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Stewardship Program Restrictions (DNR -- Departmentwide)

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CURRENT LAW

Under the Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson Stewardship program, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) acquires land and provides grants to local units of government and non-profit conservation organizations (NCOs) for land acquisition, easements, and nature-based outdoor recreational property development activities. The state generally issues 20-year tax-exempt general obligation bonds to support the stewardship program. Debt service for stewardship bonding revenue (BR) is primarily funded from a sum sufficient general purpose revenue (GPR) appropriation with a portion of the funding coming from the forestry account of the conservation fund (\$13.5 million annually). 2013 Act 20 reduced total stewardship program authorized bonding by \$63.5 million (to \$1,365.5 million BR) and specifies that DNR may not obligate more than \$47.5 million in fiscal year 2013-14, not more than \$54.5 million in fiscal year 2014-15 and in fiscal year 2015-16, and not more than \$50 million in each year from 2016-17 through 2019-20. Beginning in fiscal year 2011-12, any bonding authority remaining unobligated at the end of a fiscal year may not be used in future fiscal years. Bonding allocations under current law and under the Governor's budget bill are shown in the following table.

Stewardship Bonding Allocations by Subprogram

Current Law

	<u>FY16</u>	<u>FY17</u>	<u>FY18</u>	<u>FY19</u>	<u>FY20</u>
Land Acquisition:					
DNR Acquisitions	\$19,260,000	\$22,260,000	\$22,260,000	\$22,260,000	\$22,260,000
NCO Acquisitions	12,000,000	12,000,000	12,000,000	12,000,000	12,000,000
County Forest Grants	^a	^a	^a	^a	^a
BCPL Natural Areas	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
County Dam Safety Grants	<u>740,000</u>	<u>740,000</u>	<u>740,000</u>	<u>740,000</u>	<u>740,000</u>
Subtotal	\$32,000,000	\$36,000,000	\$36,000,000	\$36,000,000	\$36,000,000
Recreational Boating Aids	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Property Development and Local Assistance:					
DNR Property Development	\$6,500,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
Motorized Stewardship ^d	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Kettle Moraine Springs Fish Hatchery	7,000,000	0	0	0	0
Local Assistance Grants	<u>6,000,000</u>	<u>6,000,000</u>	<u>6,000,000</u>	<u>6,000,000</u>	<u>6,000,000</u>
Subtotal	\$20,000,000	\$11,500,000	\$11,500,000	\$11,500,000	\$11,500,000
Total	\$54,500,000	\$50,000,000	\$50,000,000	\$50,000,000	\$50,000,000

2015-17 Governor's Bill

	<u>FY16</u>	<u>FY17</u>	<u>FY18</u>	<u>FY19</u>	<u>FY20</u>
Land Acquisition:					
DNR Acquisitions	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
NCO Acquisitions	0	0	0	0	0
County Forest Grants	0	0	0	0	0
BCPL Natural Areas	0	0	0	0	0
County Dam Safety Grants	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Subtotal	\$32,000,000 ^b	\$36,000,000 ^b	\$36,000,000 ^b	\$36,000,000 ^b	\$36,000,000 ^b
Recreational Boating Aids	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Property Development and Local Assistance:					
DNR Property Development	\$0 ^c	\$0 ^c	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
Motorized Stewardship ^d	0 ^c	0 ^c	500,000	500,000	500,000
Kettle Moraine Springs Fish Hatchery	7,000,000	7,000,000	7,000,000	0	0
Local Assistance Grants	<u>6,000,000</u>	<u>6,000,000</u>	<u>6,000,000</u>	<u>6,000,000</u>	<u>6,000,000</u>
Subtotal	\$20,000,000	\$11,500,000 ^c	\$11,500,000 ^c	\$11,500,000	\$11,500,000
Total	\$54,500,000	\$50,000,000	\$50,000,000	\$50,000,000	\$50,000,000

^a DNR plans to utilize unspent prior NCO funds for county forest grants as allowed by 2013 Act 20.

^b Authorized, but could not be obligated given debt service threshold.

^c Although the bill would allow approximately \$12.5 million for DNR property development (including \$500,000 annually for motorized stewardship) projects in the 2015-17 biennium, the Building Commission's recommendations for the 2015-17 building program would not provide for any DNR property development projects utilizing stewardship funds.

^d Motorized stewardship projects (for ATV, UTV, and snowmobile trail projects) are subtracted from the DNR property development allocation. DNR indicates they plan to generally allocate \$500,000 annually for motorized stewardship projects.

^e Although the bill would specify \$18.5 million in allocations in fiscal year 2016-17 and 2017-18, only \$11.5 million is statutorily authorized.

GOVERNOR

Specify that, beginning with fiscal year 2015-16, the Department may not obligate moneys from the land acquisition subprogram of the reauthorized Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson Stewardship program if the annual general fund debt service on amounts obligated under the reauthorized stewardship program exceeds \$54,305,700. In addition, the Building Commission's 2015-17 building program recommendations would not provide for any DNR property development projects (including motorized stewardship) utilizing stewardship funds. \$12.5 million is currently allocated for property development in the 2015-17 biennium. The following table shows stewardship program allocations that would be available during the biennium.

TABLE 1

Governor/Building Commission Available Allocations

	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
Land Acquisition	\$0	\$0
DNR Property Development	0	0
Kettle Moraine Springs Fish Hatchery	7,000,000	7,000,000
Local Assistance	6,000,000	4,500,000*
Recreational Boating Aids	<u>2,500,000</u>	<u>2,500,000</u>
Total	\$15,500,000	\$14,000,000

* Although the bill, as amended by the Building Commission recommendation, would specify a total of \$13.0 million in allocations for property development and local assistance (including Kettle Moraine Springs), only \$11.5 million is statutorily allocated for these purposes. Given the administration's intent to provide \$7 million for Kettle Moraine Springs, the local assistance allocation would likely be reduced to \$4.5 million.

DISCUSSION POINTS

Background

1. Wisconsin's first stewardship program was created in 1989 Act 31 to acquire land to expand nature-based outdoor recreational opportunities and protect environmentally sensitive areas. Under the Act, the Legislature authorized \$250 million of general obligation bonding (reduced to \$231 million by 1995 Act 27 due to anticipated federal funding) for the original stewardship program over a 10-year period through 1999-2000. 1993 Act 343 renamed the program the Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson Stewardship Program. 1999 Act 9 reauthorized the program for 10-years (Stewardship 2000), with maximum total public debt contracted under the program set at \$460 million (with \$46 million annual bonding from fiscal years 2000-01 through 2009-10). Under 2001 Act 16, annual authorized bonding was increased from \$46 million to \$60 million, from fiscal year 2002-03 through 2009-10. This increased the total authorized bonding of the reauthorized program to \$572 million (\$803 million total bonding for the 20-year program). 2007 Act 20 extended the program to fiscal year 2019-20 and increased the annual bonding authority from \$60 million to \$86 million beginning in 2010-11 (increasing the total bonding authority by \$860 million, to \$1,663

million BR). 2011 Act 32 specified that DNR may not obligate more than \$60 million in each year from fiscal year 2011-12 through 2019-20. This reduced total authorized bonds for the program by \$234 million (to \$1,429 million). 2013 Act 20 reduced total stewardship program authorized bonding by another \$63.5 million (to \$1,365.5 million) and specifies that DNR may not obligate more than \$47.5 million in fiscal year 2013-14, not more than \$54.5 million in fiscal year 2014-15 and in fiscal year 2015-16, and not more than \$50 million in each year from 2016-17 through 2019-20. Beginning in fiscal year 2011-12, any remaining unobligated bonding authority may not be used in future fiscal years, effectively reducing the total allocated bonding of the stewardship program below the statutorily enumerated total, currently \$1,365.5 million, as shown in Table 2.

TABLE 2

Stewardship Program Bonding Authorizations

Original 1991-2000	\$231,000,000
Reauthorization 2001-2010	572,000,000
Reauthorization 2011-2020	<u>562,500,000</u>
	\$1,365,500,000

2. As shown in Table 2, stewardship program bonding has been authorized over three, 10-year periods, with annual allocations being designated from this larger authorization. This differs significantly from most other state programs where bonding authority is authorized for each biennium. The stewardship program and the state transportation system have received among the largest bonding authorizations for a number of biennia. Table 3 shows stewardship program biennial bonding allocations and bonding authorized for the state transportation program from the 2003-05 biennium through the proposed 2015-17 authorizations. For fiscal year 2013-14, stewardship program debt service (\$85.6 million) represented approximately 8% of total general obligation bond debt service (\$1,059.2 million).

TABLE 3

**Stewardship and Transportation Bonding Allocations
2003-05 through 2015-17**

<u>Biennium</u>	<u>Stewardship General Fund Supported</u>	<u>Transportation Bonding</u>		
		<u>Transportation Fund Supported*</u>	<u>General Fund Supported</u>	<u>Total Transportation</u>
2003-05	\$120.0	\$350.0	\$565.5	\$915.5
2005-07	120.0	466.6	250.0	716.6
2007-09	120.0	508.9	82.0	590.9
2009-11	146.0	1,059.4	244.7	1,304.1
2011-13	120.0	564.7	115.4	680.1
2013-15	102.0	791.4	200.0	991.4
2015-17 Governor	<u>29.5**</u>	<u>1,343.2</u>	<u>-43.0</u>	<u>1,300.2</u>
14-Year Total	\$757.5	\$5,084.2	\$1,414.6	\$6,498.8

*Includes Transportation Fund SEG supported bonds and Transportation Revenue Bonds

**While \$104.5 million is statutorily authorized in 2015-17, given the debt service threshold included in the bill and the Building Commission's 2015-17 recommendations which do not include any funding over the biennium for DNR property development, actual bonding that could be obligated would be \$29.5 million as shown in Table 1.

PURPOSES RESTRICTED

Land Acquisition Subprogram

3. Activities under the land acquisition subprogram which DNR would not be allowed to obligate stewardship funds for under the bill, include the following purposes.

4. *DNR Acquisitions*: DNR may obligate moneys to acquire land for any of the purposes specified under statute (such as forests, parks, trails, fisheries or wildlife areas, and natural areas). The Department utilizes both fee title and conservation easement purchases in its land acquisition activities. Fee title acquisition involves outright purchases of land by the state, allowing for complete DNR management of the parcel. Currently, DNR may obligate not more than one-third of land acquisition funds for DNR fee title acquisition. The Department makes aids in lieu of property tax payments to local governments, primarily from state general purpose revenue (estimated at \$8.9 million GPR in 2015-16 and \$9.3 million GPR in 2016-17) and also from the segregated forestry account of the conservation fund (\$5,470,000 SEG annually), on the land it owns. An easement is a permanent, perpetual agreement entered into by the landowner and DNR in which the state purchases certain specifically identified rights from the landowner. A conservation easement may provide for public access and recreational use, specify certain management criteria (such as maintaining streambank habitat or sustainable forestry practices) or contain certain development restrictions.

5. Administration officials indicate that they do not believe any of the \$176 million BR authorized for the last five years of the land acquisition subprogram could be obligated under the bill. However, it is not clear when the debt service provision would be triggered. The administration indicates that the intent was that DNR not obligate funds under the land acquisition subprogram of the reauthorized program if, in the prior fiscal year, the GPR debt service on the reauthorized program exceeded \$54,305,700. This number was calculated based on stewardship DNR land acquisition expenditures under the original and reauthorized program from fiscal year 1999-00 through 2013-14, and represents approximately one-eighth of these expenditures. The following table shows actual 2013-14, and estimated 2014-15 through 2016-17 stewardship-related debt service costs.

TABLE 4

Stewardship Debt Repayments

	<u>2013-14 Actual</u>	<u>2014-15 Base</u>	<u>Bill</u>	
			<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
GPR	\$73,464,500	\$76,307,000	\$74,935,700	\$71,306,200
SEG	<u>13,500,000</u>	<u>13,500,000</u>	<u>13,500,000</u>	<u>13,500,000</u>
Total	\$86,964,500	\$89,807,000	\$88,435,700	\$84,806,200

6. The debt service estimates included in the bill do not reflect the full effect of the limits on stewardship bonding included in the bill. To reflect anticipated bond issuances over the biennium under the bill, GPR debt service would be expected to be approximately \$200,000 less in fiscal year

2015-16 and \$3.4 million less in fiscal year 2016-17 (overall state GPR debt service reestimates are addressed in a separate budget paper). While most of the debt service shown in the table is related to the stewardship program, a portion of the payments are related to bonding mostly authorized prior to the creation of the first stewardship program for several similar recreational land acquisition programs, and for a local dam repair and removal grant program. Of the total \$87 million expended in fiscal year 2013-14, approximately \$64 million was for principal repayment and interest related to the reauthorized stewardship program and approximately \$21 million was for the original stewardship program (the \$231 million BR authorized for the 10 years from 1990-91 through 1999-2000). However, as debt service is paid from forestry account SEG and GPR, stewardship debt service costs net of the forestry account SEG could drop below the debt service threshold included in the bill depending on how much of the debt service was considered paid from forestry SEG. For example, for fiscal year 2013-14 debt service payments, if the \$13.5 million forestry SEG were applied proportionally to the reauthorized program debt service (75%) and the original program debt service (25%), the amount paid from GPR would have been \$54.16 million, which is below the threshold. To more clearly implement the administration's intent to freeze stewardship land acquisition subprogram obligations for the remaining five years of the stewardship program, an alternative could be to eliminate the land acquisition subprogram and reduce the associated bonding authority by \$163.5 million [Alternative A2].

