits cannot exceed 29% of the gross salary. Travel, materials, and supplies are reimbursable. Depreciation is calculated at a rate of 20% annually on all equipment valued at over \$1,000.

**Applications:** A county must file a *Notice of Intent to Patrol* form with the DNR on or before July 1 of each year. Claim forms shall be filed with the DNR on or before June 1st of the year following the 12-month period for which the claim is made. Forms and information are available from the Recreational Vehicle Safety Warden, Bureau of Law Enforcement.

**History:** Approximately 44 counties annually participate in the snowmobile enforcement patrol.

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PO Box 7921  
Madison, WI 53707  
(608) 267-7455

[Appropriate DNR Recreational Safety Warden](#)

or

**Website:** None at this time.

## **DAM REMOVAL GRANT PROGRAM**

(Formerly known as the Small and Abandonment Dam Removal Grant Program)

**Authorization:** ss. 31.19(5), and 31.385, Wis. Stats.; ch. NR 335, Wis. Admin. Code

**Budget:** 2009-2011 Biennial Budget - \$500,000 in bond revenue.

**Objective:** Provide municipalities, tribes, public inland lake districts, and private dam owners with financial assistance in conducting dam removal.

**Eligibility:** Counties, cities, villages, towns, tribes, public inland lake protection and rehabilitation districts, and private dam owners can apply for grant funds to remove a dam they own. Any person can apply to receive funds to remove an abandoned dam if they have obtained legal access to the property on which the dam is located. Abandoned dams are those declared abandoned using the process under s. 31.187, Wis. Stats..

**Level of Assistance:** 100% matching grants for eligible project costs up to a maximum grant award of \$50,000.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Dam removal.

**Eligible Costs:** Labor, materials, and equipment directly related to planning the actual removal, the dam removal itself, and the restoration of the impoundment.

**Applications:** Accepted on a continual basis. Available on DNR website or upon request.

**Contact:** **Eileen Trainor**, Grant Manager – CF/2  
Department of Natural Resources  
PO Box 7921  
Madison WI 53707-7921  
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**Meg Galloway**, Section Chief, Dams & Floodplain, WT/3  
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Madison, WI 53707-7921  
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Email: [Meg.Galloway@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Meg.Galloway@wisconsin.gov)

**Website:** <http://www.dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/grants/damremov.html>

## **DRY CLEANING ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE GRANT**

**Authorization:** s. 292.65, Wis. Stats.; ch. NR 169, Wis. Admin. Code

**Budget:** Spending authority granted by the Legislature:

2009-2010 Fiscal Year = \$4,749,200

2010-2011 Fiscal Year = \$763,600

Exact amount spent out of the fund each year varies, depending on the available balance in the fund (currently less than spending authority).

**Objective:** Reimbursing the costs associated with the investigation and cleanup of contamination caused, by the discharges of dry cleaning products from a dry cleaning facility.

**Eligibility:** Owners, operators, parent & subsidiary corporations and their agents of a dry-cleaning facility (as defined under s. 292.65(1)(h) or (j), Wis. Stats.)

**Level of Assistance:** The applicant is reimbursed 100% of the eligible expenses after the variable deductible is withheld to a maximum of \$500,000. (See s. 292.65(8)(e), Wis. Stats., for details.)

**Priorities:** The highest priority is for threats to municipal wells, other water sources, and urgent spill projects. The DNR project manager will assign a risk evaluation to each project based on the amount of material spilled and the level of threat to others.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Only site investigation and remediation of site-specific dry cleaning product releases are eligible for reimbursement.

**Applications:** Available on the DNR web page (see below), along with details on all of the above. Applications for reimbursing site investigation costs may be submitted when the site investigation report and remedial action options report are submitted to and approved by the department. All applications must be submitted within 120 days of completing the response activity.

**History:** This is a self-insurance program that is funded by a self imposed 2.8 % tax on dry cleaning sold at all licensed dry cleaners. The statute was first put in place on October 14, 1997. The program is currently closed to new applicants, but the 230 sites currently enrolled with eligible applicants have until 2032 to complete work and apply for reimbursement.

**Contacts:** Jillian Steffes, CF/2  
Department of Natural Resources  
P.O. Box 7921  
Madison, WI 53707-7921  
Phone: (608) 266-1967

... or ...

Terry Evanson, RR/5  
Department of Natural Resources  
P.O. Box 7921  
Madison WI 53707-7921  
Phone: (608) 266-0941

**Website:** <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/financial/dryclean.html>

## **FEDERAL AID IN SPORT FISH RESTORATION ACT**

**Authorization:** 16 U.S.C. 777-777k, 64 Stat. 430 (also known as Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act)

**Budget:** Varies depending upon excise tax collection by US Treasury.

**Objective:** Sport fish restoration and boating access.

**Eligibility:** Department of Natural Resources; contracts and use agreements may be negotiated with counties, villages, and towns for use of this funding to facilitate the construction of boat landings and fishing piers.

**Level of Assistance:** 75% cost-share

**Priorities:** Fisheries-related projects identified in the DNR's work planning process as biennially reviewed and ranked by DNR staff.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Public access development--boat landings; fishing piers.

**Applications:** Information provided by DNR Regional Fisheries Management Supervisors or appropriate regional Community Services Specialists, page 105-108.

**History:** Annual expenditures in excess of \$500,000 for developing boat access and piers. Remainder spent on land acquisition, habitat restoration, aquatic education, and other DNR management projects.

**Contact:** Appropriate DNR regional Community Service Specialist – Pages 105-108

**Website:** <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/Grants/sportfish.html>

## **FINANCIAL AID for REMEDIATION of POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS CONTAMINATED SEDIMENT**

*Disclaimer: This grant program is **under development** – the following information is subject to change and is not deemed as final by the department.*

**Authorization:** s. 292.68, Wis. Stats., and ch. NR 560 (*under development- not final*), Wis. Admin. Code

**Budget:** 2009-2010 Fiscal Year = \$3 million \*  
2010-2011 Fiscal Year = \$3 million\*

\*It is assumed that this appropriation will be lapsed with ongoing budget deficit reduction efforts.

**Objective:** To provide financial assistance aid to certain responsible parties for the difference between costs associated with transporting and disposing of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) contaminated sediments at out-of-state hazardous waste disposal facilities and the cost of disposing of the PCB contaminated sediment in Wisconsin.

**Eligible Applicant:** An eligible applicant is defined as a Wisconsin town, village, city, public entity, private business or nonprofit organization, or more than one of these entities acting jointly, that submits an application for funding for financial aid for costs associated with transporting and disposing of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) contaminated sediments at out-of-state hazardous waste disposal facilities.

In addition to the above paragraph, the eligible applicant may apply for financial aid provided:

- The applicant is a responsible party, under s. 292.11 or 42 USC 9601 to 9675, **or**
- The applicant has entered into a consent decree with the department or the federal environmental protection agency under which the remediation project is undertaken which contains polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in concentration of 50 parts per million or greater.

**Level of Assistance:** The reimbursement award payment may not exceed 95% of actual approved DNR eligible costs.

**Priorities:** Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis until available funds are exhausted.

**Eligible Cost:** The following costs are eligible for financial aid.

- The costs of transporting PCB contaminated sediment to a hazardous waste disposal facility.
- The fees for disposing of the PCB contaminated sediment in the out-of-state hazardous waste disposal facility less such costs for the disposal if a Wisconsin disposal facility was available.
- The cost of any permits that an applicant is required to obtain in order to transport and dispose of the PCB contaminated sediment.
- Sampling and analytical costs associated with characterizing excavated PCB contaminated sediment that is needed for disposal.

**APPLICATION:** When application to this grant program is available, the form will be provided in the appendix of the web site listed at the bottom of this document.

**DNR PROGRAM CONTACTS:**

**(1) DNR contact for receipt, review, and decision regarding the application:**

Edward Lynch, DNR Program Manager  
 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
 Bureau of Remediation & Redevelopment  
 101 S. Webster Street, PO Box 7921  
 Madison, WI 53707-7921  
 Email: [Edward.Lynch@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Edward.Lynch@wisconsin.gov)  
 Phone: (608) 266-3084

**(2) DNR contact for reimbursement award document and payment:**

Sandy Chancellor, DNR Grant Manager  
 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
 Bureau of Community Financial Assistance  
 101 S. Webster Street, PO Box 7921  
 Madison, WI 53707-7921  
 Email: [Sandra.Chancellor@Wisconsin.gov](mailto:Sandra.Chancellor@Wisconsin.gov)  
 Phone: (608) 264-9207

**History:** The Wisconsin Legislature 2007-2009 biennial budget bill Wisconsin Act 20 created section 292.68 of the statutes which directed the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to administer a program to provide financial assistance aid to certain responsible parties for the difference between costs associated with transporting and disposing of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) contaminated sediments at out-of-state hazardous waste disposal facilities and the cost of disposing of the PCB contaminated sediment in Wisconsin. The Department of Natural Resources is *currently developing* ch. NR 560, Wis. Adm. Code, for the implementation and administration of this financial aid program.

**Website:** <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/Grants/pcbsediment.html>.

## FOREST FIRE PROTECTION (FFP) GRANT PROGRAM

**Authorization:** ss. 26.145(1), (2), and (3), Wis. Stats.; ch. NR 47, subchapters I and VIII, Wis. Admin. Code

**Budget:**

State appropriation (Annual/SEG)	\$170,000	Federal
State Fire Assistance appropriation (Title 2)	\$121,781*	
Federal Volunteer Fire Assistance appropriation (Title 4)	\$280,219*	
<b>Total</b> anticipated annual allotment for FFP Program	<b>\$572,000</b>	

*\*federal amount can vary from year to year*

**Objective:** To expand the use of local fire departments to augment and strengthen the DNR's overall initial attack fire suppression capabilities on forest fires by providing forest fire protection grants to municipal fire departments and other fire suppression organizations.

**Eligibility:** Cities, villages, towns, counties, tribal governments, and fire suppression organizations that enter into a written agreement with the DNR in which the municipality or fire suppression organization agrees to assist the DNR in suppression of forest fires at the Department's request.

**Level of Assistance:** 50% matching grants for eligible project costs; limit of \$10,000 to individual fire departments; limit of \$25,000 to county fire suppression organizations.

**Priorities:** Personal protective equipment; forest fire training; forest fire prevention; forest fire suppression equipment and dry hydrants; communication equipment; mapping; vehicles.

**Eligible Types of Project:** Personal protective equipment; forest fire training; forest fire prevention; forest fire suppression tools, equipment, supplies and materials, and dry hydrants; communication equipment; mapping, rural numbering systems, and direction/location devices such as global position systems; vehicles (limited to individual fire department applicants).

**Applications:** Mailed by May 1 each year to all known WI fire suppression organizations having a written fire suppression agreement with the DNR; also available upon request and on the DNR's website. Submittal deadline: July 1 of each year.

**History:** This grant program was created in 1997 to provide grant funds to encourage and support local volunteer fire organizations that assist the DNR in initial attack of forest fires.

