

Citizen Resolution # 660520

(For Hearing Officer completion)



**Restore Funding for the Knowles-Nelson
Stewardship Program**

Restore funding for the Knowles Nelson Stewardship Program. The program has seen cuts in budget from \$86 million a year in 2010, down to \$60 million, to its current level of \$33 million. Funding will expire in 2020.

This highly successful program, created in 1989, preserves valuable natural areas, wildlife habitat, water quality and outdoor recreation around the state including Washburn County. Nearly 500,000 acres of land are protected under the program through funding to the DNR, local governments and communities and nonprofit conservation organizations like land trusts.

Renewed funding for Knowles-Nelson bolsters our state's \$18 billion recreation industry and supports our state's \$24 billion forestry industry. The program supports Wisconsin's economy.

Renewed funding for Knowles-Nelson will make it possible to purchase additional forest land and wetlands to provide protection against flooding and erosion as global warming increases the incidence of so called 100 Year and 500 Year precipitation events.

The Governor and Legislature must act to continue the program and restore funding to original levels in the next state biennial budget.

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