7. As of December 31, 2014, DNR owned over 1.5 million acres of land, which represents approximately 4.3% of the state's land area (34.76 million acres). The following table shows public conservation land ownership in Wisconsin and the four bordering states.

TABLE 5

Public Conservation Land in Wisconsin and Surrounding States

	<u>State Ownership</u>	<u>Federal Ownership</u>	<u>Total State and Federal Ownership</u>	<u>State Land Area</u>	<u>State and Federal % of Land Acres</u>	<u>State Easement Acres</u>	<u>County Ownership</u>
Michigan	4,940,100	3,622,900	8,563,000	36,184,900	24%	346,700	N.A.
Minnesota	5,593,900	3,466,400	9,060,300	51,141,500	18	412,400	2,890,400
Wisconsin	1,582,500	1,797,800	3,380,300	34,758,500	10	303,500	2,486,600
Illinois	342,700*	385,600	728,300	35,532,200	2	93,800	29,700
Iowa	367,500	73,300	440,800	35,748,600	1	3,500	168,200

*Illinois state ownership includes approximately 6,600 acres of land acquired since 2012 for which the Illinois DNR was unable to separate fee title and easement ownership. However, Illinois DNR officials indicate that only a minor portion of this acreage is easement.

8. As shown in Table 5, state and federal ownership in Wisconsin comprises approximately 10% of total state land area, compared to 24% for Michigan, 18% for Minnesota, 2% for Illinois and 1% for Iowa. The state ownership column includes conservation land owned in fee title by the Department of Natural Resources (or comparable agency) in each state as of approximately January 1, 2015. In addition, in Wisconsin, it includes school trust lands owned by the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands (76,500 acres). In Minnesota, school trust lands are owned by the Minnesota DNR, and the other states shown in the table indicate they do not have

school trust lands. For consistency of data, the federal ownership column includes data from a February 8, 2012, report from the Congressional Research Service based on 2010 data and entitled "Federal Land Ownership: Overview and Data". The federal land shown includes land owned in fee title and managed by the federal government including lands of the four major federal land management agencies: the U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Land Management. The federal figures in the table exclude lands managed by the Department of Defense. This may understate the total of federal lands open for public recreational use in each state. For example, in Iowa, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers manages several reservoirs which serve multiple purposes including flood control and recreation.

9. Table 5 also shows state easement ownership by the DNR (or comparable agency) in each state. An easement is a permanent, perpetual agreement entered into by the land owner and state agency in which the state purchases certain specifically identified rights from the landowner (such as public access or development rights). In addition, the table shows county recreational land where data was available. Although Michigan has county parks, Michigan DNR was unable to provide any county level data and this data was not otherwise readily available. The county data may not be comparable across states. For Wisconsin, the data includes county forests and an estimate of county parks. In Minnesota, the data shown in the table primarily includes tax forfeited lands which are owned by the Minnesota DNR but managed by the counties in a manner similar to Wisconsin's county forests. It also includes approximately 87,600 acres of regional parks which includes parks managed by cities, counties, or special park boards, but does not include smaller city parks (the Wisconsin data does not include any city parks). In Illinois, county lands shown in the table include acres in Illinois' forest preserve districts and conservation districts. Finally, in Iowa, county lands shown include county parks.

10. Between July 1, 1990, and June 30, 2014, the Department expended a total of \$630.8 million for land acquisition. This included \$467.4 million (74%) in stewardship program funds and \$163.4 million (26%) in other funds to acquire a total of approximately 619,500 acres (366,100 fee acres and 253,400 easement acres). Other funds primarily represent federal grants but also include donations, other (non-stewardship) state funds, and gifts. DNR land acquisition acres and costs by county are summarized in Attachment 1. The administration indicates the intent of the bill is to freeze land acquisition until debt service costs are reduced significantly (to the \$54.4 million threshold included in the bill). Some have argued that the Department's ownership of over 4% of state land is too great and that the Department should greatly curtail land acquisition. Some contend debt service costs associated with the program are too high; through fiscal year 2013-14 approximately \$571 million in debt service has been paid for the stewardship program (including principal and interest) and total debt service costs for the program as currently authorized could total as much as \$2 billion (including principal and interest) over a more than 50-year period. Further, increasing state ownership of conservation lands [in fee title] also requires increased state costs for aids in lieu of property taxes, and to manage and maintain the properties for scenic enjoyment and recreational use. Alternatives A1 or A2 would end stewardship program land acquisition by DNR.

11. On the other hand, some have argued that the purchase of conservation land adds a state asset that appreciates in value. Lands purchased under the stewardship program typically include forested land (although other types of conservation land such as water frontage, wetlands and prairie, and outdoor recreational development are also funded). While individual property

values can vary greatly, the change in the value of productive forest land may be a useful measure for imputing the potential current value of stewardship lands. Land that is producing or is capable of producing commercial forest products is classified as "productive forest land" and comprises one of eight classes of real estate for property tax purposes. Each year, the Department of Revenue (DOR) determines equalized values for local governments in the state. These values are used to apportion property taxes and distribute state aid among the state's local taxing jurisdictions. In determining the values, DOR quantifies the various reasons for values to change from year to year for each class of property. One such component of change is economic factors, which generally reflects appreciation and inflation. The Department develops its estimates of economic change based on an analysis of property sales. Based on the change in the per-acre value of productive forest land from 2000 (\$899) to 2014 (\$2,040), forest property would be expected to have a market value in 2014 that is 127% higher than the property's value in 2000. In other words, a typical forested stewardship property purchased in 2000 for \$1 million may be worth almost \$2.3 million today, while debt service costs for the purchase (over 20 years) would total approximately \$1.5 million. Further, this 14-year time-period includes six years where property values declined due to the economic downturn. This has rarely occurred in the past.

12. It is also argued that the program helps protect green space and facilitate public access for outdoor recreation including in areas experiencing development pressure, such as southcentral and southeastern Wisconsin. Providing stewardship funding for Department land acquisition would allow DNR to acquire parcels in these areas or other parcels that are considered uniquely valuable. For example, in June, 2014, the Joint Committee on Finance approved the acquisition of 206 acres in Rock County for the Avon Bottoms Wildlife Area utilizing up to \$329,100 in stewardship funds. The property is located 10 miles west of the City of Beloit and 15 miles southwest of Janesville, within a one-hour drive of approximately two million people. The parcel is completely within the Avon Bottoms Wildlife Area project boundary and bordered by DNR land on the east, west, and south. Acquisition of the property connected over 250 acres of current state ownership along the Illinois state line. The Avon Bottoms Wildlife Area is identified as a conservation opportunity area of state significance for the conservation of floodplain forest communities (this parcel is strategically positioned across the Lower Sugar River floodplain corridor). The wildlife area is managed to provide opportunities for hunting, fishing, trapping and other outdoor recreational activities while protecting unique native communities and species. The parcel is a mix of wetland, lowland hardwoods, overgrown pasture, and former croplands. Acquisition of the property also protects wildlife habitat and the floodplain of the Lower Sugar River, allowing it to safely flood where it will not cause property damage.

13. Stewardship funding is also used by the Department to leverage federal funding. For example, in April, 2015, the Joint Committee on Finance approved the acquisition of a conservation easement on 21,189 acres in Douglas County from Lyme St. Croix Forest Company using \$1,892,500 in stewardship funds and \$3,750,000 in federal forest legacy funds for Phase II of the Brule-St. Croix Legacy Forest Easement project (the Committee approved \$11,265,400 for acquisition of a conservation easement on 44,679 acres for Phase I of the project in June, 2012). As part of the 1990 Farm Bill, Congress created the Forest Legacy Program to identify and protect environmentally important private forestlands threatened with conversion to non-forest uses- such as subdivision for residential or commercial development. To help maintain the integrity and traditional uses of private forest-lands, the program promotes the use of conservation easements.

Approximately 90% of the Phase II easement is located within the acquisition boundary of the Brule River State Forest, and the acquisition represents approximately 54% of the total remaining acquisition goal within the boundary of the Brule River State Forest. Under the easement, Lyme St. Croix Forest Company will continue to manage the land using sustainable forestry practices, as required by the easement, and continue to pay managed forest law acreage and severance payments or property taxes on the parcels, where applicable. The entire property will be open to the public for nature-based outdoor activities including hunting, fishing, trapping, hiking, and cross-country skiing. However, the easement specifies that certain areas may be temporarily closed to public access for forestry management purposes and under certain other specified circumstances (for example, natural disasters).

14. As noted, the Department utilizes both fee title and conservation easement purchases in its land acquisition activities. 2013 Act 20 specifies that of stewardship bonding authority allocated in a year for Department acquisitions (currently \$20 or \$23 million in a given year) DNR may obligate not more than one-third for the purchase of DNR land in fee simple (at least two-thirds of allocated bonding authority would be used for county forest grants or DNR acquisitions of easements). Under an easement, title to the land remains with the seller of the easement, but use of the property is subject to the specified conditions (such as development restrictions, public recreational access requirements, or sustainable forestry practice requirements). As a result, conservation easements provide recreational opportunities and ensure the land is managed in specified ways to preserve its conservation value but, as the Department does not own the parcel outright, the Department is not responsible for aids in lieu of property taxes, or generally for the costs of ongoing management of the land.

15. In addition to forestry easements, during the 2013-15 biennium, the Department increased its focus on acquiring streambank protection easements to provide angling access and protect and improve water quality and stream habitat. DNR set a goal of acquiring riparian easements along 100 miles of stream over the 2013-15 biennium. In late spring of 2014, the Department began outreach for the program and acquired two easements in fiscal year 2013-14 covering 11.34 acres and 0.71 miles of stream for a total cost of \$18,900 (in stewardship funds). According to the Department, streambank easements in most cases secure a 66-foot public access along either, or both, banks of the stream as it passes through private land enrolled in the program. Designated parking and walk-in trails may also be provided. The easements improve access to fishing locations and open private land to public recreation. DNR indicates that fisheries biologists and land agents are currently discussing easements with over 400 landowners on 120 stream miles across Wisconsin. In fiscal year 2014-15 through April, 2015, the Department has acquired 42 easements encompassing 217 acres and 13.57 miles of stream. The Department expects to acquire easements covering an additional 17 miles of stream by the end of June 2015, for a total of over 30 miles of new public accessible areas for trout and smallmouth bass stream fishing. Once the easements are purchased their locations are available via the Department's public access lands mapping application available on the Department's website.

16. As the Department's fee title acquisition is limited by several provisions included in 2013 Act 20, restoring funding for Department land acquisition would be used primarily for easement acquisitions, such as forest legacy easements and streambank protection easements. In addition to the limit on fee title acquisition to not more than one-third of each year's DNR land

acquisition allotment, 2013 Act 20 included the requirement that, unless 12 members of the Joint Finance Committee approve the land acquisition, beginning July 1, 2013, the Department may not obligate any moneys from the stewardship program for DNR to acquire land that is outside a project boundary (the boundary of a project established by the Department on or before May 1, 2013).

17. If stewardship funding for land acquisition were restored, the Committee could consider several levels of funding. Table 6 shows Department stewardship land acquisition obligations and unobligated balances for fiscal years 2012-13 and 2013-14.