**Contact:** FFP Grant Manager, CF/2  
Department of Natural Resources  
P.O. Box 7921  
Madison, WI 53707-7921  
Phone: (608) 266-7555

**Website:** <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/lr/ffp/grants.html>

## FOREST STEWARDSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

**Authorization:** 16 U.S.C. §2103c *et. seq.* (also known as Public Law 101-624, Title XII); ch. NR 47, Wis. Admin. Code

**Budget:** Changes each year but it is at approximately \$45,000 total.

**Objective:** To encourage the long-term stewardship of non-industrial private forest lands by assisting owners of such lands to more actively manage their forest and related resources using existing state, federal, and private sector resource management expertise and assistance programs.

**Eligibility:** Eligible applicants are groups, organizations, and various government agencies interested in promoting the stewardship management of private non-industrial forestlands.

**Level of Assistance:** Grants are 50% of the actual eligible costs.

**Priorities:** Projects that are directed toward one or more areas of emphasis, determined each year by the Forest Stewardship Committee.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Landowner workshops, management plan writing, field days, training sessions, direct landowner assistance, and research.

**Applications:** Applications are available in February and due in March each year.

**History:** Over \$1.6 million in grant funds have been provided for projects since 1991.

**Contact:** Nicole Potvin, FR/4  
Program questions  
Department of Natural Resources  
PO Box 7921  
Madison, WI 53707-7921  
Phone: (608) 266-2388

Jeff Soellner, CF/2  
Administration questions  
Department of Natural Resources  
PO Box 7921  
Madison, WI 53707-7921  
Phone: (608) 266- 9426

**Website:** <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/Grants/fosteward.html>

## FORESTRY AIDS TO COUNTIES

**Authorization:** s. 23.09(18), Wis. Stats.

**Budget:** \$1,250,000 (from the Forestry Account of the Conservation Fund)

**Objective:** Provide payments to counties having 40,000 or more acres enrolled under the Forest Crop and Managed Forest Laws.

**Eligibility:** Counties having over 40,000 acres enrolled under the Forest Crop and Managed Forest Law.

**Level of Assistance:** Apportioned to each county on the basis of their share of the eligible acreage.

**Priorities:** None

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Not allocated by project. County is eligible if it has 40,000 or more acres of MFL and FCL.

**Applications:** No application necessary. Eligibility and level of assistance are calculated by DNR's Forest Tax Unit.

**History:** Established in 1989.

**Contact:** Forest Tax Section Chief, FR/4  
Department of Natural Resources  
PO Box 7921  
Madison WI 53707-7921  
Phone: (608) 266-3545

**Website:** <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/Grants/foaids.html>

## **GYPSY MOTH SUPPRESSION PROGRAM**

**Authorization:** ss. 26.30(2) and (5), 28.01, and 28.07, Wis. Stats.; s. NR 47.9, Wis. Admin. Code

**Budget:** Dependent on funding from U.S. Forest Service  
2001-2002 Fiscal Year = \$140,596  
2002-2003 Fiscal Year = \$140,596 (est.)

**Objective:** At the request of landowners, these grants are provided to reduce outbreaks of non-native gypsy moth species populations below the level at which they can cause heavy defoliation. The suppression program consists of an aerial insecticide treatment program administered in partnership with the WI Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection and administration of federal cost-sharing for participants in the treatment program. Counties designate a local coordinator to administer requests for treatment from and for all residents of the county.

**Eligibility:** Eligible treatment blocks need to meet the following criteria:

- At least 20 contiguous acres in a compact and regular shape with a canopy coverage of 50% or more
- At least 50% of canopy coverage must be moderately or highly-susceptible hosts
- At least 500 egg masses per acre on residential or high-use recreational land and at least 1,000 egg masses per acre on rural land

**Level of Assistance:** Expenses directly relevant to the suppression program, aerial spray, and administrative costs, will be cost-shared up to 50% based on amount of funding received from the US Forest Service.

**Priorities:** Suppress outbreaks of gypsy moth populations to protect the trees that landowners and communities value.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Treatment blocks with gypsy moth outbreaks that meet the eligibility requirements receive aerial insecticide treatment.

**Applications:** Available from the contact or see web site.

**History:** The program started in 2001: two communities participated and 1500 acres were sprayed. In 2002, nine counties participated and 6,000 acres were sprayed.

**Contact:** Sue Kocken, NER  
Department of Natural Resources  
2984 Shawano Avenue  
Green Bay, WI 54313  
(920) 662-5487

**Website:** <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cfa/LR/gypsy/moth.html>

# LAKE MANAGEMENT PLANNING GRANTS

**Authorization:** s. 281.68, Wis. Stats., and ch. NR 190, Wis. Admin. Code

**Budget:** 2010 Fiscal Year = \$620,000  
2011 Fiscal Year = \$620,000

**Objective:** To provide lake planning grants for projects to collect and analyze information needed to protect and restore lakes and their watersheds.

**Eligibility:**

- Counties, cities, towns, villages, tribes, qualified lake associations [as defined in s. 281.68(1)(b), Wis. Stats.];
- Public inland lake protection and rehabilitation districts, town sanitary districts, other local governmental units [as defined in s. 66.299 (1)(a), Wis. Stats.] that are established for the purpose of lake management;
- Qualified nonprofit conservation organizations [as defined in s. 23.0955 (1), Wis. Stats.].

**Level of Assistance:** 75% of the cost of a lake planning project up to a maximum grant amount of \$3,000 per grant for small-scale projects and \$10,000 per grant for large-scale projects.

**Priorities:** Priorities are set on a statewide basis and consider the following factors:

**Small-scale projects:**

- The utility of the data and information that will be generated for assessing lake ecosystems.
- The degree to which the project will enhance knowledge and understanding of lake ecosystems.
- The degree to which the project will assist local decision-making and provide for the formation of goals or a strategy to protect a lake and lake ecosystems.
- The degree to which the project will likely result in significant improvement in the management of a lake and lake ecosystems.
- The degree of public access to the lake.
- Whether the project is a first-time small-scale project for the lake.

**Large-scale projects**

The degree to which the project contributes toward a holistic set of alternatives to assist local decision-making or contributes to the formation of a strategy to enhance or maintain the quality of a lake ecosystem.

- The degree to which the planning project will enhance knowledge and understanding of a lake's fish, aquatic life and their habitats.
- The degree to which the planning project will enhance knowledge and understanding of a lake's watershed conditions that affect or have potential to affect a lake's ecosystem.
- The degree to which the proposed planning project enhances local understanding of the lake's water quality and factors which affect it, and the lake's potential uses.
- The degree to which the project will likely result in significant improvement in the management of a lake and lake ecosystems.
- The availability of public access to, and public use of the lake.
- The degree to which the proposed planning project complements other lake management efforts, is supported by other affected management units, and leverages other local community funds for the project.
- The importance to the state (as identified in its resource management plans) of the information obtained from a planning project.
- Whether the project is a first-time large-scale project for a lake.

### **Eligible Types of Projects:**

#### **Small-scale projects:**

Lake trend monitoring, lake education, organization development, studies and assessments to implement or contribute to lake management goals for a lake.

#### **Large-scale projects:**

Data collection (physical, chemical, biological, sociological), water quality assessment, nonpoint source pollution evaluation, definition and mapping of lake watershed boundaries, mapping of existing and potential land conditions, activities and uses within the lake watersheds that may affect the water quality of a lake or its ecosystem and dissemination of information obtained during the project.

**Applications:** Available from the DNR regional Lake Coordinators and DNR regional Environmental Grants Specialists. Applications need to be received in DNR regional offices by February 1 and August 1 of each year.

**History:** Since the inception of the program, over \$6.2 million has been awarded for the lake management planning grants.

**Contact:** For questions about project eligibility, contact appropriate [DNR regional Lake Coordinator](#). For eligible project costs, contact appropriate DNR regional Environmental Grants Specialist.

**Website:** <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/Grants/Lakes/smalllake.html>  
<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/Grants/Lakes/Largelake.html>

## **LAKE PROTECTION AND CLASSIFICATION GRANTS**

**Authorization:** ss. 281.69 and 281.71, Wis. Stats.; ch. NR 191, Wis. Admin. Code

**Budget:** 2008 Fiscal Year = \$2 million  
2009 Fiscal Year = \$2 million

**Objective:** To protect and improve the water quality of lakes and their ecosystems.

**Eligibility:**

- Counties, cities, towns, villages, tribes, qualified lake associations [as defined in s. 281.68(1)(b), Wis. Stats.];
- Public inland lake protection and rehabilitation districts, town sanitary districts, other local governmental units [as defined in s. 66.299(1)(a), Wis. Stats.] that are established for the purpose of lake management; and
- Qualified nonprofit conservation organizations [as defined in s. 23.0955(1), Wis. Stats.].

**Level of Assistance:** 75% of project costs up to a maximum grant amount of \$200,000, except for the development of local regulations or ordinances and lake classification projects which are eligible for a maximum grant amount of \$50,000.

**Priorities:** Priorities are set on a statewide basis (see s. NR 191.08, Wis. Admin. Code) and consider the following factors:

- The degree to which the project provides for the protection or improvement of water quality.
- The degree to which the project provides for protection or improvement of other aspects of the natural ecosystem such as fish, wildlife, or natural beauty.
- The availability of public access to, and public use of the lakes.
- The degree to which the proposed project complements other lake and watershed management efforts.
- The level of support for the project from other affected management units.
- The level of financial support provided by the sponsor.
- For lake classification projects, there are additional factors to consider (please see s. NR 191.08(5), Wis. Admin. Code).

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Grants are available for the purchase of land or easements, restoration of wetlands, development of local regulations or ordinances to protect water quality, lake protection or lake restoration projects called for in a DNR-approved plan, and lake classification projects. (Lake classification projects are available only to counties.)

**Applications:** From DNR regional Lake Coordinators or DNR regional Environmental Grants Specialists. Applications need to be received in the regional offices by May 1 of each year.

**History:** Since the inception of this program, over \$13.2 million have been awarded for lake protection grants.

**Contacts:** For questions about eligible projects, contact the appropriate [DNR regional Lake Coordinator](#). For questions about eligible project costs, contact the appropriate DNR regional Environmental Grants Specialists.

**Website:** <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/Grants/Lakes/lakeprotection.html>

## LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND (LWCF)

**Authorization:** 16 U.S.C. 4601 - 4601-11, 78 Stat. 897 (also known as Public Law 88-578, approved September 3, 1964)

**Budget:** Dependent upon annual availability of federal funds. In 2002, the budget was \$2.5 million.

**Objective:** To encourage nationwide creation and interpretation of high quality, outdoor recreational opportunities. The program funds both state and local outdoor recreation projects.

**Eligibility:** Counties, cities, villages, towns, school districts, and Indian tribes with approved Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans.

**Level of Assistance:** Up to 50% matching grants from the fund are available to state and local units of government.

**Priorities:** Acquisition of land where a scarcity of outdoor recreational land exists. Projects that provide access for the greatest number of potential users and provide the greatest opportunities for outdoor recreation.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Acquisition of land for public outdoor recreational areas and preservation of water frontage and open space. Development of public outdoor park and recreational areas and their support facilities.

**Applications:** From DNR regional Community Service Specialist. Completed applications are due to the appropriate DNR regional office by May 1 of each year.