TABLE 6

**Stewardship DNR Acquisition Costs, Fee Title and Easement
Fiscal Years 2012-13 and 2013-14**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2012-13</u>		<u>Fiscal Year 2013-14</u>	
	<u>Obligated</u>	<u>Unobligated</u>	<u>Obligated</u>	<u>Unobligated</u>
Fee Title	\$17,137,100	\$430,000	\$6,173,400	\$526,600
Easement	<u>2,929,600</u>	<u>70,400</u>	<u>4,470,000</u>	<u>3,614,100</u>
Total	\$20,066,700	\$500,400	\$10,643,400	\$4,140,700

18. As shown in Table 6, in fiscal year 2012-13, when a greater level of funding was available for DNR land acquisition and no restrictions regarding the amount of fee title acquisition versus easement purchases applied, the Department obligated \$17.1 million for fee title acquisition and \$2.9 million for easements. Restoring current law would provide a similar level of funding (\$19.3 million) to the 2012-13 level, but with the limitation that no more than one-third of total Department land acquisition funding be obligated for fee title acquisition. On the other hand, in fiscal year 2013-14, the Department obligated a total of \$10.6 million for land acquisition, including approximately \$6.2 million for fee title and \$4.5 million for easement acquisition. A level of \$12 million would be more than the Department obligated in 2013-14. However, as shown in the table, the Department ended fiscal year 2013-14 with \$3.6 million in unobligated easement authority, but spent over \$6 million in fee title acquisitions. The Department indicates that forestry easements often cover a large area (such as the recent purchase of over 21,000 acres) and require a significant amount of funding. Further, as noted, the Department has recently focused on increasing the number of streambank protection easements purchased with stewardship funds. In order to allow for the potential purchase of these types of easements, a larger amount of funding could be considered. At the \$15 million level, the Department could obligate up to \$5 million for fee title acquisition and up to \$10 million for easements. Another option would be eliminate, or modify, the fee title restriction, particularly if overall bonding allocations are reduced, in order to provide DNR greater flexibility to meet available market opportunities in a given year [Alternative C5].

19. *NCO Acquisitions:* Currently, under the land acquisition subprogram, DNR is required to set aside \$12 million annually for grants to nonprofit conservation organizations (NCOs are eligible to apply for grants under both of the major stewardship subprograms, the land acquisition subprogram and the property development and local assistance subprogram, and would remain eligible for funding under the property development and local assistance subprogram under the bill).

Funds received as grants under the land acquisition subprogram are used to acquire land for a variety of purposes, such as habitat areas, natural areas, streambank protection, trails, and wild lakes, in accordance with the statutorily enumerated priorities for land acquisition funding. Grants to NCOs by county are included in Attachment 1. In addition, Attachment 2 shows grants to NCOs in fiscal year 2012-13 and 2013-14 from the land acquisition subprogram, as well as the amount of pending grants for the remainder of fiscal year 2014-15 as of May 12, 2015.

20. The administration indicates that the debt service threshold established in the bill was intended to prevent any funds from being obligated from the land acquisition subprogram including for grants to NCOs, in order to minimize the debt service costs associated with the stewardship program [Alternatives 1 or 2]. NCO grants may generally be for up to 50% of eligible acquisition costs, although up to 75% is allowed in certain limited circumstances. By requiring matching funds, NCO grants allow stewardship funds to be leveraged with other funds to stretch state resources. DNR program staff indicate that the number of NCOs working with the Department has grown significantly since the beginning of the stewardship program. In 1994, DNR established the Stewardship Advisory Council (SAC), a group of land trusts (NCOs formed for the purpose of holding land for conservation, historic preservation, and wildlife protection), local units of government, and other environmental and conservation organizations who advise the Department on policy and administrative issues relating to the stewardship program. The SAC has argued that these land trusts and local units of government not only provide matching funds to protect land, they also involve local citizens in the conservation effort. In addition, NCOs are responsible for managing the lands acquired with stewardship funds in perpetuity.

21. Further, partnerships with NCOs often increase the Department's ability to protect land in more densely populated areas. For example, the "Polk Kames/Kettle Hills" project was located in the southeastern region of the state where open land is limited and land values are generally higher than other regions. For the project, \$1.45 million in Department land acquisition funds and \$1.89 million in NCO grant acquisition funds were paired with the National Park Service's Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) as well as private funds of over \$5 million to protect over 550 acres in Washington and Waukesha counties. From 2000 to 2008, this multiple-partner project collaboration resulted in an additional 43 miles of Ice Age National Scenic Trail and the purchase of 7,332 acres of habitat and recreation land.

22. If stewardship funding for NCOs were to be restored, an alternative could be to provide a lower level of annual funding. While \$12 million was set aside for grants to NCOs in fiscal year 2012-13, 2013-14, and for 2014-15, based on awarded and pending grants, DNR awarded less than those amounts in each year as shown in the following table.

TABLE 7

Land Acquisition Grants to NCOs

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Awarded*</u>	<u>Unobligated Balance</u>
2012-13	\$12,000,000	\$8,200,000	\$7,246,800	\$4,753,200
2013-14	12,000,000	8,500,000	7,089,300	4,910,700
2014-15 estimate	12,000,000	8,500,000	6,900,000	5,100,000

*Includes amounts paid directly by DNR of approximately \$132,500 in FY13, \$284,800 in FY14 and \$210,600 in FY15 (for costs such as DNR commissioned second appraisals).

23. Given that recent awards to NCOs from the land acquisition subprogram have totaled less than \$7.5 million, providing \$8 million would provide sufficient funds based on recent awards and provide some additional funding for increased demand. On the other hand, the Department indicates that the amount requested has been approximately \$8.5 million in the last two years, and that the amount awarded would have been significantly greater were it not for some sales falling through (five projects were withdrawn in fiscal year 2014-15 due to the seller backing out). Setting aside \$9 million each year for NCO acquisitions would provide sufficient funding for the level of grants requested over the past few years, plus provide room for some increased demand. It should also be noted that under current law, at the end of a given fiscal year, if any of the allocation for NCOs remains unobligated, DNR may carry-forward the unobligated bonding authority into the following fiscal year to be used only to provide grants in that fiscal year to counties to acquire land to be included in a county forest (discussed subsequently). The current \$12 million level could be restored and any amount not obligated for NCO grants would be available for county forest grants in the following year.

24. Under current law, DNR is required to set aside \$3 million in each fiscal year from the land acquisition subprogram for Department purchases and grants to NCOs for state trails and the Ice Age Trail. If the amount of funding for DNR land acquisition and/or NCO grants is restored at a lower level, an alternative could be to lower the amount required to be set aside from the land acquisition subprogram for acquisition of state trails and the Ice Age Trail from \$3 million [Alternative C3].

25. *County Forest Grants:* 2007 Act 20 created a program under the land acquisition subprogram to provide grants to counties to acquire land to be included in a county forest. The Act also created a program for projects for which DNR requests a county's assistance to acquire land for nature-based outdoor recreation and conservation purposes. Counties had always been eligible for stewardship local assistance grants; 2007 Act 20 extended eligibility to the land acquisition subprogram. DNR has discretion over the amount of annual land acquisition subprogram funding allocated to county forest grants. In addition, beginning in fiscal year 2013-14, if at the end of a given fiscal year, any of the allocation for NCOs (currently \$12 million) remains unobligated, DNR may carry-forward the unobligated bonding authority into the following fiscal year to be used only to provide grants in that fiscal year to counties to acquire land to be included in a county forest. The

Department has generally been able to meet the demand for county forest grants each year. DNR initially did not allocate any fiscal year 2014-15 funding to county forest grants, but instead planned to utilize the approximately \$4.9 million carried over from the unused fiscal year 2013-14 NCO grants allocation for fiscal year 2014-15 county forest grants. However, due to increased demand, DNR allocated an additional \$1 million in fiscal year 2014-15 land acquisition funds for county forest grants, of which the Department expects approximately \$500,000 will be obligated. Attachment 3 shows county forest grants awarded in fiscal years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 through May 12, 2015. If some level of land acquisition subprogram funding is restored, the Committee could consider providing a sufficient level of funding so that the Department could continue to allocate funds to county forest grants in addition to any funds carried over from unused NCO authority.

26. *BCPL Natural Areas:* Prior to 2013 Act 20, DNR was required to allocate \$2 million annually from the land acquisition subprogram of stewardship to acquire land from the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands (BCPL). Under 2013 Act 20, DNR is not required to allocate any funding in fiscal years 2013-14 through 2015-16 for BCPL acquisitions. Beginning in fiscal year 2016-17, under current law, the Department is required to allocate \$1 million annually in land acquisition funds for BCPL acquisitions through the end of the stewardship program (fiscal year 2019-20). To date, DNR has acquired 11,400 acres (all in fee title) from BCPL using \$12.5 million in stewardship funds. In fiscal year 2013-14, the Department obligated approximately \$1.63 million for BCPL natural areas acquisitions. Restoring the current law level of \$1 million would allow the Department to purchase natural area parcels from BCPL when available. However, the Department could utilize their general land acquisition funds to purchase property from BCPL, and eliminating the requirement that these funds be set aside for BCPL purchases would provide more flexibility for Department land purchases, particularly if overall funding was being reduced [Alternative C4].

27. *County Dam Safety Grants:* 2011 Act 32 requires DNR to set aside not less than \$6 million from the land acquisition subprogram for dam safety grants to counties under s. 31.385 of the statutes. Grants may only be awarded for a county-owned dam that is under an order by DNR for maintenance, repair, modification, abandonment or removal as of July 1, 2011. Grants are provided for up to 25% of eligible project costs, with a maximum grant award of \$2,500,000 (\$10,000,000 project). DNR currently expects to obligate approximately \$2,762,600 of this \$6 million by the end of fiscal year 2014-15. If funding for the land acquisition subprogram were restored, the Department could continue to obligate funds for the county dam safety grants from the land acquisition subprogram up to the \$6 million specified under current law.

Purposes Allowed

28. Under the bill, the Department could continue to obligate funds under the other stewardship subprograms: recreational boating aids; and property development and local assistance. However, although the bill would specify \$18.5 million in allocations under the property development and local assistance subprogram in fiscal year 2016-17 and 2017-18, only \$11.5 million is statutorily authorized. Further, the Building Commission's 2015-17 building program recommendations would not provide for any DNR property development projects (including motorized stewardship) utilizing stewardship funds.

Recreational Boating Aids Subprogram

29. Under the recreational boating aids subprogram, DNR provides grants to municipalities, counties, town sanitary districts, public inland lake protection and rehabilitation districts, qualified lake associations, the Milwaukee River Revitalization Council, and the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board for up to 50% of the costs (or more in certain circumstances) of developing recreational boating facilities approved by the Waterways Commission. The Waterways Commission is a five-member board appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for staggered, five-year terms. Grants are available for recreational boating projects that include providing public access (boat ramps and related parking facilities), navigational aids or markers, dredging, weed removal, and capital equipment used for trash or debris removal. Under current law and under the bill, \$2.5 million in stewardship funding is authorized for recreational boating grants, and an additional \$400,000 SEG each year is available from the water resources account (motorboat gas tax) of the conservation fund. 2013 Act 20 directed DNR to provide a \$200,000 grant to the Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission, in fiscal year 2013-14. In fiscal year 2013-14, \$2,919,500 (including \$2.5 million in stewardship program bonding, and \$419,500 in water resources account SEG) was awarded for recreational boating grants including the \$200,000 grant to the Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission as shown in Attachment 4. On May 5, 2015, the Joint Committee on Finance adopted motion #149 to provide a grant of \$200,000 SEG in fiscal year 2015-16 to the Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission from the recreational boating aids program. The attachment shows recreational boating grants awarded in fiscal years 2012-13 through 2014-15. According to the Department, demand for recreational boating grants has exceeded available funds in most years. The \$2.5 million allocation for recreational boating aids is retained under the bill.

Property Development and Local Assistance Subprogram

30. *DNR Property Development:* Funding obligated for property development is used for: (a) property development on DNR land; (b) property development on conservation easements adjacent to DNR land; and (c) grants to friends groups and non-profit conservation organizations for property development activities on DNR land. Although the bill would allow for up to \$12.5 million for DNR property development (including motorized stewardship) projects in the 2015-17 biennium (\$7.0 million in 2015-16 and \$5.5 million in 2016-17 would be available), the Building Commission's recommendations for the 2015-17 building program would not provide for any DNR property development projects utilizing stewardship program bonding revenue. Further, as mentioned previously, the bill would over allocate available funds in 2016-17. The administration indicates that the building program did not provide funding for DNR property development because the administration intended the Kettle Moraine Springs allocation to be the only DNR property development project funded in the 2015-17 biennium in order to keep stewardship debt service costs at a minimum. The bill could be amended to reconcile with the Building Commission recommendation and to delete \$11 million in bonding authority that would not be utilized under the provisions [Alternative A3]. This alternative would also clarify that \$6 million would remain each year for local assistance grants.

31. Attachment 5 shows the development projects the Department planned to utilize stewardship development funding for during the 2015-17 biennium. As shown in the attachment,

DNR may also provide \$250,000 annually in matching grants to friends groups and NCOs for property development activities on Department-owned property, with no more than \$20,000 in grants for any property in a given fiscal year. Friends groups have first option on available funds.

32. Repair and replacement of facilities (and other development projects such as recreational trails) increases the public's ability to fully utilize state properties. The Department notes that there is currently a backlog of capital development projects. For example, a February, 2012, capital improvement plan completed by DNR stated that the parks system had "capital funding needs exceeding \$285 million" at that time. The report noted that state park properties in Wisconsin were, on average, over 50 years old, and that the majority of park infrastructure and facilities were constructed more than 50 years ago. Additionally, a large number of older facilities increasingly were noted to have some level of delayed upkeep including failing septic systems, dams, and water delivery systems. The report cited health and safety concerns related to older electrical distribution systems, sanitation issues in old vault toilets, and roads and walkways with potholes and broken surfaces. Further, the report noted that service delivery may be impaired by outdated fee collection systems, crowded maintenance shops, and small customer service areas. It is argued that maintaining and developing state parks, forests, recreation areas, and other properties acquired in part through the stewardship program is important and that this funding should be restored.

33. *Motorized Stewardship*: 2013 Act 20 specifies that stewardship property development subprogram funds may be used for aids to the state, counties, villages or towns for snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle (ATV), and utility terrain vehicle (UTV) trail projects generally including: (a) acquisitions of easements and land; (b) development of trails; (c) certain sign programs; and (d) certain trail and bridge rehabilitation. A DNR grant may not exceed 80% of eligible project costs (20% local match). In fiscal year 2013-14, DNR set aside \$500,000 for grants under this "motorized stewardship" program. Motorized stewardship grants awarded in fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15 are shown in Attachment 6. If funding is provided for DNR property development, DNR indicates they plan to continue to allocate \$500,000 annually from DNR property development funds for motorized stewardship grants.

34. *Kettle Moraine Springs Fish Hatchery*: Funding for infrastructure improvements to this facility is addressed in a separate budget paper.

35. *Local Assistance Grants*: Funding obligated for local assistance may be used for: (a) grants for acquisition of urban green space; (b) grants for acquisition and development of local parks; (c) grants for acquisition of property development rights; and (d) grants for acquisition and development of urban rivers. Local governments and NCOs are eligible for local assistance grants (however, NCOs are limited to acquisition activities). Stewardship funds may generally be provided for up to 50% of eligible project costs. Attachment 7 shows local assistance grants awarded to local units of government and NCOs in fiscal years 2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15 through May 12, 2015.

36. Under the bill, \$6 million annually is provided for local assistance grants. However, as noted, although the bill would require \$18.5 million in allocations under the property development and local assistance subprogram in fiscal year 2016-17 and 2017-18, only \$11.5 million is

statutorily authorized. A correction would be needed to properly adjust the statutory authority for the local assistance and property development subprogram.

37. Requests for local assistance grants have consistently exceeded available funding. From 2004 through 2014, the percentage of grants requested that were awarded funding ranged from a low of 30% in fiscal year 2008-09 (when \$6.4 million was awarded) to a high of 63% in fiscal year 2011-12 (when \$8 million was awarded). In fiscal year 2013-14, the Department received requests for over \$19 million in local assistance grants and was able to fund approximately 31% with the \$6 million in available funding. However, the Department notes that some projects were not funded because they were ineligible and some were deemed better suited to other grant programs (such as federal Land and Water Conservation Act funds). Further, as stewardship land acquisition funds would not be available for grants to NCOs under the bill, this could result in increased demand for local assistance grants by NCOs.

Unobligated Funds

38. Prior to 2011, if the Department did not obligate the full amount allocated under a stewardship subprogram, DNR was directed to raise the next year's annual bonding authority for the subprogram by an amount equal to the unobligated amount. 2011 Act 32 specified that this does not apply after fiscal year 2010-11. As a result, beginning in fiscal year 2011-12, DNR is no longer allowed to carry forward unobligated bonding authority into subsequent fiscal years. Table 8 shows the annual unobligated balances of the stewardship program by program area for fiscal years 2011-12 through 2013-14. As shown in the table, through fiscal year 2013-14, almost \$27.9 million of stewardship bonding authority was unobligated. This means that while the stewardship program is statutorily authorized to issue up to \$1,365.5 million in bonds over the life of the program (Table 2), approximately \$27.9 million in previously unobligated balances (Table 8) may not be utilized, bringing the effective bonding limit to \$1,337.6 million as of July 1, 2014. As this bonding has not been obligated and could not be obligated under current law, the statutory bonding authority for the program could be reduced by this amount [Alternative D1].

TABLE 8**Stewardship Annual Unobligated Balances by Fiscal Year**

	<u>2011-12</u>	<u>2012-13</u>	<u>2013-14</u>	<u>Total FY12 thru FY14</u>
Land Acquisition				
Department Acquisitions	\$2,225,300	\$530,800	\$3,167,200	\$5,923,300
Grants to NCOs	6,592,000	4,753,200	0*	11,345,200
County Forest Grants	23,700	4,900	232,200	260,800
BCPL Natural Areas	2,729,900	362,000	0	3,091,900
PACE Grants	<u>375,900</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>375,900</u>
Subtotal	\$11,946,800	\$5,650,900	\$3,399,400	\$20,997,100
Recreational Boating Aids	\$95,500	\$13,000	\$500	\$109,000
Property Development and Local Assistance				
DNR Property Development	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Assistance Grants	6,745,900	3,300	0	6,749,200
Subtotal	6,745,900	3,300	0	6,749,200
Total	\$18,788,200	\$5,667,200	\$3,399,900	\$27,855,300

*2013 Act 20 specifies that beginning in fiscal year 2013-14, any remaining unobligated balances from the \$12 million annually allocated for grants to NCOs may be carried over into the following fiscal year for county forest grants. Approximately \$4.9 million was carried over from fiscal year 2013-14 to fiscal year 2014-15 for this purpose.

Potential Funding Allocations

39. The Committee could consider a wide variety of funding levels for the various stewardship subprograms and allocations within those subprograms. Table 9 shows two potential alternative bonding allocation scenarios that could be considered under alternative B. For comparison, the table shows the corrected debt service under the Governor's recommendation (which is reflected in the overall debt service reestimates addressed in a separate budget paper), the change under each of the alternatives, and the net effect of the change.

40. The Committee could also maintain the stewardship program at the current overall levels as adjusted to accommodate the Kettle Moraine Springs Fish Hatchery project. One option for doing this would be Alternative B3. [Kettle Moraine Springs funding is discussed in a separate budget paper.]

TABLE 9**Alternatives****Alternative B1**

	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2018-19 and 2019-20</u>
<i>Land Acquisition Subprogram</i>				
DNR Acquisition	\$12,000,000	\$12,000,000	\$12,000,000	\$15,000,000
NCOs	<u>8,000,000</u>	<u>8,000,000</u>	<u>8,000,000</u>	<u>9,500,000</u>
Subtotal	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$24,500,000
<i>Property Development and Local Assistance Subprogram</i>				
DNR Property Development	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000	\$7,000,000
Kettle Moraine Springs	7,000,000	7,000,000	7,000,000	0
Local Assistance	<u>6,000,000</u>	<u>6,000,000</u>	<u>6,000,000</u>	<u>7,000,000</u>
Subtotal	\$18,500,000	\$18,500,000	\$18,500,000	\$14,000,000
Recreational Boating Aids	<u>2,500,000</u>	<u>2,500,000</u>	<u>2,500,000</u>	<u>2,500,000</u>
Total Bonding	\$41,000,000	\$41,000,000	\$41,000,000	\$41,000,000
Current Law BR	<u>\$54,500,000</u>	<u>\$50,000,000</u>	<u>\$50,000,000</u>	<u>\$50,000,000</u>
Change to Bill	-13,500,000	-9,000,000	-9,000,000	-9,000,000
<i>Debt Service</i>				
Governor (Reestimated)	<u>-200,000</u>	<u>-3,400,000</u>	<u>-3,600,000</u>	
Alternative Change to Bill	<u>45,000</u>	<u>950,000</u>	<u>995,000</u>	
Difference	-\$155,000	-\$2,450,000	-\$2,605,000	

Alternative B2

	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2018-19 and 2019-20</u>
<i>Land Acquisition Subprogram</i>				
DNR Acquisition	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$18,000,000
NCOs	<u>9,000,000</u>	<u>9,000,000</u>	<u>9,000,000</u>	<u>10,500,000</u>
Subtotal	\$24,000,000	\$24,000,000	\$24,000,000	\$28,500,000
<i>Property Development and Local Assistance Subprogram</i>				
DNR Property Development	\$6,500,000	\$6,500,000	\$6,500,000	\$8,000,000
Kettle Moraine Springs	7,000,000	7,000,000	7,000,000	0
Local Assistance	<u>6,000,000</u>	<u>6,000,000</u>	<u>6,000,000</u>	<u>7,000,000</u>
Subtotal	\$19,500,000	\$19,500,000	\$19,500,000	\$15,000,000
Recreational Boating Aids	<u>2,500,000</u>	<u>2,500,000</u>	<u>2,500,000</u>	<u>2,500,000</u>
Total Bonding	\$46,000,000	\$46,000,000	\$46,000,000	\$46,000,000
Current Law BR	<u>54,500,000</u>	<u>50,000,000</u>	<u>50,000,000</u>	<u>50,000,000</u>
Change to Bill	-\$8,500,000	-\$4,000,000	-\$4,000,000	-\$4,000,000
Debt Service				
	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>Biennium</u>	
Governor (Reestimated)	-\$200,000	-\$3,400,000	-\$3,600,000	
Alternative (Change to Bill)	<u>55,000</u>	<u>1,140,000</u>	<u>1,195,000</u>	
Difference	-\$145,000	-\$2,260,000	-\$2,405,000	

Alternative B3: Current Law Adjusted for Kettle Moraine Springs

	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2018-19 and 2019-20</u>
<i>Land Acquisition Subprogram</i>				
DNR Acquisition	\$20,000,000	\$19,000,000	\$19,000,000	\$24,000,000
NCOs	<u>12,000,000</u>	<u>10,000,000</u>	<u>10,000,000</u>	<u>12,000,000</u>
Subtotal	\$32,000,000	\$29,000,000	\$29,000,000	\$36,000,000
<i>Property Development and Local Assistance Subprogram</i>				
DNR Property Development	\$7,000,000	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000
Kettle Moraine Springs	7,000,000	7,000,000	7,000,000	0
Local Assistance	<u>6,000,000</u>	<u>6,000,000</u>	<u>6,000,000</u>	<u>6,000,000</u>
Subtotal	\$20,000,000	\$18,500,000	\$18,500,000	\$11,500,000
Recreational Boating Aids	<u>2,500,000</u>	<u>2,500,000</u>	<u>2,500,000</u>	<u>2,500,000</u>
Total Bonding	\$54,500,000	\$50,000,000	\$50,000,000	\$50,000,000
Debt Service				
	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>Biennium</u>	
Governor (Reestimated)	-\$200,000	-\$3,400,000	-\$3,600,000	
Alternative (Change to Bill)	<u>74,000</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>	<u>1,574,000</u>	
Difference	-\$126,000	-\$1,900,000	-\$2,026,000	

ALTERNATIVES

A. Governor

1. Adopt the Governor's recommendation to specify that beginning with fiscal year 2015-16, DNR may not obligate moneys from the land acquisition subprogram of the reauthorized Warren Knowles Gaylord Nelson Stewardship program if the annual general fund debt service on amounts obligated under the reauthorized stewardship program exceeds \$54,305,700.

2. Eliminate the land acquisition subprogram and reduce authorized stewardship bonding by \$163.5 million BR. Stewardship funds would be authorized for the recreational boating, and property development and local assistance subprograms only (this would be consistent with the Governor's recommendation).

ALT A2	Change to Bill
BR	- \$163,500,000

3. In addition, adopt the Building Commission recommendation to provide no funding for DNR property development during the 2015-17 biennium. Further, delete \$11 million BR in associated bonding authority, and clarify that \$6 million each year would be available for local assistance grants.

ALT A3	Change to Bill
BR	- \$11,000,000

B. Bonding Levels

Delete the Governor's recommendation. Instead allocate one of the following for the stewardship program:

1. \$41 million BR each year from 2015-16 through 2019-20 as shown in Table 9. Further, provide \$45,000 in 2015-16 and \$950,000 in 2016-17 to reflect the expected increase in debt service.

ALT B1	Change to Bill
BR	- \$49,500,000
GPR	\$995,000

2. \$46 million BR each year from 2015-16 through 2019-20 as shown in Table 9. Further, provide \$55,000 in 2015-16 and \$1,140,000 in 2016-17 to reflect the expected increase in debt service.

ALT B2	Change to Bill
BR	- \$24,500,000
GPR	\$1,195,000

3. Retain the current law bonding authority for the stewardship program (adjusted to include any action regarding the Kettle Moraine Springs project) as shown in Table 9. Further, provide \$74,000 in 2015-16 and \$1,500,000 in 2016-17 to reflect the expected increase in debt service.