**History:** The program was established by Congress in 1964 to create parks and open spaces, protect wilderness, wetlands, and refuges, preserve wildlife habitat, and enhance recreational opportunities. From parks to playgrounds, wilderness to wetlands, bicycle paths to hiking trails, LWCF has helped communities nationwide acquire nearly seven million acres of parkland, water resources, and open space. LWCF has also underwritten the development of more than 37,000 state and local park and recreation projects.

**Contacts:** Amy Bradley, CF/2 or [DNR Regional Community Service Specialist](#)  
Department of Natural Resources  
P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921  
Phone: (608) 267-0497

**Website:** <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/Grants/LWCF/index.html>

## LAND RECYCLING LOAN PROGRAM

**Authorization:** ss. 281.59 and 281.60, Wis. Stats.

**Budget:** Section 677 of 2009 Wisconsin Act 28 of the 2009-2011 budget transfers the remaining loan funds of the Land Recycling Loan Program (LRLP) to the Dry Cleaner Environmental Response Fund (DERF). Therefore, the LRLP will no longer be accepting applications for remediation of Brownfield sites.

**Website:** <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/el/section/brownfield.html>

# LANDOWNER INCENTIVE PROGRAM

**Authorization:** ch. NR 58, Wis. Admin. Code

**Budget:** 2007-2008 Fiscal Year = \$106,000  
2008-2009 Fiscal Year = \$106,000

**Objective:** To provide financial and technical assistance to restore habitat on private land to benefit “at-risk” plant and animal species. (defined as Endangered, Threatened, Special Concern, and Species of Greatest Conservation Need)

**Eligibility:** Landowners and organizations conducting management or restoration on privately-owned land may apply.

**Level of Assistance:** 75% matching reimbursement grants, up to \$25,000.

**Priorities:** Projects must occur within the prairie and savanna (Prairie and Savanna) or Northern Lake Michigan Coastal range of Wisconsin. Projects must benefit at least one at-risk species population on site or within 1/2 mile.



**Eligible Types of Projects:** Restoration activities may include (but not limited to) conducting prescribed burns, restoring native vegetation, and removing invasive species. Funds must pertain directly to the on-the-ground work and cannot be used for overhead or indirect costs associated with restoration activities.

**Applications:** Applications are accepted during an annual request for proposals, posted on the LIP website. Hard copies may be downloaded from the website or requested from the LIP Coordinator. Electronic submission through the online form is preferred (note that this link is only active during a RFP).

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/er/wlip/application.asp>

**History:** Since 2006, 60 Restoration & Management projects have been initiated across 18 Wisconsin Counties, at an average cost of \$186.00/acre. These projects provide a direct benefit to 193 at-risk species.

**Contact:** Heidi Nelson – ER/6  
Department of Natural Resources  
P.O. Box 7921  
Madison WI 53707  
Phone: (608) 267-0797, Email: [Heidi.Nelson@Wisconsin.gov](mailto:Heidi.Nelson@Wisconsin.gov)

**Website:** <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/er/wlip/>

## LOCAL WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLANNING AIDS

**Authorization:** 33 U.S.C. §1384 (also known as s. 604(b), Federal Clean Water Act); s. 281.51, Wis. Stats.; ch. NR 121, Wis. Admin. Code.

	<u>State</u>	<u>Federal</u>
<b><u>Budget:</u></b> 2001-2002 Fiscal Year =	\$273,200	\$145,621
2002-2003 Fiscal Year =	\$269,200	\$145,621

**Objective:** To assist planning agencies with the develop and implementation of area-wide water quality management plans.

**Eligibility:** Local, county, or regional planning agencies, and commissions with water quality management planning responsibilities.

**Level of Assistance:** Eligible cost of water quality planning may be funded at 100%.

**Priorities:** The DNR, in cooperation with regional planning agencies, sets priorities to assist with area-wide water quality management planning.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Local and regional water resource management and watershed planning activities, sewer service area plans and amendments, regional wastewater facility planning initiatives, and identification and protection of water quality sensitive areas known as environmental corridors.

**Applications:** The DNR negotiates annual contracts with planning agencies and commissions. Project proposal may be submitted through regional DNR watershed management planning staff on a continuous basis. Proposals must be received by November 30 to be considered for funding in the next calendar year.

**History:** The local water quality management planning became an aids program in 1979.

**Contact:** Chuck Ledin, WT/2  
Department of Natural Resources  
PO Box 7921  
Madison WI 53707  
Phone: (608) 266-1956

**Website:** <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/wm/financial.html>

# MOTORCYCLE OUTDOOR RECREATION

**Authorization:** s. 23.09 (25), Wis. Stats.

**Budget:** 2001-2002 Fiscal Year = \$100,000  
2002-2003 Fiscal Year = \$100,000

**Objective:** Provide trails, intensive use areas, and related support facilities for off-road motorcycles.

**Eligibility:** Counties, cities, villages and towns.

**Level of Assistance:**

- Acquisition -- 100% of eligible costs
- Development -- 75% of eligible costs
- Maintenance -- 50% of eligible costs (if a trail is being maintained and it is a multi-use trail, cost-sharing is 100% of eligible costs)
- Insurance -- 100% up to \$7,000 per year

**Priorities:** Projects are reviewed for program eligibility as they are received.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Acquisition, development, insurance, and maintenance of trails, intensive use areas, and related facilities.

**Applications:** Application forms are available from the contact listed below.

**History:** The motorcycle recreation program became a grants program to local units of government in 1978.

**Contacts:** Diane Conklin  
1341 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Box 397  
Dept. of Natural Resources or  
Cumberland, WI 54829  
(715) 822-8583

[DNR Regional Community Service Specialist](#)

**Website:** <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cfa/lr/motorcycle/offroadtrails.html>

## MUNICIPAL DAM GRANT PROGRAM

(Formerly known as the Dam Maintenance, Repair, Modification, Abandonment and Removal Grant Program)

**Authorization:** ss. 31.19(5) and 31.385, Wis. Stats.; ch. NR 335, Wis. Admin. Code

**Budget:** 2009-2011 Biennial Budget - \$4.0 MILLION in bond revenue.

**Objective:** Provide municipalities, tribes, and public inland lake districts with financial assistance in conducting dam maintenance, repair, modification, or abandonment and removal.

**Eligibility:** Counties, cities, villages, towns, tribes, and public inland lake protection districts which own the dam.

**Level of Assistance:** Matching grants for eligible project costs (percentage depends on type of project); up to \$400,000 per project.

**Priorities:** Funding priority is determined by the dam's size, hazard rating, downstream zoning, repair costs, and the municipality's financial need.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Dam repair, reconstruction, modification or abandonment, and removal.

**Applications:** Available on DNR website or upon request.  
Submittal deadline – October 15, 2009.

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# MUNICIPAL FLOOD CONTROL GRANT PROGRAM

**Authorization:** s. 281.665, Wis. Stats., and ch. NR 199, Wis. Admin. Code

**Budget:** In 2010-2011 fiscal year:  
\$3,250,000 for Acquisition & Development grants

**Objective:** Help local governments minimize flooding and flood-related damages by:

- acquiring property & removing buildings in the flood-way and floodplain for open-space floodwater flowage to the water body.
- acquiring vacant land and flowage easements in the flood-way or floodplain for open-space floodwater flowage to the water body.
- flood-proofing and flood elevation of structures in the 100 year floodplain (public & private)
- creating open-space flood storage areas by constructing flood control detention structures.
- restoring the flood-carrying capacity and natural and beneficial functions of watercourses.

**Eligibility:** Cities, villages, towns, tribal government, and metropolitan sewerage districts created under ss. 200.01-200.15 or ss. 200.21-200.65.

**Level of Assistance:** 70% of total eligible costs as indicated within the grant agreement. The allowed maximum per one city, town, village, or metropolitan sewerage district is \$200,000.

**Priorities:** Projects are ranked 1 (high) through 9 (low) based on the following criteria:

1. Acquisition and removal of structures, which due to zoning restrictions can not be rebuilt or repaired.
2. Acquisition and removal of structures in the 100-year floodplain.
3. Acquisition and removal of repetitive-loss or substantially damaged structures.
4. Acquisition and removal of other flood-damaged structures.
5. Flood proofing and elevation of structures.
6. Riparian restoration projects including removal of dams and other artificial obstructions, restoration of fish and native plant habitat, and erosion control and streambank restoration projects.
7. Acquisition of vacant land or perpetual conservation or flowage easements to provide additional flood storage or to facilitate natural or more efficient flood flows.

8. Construction of structures for the collection, detention, retention, storage, and transmission of stormwater and groundwater for flood control and riparian restoration projects.
9. Preparation of flood insurance studies and other flood mapping projects.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** See priorities above.

**Applications:** The notice of application availability was distributed to eligible applicants on October 27, 2007. Deadline to return completed applications on January 15, 2008 postmark. Successful applicants will be notified in April 2008 for the grant period of May 1, 2008 – April 30, 2010 with a one year possible extension with good justification.

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**History:** The first round of “grant awards” were issued in April 2002 to 16 selected property acquisition & building removal projects. A round of grant applications have been issued during calendar years 2004, 2006, and 2008 since the start of this grant program.

**Website:** <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/EF/flood/grants.html>

# MUNICIPAL WATER SAFETY PATROLS STATE ASSISTANCE

**Authorization:** s. 30.79, Wis. Stats; s. NR 50.13, Wis. Admin. Code

**Budget:** Grants are prorated if requests exceed available funding.

2001-02 Fiscal Year = \$1,400,000

2002-03 Fiscal Year = \$1,400,000

**Objective:** To provide professional and uniform enforcement of boating laws by municipalities. State aid offsets the operational costs of local Boating Law Enforcement programs.

**Eligibility:** Municipalities, inland lake protection and rehabilitation districts, and lake sanitary districts.

**Level of Assistance:** Up to 75% of the net cost for enforcement of ss.30.50 through 30.80, Wis. Stats., and local regulation adopted under s. 30.77, Wis. Stats.

**Priorities:** Provide active and productive enforcement of the boating laws; conduct boating education programs; provide search and rescue for live persons.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Reimbursement for salaries, supplies, and equipment. Capital items valued at more than \$1,000 will be reimbursed at the rate of 20% per year over 5 years.

**Applications:** *An Intent to Patrol* form must be filed with the DNR prior to March 1 of each year. Grantees must maintain daily and monthly records and submit an annual claim to the DNR before January 31 for expenses incurred in the previous calendar year [pursuant to s. NR 50.13, Wis. Admin. Code].

**History:** Since its inception in 1972, this program has provided over \$15.2 million for local boating enforcement. An average of 113 municipalities apply each year.

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**Website:** None at this time.

## **NONPOINT SOURCE -- PRIORITY WATERSHED GRANT PROGRAM**

**Authorization:** s. 281.65, Wis. Stats., and ch. NR 120, Wis. Admin. Code

**Budget:** 2007-2009 Fiscal Year = \$ 5,000,000 new biennium bond revenue  
(non-bondable cropping practices paid from GPR and federal funding)

**Objective:** To prevent or eliminate nonpoint sources of water pollution in designated priority watershed projects in Wisconsin.

**Eligibility:** Priority watersheds as determined by the Department.

**Level of Assistance:** Cost-sharing of between 70% - 100% for about 107 installed best management practices on land surrounding rivers, streams, lakes, etc., within designated priority watershed projects.

**Priorities:** Priority watershed projects designated by the DNR.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** (not all inclusive)

Cropping practices (nutrient management, pesticide management, grazing rotation, and crop protection, etc.); field diversions, terraces, grassed waterways; stream and shoreline protection (crossing, fencing, shoreline buffers, shaping & seeding, etc.); barnyard runoff management, manure storage facilities, etc.; wetland restoration, agricultural sediment basin, lake sediment treatment.

**Applications:** Started in 1978' currently closed to new application. The last watershed projects designated in 1995; last projects will end in 2009.

### **How Priority Watershed Projects Were Selected in the Past**

Projects were selected from watersheds ranked in water quality management (basin) plans. To assist the targeting and selection of new priority watershed or lake projects, and to meet federal and state requirements for ranking priority waters, Wisconsin developed and incorporated watershed ranking criteria into the water quality management plans written for each of the state's river basins. The system ranks streams, lakes, and groundwater separately, by watershed, in categories of high, medium, or low priority based on factors including:

1. Potential to respond positively and/or be protected by nonpoint source controls,
2. Presence of a unique environment for endangered or threatened species,
3. Water quality and habitat degradation impacts on fish populations and diversity
4. A variety of water chemistry criteria,
5. The macroinvertebrate biotic index rating,
6. Presence of negative changes in the stream morphology and vegetation,
7. Classification as a threatened stream,

8. Classification as an outstanding or exceptional resource water,
9. Sensitivity of a lake to phosphorus loading,
10. Classification of a lake as a high resource or high recreation use lake, and
11. Susceptibility of groundwater to contamination based on depth to bedrock, bedrock type, depth to water table, soil characteristics, and surface deposits.

The ranking system used numeric criteria for streams and lakes with the highest number representing the highest priority watershed. Watersheds were eligible for consideration if they rank high for streams, lakes, and/or groundwater.

Potential local sponsors were notified of watershed project eligibility and, if interested, they submitted an application to the DNR. Projects were then further reviewed and ranked by regional advisory committees and other state agencies prior to being recommended to the Land and Water Conservation Board for placement on the board's five year planning schedule.

### **The Planning Stage and Beyond**

Once projects received formal designation by the Land and Water Conservation Board, funding was provided to support local staff and the establishment of local project teams. The priority watershed planning process, which on average takes two years, includes extensive land use inventories and detailed water resources appraisals. The appraisal information provides guidance on establishment of the water resources objectives and the pollutant load reductions needed to meet various water resource objectives. The land inventory results were used to identify major pollutant sources and the management practices that can be used to obtain needed pollutant reductions. Finally critical site criteria and cost-share eligibility criteria were established to complete the implementation plan.

Prior to the project being implemented, watershed plans were formally approved by both the County Board(s) for the counties in which they are located and by the Land and Water Conservation Board. The implementation of watershed plans was then carried out at the local level, in large part, through staff supported by grants from the DNR. Implementation of priority watershed plans generally occurs over a 10 to 12 year period. The Department provides cost sharing for up to seventy percent of the installation costs of the practices. Best management practices must conform to watershed plans and be maintained for at least ten years after the practices are installed.

While the vast majority of practices installed within a watershed are done so on a voluntary basis, state statute requires that all projects identify as critical those sites which are significant sources of pollution upon which best management practices must be implemented in order to obtain a reasonable likelihood that the water quality objectives established in the plan can be achieved. During implementation, local

project managers work closely with landowners that have sites which meet the critical site criteria in the watershed plan to obtain pollutant loading reductions. For those cases where progress is not being made, enforcement actions are then begun.

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**History:** The program is a joint effort of the DNR, Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), the University of Wisconsin Extension (UWEX), counties (usually through their Land Conservation Departments), municipalities, and

lake districts with assistance from a variety of federal, state, and local agencies. The Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Board designates priority watershed and lake projects, approves implementation plans, recommends funding levels and priorities, and recommends changes to the governor and DNR that will improve program effectiveness.

**Website:** <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cfa/EF/NPS/pwatershed.html>

## **NONPOINT SOURCE -- TARGETED RUNOFF MANAGEMENT GRANTS**

**Authorization:** s. 281.65 Wis. Stats., ch. NR 153, Wis. Admin. Code

**Budget:** 2007-2008 Fiscal Year = \$ 5,401,000  
2008-2009 Fiscal Year = \$ 5,100,000

**Objective:** Improve water quality by limiting or ending nonpoint (runoff) sources of water pollution. Provide financial assistance to both county and non-permitted municipal units of governmental statewide to either construct best management practices themselves or contract with individual landowners to install such practices.

**Eligibility:** All Wisconsin governmental units.

**Level of Assistance:** Reimbursement to eligible governmental units for up to 70% of eligible costs for installing best management practices to reduce water pollution.

**Priorities:** Focused in critical watershed and lake areas where nonpoint source-related water quality problems are most severe and control is most feasible.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Construction and installation of both urban and agricultural best management practices.

**Applications:** Wisconsin cities, towns, villages, and counties apply annually; deadline is April 15th. Applicants compete statewide; applications with the highest scores are funded until all available funds have been allocated. Grants are made for specific projects and have a 2-year implementation time frame.

**History:** The Targeted Runoff Management grant program was created by the 1997-99 State Budget Bill (Act 27). The first applications were submitted in CY 1998, and the first TRM grants were issued in CY1999. Through CY2009, 292 TRM grants have been issued, committing \$30 million.

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## **NONPOINT SOURCE -- URBAN NONPOINT SOURCE AND STORMWATER GRANTS**

**Authorization:** s. 281.66, Wis. Stats.; ch. NR 155, Wis. Admin. Code

**Budget:** 2007-09 Biennium = \$4,362,000

**Objective:** Improve water quality by limiting or ending sources of nonpoint source (runoff) water pollution. Providing financial and technical assistance to urban units of government.

**Eligibility:** Wisconsin municipalities meeting statutory urban density.

**Level of Assistance:** Reimbursement of up to 70% of eligible planning activities and up to 50% for installing best management practices to reduce water pollution.

**Priorities:** Focused in critical watershed and lake areas where nonpoint-source-related water quality problems are most severe and control is most feasible.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Stormwater planning, erosion control ordinance development, stormwater utility feasibility studies, construction of detention ponds, and infiltration practices.

**Applications:** Applications are solicited from eligible local units of government in January; deadline is April 15th. Applicants compete statewide; applications with the highest scores are funded until all available funds have been allocated. Grants are made for specific projects and have a 2-year implementation time frame.

**History:** The Urban Nonpoint & Stormwater grant program was created by Act 9, the 1999-01 State Budget Bill. The first grants were issued for the 2000-01 (CY) grant cycle. Through the 2009 CY, 410 grants have been issued, totaling 39.7 million in funding.

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## PL-566 DAM REHABILITATION GRANTS

**Authorization:** s. 31.387, Wis. Stats.

**Budget:** Balance from prior Fiscal Years = \$0  
2007-2008 Fiscal Year - \$0  
2008-2009 Fiscal Year = \$0

**Objective:** To assist counties with the cost of rehabilitating dams originally constructed with financial assistance provided through the federal Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act of 1953 (Public Law 83-566).

**Eligibility:** Counties.

**Level of Assistance:** Up to 50% of the county's portion of eligible PL-566 dam rehabilitation costs (roughly 17.5% of total project costs).

**Priorities:** Those PL-566 dams identified by the Wisconsin State Office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for which planning, interagency review, and design stages have been completed and for which the sponsor has provided proof of resources to fund their portion of the project.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Eligible PL-566 dam rehabilitation projects

**Applications:** There is no application process. Counties who qualify for dam rehabilitation funds from the Wisconsin USDA NRCS automatically qualify to receive DNR grants, until state funds are exhausted. Grant funds provided by the 2001 Legislature will lapse on June 30, 2003, if not allocated by that date.

**History:** This grant is being offered for the first time in calendar year 2002.

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**Website:** None at this time.

# RECREATIONAL BOATING FACILITIES

**Authorization:** s. 30.92, Wis. Stats.

**Budget:** 2009-2010 Fiscal Year = \$2,900,000  
2010-2011 Fiscal Year = \$2,500,000

**Objective:** Provide funds to local units of government and qualified lake associations for the construction of capital improvements to provide safe recreational boating facilities. Program also provides financial assistance for: feasibility studies related to the development of safe recreational boating facilities, purchase of aquatic weed harvesting equipment, purchase of navigation aids, dredging of channels of waterways, and chemical treatment of Eurasian water milfoil.

**Eligibility:** Counties, cities, villages, towns, sanitary districts, public inland lake protection and rehabilitation districts, and qualified lake associations.

**Level of Assistance:** Cost sharing of up to 50% is provided for feasibility studies, construction costs, and certain types of acquisition costs. An additional 10% may be available if a municipality conducts a boating safety enforcement and education program approved by the DNR. Projects of statewide or regional significance may be eligible for an additional 30% cost-sharing assistance.

**Priorities:** The following factors are considered in establishing priorities for projects: distance of proposed project from other recreational boating facilities, demand for safe boating facilities, existing facilities, projects underway, commitment of funds, and location of proposed project within the regional identified in s. 25.29(7), Wis. Stats. A five-member Waterways Commission, appointed by the Governor, reviews projects and recommends projects for funding.

**Eligible Types of Projects:**

- Facilities (such as ramps and service docks) required to gain access to the water.
- Structures (such as bulkheads and breakwaters) necessary to provide safe water conditions for boaters.
- Activities (such as dredging) to provide safe water depths for recreational boating. Dredging is an eligible project only when it is associated with project development at the project site. Maintenance dredging is not eligible.
- Support facilities limited to parking lots, sanitary facilities, and security lighting.
- Acquisition of equipment to cut and remove aquatic plants (inland waters).
- Dredging of channels in waterways for recreational boating purposes not more than once in 10 years (inland waters).
- Acquisition of aids to navigation and regulatory markers.

**Applications:** Application forms for recreational boating facilities are available through the regional offices.

**History:** Since its reauthorization in 1985, the recreational boating facilities program has provided over \$28 million to inland and Great Lakes sponsors for the construction or feasibility analysis of accesses or harbors of refuge.

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## **RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM (RTP)**

**Authorization:** Symms national recreational trails fund act of 1991, 16 USC 1261, 1262 and 26 USC 9503(6), 9511 and the 1998 Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (TEA-21) NR 50.21

**Budget:** Varies yearly.

**Objective:** To provide funding for both motorized and non-motorized trails through maintenance, restoration, development, and acquisition of trails and trail related facilities.

**Eligibility:** Towns, villages, cities, counties, tribal governing bodies, school districts, state agencies, federal agencies and incorporated organizations.

**Level of Assistance:** Reimbursement of up to 50% of costs (some additional limitations if matched with other federal funds).

**Priorities:**

- Rehabilitation maintenance.
- Trail maintenance.
- Trail development.
- Trail acquisition.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Maintenance and restoration of existing trails, development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages, construction of new trails, and acquisition of easement or property for trails. Funding is broken down in three categories; Motorized, Non-motorized, and Multi-Use.

**Applications:** Applications are available at DNR Regional offices and are due by May 1 of each year.

**History:** Funding for the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is provided through federal gas excise taxes paid on fuel used by off-highway vehicles.