ALT B3	Change to Bill
GPR	\$1,574,000

C. Amendments/Adjustments

In addition to any alternatives adopted under A or B, adopt one or more of the following.

1. Adjust the statutory bonding allocations in fiscal year 2016-17 and 2017-18 to ensure that \$6 million annually would be provided for local assistance grants (the total bonding authority under the subprogram would be adjusted accordingly).

2. Amend the building program to reflect property development funding provided under A or B.

3. Reduce the amount required to be set aside from the land acquisition subprogram for acquisition of state trails or the Ice Age Trail from \$3 million annually to:

- a. \$2 million annually.
- b. \$1 million annually.
- c. Take no action.

4. Eliminate the requirement that funding be set aside from the land acquisition subprogram for DNR purchases from the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands (BCPL). (The Department would remain able to use their general land acquisition funds to purchase property from BCPL.)

5. Delete the provision that limits fee title purchase to one-third of the DNR land acquisition allocation.

D. Currently Unobligated Bonding Authority

1. Reduce authorized stewardship bonding authority by \$27,855,000 to reflect unobligated stewardship bonding through fiscal year 2013-14.

ALT D1	Change to Bill
BR	- \$27,855,000

2. Take no action.

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Attachment

ATTACHMENT 1

Stewardship Land Acquisition and Grants by County July 1, 1990 through June 30, 2014

<u>County</u>	<u>Easement Acres</u>	<u>Fee Acres</u>	<u>Federal/ Other Cost*</u>	<u>Stewardship Cost</u>	<u>Total Land Cost</u>	<u>Grants to Local Units of Government</u>	<u>Grants to Nonprofit Organizations</u>	<u>County Forest Grants</u>	<u>Total Grant Expenditures</u>	<u>Total Stewardship Land Cost and Grant Expenditures</u>	<u>Total Land Cost and Grants Expenditures</u>
Adams	10,802	9,208	\$12,109,000	\$4,229,300	\$16,338,300	\$240,900	\$490,000	\$0	\$730,900	\$4,960,200	\$17,069,200
Ashland	384	2,551	528,600	3,172,100	3,700,700	734,800	325,800	0	1,060,600	4,232,700	4,761,300
Barron	36	772	106,600	970,600	1,077,200	410,100	0	284,300	694,300	1,664,900	1,771,500
Bayfield	14	12,197	4,516,400	4,853,600	9,370,000	2,117,600	2,302,000	0	4,419,700	9,273,300	13,789,700
Brown	274	1,779	1,973,500	1,751,300	3,724,800	8,695,800	944,000	0	9,639,800	11,391,100	13,364,600
Buffalo	1	1,937	262,200	1,123,100	1,385,300	331,100	461,400	0	792,500	1,915,600	2,177,800
Burnett	12	5,292	2,220,100	2,659,700	4,879,800	183,000	558,800	83,200	824,900	3,484,600	5,704,700
Calumet	19	1,806	481,600	2,445,700	2,927,300	1,228,100	241,700	0	1,469,800	3,915,500	4,397,100
Chippewa	298	6,741	1,499,100	4,761,000	6,260,100	1,581,600	2,341,900	364,600	4,288,100	9,049,100	10,548,200
Clark	0	224	9,100	467,100	476,200	599,900	0	952,300	1,552,200	2,019,300	2,028,400
Columbia	973	3,656	2,329,800	6,236,700	8,566,500	702,600	2,718,100	0	3,420,800	9,657,500	11,987,300
Crawford	944	9,635	969,200	8,674,300	9,643,500	494,300	1,382,100	0	1,876,400	10,550,700	11,519,900
Dane	2,323	6,330	5,964,400	18,688,400	24,652,800	23,562,100	23,204,900	0	46,767,100	65,455,500	71,419,900
Dodge	714	1,628	1,527,100	1,936,300	3,463,400	2,025,900	354,800	0	2,380,700	4,317,000	5,844,100
Door	2,420	2,287	5,479,400	5,203,100	10,682,500	6,819,000	19,398,700	0	26,217,700	31,420,800	36,900,200
Douglas	47,307	16,109	1,426,900	21,662,100	23,089,000	457,600	3,210,200	619,400	4,287,200	25,949,300	27,376,200
Dunn	938	4,168	2,443,400	1,855,800	4,299,200	487,400	914,300	0	1,401,700	3,257,500	5,700,900
Eau Claire	108	738	1,284,400	1,611,500	2,895,900	1,856,500	6,600	215,700	2,078,900	3,690,400	4,974,800
Florence	1,959	14,085	1,095,600	18,860,300	19,955,900	142,200	0	0	142,200	19,002,500	20,098,100
Fond Du Lac	1,908	6,043	4,029,500	4,387,700	8,417,200	1,564,400	109,500	0	1,673,900	6,061,600	10,091,100
Forest	62,780	845	151,000	27,477,300	27,628,300	480,600	0	2,411,400	2,892,100	30,369,400	30,520,400
Grant	1,257	4,600	593,000	5,770,200	6,363,200	570,200	2,328,700	0	2,899,000	8,669,200	9,262,200
Green	424	795	738,500	1,686,800	2,425,300	538,800	145,000	0	683,800	2,370,600	3,109,100
Green Lake	13	1,494	735,100	1,150,500	1,885,600	618,300	29,700	0	648,000	1,798,500	2,533,600
Iowa	1,492	5,407	736,600	9,451,700	10,188,300	67,200	6,241,800	0	6,309,000	15,760,700	16,497,300
Iron	3,114	46,136	3,461,700	24,012,100	27,473,800	654,400	0	0	654,400	24,666,500	28,128,200
Jackson	4	4,489	606,800	4,560,300	5,167,100	433,200	24,000	686,600	1,143,800	5,704,100	6,310,900
Jefferson	249	7,490	1,759,200	3,848,200	5,607,400	3,013,400	4,313,500	0	7,326,900	11,175,100	12,934,300
Juneau	463	6,296	1,732,700	7,303,500	9,036,200	945,000	898,400	0	1,843,300	9,146,800	10,879,500
Kenosha	110	508	1,096,900	1,818,000	2,914,900	4,485,300	695,600	0	5,180,800	6,998,800	8,095,700

<u>County</u>	<u>Easement Acres</u>	<u>Fee Acres</u>	<u>Federal/Other Cost*</u>	<u>Stewardship Cost</u>	<u>Total Land Cost</u>	<u>Grants to Local Units of Government</u>	<u>Grants to Nonprofit Conservation Organizations</u>	<u>County Forest Grants</u>	<u>Total Grant Expenditures</u>	<u>Total Stewardship Land Cost and Grant Expenditures</u>	<u>Total Land Cost and Grants Expenditures</u>
Kewaunee	88	835	\$1,423,300	\$1,366,800	\$2,790,100	\$1,067,900	\$26,100	\$0	\$1,094,000	\$2,460,800	\$3,884,100
La Crosse	213	417	209,200	670,900	880,100	1,725,100	5,551,900	0	7,277,000	7,947,900	8,157,100
Lafayette	273	643	982,000	767,400	1,749,400	664,500	210,300	0	874,800	1,642,200	2,624,200
Langlade	18,844	2,236	3,813,900	7,987,500	11,801,400	963,300	99,600	2,720,400	3,783,300	11,770,800	15,584,700
Lincoln	20,715	8,289	4,011,300	8,915,900	12,927,200	826,800	53,600	0	880,500	9,796,400	13,807,700
Manitowoc	1,490	519	1,621,900	1,372,600	2,994,500	3,473,300	367,800	0	3,841,100	5,213,700	6,835,600
Marathon	1,427	3,932	3,211,700	4,385,100	7,596,800	1,991,300	334,400	182,000	2,507,700	6,892,800	10,104,500
Marinette	14,713	23,077	8,247,200	37,129,300	45,376,500	519,000	4,000	160,200	683,200	37,812,500	46,059,700
Marquette	903	2,531	700,200	1,752,800	2,453,000	247,000	584,700	0	831,700	2,584,500	3,284,700
Milwaukee	89	199	0	4,833,200	4,833,200	3,860,600	4,068,800	0	7,929,400	12,762,600	12,762,600
Monroe	634	1,168	602,000	1,265,600	1,867,600	783,100	10,000	0	793,100	2,058,700	2,660,700
Oconto	224	2,499	1,311,600	2,003,500	3,315,100	433,800	0	56,500	490,300	2,493,800	3,805,400
Oneida	14,258	37,352	7,561,900	42,213,800	49,775,700	706,700	0	0	706,700	42,920,500	50,482,400
Outagamie	24	6,118	6,504,000	2,696,300	9,200,300	2,534,100	39,300	0	2,573,400	5,269,700	11,773,700
Ozaukee	1,065	637	2,431,800	2,736,100	5,167,900	3,654,800	8,069,600	0	11,724,300	14,460,400	16,892,200
Pepin	297	2,291	875,300	1,690,500	2,565,800	30,000	469,400	0	499,400	2,189,900	3,065,200
Pierce	115	1,310	570,800	718,700	1,289,500	559,100	2,032,600	0	2,591,700	3,310,400	3,881,200
Polk	1,119	5,957	6,633,500	10,144,100	16,777,600	1,313,400	3,081,300	0	4,394,700	14,538,800	21,172,300
Portage	181	9,726	1,421,000	10,621,800	12,042,800	1,445,100	521,900	0	1,966,900	12,588,700	14,009,700
Price	37	483	73,900	370,000	443,900	629,100	0	0	629,100	999,100	1,073,000
Racine	131	896	1,560,500	1,221,300	2,781,800	6,947,300	298,900	0	7,246,100	8,467,400	10,027,900
Richland	766	4,895	451,000	5,105,500	5,556,500	194,600	0	0	194,600	5,300,100	5,751,100
Rock	802	2,623	1,569,500	1,849,900	3,419,400	2,537,300	1,291,800	0	3,829,200	5,679,100	7,248,600
Rusk	25	132	191,200	118,800	310,000	605,800	0	436,300	1,042,000	1,160,800	1,352,000
Sauk	4,602	8,658	5,772,700	14,005,700	19,778,400	2,582,200	10,329,300	0	12,911,500	26,917,200	32,689,900
Sawyer	18,229	2,369	6,400,400	7,799,700	14,200,100	414,400	42,600	0	457,000	8,256,700	14,657,100
Shawano	154	2,057	1,659,600	1,709,900	3,369,500	1,356,500	130,400	0	1,486,900	3,196,800	4,856,400
Sheboygan	969	3,553	3,260,100	7,673,300	10,933,400	1,910,600	486,300	0	2,396,900	10,070,200	13,330,300
St. Croix	210	3,533	1,774,300	5,037,000	6,811,300	1,045,100	2,363,700	0	3,408,800	8,445,800	10,220,100
Taylor	23	1,905	583,300	2,475,200	3,058,500	169,900	308,400	37,700	516,000	2,991,200	3,574,500

<u>County</u>	<u>Easement Acres</u>	<u>Fee Acres</u>	<u>Federal/ Other Cost*</u>	<u>Stewardship Cost</u>	<u>Total Land Cost</u>	<u>Grants to Local Units of Government</u>	<u>Grants to Nonprofit Conservation Organizations</u>	<u>County Forest Grants</u>	<u>Total Grant Expenditures</u>	<u>Total Stewardship Land Cost and Grant Expenditures</u>	<u>Total Land Cost and Grants Expenditures</u>
Trempealeau	136	1,480	\$321,300	\$679,400	\$1,000,700	\$123,700	\$68,400	\$0	\$192,200	\$871,600	\$1,192,900
Vernon	427	1,558	276,900	2,390,600	2,667,500	1,413,800	254,400	0	1,668,200	4,058,800	4,335,700
Vilas	2,607	7,435	1,557,300	11,418,000	12,975,300	1,398,500	4,360,200	48,900	5,807,600	17,225,600	18,782,900
Walworth	1,077	4,205	2,746,000	7,935,600	10,681,600	3,084,400	1,908,700	0	4,993,100	12,928,700	15,674,700
Washburn	182	3,829	640,200	5,624,700	6,264,900	501,700	842,300	0	1,344,000	6,968,700	7,608,900
Washington	760	2,447	5,922,400	8,569,100	14,491,500	4,046,800	8,629,500	0	12,676,300	21,245,400	27,167,800
Waukesha	459	5,555	5,338,200	24,363,700	29,701,900	15,656,100	5,138,800	0	20,794,900	45,158,600	50,496,800
Waupaca	693	2,670	2,744,100	2,680,400	5,424,500	2,198,900	312,200	0	2,511,100	5,191,500	7,935,600
Waushara	274	4,822	3,158,000	5,271,100	8,429,100	430,400	951,500	0	1,381,900	6,653,000	9,811,000
Winnebago	2,841	4,579	3,161,400	3,219,100	6,380,500	6,792,700	849,500	0	7,642,200	10,861,300	14,022,700
Wood	<u>28</u>	<u>1,455</u>	<u>199,800</u>	<u>2,026,400</u>	<u>2,226,200</u>	<u>2,319,500</u>	<u>97,600</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,417,100</u>	<u>4,443,500</u>	<u>4,643,300</u>
Total	253,444	366,121	\$163,362,100	\$467,444,600	\$630,806,700	\$149,199,500	\$137,831,300	\$9,259,500	\$296,290,400	\$763,735,000	\$927,097,100

*Primarily federal, but including a small amount of gifts and local donations from private individuals and non-profit corporation organizations and certain other non-stewardship state funds from programs such as the nonpoint source water pollution abatement program and the natural resource damage assessment program.