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# RECYCLING EFFICIENCY INCENTIVES GRANTS

**Authorization:** s. 287.235, Wis. Stats.

**Budget:** 2010 Calendar Year = \$0  
2011 Calendar Year – \$0

**Objective:** To provide financial assistance to responsible units that has demonstrated recycling program efficiency.

**Eligibility:** All Responsible Units -- municipalities (cities, towns, and villages), special purpose recycling districts, and counties designated by a municipality to operate a recycling program within a municipality -- with an “effective” recycling programs (as defined in s. NR 544.04, Wis. Admin. Code).

**Level of Assistance:** All eligible Responsible Units will receive a per capita portion of available funds not to exceed the difference between their net eligible recycling costs from 2 years earlier and the amount of their *Grants to Responsible Units* also provided 2 years earlier.

**Priorities:** For grant funding calendar year 2010 and beyond – Responsible Units that apply and have undertaken any of the efficiency measures below at least 6 months before the grant application deadline:

- Consolidation of at least two responsible units into a single responsible unit;
- Cooperation between at least two responsible units for direct recycling services.
- Cooperation between at least two responsible units for private vendor recycling services.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Eligible costs may include all of the following:

- The costs of planning, including consultant fees.
- Construction costs, including capitalized interest, professional services of an attorney and engineering services for design, construction, and construction inspection.
- Training, salaries, and fringe benefit costs of personnel.
- The purchase of necessary supplies.
- Capital purchases for all of the following:
  1. Equipment costing \$1,000 or more and with an expected life of 3 or more years funded on an amortized basis.
  2. Land, including site acquisition at fair market value and site preparation costs.

- The allocable cost of using equipment not purchased with grant monies, as provided under s. NR 542.10 (1) (b) 3, Wis. Admin. Code.
- Costs of collecting recyclables, marketing and transporting recyclables to market.
- Costs of public education and enforcement.
- Written contracts entered into by responsible units to obtain services necessary for an effective recycling program.
- Any of the following costs of a solid waste facility designed to recover recyclables from post-consumer waste:
  1. All costs that can be directly attributed to the recycling component.
  2. The proportionate share of the remaining costs as calculated as a proportion of recovered recyclables to total waste, by weight.
- Costs of documenting how solid waste that is generated in the grant applicant's region and is not separated or recovered for recycling will be managed, as required by s. 287.11 (2) (ew), Wis. Stats.

**Applications:** When funding becomes available, applications for subsequent calendar years must be postmarked no later than October 30<sup>th</sup> of the year before the year for which grants are being requested.

**History:** This grant will be provided for the first time in calendar year 2003. Since then DNR has issued 967 REI grants.

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## RECYCLING GRANTS TO RESPONSIBLE UNITS

**Authorization:** s. 287.23, Wis. Stats., and ch. NR 542, Wis. Admin. Code

**Budget:** 2010 Calendar Year = \$31,098,100  
2011 Calendar Year = \$32,098,100

**Objective:** To provide financial assistance to local units of government to operate effective recycling programs.

**Eligibility:** “Responsible units” are eligible. In general, a responsible unit is the local unit of government responsible for implementing its recycling program. Each municipality (city, town, or village) is a responsible unit unless that municipality becomes a part of a county responsible unit or transfers responsible unit status to another unit of government or solid waste management system by contract (under s. 66.30, Wis. Stats.). Only those responsible units that have an effective recycling program approved by the DNR may receive this grant.

**Level of Assistance:** The statutory grant calculation formula is based on the prorated amount the grantee was awarded or would have been awarded in 1999. Each grantee will receive the same percentage of the current appropriation as was received in 1999 grants (base = \$24 million), but not more than their projected net eligible costs for the current year.

**Priorities:** This is not a competitive grant program. All requests from responsible units are equally considered and funded based on the formulas and pro-rations mentioned under “Level of Assistance”.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** The recycling program costs of a responsible unit with an effective recycling program, minus the revenues derived from the sale of recovered materials that are reasonable and necessary for planning or operating a recycling program are eligible for grant assistance.

**Applications:** Applications must be submitted by October 1 in the year preceding the year for which assistance is sought. Application forms available from the DNR must be used.

**History:** More than \$450 million have been distributed to responsible units since the inception of the program in 1990.

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## RIVER PROTECTION GRANTS

**Authorization:** ss. 281.70 and 281.71, Wis. Stats.; ch. NR 195, Wis. Admin. Code

**Budget:** 2010 Fiscal Year = \$289,500  
2011 Fiscal Year = \$289,500

**Objective:** To protect and restore rivers and their ecosystems.

**Eligibility:** Counties, cities, towns, villages, Indian tribes, other local governmental units [as defined in s. 66.299(1)(a), Wis. Stats.], qualified river management organizations [as defined in s. NR 195.02 (2), Wis. Admin. Code], and qualified nonprofit conservation organizations [as defined in s. 23.0995(1), Wis. Stats].

**Level of Assistance:** Reimbursement of 75% of project costs up to a maximum grant amount of \$10,000 for planning projects and \$50,000 for management projects.

**Priorities:** Priorities are set on a statewide basis (see s. NR 195.09, Wis. Admin. Code), and consider the following factors:

### Planning Projects:

- The degree to which the project assists creation or enhancement of a local river management organization and can demonstrate how the use of the funds will build the capacity of the organization to protect and restore the river and its ecosystem
- The degree to which the project assists local decision making or formation of a strategy to protect the quality of a river's ecosystem
- The degree to which the project will enhance knowledge and understanding of a river's ecosystem
- The degree to which the project is supported in a federal, state or local resource plan and makes efficient use of all other available funding sources
- The degree of public support for the project whether it is a first-time project
- Management Projects:
- The degree to which the project will protect critical riverine ecosystems
- The degree to which the project will restore the quality of a river ecosystem or aids in the linkage or concentration of critical habitat
- The degree to which the proposed activities have a good likelihood of successfully meeting the project objectives and where the sources or causative factors of the problems to be remediated have been or very likely will be controlled prior to management activities

- The degree to which the project is supported in a federal, state, or local resource plan and makes efficient use of all other available funding sources
- The degree of public support for the project
- Whether it is a first time project

**Eligible Types of Projects:**

**Planning Projects:**

Organizational development, education, data collection, water quality assessment, pollution control evaluation, description and mapping of existing and potential land and water resource conditions, activities and uses within a riverine ecosystem that may affect its quality, and dissemination of information obtained during the project.

**Management Projects:**

Purchase of land or conservation easements, development of local regulations or ordinances that will protect or improve water quality, installation of practices to control nonpoint source pollution, restoration including instream or shoreland habitat and protection, and restoration projects identified in a department approved plan.

**Applications:** Application information is available from DNR regional Environmental Grants Specialists or [DNR regional River Coordinators](#). Applications must be received in the DNR regional offices by May 1 of each year.

**History:** Since the program began in 2000, more than \$850,000 has been provided for river protection grants.

**Contact:** For questions about eligible projects, contact the appropriate [DNR regional River Coordinator](#). For questions about eligible costs, contact the appropriate DNR regional Environmental Grants Specialist.

**Website:** <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/Grants/Rivers/riverplanning.html>

## SAFE DRINKING WATER LOAN PROGRAM

**Authorization:** ss. 281.59 and 281.61, Wis. Stats.

**Budget:** Approximately \$35 million annually available for loans.

**Objective:** To protect public health and to assist public water systems with financing the costs of infrastructure needed to achieve and maintain compliance with the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

**Eligibility:** Any city, village, town, county, town sanitary district, public inland lake protection & rehabilitation district, or municipal water district.

**Level of Assistance:** Low interest rate loans. Additional assistance to applicants with low income and a population less than 10,000.

**Priorities:** Projects that protect human health, ensure compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act, and are for applicants with greater financial need.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Construction or modification of public water systems needed to maintain compliance with or further the public health protection goals of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

**Applications:** An *Intent to Apply* form and *Priority Evaluation and Ranking Form* must be submitted by December 31 of the year prior to the year in which the application will be submitted. A complete application including plans and specifications is due by April 30. All eligible applicants are then placed on a funding list and ranked by priority score. To receive funding, an applicant must be in the fundable range of the funding list.

**History:** Since the first loan in December 1998, the program has loaned approximately \$284 million for 96 projects.

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## SNOWMOBILE TRAIL AIDS

**Authorization:** s. 23.09(26) and ch. 350, Wis. Stats.

**Budget:** 2009-2010 Fiscal Year = \$7,312,000  
2010-2011 Fiscal Year = \$7,320,500

**Objective:** Provide a statewide system of well-signed and well-groomed snowmobile trails for public use and enjoyment.

**Eligibility:** Counties.

**Level of Assistance:**

- 100% of approved maintenance costs up to \$250 per mile.
- 100% of development costs up to \$500 per mile.
- 100% of major bridge rehabilitation costs.
- 100% of trail rehabilitation costs.

**Priorities:** Maintain trail systems that provide passage through a county and connections with adjacent counties.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Maintenance of trails, which includes signing, brushing and grooming of snowmobile trails, purchase of liability insurance, and acquisition of short-term easements; development of trails, which may include general trail construction, bridges, gates and signs; major rehabilitation of existing snowmobile bridges; rehabilitation of existing trail segments.

**Applications:** Applications are available at DNR regional offices and are due April 15 of each year.

**History:** Since its beginning in the early 1970s, the snowmobile program has provided over \$94 million in grant assistance for the development and maintenance of public snowmobile trails.

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**Website:** <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cfa/LR/snowmobile/snow.html>

## **SPEARFISHING LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE**

**Authorization:** s. 29.947, Wis. Stats.

**Budget:** 2001-02 Fiscal Year - \$ 0  
2002-03 Fiscal Year - \$ 0

**Objective:** To reimburse county and municipal law enforcement agencies for law enforcement services provided during the Chippewa spearfishing season.

**Eligibility:** Counties, cities, villages and towns.

**Level of Assistance:** 100% of the actual costs that are directly attributable to providing additional law enforcement services during spearfishing seasons.

**Priorities:** If the total amount of reimbursable costs exceeds the amount the Legislature provided for payment, the Department will prorate payment.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Salaries, supplies and support services directly attributable to providing additional law enforcement services during spearfishing season.

**Applications:** Available from DNR Bureau of Law Enforcement. Applications for costs of spearfishing seasons must be submitted by July 1 of the calendar year in which the additional law enforcement services are provided.

**History:** Since its inception, the Legislature has appropriated and the municipalities have been reimbursed in full. The last reimbursement to municipalities was made in 1995 and totaled \$2,528.

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**Website:** None at this time

**STEWARDSHIP GRANT PROGRAMS  
for Conservation Organizations  
for Land Acquisition and Habitat Restoration**

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**Authorization:** s. 23.197(4), Wis. Stats.; ch. NR 51, Wis. Admin. Code

**Budget:** Fiscal Year 2009-2010 = \$8,000,000  
Fiscal Year 2010-2011 = \$12,000,000

**Objective:** Provide grants for (a) the acquisition of land or easements for conservation or recreation purposes or (b) habitat restoration.

**Eligibility:** Conservation Organizations that are formed under ch. 181, Wis. Stats., have as one of their purposes the protection, enhancement, or restoration of the state's natural resources for the benefit of the public, and are not 501(c)(3) organizations (as defined by the US Internal Revenue Code).