ATTACHMENT 2

Land Acquisition Subprogram Grants to NCOs

Fiscal Year 2012-13

<u>County</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Award</u>
Bayfield	Bayfield Regional Conservancy	Marengo River (Plum Creek) Town of Lincoln Acquisition	\$338,800
Bayfield	Bayfield Regional Conservancy	Lost Creek (Pendleton, Rozhon) Acquisition	29,000
Brown	Baird Creek Preservation Foundation	DeGrave Land Acquisition	64,900
Burnett, Washburn	The Conservation Fund	Namekagon Barrens Acquisition (Lyme St. Croix)	529,900
Chippewa	Pheasants Forever-Chippewa Valley Chapter	Hallie Marsh - Marquardt	67,200
Chippewa	Chippewa County Land Conservancy, Inc.	Ice Age Trail - Burnet River	538,000
Dane	Natural Heritage Land Trust	Cosgrove	97,900
Dane	Natural Heritage Land Trust	Arnett	312,400
Dane	Natural Heritage Land Trust	Anderson	229,100
Dane	Ice Age Trail Alliance, Inc.	Matz	472,200
Door	Door County Land Trust, Inc.	Ritger Land Acquisition	215,200
Door	Door County Land Trust, Inc.	Hagen Land Acquisition	44,300
Door	Door County Land Trust, Inc.	Benson Land Acquisition	65,700
Door	Door County Land Trust, Inc.	Henkel Land Acquisition	15,700
Door	The Nature Conservancy	Reinhard Land Acquisition	116,200
Door	The Nature Conservancy	Redelin Land Acquisition	101,300
Grant	Mississippi Valley Conservancy	McNamee	898,000
Grant	The Prairie Enthusiasts, Inc.	Farm USA	47,900
Iowa	The Nature Conservancy	Military Ridge - Hathaway	146,100
Juneau	The Conservation Fund	Yellow River - Juneau County Forest Addition	705,600
Kenosha	The Nature Conservancy	Brown (Chiwauke Prairie)	36,300
Kenosha	Kenosha/Racine Land Trust, Inc.	Coker Barnes Acquisition	12,000
Langlade	Ice Age Trail Alliance, Inc.	Selenske	99,600
Milwaukee	The Conservation Fund	St. Sava Acquisition	105,800
Milwaukee	The Conservation Fund	St. Nikola Acquisition	155,500
Rock	Pheasants Forever-Rock Valley Chapter	H&L Farm	641,500
Sauk	The Nature Conservancy	Hemlock Draw -Watson	98,900
Sauk	The Nature Conservancy	Hemlock Draw - Fred Kummerow	101,300
Sauk	The Nature Conservancy	Hemlock Draw-Max Kummerow	17,600
Sauk	The Nature Conservancy	Spring Green - Walnut Valley	235,100
Taylor	Ice Age Trail Alliance, Inc.	Kropidlowski	61,800
Walworth	The Nature Conservancy	Citizen's Bank (Pickerel Lake)	242,600
Waukesha	The Conservation Fund	Blattner Land (Big Muskego Lake Wildlife Area) Acquisition	142,500
Waukesha	Waukesha County Land Conservancy	Davis Acquisition	<u>128,400</u>
Total			\$7,114,300

Fiscal Year 2013-14

<u>County</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Award</u>
Bayfield	Bayfield Regional Conservancy	Big Ravine (Olson, Nelson) Acquisition	\$75,400
Bayfield	Bayfield Regional Conservancy	N Pikes Creek (Futurewood, Rathlef) Acquisition	125,400
Brown	NE Wisconsin Land Trust	Micoley/Tycore Built Land Acquisition	50,800
Burnett	Friends Of Crex	Crex Meadows Wildlife Area - Larson	44,600
Columbia	Natural Heritage Land Trust	Indian Agency House Easement	115,800
Dane	The Prairie Enthusiasts, Inc.	Parrish Oak Savanna - Stiemke	111,700
Dane	The Prairie Enthusiasts, Inc.	Empire Prairies - Zauner Addition (Hauser Road Prairie)	177,700
Dane	Natural Heritage Land Trust	Sugar River Wildlife Area	1,197,000
Dane	Ice Age Trail Alliance, Inc.	Portage Canal	115,300
Door	Door County Land Trust, Inc.	Peot Land Acquisition	87,000
Door	The Nature Conservancy	North Bay - Jarman Acquisition	26,300
Door	The Nature Conservancy	North Bay - Irwin Trust Acquisition	53,300
Door	The Nature Conservancy	Shivering Sands - Paradise Land Acquisition	55,100
Door	Door County Land Trust, Inc.	Detroit Harbor - Fitzpatrick (Tom & Denise) Land Acquisition	10,400
Door	Door County Land Trust, Inc.	Detroit Harbor - Fitzpatrick (Robert) Land Acquisition	10,400
Door	Door County Land Trust, Inc.	Big and Little Marsh - Pothast Land Acquisition	90,300
Door	Door County Land Trust, Inc.	Baileys Harbor Boreal Forest - Hirthe Land Acquisition	220,600
Door	The Nature Conservancy	North Bay - Pritchett Land Acquisition	41,700
Dunn	Alliance Of Dunn Co Conserv & Sports Clubs Inc	Dobbs Landing with Annis Creek	174,800
Iowa	The Nature Conservancy	Thomas Prairie - K. Schult	47,600
Iowa	The Nature Conservancy	Thomas Prairie - K&T Schult	48,100
Iowa	The Prairie Enthusiasts, Inc.	Sylvan Road with Fiest Match	113,300
Iowa	The Nature Conservancy	Military Ridge Barneveld Prairie-Hilton	61,100
Iowa	The Prairie Enthusiasts, Inc.	Thomas 2	324,400
Lafayette	Driftless Area Land Conservancy	Erickson Wildlife Area	210,300
Manitowoc	Manitowoc Co Fish & Game Protective Assoc	Fischer Land Acquisition	59,000
Marathon	Ice Age Trail Alliance, Inc.	Rice Lake	82,900
Marquette	Natural Heritage Land Trust	Eggleston Land Acquisition	269,000
Marquette	Natural Heritage Land Trust	Fox River Refuge - Eggleston addition	141,300
Ozaukee	The Conservation Fund	Wiskerchen Acquisition	74,500
Ozaukee	Ozaukee Washington Land Trust	Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother (Spirit Lake Preserve)	603,600
Polk	Standing Cedars Community Land Conservancy	Tewksbury State Natural Area - Gross Addition with Brown Match	64,400
Sauk	The Nature Conservancy	Baxter's Hollow - Burgess Estate Acq	15,900
Sauk	The Nature Conservancy	Baxter's Hollow - Kirner-Ramaker Acq	53,100
Sauk	The Nature Conservancy	Baxter's Hollow - Anderson Acq	29,800
Sauk	The Nature Conservancy	Baxter's Hollow-RVF-2	82,400
Sauk	The Nature Conservancy	Baxter's Hollow-Huber Trust	54,000
Sheboygan	Sheboygan County Conservation Association	Rortvedt Acquisition	44,400
Taylor	Ice Age Trail Alliance, Inc.	Hanson	49,600
Taylor	Ice Age Trail Alliance, Inc.	Walbeck	107,400
Walworth	The Nature Conservancy	Zimdars Acquisition	114,600
Washington	The Conservation Fund	MLG Acquisition	139,300
Washington	Ozaukee Washington Land Trust	Serigraph (Schoenbeck Woods) Acquisition	156,000
Washington	Ozaukee Washington Land Trust	Schoofs Acquisition	132,300
Washington	Ozaukee Washington Land Trust	Mayhew Acquisition	144,700
Waukesha	The Nature Conservancy	Lulu Lake Meyer Preserve - Malek addition	797,900

Total

\$6,804,500

Fiscal Year 2014-15

<u>County</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Award</u>
Brown	Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust	Red Banks Alvar - Clabot Land Acquisition	\$43,500
Chippewa	West Wisconsin Land Trust	Chippewa Moraine - Larson	82,000
Crawford	Mississippi Valley Conservancy	Sugar Creek Bluff - Sampson III	440,100
Dane	Natural Heritage Land Trust	Schlimgen/Lampe Empire Prairies	51,800
Door	Door County Land Trust, Inc.	Chambers Island - Baudhuin Land Acquisition	137,800
Door	Door County Land Trust, Inc.	Chambers Island - Fletcher (Wrights' Cove) Land Acquisition	34,300
Door	Door County Land Trust, Inc.	Chambers Island - Mantione Land Acquisition	57,100
Door	Door County Land Trust, Inc.	Cave Point State Natural Area - Evergreen	128,200
Door	The Nature Conservancy	Mink River Estuary - Di'Iulio Land Acquisition	33,400
Door	The Nature Conservancy	Kangaroo Lake - Kubiak Land Acquisition	36,300
Door	Door County Land Trust, Inc.	Gibraltar-Ephraim Swamp - Doman acquisition	15,000
Door	Door County Land Trust, Inc.	North Bay - Fisher Land Acquisition	122,200
Door	The Nature Conservancy	North Bay - Limoni	67,300
Door	The Nature Conservancy	Mink River Estuary - Telfer Land Acquisition	74,800
Door	The Nature Conservancy	North Bay- Larson	66,400
Door	Ridges Sanctuary Inc	Ridges Sanctuary - Parent Land Acquisition	172,600
Douglas	West Wisconsin Land Trust	Bird Sanctuary	29,600
Fond Du Lac	Ducks Unlimited	Horicon National Wildlife Refuge -Zuelke Land Acquisition	171,200
Iowa	The Nature Conservancy	Anderson - Barneveld Prairie	89,400
Iowa	The Prairie Enthusiasts, Inc.	Rattlesnake Ridge	76,300
Kenosha	The Nature Conservancy	Country Builders Acquisition. (Chiwaukee Prairie)	171,100
Oconto	Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust	Green Bay West Shores Oconto Marsh - Awen Land Acquisition	84,600
Ozaukee	The Conservation Fund	Griffiths	146,600
Ozaukee	Ozaukee Washington Land Trust	DenBoer Brunner	11,800
Pierce	West Wisconsin Land Trust	Trimbelle River Wildlife Area	23,900
Rock	The Prairie Enthusiasts, Inc.	Avon Ridge - Billimack	33,000
Sauk	The Nature Conservancy	Max Kummerrow - Hemlock Draw	127,200
Vilas	The Conservation Fund	St. Germain Awassa Forest	396,500
Walworth	Ducks Unlimited	Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge - Turner Land Acquisition	201,300
Washington	The Conservation Fund	Chris River, LLC	168,700
Washington	Ozaukee Washington Land Trust	Lynn (Stoney Creek) Acquisition..	109,200
Washington	The Conservation Fund	North Side Gospel Greenseams	<u>245,200</u>
Total Awarded as of May 12, 2015			\$3,648,400
Six Pending Grants			<u>3,041,000</u>
Total Estimated Fiscal Year 2014-15 Awards			\$6,689,400

ATTACHMENT 3

**County Forest Grants
2012-13 through 2014-15**

Fiscal Year 2012-13

<u>County/Sponsor</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Award</u>
Chippewa Forest	Charter Bank Parcel	\$108,300
Jackson	Cemetery Block Parcel	501,100
Jackson	BCPL Property	40,000
Forest	Stoughton Parcel	141,300
Douglas	Westameyer Parcel	365,500
Marinette	St. Croix Barrens Parcel	483,800
Douglas	Widner and Kiesow Parcels	99,400
	Willkie Parcel	<u>135,600</u>
Total		\$1,875,000

Fiscal Year 2013-14

<u>County/Sponsor</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Award</u>
Jackson	Strozk Parcel	\$124,700
Clark	Norwegian Creek	952,300
Burnett	Dogtown Creek	83,200
Langlade	Piela Parcel	1,926,800
Vilas	BCPL Acquisition	48,900
Forest	McCloud-Tower Block Parcels	931,500
Eau Claire	Coon Gut Pinter Pines Parcel	215,700
Taylor	Purdy Parcel	37,700
Rusk	Swanke Parcel	436,300
Langlade	Hawley Parcel	<u>37,300</u>
Total		\$4,794,400

Fiscal Year 2014-15

<u>County/Sponsor</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Award</u>
Chippewa	Zubal Parcel	\$35,100
Rusk	Haehn Parcel	<u>92,700</u>
Subtotal Awarded		\$127,800
14 Pending Grants		\$5,175,000
Total Estimated Fiscal Year 2014-15 Awards		\$5,302,800

ATTACHMENT 4

**Recreational Boating Grants Fiscal Year 2012-13 through 2014-15
Fiscal Year 2012-13**

<u>County</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Award</u>
Brown	Howard, Village of	West Deerfield Ave Boat Launch	\$19,400
Brown	Howard, Village of	Memorial Park Boat Launch Upgrade	32,800
Clark	Clark County	Sherwood Lake Landing	4,200
Columbia	Wisconsin Dells, City of	River Road Launch, Phase II	21,000
Crawford	Prairie du Chien, City of	Campion Landing Rehabilitation	60,000
Crawford	White Ash Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District	Reconditioning of Harvester	43,100
Crawford	DeSoto, Village of	Dredging Maintenance Project	93,400
Dane	Pleasant Springs, Town of	Pleasant Springs Launch	101,300
Door	Door County	Chaudoirs Dock Dredging	85,400
Door	Sumner, Town of	Buoy /channel markers	500
Eau Claire	Eau Claire County	Lake Altoona Landing	79,200
Juneau	Mauston, City of	Mauston Landing Rehabilitation	166,200
Kenosha	Randall, Town of	Navigational Buoys	800
Kenosha	Troy, Town of	Navigational Buoys	2,000
Kenosha	Church, Pine, Round and Big Lake Protection District	Channel Dredging	5,000
Kewaunee	Kewaunee County	Shea's Lake Boarding Dock Replacement	5,000
Kewaunee	Kewaunee County	Shea's Lake Public Launch Parking	3,800
Manitowoc	Two Rivers, City of	Harbor Park Seawall Replacement	876,600
Manitowoc	Two Rivers, City of	Veteran's Park Launch Repair	45,000
Racine	Racine, City of	5th St/Pershing Launch Improvements	112,500
Racine	Racine County	Fischer Park Launch Improvements	103,500
Racine	Racine, City of	5th St. Pershing Wash Facility	15,500
Rock	Janesville, Town of	Rock River Launch Improvements	24,400
Rock	Fulton, Town of	Replacement of Buoy Markers	700
Rusk	Rusk County	Audie Lake Access Ramp Improvements	3,000
Sawyer	Sawyer County	Nelson Lake Dam Boat Landing	8,700
Sawyer	Sawyer County	Nelson Lake Dam Boat Landing -- Amendment	-2,000
Washington	Richfield, Village of	Bark Lake Access Development	80,000
Washington	Big Cedar Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District	Navigational Buoys	1,600
Waukesha	Lake Pewaukee Sanitation District	2 Harvesters & 1 Trailer	176,100
Waukesha	Muskego Parks & Recreation	Idle Isle Park Regulatory Sign	1,000
Waukesha	Belvidere, Town of	Navigational Buoys	900
Waukesha	Packwaukee, Town of	Freedom Rd Boat Landing	5,000
Winnebago	Neenah, City of	Riverside Park Transient Docking	40,600
Winnebago	Omro, City of	Stearns Park Boat Launch	37,700
Winnebago	Oshkosh, City of	Oshkosh Boat Works Development, Phase 1	222,900
	Subtotal -- Grants		<u>\$2,476,800</u>
	Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission		<u>200,000</u>
	Total		<u>\$2,676,800</u>

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<u>County</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Award</u>
Bayfield	Barnes, Town of	Boat Ramp Replacement -- Cost Increase	\$5,600
Bayfield	Washburn, City of	Launch Area Improvements	429,200
Bayfield	Pigeon Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District	Harvester Replacement	91,000
Brown	De Pere, City of	Dock Renovation	5,000
Calumet	Stockbridge, Town of	Ramp Improvements	5,000
Florence	Florence Co Forestry	Lake Emily Improvements	26,800
Florence	Florence Co Forestry	Lake Emily Improvements -- Amendment	6,700
Florence	Florence Co Forestry	Dredge Cosgrove Lake	6,500
Fond du Lac	Fond du Lac, City of	Lakeside Park Channel Dredge	60,200
Green Lake	Green Lake County	Buoys	600
Green Lake	Green Lake Sanitary District	Harvester Replacement	62,200
Iron	Iron County	Ramp/dock Replacement	10,100
Kenosha	Salem, Town of	Camp Lake Sunset Oaks Park	27,600
Kenosha	Kenosha, City of	Marina Dredging	120,000
Kewaunee	Kewaunee County	Shea's Lake Amendment	4,000
Manitowoc	Manitowoc County	Shoe Lake Dock	4,900
Marinette	Lake Noquebay Rehabilitation District	Harvester	104,200
Marquette	Buffalo Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District	Harvester Trailer	106,700
Menominee	Legend Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District	Buoy Replacement	800
Oneida	Rhineland, City of	New Boatlanding on Boyce Drive	231,200
Outagamie	Kimberly, Village of	Sunset Wall	80,200
Ozaukee	Port Washington, City of	Boarding Dock Repairs	1,900
Pierce	Pierce County	Trenton Island Rehabilitation	209,500
Polk	White Ash Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District	Harvester Recondition -- Cost Increase	1,200
Racine	Racine County	Launch Improvement/Dredging	495,800
Racine	Waterford, Town of	Buoy Replacement	2,700
Racine	Eagle Lake Management District	GPS Units	3,900
Rusk	Rusk Co Forestry	Island Lake-West Boat Landing	5,000
Rusk	Rusk Co Forestry	Josie Creek	2,500
Rusk	Rusk Co Forestry	Big Falls -West Boat Landing	2,500
Sauk	Prairie du Sac, Village of	Veterans Memorial Park	232,000
Shawano	Shawano Area Waterways Management District	Buoy Replacement	3,000
St. Croix	Troy, Town of	Swim Buoys	300
Walworth	Geneva, Town of	Harvester	59,200
Walworth	Geneva, Town of	Harvester -- Cost Amendment	5,600
Washburn	Trego Lake District	Channel Buoys	200
Washington	Farmington, Town of	Buoys	800
Washington	Big Cedar Protection and Rehabilitation District	Harvesting Transport Barge	52,900
Washington	Big Cedar Protection and Rehabilitation District	GPS for Harvester	1,500
Washington	Big Cedar Protection and Rehabilitation District	Trailer for Harvester	6,700
Waukesha	Little Muskego Protection and Rehabilitation District	Shore Conveyors	26,400
Waukesha	Delafield, City of	Harvester Barge	83,800
Waupaca	Clintonville, City of	Ice House Landing Boarding Dock	8,800
Waushara	Springwater, Town of	Boarding Dock -Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance	4,000
Winnebago	Omro, City of	Sterns Landing	13,600
Wood	Biron, Village of	Biron Land Items	107,200
	Subtotal -- Grants		\$2,719,500
	Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission		200,000
	Total		\$2,919,500

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<u>County</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Award</u>
Barron	Chetek, City of	Restroom Replacment	\$57,700
Barron	Cumberland, City of	Eagle Landing Repair	11,900
Bayfield	Pigeon Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District	Shore Conveyor	16,900
Brown	De Pere, City of	Transient Docking, Phase 2	5,000
Burnett	Burnett County	Ramp Repair/Replacement	5,000
Calumet	Calumet County	Harbor Parking Lights Upgrade	4,800
Chippewa	Lake Hallie, Village of	Hallie's Landing	131,800
Dane	Monona, City of	Launch Improvements	500,000
Door County	Sister Bay, Village of	Public Launch/Restroom Renovation	15,000
Florence	Florence County	Sea Lion Lake Landing	46,300
Florence	Florence County	Menominee River New Access	157,300
Green Lake	Green Lake, Town of	Horners Landing Rehabilitation	24,800
Green Lake	Green Lake, Town of	Welks Landing Rehabilitation	7,500
Jefferson	Lake Ripley Management District	Harvester, Conveyor, Trailer	65,100
Jefferson	Lake Ripley Management District	Harvester, Conveyor, Trailer -- Amendment	2,900
Jefferson	Jefferson, City of	Transient Dock Expansion	27,600
Kenosha	Wheatland, Town of	Ramp/Parking Improvements	29,000
Kenosha	Paddock Lake Management District	Harvester, Conveyor, Trailer	90,000
Kenosha	Paddock Lake Management District	Harvester, Conveyer, Trailer -- Amendment	4,100
Kenosha	Camp & Center Lakes Rehabilitation District	Transport Barge	49,500
Kenosha	Camp & Center Lakes Rehabilitation District	Transport Barge -- Amendment	2,200
Kenosha	Wheatland, Town of	Lilly Lake Ramp Amendment	25,000
Kenosha	Salem, Town of	Camp Lake Launch Amendment	34,900
Langlade	White Lake, Village of	Harvester	28,000
Langlade	White Lake, Village of	Harvester -- Amendment	1,300
Manitowoc	Two Rivers, City of	Harbor Park Seawall -- Cost Amendment	512,500
Marinette	Marinette, City of	Menekaunee Harbor Launch New	203,100
Oconto	Oconto, City of	Park Dock Replacement	8,200
Oconto	Oconto County	Chute Pond Parking	42,500
Oconto	Lakewood, Town of	Wheeler Lake Launch Rehabilitation	10,800
Ozaukee	Port Washington, City of	Breakwater Repairs	500,000
Racine	Waterford, Town of	Buoy Replacements	800
Racine	Racine, City of	Buoy Replacements	3,200
Sawyer	Windfall Lake Association	Harvester	22,000
Shawano	Shawano Area Waterways Management District	Buoy Replacements	2,500
Walworth	Whitewater-Rice Lake Management District	Transporter Barge & Trailer	63,800
Walworth	Whitewater-Rice Lake Management District	Transporter Barge and Trailer -- Amendment	2,900
Walworth	Delavan Lake Sanitary District	GPS Units	4,900
Walworth	Fontana, Village of	Geneva Lake Dredging	10,300
Walworth	Troy, Town of	Swim Buoys On Booth Lake	300
Washington	Little Cedar Protection and Rehabilitation District	Little Cedar Harvester, Trailer Conveyor	75,600
Waukesha	Lake Keesus	Harvester, Conveyor, Trailer	95,100
Waukesha	Lake Keesus	Harvestor, Conveyer, Trailer -- Amendment	4,300
Wood	Tri-Lakes Management District	Tri Lakes Harvester Rebuild	18,500
	Total		\$2,924,900

ATTACHMENT 5

DNR Proposed Stewardship Property Development Projects 2015-17 Biennium

<u>Property</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
South Central Region Fisheries Operations	Nevin Consolidated Fisheries And Water Quality Operations Center	\$943,900
	Subtotal -- Major Projects	\$943,900
Big Foot Beach State Park	Replace/Upgrade Contact Station	\$403,200
Buffalo River State Trail	Bridge Maintenance/Replacement	191,500
High Cliff State Park	High Cliff State Park Infrastructure Upgrades	516,500
High Cliff State Park	Marina Modernization And Repair	324,700
Northern Highland American Legion State Forest	Replace Old Vault Toilets-Crystal Day Use Area	344,300
Point Beach State Forest	Replace Water Lines In The Campground	218,100
Point Beach State Forest	Historic Lodge Shelter Remodel	185,000
Wolf River State Trail	Recreational Bridge Over Wolf River At Hwy 64	<u>280,100</u>
	Subtotal -- Minor Projects	\$2,463,400
Big Bay State Park	Install New Tile In Campground Showers	\$20,000
Big Foot Beach State Park	Repair South Bathhouse Building & Fixtures	72,000
Black River State Forest	ATV Trail Rehab - Millston Township	14,000
Black River State Forest	Komensky ATV Base - Phase 2	29,500
Blue Mound State Park	Drinking Fountain & Accessibility Upgrade	32,800
Blue Mound State Park	Replace Drinking Fountains	35,000
Blue Mound State Park	Restroom And Shower Building Repair	16,700
Blue Mound State Park	Campsite Renovation At Electrical Sites	14,500
Buckhorn State Park	Pressurize Group Well	23,100
Chippewa Moraine State Recreation Area	Re-Stain/Re-Caulk/ Re-Seal - Interpretive Center	22,200
Chippewa River State Trail	Lake Hallie Rail-To-Trail Development	60,500
Elroy-Sparta State Trail	Reroof Kendall Depot	46,700
Fish Lands In Western South Central Region	West Fish Lands Boundary Posting	31,680
Flambeau River State Forest	Renovate And Stabilize 2 Canoe Landings	58,500
Flambeau River State Forest	Renovate Oxbo Trail System	7,500
Flambeau River State Forest	Convert Babb's Island Semi-Primitive To Group Camp	63,500
Flambeau River State Forest	Convert Bear Run-Semi-Primitive To Group Camp	63,500
Flambeau River State Forest	Convert Boy Scout Semi-Primitive To Group Camp	63,500
Flambeau River State Forest	Convert Camp 41-Semi-Primitive To Group Camp	41,800
Flambeau River State Forest	Convert George's Campsite To Semi-Primitive	54,800