**Level of Assistance:** 50% match grants up to \$20,000.

**Priorities:** Natural Areas, Habitat Areas, Ice Age Trail and Streambank Protection.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Fee simple and easement acquisitions.

**Applications:** Application forms are available from Kimberlee Wright.

**History:** Authorized under the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship 2000 Program, which runs through 2010. Over ten Conservation Organizations received funding for habitat restoration projects in the first two years of the program.

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# **STEWARDSHIP GRANT PROGRAMS**

## **for Friends Groups and Nonprofit Conservation Organizations to Develop and Restore State Property**

**Authorization:** s. 23.098, Wis. Stats.; ch. NR 51, Wis. Admin. Code

**Budget:** \$250,000 each fiscal year

**Objective:** Provide grants for (a) capital development and (b) habitat restoration on state properties.

**Eligibility:** Friends groups that are organized to raise funds for a DNR property and have a signed agreement with the DNR, and that are non-stock, nonprofit corporations described under section 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code and exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Nonprofit Conservation Organizations that have bylaws, charter or incorporation papers that reflect as a purpose of the organization the acquisition of property for conservation purposes, and that are nonprofit corporations, charitable trusts or other nonprofit associations that are described in section 501 (c) (3) of the internal revenue code and are exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (a) of the internal revenue code.

**Level of Assistance:** 50% matching grants up to \$20,000.

**Priorities:**

- Projects where the stewardship grant leverages other funding in addition to the 50% sponsor match.
- Projects that expand recreation opportunities.
- Projects that address public health, environmental, safety, or security problems.
- Capital improvement projects that expand or improve environmental education, interpretation programs, or outdoor skills development.
- Habitat restoration projects that are consistent with approved plans governing the management of the property.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Trail development and wetland restoration.

**Applications:** Application forms are available from Kimberlee Wright.

**History:** The Warren Knowles –Gaylord Nelson Stewardship Program originally authorized as the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship 2000 Program with strong bipartisan support, the Program was renewed for an additional 10 years through June 30, 2020. Over 50 Friends groups received funding in the first 10 years of the program.

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## **STEWARDSHIP LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS Acquisition of Development Rights (ADR) Program**

**Authorization:** s. 23.09(20m), Wis. Stats.; ch. NR 51, subchapter XV, Wis. Admin. Code

**Budget:** 10% of the funds appropriated for the Stewardship Local Assistance Grants, as follows:

Fiscal Year 2009-2010: \$800,000

Fiscal Year 2010-2011: \$1,150,000

**Objective:** To acquire development rights (easements) in areas where restrictions on residential, industrial, or commercial development would enhance nature-based outdoor recreation.

**Eligibility:** Towns, villages, cities, counties, Indian tribes, and nonprofit conservation organizations defined under s. 23.096, Wis. Stats. The county, municipality, or Indian tribe must have an approved Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.

**Level of Assistance:** Up to 50% matching grants.

**Priorities:** Priority is given to projects on land that is threatened by increasing development, has frontage on a river, stream, lake, or estuary, creates a buffer between already protected land and residential, commercial, or industrial development, exists within an environmental corridor connecting protected resource areas, or protects natural, agricultural, forestry, scenic, geological, or archaeological values.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Acquisition of development rights that provide or enhance nature-based outdoor recreation areas. The project must be part of an approved Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.

**Applications:** Application information and forms are available from the DNR regional Community Services Specialists and are due in the appropriate DNR regional office by May 1 of each year.

**History:** The Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson Stewardship Program was originally launched in 1990 and in its first 10 years was an outstanding success story in achieving its conservation and recreation goals by providing funding for land and easement acquisition and development of recreational facilities. With strong bipartisan support, the Stewardship program was renewed for an additional ten years as part of the 1999-01 Wisconsin State Budget, and renewed again through June 30, 2020, as part of the 2007-09 Wisconsin Biennial Budget. The ADR Local Assistance grant program was introduced as part of the Stewardship Program's renewal. The source of funds is

through general obligation borrowing. The state of Wisconsin sells bonds to investors now to raise the funds, then pays back the debt over the next 20 years.

**Contacts:** [DNR regional Community Service Specialists](#)

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## **STEWARDSHIP LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS**

### **Aids for the Acquisition & Development of Local Parks (ADLP)**

**Authorization:** s. 23.09(20), Wis. Stats.; ch. NR 51, subchapter XII, Wis. Admin. Code

**Budget:** 50% of the funds appropriated for the Stewardship Local Assistance Grants, as follows:

Fiscal Year 2009-2010: \$4,000,000

Fiscal Year 2010-2011: \$5,750,000

**Objective:** To acquire land, rights in land, and develop public outdoor recreation areas for nature-based outdoor recreation purposes.

**Eligibility:** Towns, villages, cities, counties, Indian tribes, and nonprofit conservation organizations defined under s. 23.096, Wis. Stats. The county, municipality, or Indian tribe must have an approved Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.

**Level of Assistance:** Up to 50% matching grants.

**Priorities:** Acquisition of land where a scarcity of nature-based outdoor recreation areas exists. Projects that provide access for the greatest number of potential users and provide the greatest opportunities for nature-based outdoor recreation.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas that provide or enhance nature-based outdoor recreation. The project must be part of an approved Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. Examples of support facilities include parking areas, sanitary and shelter buildings, signs, interpretive items, and disabled accessibility improvements. Examples of ineligible facilities include sportsfields, playgrounds, and tennis courts.

**Applications:** Applications and instructions are available from [DNR regional Community Service Specialists](#) and are due to the regional office by May 1 each year.

**History:** The Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson Stewardship Program was originally launched in 1990 and in its first 10 years was an outstanding success story in achieving its conservation and recreation goals by providing funding for land and easement acquisition and development of recreational facilities. With strong bipartisan support, the Stewardship program was renewed for an additional ten years as part of the 1999-01 Wisconsin State Budget, and renewed again through June 30, 2020 as part of the 2007-09 Wisconsin Biennial Budget. The ADLP Local Assistance grant program was introduced as part of the original Stewardship Program. The source of funds is through general obligation borrowing. The state of Wisconsin sells bonds to investors now to

raise the funds, then pays back the debt over the next 20 years.

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## STEWARDSHIP LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS Urban Green Space (UGS) Program

**Authorization:** s. 23.09(19), Wis. Stats.; ch. NR 51, subchapter XIII, Wis. Admin. Code

**Budget:** 20% of the funds appropriated for the Stewardship Local Assistance Grants, as follows:

Fiscal Year 2009-2010: \$1,600,000

Fiscal Year 2010-2011: \$2,300,000

**Objective:** Provide open natural space in proximity to urban development; protect from development land with scenic, ecological or natural values in urban areas; provide land for nature-based outdoor recreation, including noncommercial gardening in urban areas.

**Eligibility:** Counties, cities, villages, towns, lake districts, Indian tribes, and nonprofit conservation organizations as defined under s. 23.096, Wis. Stats. The county, municipality, or Indian tribe must have an approved Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.

**Level of Assistance:** Up to 50% matching grants.

**Priorities:** Acquisition of land in and around urban areas. Projects that provide access for the greatest number of potential users and provide the greatest opportunities for nature-based outdoor recreation.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Land acquisitions that meet the objectives listed above and are part of an approved *Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan*.

**Applications:** Application information and forms are available from [DNR regional Community Service Specialists](#) and are due in the appropriate DNR regional office by May 1 of each year.

**History:** The Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson Stewardship Program was originally launched in 1990 and in its first 10 years was an outstanding success story in achieving its conservation and recreation goals by providing funding for land and easement acquisition and development of recreational facilities. With strong bipartisan support, the Stewardship program was renewed for an additional ten years as part of the 1999-01 Wisconsin State Budget, and renewed again through June 30, 2020 as part of the 2007-09 Wisconsin Biennial Budget. The UGS Local Assistance grant program was introduced as part of the original Stewardship Program. The source of funds is through

general obligation borrowing. The state of Wisconsin sells bonds to investors now to raise the funds, then pays back the debt over the next 20 years.

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# STEWARDSHIP LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

## Urban Rivers (URGP) Program

**Authorization:** s. 30.277, Wis. Stats.; ch. NR 51, subchapter XIV, Wis. Admin. Code

**Budget:** 20% of the funds appropriated for the Stewardship Local Assistance Grants as follows:

Fiscal Year 2009-2010: \$1,600,000

Fiscal Year 2010-2011: \$2,300,000

**Objective:**

1. Improving the quality of urban waterways and riverfronts through preservation, restoration, or enhancement, which will encourage economic revitalization and expanded nature-based outdoor recreational opportunities. Shoreline enhancements include development or habitat restoration projects that serve public recreation or resource conservation purposes and are dependent on being on a shoreline.
2. Preserving and revitalizing historical, cultural, or natural areas.

**Eligibility:** Counties, cities, villages, towns, Indian tribes, and nonprofit conservation organizations as defined in s. 23.096, Wis. Stats. The county, municipality, or Indian Tribe must have an approved Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.

**Level of Assistance:** Up to 50% matching grants.

**Priorities:** Acquisition of land in urban areas. Projects that provide access for the greatest number of potential users and provide the greatest opportunities for nature-based outdoor recreation.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Acquisition, development, or restoration of urban riverfront land that meets the objectives listed above and is part of an outdoor recreation plan adopted by the local unit of government. Projects that are specifically identified in a river corridor plan for economic revitalization and outdoor recreation.

**Applications:** Application information and forms are available from [DNR regional Community Service Specialists](#) and are due in the appropriate DNR regional office by May 1 of each year.

**History:** The Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson Stewardship Program was originally launched in 1990 and in its first 10 years was an outstanding success story in achieving its conservation and recreation goals by providing funding for land and easement acquisition and development of recreational facilities. With strong bipartisan support, the Stewardship program was renewed for an additional ten years as part of the 1999-01 Wisconsin State Budget, and renewed again through June 30, 2020 as part of the

2007-09 Wisconsin Biennial Budget. The URGP Local Assistance grant program was introduced as part of the original Stewardship Program. The source of funds is through general obligation borrowing. The state of Wisconsin sells bonds to investors now to raise the funds, then pays back the debt over the next 20 years.

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## SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY GRANT

**Authorization:** ss. 20.370(5)(bw) and s. 28.11(5r), Wis. Stats.

**Budget:** \$200,000 annually from the forestry account of the conservation fund

**Objective:** Provide funding to promote sustainable forestry projects on County Forest Law lands.

**Eligibility:** Projects must promote sustainable forestry. They shall be consistent with the County's Comprehensive Forest Land Use plan and be short-term workload items. Counties must be in compliance, or working towards compliance, with DNR audit recommendations.

**Level of Assistance:** Determined by the DNR after each of the first two application periods (Aug. 15 and Dec. 1). First come – first served after Dec. 2. Grants are for a minimum of \$1000 but may not exceed 25% of the available funds in any one year.

**Priorities:** First preference is storm-related projects and hiring of temporary staff to address short term sustainable forestry workload items. Remaining qualifying projects are grouped under second priority.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Projects must promote sustainable forestry on County Forest Land. Grants are not eligible for land acquisition, permanent staff or benefits, upgrades to existing computer software and hardware or land surveying.

**Applications:** Sustainable Forestry Grant request deadlines are August 15 for the first application period and December 1 for the second application period. First-come, first-serve thereafter.

**History:** Initiated in 2002.

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**Website:** None at this time

# TRAIL AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

**Authorization:** ss. 23.33(5m) and 120.370(5)(cx), Wis. Stats.

**Budget:** 2001-2002 Fiscal Year = \$268,000  
2002-2003 Fiscal Year = \$250,000  
2003-2004 Fiscal Year = \$100,000 Passage of legislation effective April  
added \$150,000 = total \$250,000

**Objective:** The objective of this grant is to maintain and increase ATV riding opportunities in Wisconsin by:

- Promoting the public operation of ATVs safely and responsibly and in a way that it does not harm the environment or conflict with laws, rules or department policies;
- Providing support to ATV clubs;
- Collecting ATV operation data related to trail use to help establish needs and priorities;
- Increasing current and future ATV operator participation;
- Informing communities about appropriate ATV uses and the economic benefits that may be gained by bringing ATV users to the area;
- Developing, improving, and maintaining relationships with the Department of Tourism, ATV dealers, manufacturers, snowmobile clubs, and other organizations that promote the recreational use of ATVs;
- Locating, recruiting, and training additional safety instructors;
- Recruiting and training "Trail Ambassadors";
- Promoting the ATV image in a positive light so the public can form opinions about ATV use based on ethical and responsible riders.

**Eligibility:** An organization shall meet all of the following requirements:

- The organization is a non-stock corporation organized in this state.
- The organization promotes the operation of all-terrain vehicles in a manner that is safe and responsible and that does not harm the environment.
- The organization promotes the operation of all-terrain vehicles in a manner that does not conflict with the laws, rules, and departmental policies that relate to the operation of all-terrain vehicles.
- The interest of the organization is limited to the recreational operation of all-terrain vehicles on all-terrain vehicle trails and other areas that are off the highways.
- The organization has a board of directors that has a majority of members who are representatives of all-terrain vehicle clubs.
- The organization provides support to all-terrain vehicle clubs.

**Level of Assistance:** Up to 100% of available funding may be provided to one nonprofit organization meeting eligibility requirements to accomplish the objectives listed above.

**Priorities:** The three top priorities for this grant project are:

- Locating, recruiting, and training additional safety instructors
- Recruiting and training "Trail Ambassadors"
- Promoting the ATV image in a positive light so the public can form opinions about ATV use based on ethical and responsible riders

**Eligible Types of Projects:** A Statewide ATV group with a mission that meets all the objectives listed.

**Applications:** Applications may be obtained by contacting the DNR at the address below. Applications will only be accepted following an announcement each July.

**History:** This grant was established by the 2001 Legislature becoming effective September 2001. the grant was re-authorized by the Budget Bill of 2003 with a \$100,000 annual appropriation. Legislation in 2004 raised the appropriation by an additional \$150,000 to a total of \$250,000 annually.

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## URBAN FORESTRY

**Authorization:** U.S. Public Law 95-313, § 6(b); s. 23.097, Wis. Stats.; ch. NR 47, subchapters I and V, Wis. Admin. Code

**Budget:** 2007-2008 Fiscal Year = \$529,900  
2008-2009 Fiscal Year = \$529,900  
Contingent upon availability of federal and state funding.

**Objective:** To provide technical service and financial assistance to communities for developing urban forestry programs.

**Eligibility:** Cities, villages, towns, counties, tribal governments, and 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations.

**Level of Assistance:** 50% cost sharing of eligible project costs to do approved practices. Grants range from a minimum of \$1,000 to a maximum of \$25,000.

**Priorities:** Developing urban forest strategic and management plans; special focus on communities needing to conduct a tree inventory and/or needing to train their workers, and readiness plans.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Conducting street tree inventories, training city tree workers, developing urban open space programs, developing urban forestry strategic or management plans, developing public awareness programs, developing hazard tree or tree health care programs, ordinances and tree planting and maintenance.

**Applications:** Available upon request from the contact below. Annual submittal deadline is October 1.

**History:** Authorized in 1993, the urban forestry grant program has awarded \$8.7 million in cost sharing to local governments and nonprofit organizations to support local urban forest management efforts.

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## **URBAN WILDLIFE DAMAGE ABATEMENT AND CONTROL (UWDAC)**

**Authorization:** ss. 29.887(1), (2), and (3), Wis. Stats.; ss. NR 50.01 through 50.05 and 50.23, Wis. Admin. Code

**Budget:** 2010 Calendar Year = \$24,700  
2011 Calendar Year = \$24,700

**Objective:** To provide matching grants to urban communities for projects to plan wildlife abatement measures or to engage in wildlife control efforts or both. Program is limited to Canada geese and white-tailed deer.

**Eligibility:** Designated urban area, pursuant to s. 86.196(1)(c), Wis. Stats.

**Level of Assistance:** 50% matching grant for eligible project costs; limit \$5,000.

**Priorities:** Development of an urban wildlife population control plan; prevention and abatement of wildlife damage to human safety, health or property.

**Eligible Types of Projects:**

- Develop an urban wildlife population control plan.
- Monitor wildlife populations and establish population estimates.
- Remove deer under a DNR-approved project that uses sharpshooters.
- Trap and translocation of deer and geese.
- Implement managed hunts.
- Remove resident Canada geese by methods approved by the DNR.
- Perform required health and tissue sampling.
- Process, distribute or dispose of geese or deer to a charitable organization.
- Modify habitat.
- Implement any other wildlife control or damage abatement practices approved by the DNR.

**Applications:** Available upon request from the contact below and on the DNR website. Submittal deadline is December 1 of each year.

**History:** This program was created in 1999 to assist urban areas with grant funding for a variety of wildlife damage and abatement control measures for white-tailed deer and Canada geese.

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**Website:** <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/lr/urbanwildlife/grants.html>

## **WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING DEMONSTRATION GRANTS**

**Authorization:** s. 287.25, Wis. Stats.; ch. NR 548, Wis. Admin. Code

**Budget:** 2009-2010 Fiscal Year = \$0  
2010-2011 Fiscal Year = \$0

**Objective:** To provide financial assistance to initiate or accelerate the demonstration of innovative waste reduction and recycling ideas which could potentially be expanded to have a major impact on reducing the amount of solid waste landfilled or treated.

**Eligibility:** Wisconsin counties, municipalities, public entities, businesses and nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply. The applicant must provide evidence of having the technical ability, experience and financial support necessary to successfully carry out the project. Projects for which funding is requested must implement reduction, reuse or recycling of solid waste, must be conducted on a demonstration or pilot scale, and must be innovative to the industry or the state (except for projects applying under the RFP portion of the program).

**Level of Assistance:** The maximum grant award is \$150,000 or 50% of the total eligible costs of the project (75% of the total eligible costs for community-wide waste reduction demonstration projects), whichever is less. The applicant must match the grant in cash or through in-kind contributions such as labor, equipment, or facilities. Grant recipients receive 75% of the grant amount initially and the remainder upon approval of the final project report and final audited costs by the DNR.

**Priorities:** The program funds solid waste reduction, reuse and recycling projects that contribute to the reduction of solid waste being landfilled or treated

**Eligible Types of Projects:** A project must demonstrate an innovative technique, process, or system, must be conducted on a pilot scale which could have applicability to others in Wisconsin, and must contribute to reducing the amount of solid waste landfilled.

**Applications:** Applications are due August 1 of each year with grants being awarded by November 1. Applications must be made on forms provided by the DNR.

**History:** Since 1991, the program has funded 192 projects totaling more than \$13.2 million.

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## WELL ABANDONMENT GRANTS

**Authorization:** s. 281.75, Wis. Stats., and ch. NR 123, Wis. Admin. Code

**Budget:** 2010-2011 Fiscal Year = \$552,000 shared with Well Compensation Program.

**Objective:** To provide financial assistance for individuals to properly abandon unused private wells.

### **Eligible Claimant Must Meet All the Following:**

- The landowner or landowners spouse, heir, assignee/legal representative, or renter.
- Prior calendar year family income was less than \$65,000.
- A private well(s) is located on your property that is unused and needs to be abandoned.

**Level of Assistance:** 75% of allowable costs, but not more than \$9,000. The amount of the grant is reduced by \$.30 for each \$1.00 of the applicant's annual family income over \$45,000.

**Priorities:** Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis until available funds are exhausted.

**Eligible Cost:** The well abandonment cost only, this grant reimbursement is for 75% of total cost for a maximum possible grant award of \$9,000:

- Properly abandoning the unused well;
- Other cost if deemed necessary and approved by the DNR Ground Water Program Manager.

The eligible cost amounts for these activities are set by DNR funding tables. Well abandonment work must be done according to DNR specifications and the unused private well must be properly abandoned and filled before payment will be made.

**IMPORTANT:** The costs for any work done before your application claim receives issuance of a grant award agreement or notice to proceed indicating DNR "Approval to Proceed" with the work to abandon your well are not eligible for a grant award.

**Applications:** The application forms may be found in the appendix of the web site listed at the bottom of this document. For a hard copy of the application material, contact one of the program managers listed below.

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**History:** The Wisconsin Legislature expansion of the Well Compensation Program includes claims for compensation for a well that is subject to abandonment because it is unused or poses a hazard to health or safety. This program expansion has created a condensed grant program effective October 26, 2007 called: “Well Abandonment Grants.”

**Website:** <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/grants/wellabnd.html>

## WELL COMPENSATION GRANT PROGRAM

**Authorization:** s. 281.75, Wis. Stats., and ch. NR 123, Wis. Admin. Code

**Budget:** 2010-2011 Fiscal Year = \$ 552,000 shared with Well Abandonment Grant.

**Objective:** To provide financial assistance to replace, reconstruct or treat contaminated private water supplies.

**Eligibility:** Owner of a chemically contaminated private water supply that serves a residence or is used for water for livestock. Contamination must be other than bacteria as determined by DNR health advisory issued due to the contaminated well. The eligible cost amounts for these projects are set by DNR funding tables found in ch. NR 123, Wis. Admin. Code. Well construction work must be done according to DNR specifications and the contaminated well must be properly abandoned and filled before payment will be made.

The following costs are not eligible for reimbursement through this grant program:

- Wells serving commercial establishments.
- Private wells that do not meet the contamination criteria established
- Annual family income is more than \$65,000.
- Costs for any work done before claim is filed and approved by the DNR.

**Level of Assistance:** 75% of allowable costs, but not more than \$9,000. The amount of the grant is reduced by \$.30 for each \$1.00 of the applicant's annual family income over \$45,000.

**Priorities:** Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis until available funds are exhausted.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** The well compensation grant program provides partial cost sharing for the following projects:

- Water testing if it shows that the well is contaminated;
- Reconstructing a contaminated well;
- Constructing a new well;
- Connecting to an existing private or public water supply;
- Installing a new pump, including the associated piping;
- Properly abandoning the contaminated well;
- Equipment for water treatment (if no other option is feasible);
- Providing a temporary bottled or trucked water supply

**Applications:** Available from the **DNR Region Water Supply Specialist.**

If you suspect that your well is contaminated, the first thing you should do is call your DNR Region Office Water Supply Specialist. The DNR Water Supply Specialist can help you determine the nature of your water problem, possible solutions, whether or not you are eligible for a well compensation grant and if so supply you with the application claim forms.

To apply for a grant you must meet the eligibility criteria and fill out the application claim forms provided to you by the DNR Region Water Supply Specialist. Your claim must include information about your existing well and the contamination problems as well as a description and cost estimate of the most feasible solution to solve the problem. Possible alternatives include reconstructing your existing well, constructing a new well or connecting to a nearby contaminant-free water supply. If none of these alternatives are feasible, you might be allowed to install state-approved water treatment equipment. Your claim must also include a copy of your Wisconsin state income tax return for the previous year to show that you are income eligible.

**Contact:** The **DNR Regional Office Water Supply Supervisor** in your area for assignment to the correct water supply specialist in your area. Your water supply specialist will help you with **eligibility determination and completion of the application claim.**

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**History:** Since January 1, 1985, the State of Wisconsin has been fortunate to have a program that can help owners of contaminated private water supplies. This program, called “Well Compensation”, was established by the Comprehensive Groundwater Bill of 1984. It was designed by the Wisconsin Legislature to provide replacement water supplies to help assure access to water free of toxic chemicals, regardless of fault.

**Website:** <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/Grants/wellcomp.html>

## **WILDLIFE DAMAGE PROGRAM**

**Authorization:** ss. 29.885 and 29.889, Wis. Stats.

**Budget:** Funding is dependent upon the number of hunting licenses issued each year.  
2005-06 Fiscal Year = \$4.52 million (est., includes funding for CWD mgt.)  
2006-07 Fiscal Year = \$5.17 million (est., includes funding for CWD mgt.)  
2007-08 Fiscal Year = \$4.57 million (est.)

NOTE: A \$2 surcharge on all hunting licenses sold and a \$4 surcharge on all Conservation Patron licenses sold generates roughly \$2.0 million a year for use on wildlife damage and abatement. In addition, revenue generated from the sale of resident (\$12 each) and nonresident (\$20 each) bonus antlerless deer permits generated approximately \$446,000 in FY 08, \$926,000 in FY 07 and \$2,095,000 in FY06. New in 2002, purchasers of hunting licenses can donate an additional \$1, or more, to the deer donation program.

**Objective:** Establish a county-administered wildlife damage abatement and claims program to assist landowners with excessive levels of agricultural crop damage from deer, bears, geese, elk or turkeys.

**Eligibility and Applications:** Counties are eligible to participate after passing a resolution endorsing participation and completing a DNR-approved plan of administration. A person is required; to file a statement of claim with the department on a form acceptable to the department within 14 days after the wildlife damage first occurs, to have hunting access control, and to implement recommended abatement measures.

**Level of Assistance:** 100% of county administration costs and 75% of abatement projects are reimbursable. Damage claims (\$250 deductible) up to \$15,000 may also be paid if funding is sufficient.

**Priorities:** Monies are allocated based on a statewide tiered priority system:

- Deer Donation Program
- County administrative costs
- Abatement cost
- Damage claim payment

**Eligible Types of Projects:** The type of wildlife damage that is eligible for wildlife damage claim payments shall be limited to damage to commercial seedlings or crops growing on agricultural land, damage to crops that have been harvested for sale or

further use but have not been removed from the agricultural land, damage to orchard trees or nursery stock or damage to apiaries or livestock.<sup>2</sup>

**History:** In 2007, 70 counties participated in the program which 500 wildlife damage claims were filed reflecting \$1,913,651 in appraised losses, with \$1,540,359 eligible for payment, and assisted with abatement projects totaling \$418,452. The county administration costs were \$1,255,540. In 2007, 52 counties participated in the deer donation program with a total cost of approximately \$600,000. A total of 9,200 deer were donated, generating roughly 414,000 lbs. of ground venison that was distributed to local food pantries.

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## **WISCONSIN FOREST LANDOWNER GRANT PROGRAM (WFLGP)**

**Authorization:** s. 26.38, Wis. Stats.; ch. NR 47, Wis. Admin. Code

**Budget:** \$1.65 million annually.

**Objective:** Provide financial assistance, in the form of reimbursement, to private forest landowners to implement practices that protect, maintain and enhance forest resources including wetlands, threatened and endangered resources, and wildlife habitat.

**Eligibility:** Private non-industrial forest owners of at least 10 acres but no more than 500 forested acres who have an approved forest stewardship management plan or are applying for a management plan. Eligible landowners include: individuals, foreign owners, joint owners, groups and associations, corporations without publicly traded stock, and other private legal entities.

**Level of Assistance:** 50% of the approved cost of the project. Maximum levels are set prior to awarding a grant but never more than \$10,000 per year.

**Priorities:** Applications are accepted year-round, and awarded on the basis of priority. High priority practices will use up to 80% of the funding include; stewardship plan development, reforestation, afforestation, and timberstand improvement. All other practices will be funded as a low priority practice with the remaining funds. If funds run out, awaiting applications will be funded on a first come first serve basis as funds become available.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Cost-sharing is available for the following practices: preparation of landowner Forest Stewardship plans, tree planting, forest stand improvement, threatened or endangered species protection, soil and water protection and improvement, riparian and wetland protection and improvement, fisheries habitat improvement, and wildlife habitat enhancement.

**Applications:** Landowners can apply at the local DNR forester's office. Applications may be submitted at anytime but are processed quarterly, on Fed. 1<sup>st</sup>, May1<sup>st</sup>, Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>, and Nov1<sup>st</sup> each year.

**History:** Since its inception in 1998, this program has provided over \$6 million in reimbursement to more than 5,000 Wisconsin landowners.

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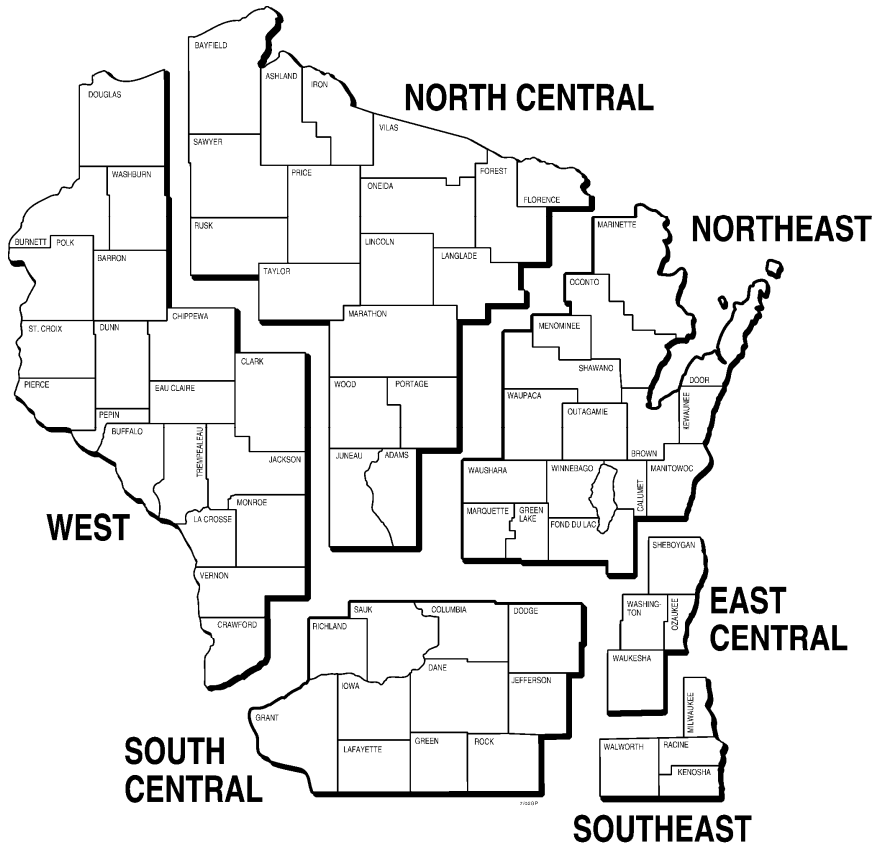
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**Recycling Regional Contact** - Marcy Mcgrath -- (920) 424-3061

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**River Coordinator** - Sue Kocken -- (920) 492-5913

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**Community Service Specialist** - Diane Conklin -- (715) 635-4130

**Environmental Grant Specialist** - Jane Malischke -- (715) 635-4062

**Lake Coordinator** - Dan Ryan -- (715) 635-4073; including: Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Polk, Rusk, Sawyer, Washburn

**Nonpoint Source Coordinator** - Ruth King -- (715) 635-4062

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**Recycling Regional Contact** - Robert Germer -- (715) 635-4060; including: Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Polk, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Taylor, Washburn

**River Coordinator** - Dan Ryan -- (715) 635-4073; including: Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Polk, Rusk, Sawyer, Washburn

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**Community Service Specialist** - Pat Zatopa -- (715) 365-8928

**Environmental Grant Specialist** - Jane Malischke -- (715) 635-4062

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**Lake Coordinator** – Jennifer Wudi -- (715) 365-8937; including: Florence, Forest, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Oneida, Price, Taylor, Vilas

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**Recycling Regional Contact** - Sherry Otto -- (715) 365-8982; including: Florence, Forest, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Oneida, Price, Taylor, Vilas

**River Coordinator** - Bill Jaeger -- (715) 365-8971; including : Florence, Forest, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Oneida, Price, Taylor, Vilas

**Nonpoint Source Regional Coordinator** - Tom Blake -- (715) 365-8940

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**Community Service Specialist** - Stefanie Brouwer -- (608) 275-3218

**Environmental Grant Specialist** - Pat Sheahan -- (608) 275-3315

**Lake Coordinator** - Sue Graham -- (608) 275-3329

**Nonpoint Source Coordinator** - Jim Amrhein -- (608) 275-3280

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Dave Edwards -- (920) 387-7870; including: Columbia, Dodge, Jefferson  
James L. Bakken -- (608) 935-1924; including: Grant, Iowa, Lafayette, Richland,  
Sauk

**River Coordinator** - Bob Hansis -- (608) 275-3304

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**Community Service Specialist** - Tom Blotz -- (414) 263-8610

**Environmental Grant Specialist** - Mary Ellen Franson -- (414) 263-8569

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**Lake Coordinator** - Heidi Bunk -- (262) 574-2130

**Nonpoint Source Coordinator** - Jim Ritchie -- (414) 263-8586

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**Recycling Regional Coordinators** - Barb Palecek – (414) 263-8571; including:  
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Kendra Kennell -- (262) 574-2142; including: Kenosha, Walworth, Waukesha

**River Coordinator** - John Masterson -- (414) 229-0845

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**Environmental Grant Specialist** - Bruce Neeb -- (715) 839-3713

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**Lake Coordinator** - Buzz Sorge -- (715) 839-3794

**Nonpoint Source Coordinator** - Dan Simonson -- (715) 839-3725

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**Recycling Regional Coordinators - Paul Wiegner -- (715) 839-5171; including:**  
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Pepin, Pierce, St. Croix, Trempealeau, Vernon, Wood

Deb Pingel -- (715) 359-4531; including: Adams, Marathon, Portage

**River Coordinator - Heath Benike -- (715) 839-3709**