<u>Property</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
Flambeau River State Forest	Convert Headquarters Semi-Primitive To Group Camp	\$63,500
Flambeau River State Forest	Replace Wannigan-Vault Toilet	42,500
Glacial Drumlin State Trail	Tuck Point Depot/Install Doors	30,800
Glacial Habitat Restoration Area	Boundary Posting	28,600
Great River State Trail	Winona Connector	100,000
Hank Aaron State Trail	Trail Connections - Grant Match	92,000
Harrington Beach State Park	Picnic Shelter Repairs	28,000
Hartman Creek State Park	Water Heater Replacement - Family Campground Area Shower Building	17,650
Havenwoods State Forest	Stain/Repair Siding-Education Center And Garage	19,500
Havenwoods State Forest	Replace Concrete Sidewalk And Garage Apron	35,300
High Cliff State Park	High Cliff State Park Office Exterior Siding Gutters And Downspouts	16,320
High Cliff State Park	Stain Buildings	26,000
Hoffman Hills State Recreation Area	Replace Drinking Fountains	35,000
Interstate State Park	Freeze Proof Water Hydrants And Dump Station Towers	31,500
Interstate State Park	Reside Maintenance Shop	28,000
Interstate State Park	Upgrade HVAC In Ice Age Center	33,000
Interstate State Park	Interstate Park Beach Renovation	49,000
Kettle Moraine State Forest-Northern Unit	Replace Garage Doors For Maintenance Shops	42,550
Kettle Moraine State Forest-Pike Lake Unit	Install New Property Entrance Sign - Pike Lake	15,400
Lake Mills Wildlife Area	New Lake Mills Office	180,000
Lake Wissota State Park	Construct PEVS	1,183,200
Lakeshore State Park	Dock Decking And Bumper Replacement	70,500
Meadow Valley Wildlife Area	Sandhill/Meadow Valley Gate And Boundary Sign Replacement	35,000
Merrick State Park	Recoat Shop Roof	18,000
Merrick State Park	Renovate Upper Shelter	28,000
Northern Highland American Legion State Forest	Erosion Control	20,300
Northern Highland American Legion State Forest	Replace Old Vault Toilets-Cunard Campground	136,100
Northern Highland American Legion State Forest	Replace Old Vault Toilets-Jag Lake Group Camp	109,400
Northern Highland American Legion State Forest	Replace Old Vault Toilets-Little Star Lake Day Use Area	53,000
Northern Highland American Legion State Forest	Replace Vault Toilets South Trout Lake Campground	88,200
Northern Highland American Legion State Forest	Refinish Fire Fly Campground Shower Stalls	40,600
Pattison State Park	Resurface Walks	41,500
Pecatonica State Trail	Pecatonica Trail 10% Match (Belmont To Platteville Segment)	68,500
Peninsula State Park	Furnace Replacement	19,300
Peninsula State Park	Service Area Building Foundation Support Abandon Well & Drill Two Wells	59,900
Perrot State Park	Replace Drinking Fountains	33,200
Perrot State Park	Upgrade Dump Station	19,150
Perrot State Park	Repair Maintenance Shop Roof	16,500
Perrot State Park	Replace Perrot Shop Doors	44,250

<u>Property</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
Perrot State Park	Replace Ventilators In Campground Buildings	\$20,300
Perrot State Park	Re-Wire Nature Center Shelter	22,500
Perrot State Park	Re-Wire Old Shop	13,700
Perrot State Park	Renovate ADA Restroom	37,700
Perrot State Park	Replace Approach Walks At Park Entrance and Visitor Stations	17,500
Pershing Wildlife Area	Pershing Trail Construction And Culvert Replacement.	37,000
Peshtigo River State Forest	Remote Campsite Improvements	10,700
Point Beach State Forest	Improve Property Signage	10,500
Point Beach State Forest	Reroof 2 Cabins And 2 Vault Toilets	19,750
Richard Bong State Recreation Area	Toilet Shower Building Loop 200 Upgrades	47,565
Richard Bong State Recreation Area	Regravel Campsite Parking Pads	28,000
Rock Island State Park	Rock Island Buildings Trim Painting	53,000
Sandhill Wildlife Area	Replace Sandhill Bison Fence	46,500
Statewide - Lands & Facilities*	2015-17 Funding Placeholders & Contingency*	3,256,835
Statewide - Parks & Southern Forests	Statewide Trail Repairs	125,000
Statewide - Parks & Southern Forests	Statewide Property Generators	64,600
Statewide - Parks & Southern Forests	Statewide Vault Toilet Replacement	850,000
Van Loon Wildlife Area	Stream Ford East Channel Black River	50,000
Willow River State Park	Renovate Shop Building - Add Insulation	24,300
Willow River State Park	Replace Shop Building Garage Door	15,850
Willow River State Park	Reroof Bathrooms And Vault Toilets	22,500
Wolf River Bottoms Wildlife Area - Herb Behnke Unit	Wetland Infrastructure Shawano/Outagamie	38,000
Yellowstone Lake State Park	Shelter Building Roof	9,900
	Total -- Small Projects	<u>\$8,592,700</u>
	Grants to Friends Groups/NCOs	<u>\$500,000</u>
	Total	\$12,500,000

*Includes \$500,000 each year for motorized stewardship grants

ATTACHMENT 6

Motorized Stewardship Grants

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<u>County/Sponsor</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Award</u>
Brown	Snowmobile Reroute with Bridge	\$10,500
Chippewa	All-Terrain Vehicle 3 Mile Trail Rehabilitation	50,100
Florence	Aurora Snowmobile Boardwalk Rehabilitation	5,900
Florence	Nichol's ATV Trail Rehabilitation	5,900
Forest	Nicolet State Trail Little Popple Bridge Rehabilitation	32,000
Jackson	Homstad Land Acquisition	2,800
Kewaunee	Snowmobile Tisch Mills Creek Bridge Rehabilitation	12,100
Kewaunee	Snowmobile Jambo Creek Bridge Rehabilitation	8,200
La Crosse	Four Corners Snowmobile Trail Rehabilitation	3,800
Outagamie	Snowmobile Shiocton River Bridge Rehabilitation	56,000
Vernon	Jersey Valley Bridge Rehabilitation	2,100
Vilas	Lost Creek Bridge Rehabilitation	21,400
Washburn	Crystal Brook Bridge	10,200
Wood	Richfield 360 Snowmobile Trail Bridge Rehabilitation	125,600
Wood	Auburndale Mill Creek New Snowmobile Bridge	<u>122,200</u>
	Total	\$468,800

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<u>County/Sponsor</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Award</u>
Adams	ATV Campground Acquisition	\$8,400
Forest	Crandon Trailhead Phase I	9,300
Vilas	Corridor 10 Trail Rehabilitation	168,700
Washburn	Trail 8 Outback Relocation	5,000
Washburn	Trail 8 West Rehabilitation	<u>199,200</u>
	Total	\$390,600

ATTACHMENT 7

Local Assistance Grants 2012-13 through 2014-15

Fiscal Year 2012-13

<u>County</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Award</u>
Ashland	Town Of La Pointe	Big Bay Town Park Phase III 2012-13	111,400
Ashland	Town Of La Pointe	Big Bay Park phase II 2012-13	231,100
Barron	Village Of Turtle Lake	Village Park	36,100
Bayfield	Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Frog Bay Park	86,600
Bayfield	Town Of Bayfield	Salmo Trail	38,800
Brown	City Of Depere	River Walk & Wildlife Viewing Pier Phase 2	461,300
Brown	Village Of Allouez	Resch Family East River Trail Rehabilitation	125,000
Chippewa	Chippewa County Land Conservation and Forest Mgt.	Girl Scout Camp Nawakwa Land Acq & Trailhead Development	78,800
Chippewa	City Of Bloomer	Witt Park Improvements	17,900
Crawford	City Of Prairie Du Chien	Campion Fishing Pier Improvements	41,000
Dane	Village Of Belleville	Badger State Trail - Lake Bellevue Connection	79,700
Dane	Dane County	Festge County Park Shelters	110,000
Dane	Dane County	Indian Lake Shelter and Restroom	179,200
Dane	Dane County Parks	Benedictine Women of Madison, Inc.	62,500
Dane	Dane County	Upper Mud Lake/Dorn Creek Land Acquisition	148,600
Dane	Dane County Parks	Benedictine Women of Madison Inc.	360,000
Eau Claire	City Of Eau Claire	813 Cameron Street Acquisition	74,500
Eau Claire	City Of Eau Claire	925 Addison Ave Land Acquisition	166,000
Fond Du Lac	City Of Waupun	Meadowview Park to RR Walk/Bike Trail	95,300
Green	City Of Brodhead	Pearl Island Development	149,400
Jefferson	City Of Waterloo	East Madison Street Trailhead Acquisition	13,500
Juneau	City Of Mauston	Riverside Park Improvements Phase I	271,900
Kenosha	Kenosha County	Silver Lake Trail Development	52,500
Kenosha	Kenosha County	West End (KD) Park Exp.	265,000
Manitowoc	Manitowoc County	Cherney Maribel Caves Park Electricity & Security Lighting	12,600
Milwaukee	City Of Franklin	Pleasant View/Victory Creek Trail Development	51,700
Milwaukee	Milwaukee County Parks	Oak Leaf Trail Improvements (Bluemound to Rainbow)	145,000
Oconto	Oconto County	Wisconsin Waterfowl Association Disabled Accessible Blind/Deck Development	18,400
Portage	Portage County	Tomorrow River Development	140,000
Portage	Village Of Plover	Little Plover River Phase II	164,500
Racine	Village Of Mount Pleasant	Pike River Rec.Trail Development	85,500
Rock	Rock County	Turtle Creek Parkway Development	70,000
Sawyer	Town Of Bass Lake	Windigo Lake Boat Landing Development	32,800
Sawyer	Town Of Bass Lake	Windigo Lake Boat Landing Acquisition	22,500
Sheboygan	Town Of Wilson	Schinker Creek Park Acquisition	52,500

<u>County</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Award</u>
Vernon	Village Of Ontario	Palen Park Development	\$9,800
Washburn	City Of Shell Lake	Campground Improvements 2012-13	56,600
Washington	City Of West Bend	Downtown Riverwalk Rehabilitation	392,000
Washington	City Of West Bend	Riverwalk Rehabilitation	314,100
Waukesha	City Of Waukesha	Rivers Crossing Park Trail Development II	37,200
Waukesha	Waukesha County	Bugline Trail Bridge Upgrades	33,900
Waukesha	City Of Muskego	Boxhorn Acquisition	88,100
Waupaca	City Of Waupaca	South Park Renovation Phase 1	339,100
Winnebago	City Of Neenah	Arrowhead Park Development	50,800
Winnebago	City Of Neenah	Herb & Dolly Smith Park Dev Cost Increase	197,600
Winnebago	City Of Oshkosh	Southside Riverwalk Boatworks Property Phase 1	272,600
Winnebago	City Of Neenah	Herb and Dolly Smith Park Development	40,000
Winnebago	City Of Neenah	Arrowhead Park Development	280,000
Winnebago	Village Of Winneconne	Coughlin Park Pier & Canoe Launch	46,600
Winnebago	City Of Omro	Stearn's Park Rehabilitation & Enhancements	48,600
Winnebago	City Of Oshkosh	Southside Riverwalk Boatworks Property Phase 1	320,000
Winnebago, Calumet	City Of Menasha	Woodlands Nature Park Acquisition	<u>60,100</u>
	Subtotal Awarded to Local Units of Government		\$6,638,700
Milwaukee	River Revitalization Foundation	Milwaukee Rotary Centennial Arboretum	\$1,323,900
	Subtotal Awarded to NCOs		<u>1,323,900</u>
	Total Awarded		\$7,962,600

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<u>County</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Award</u>
Brown	City Of Green Bay	Fox River State Trail Rebuild	\$122,500
Calumet	Village Of Sherwood	Upper Wanick Park Development	143,000
Dane	City Of Madison	Merrill Springs Park Expansion	29,500
Dane	Village Of Deforest	Yahara River Trail- Phase III	244,000
Dane	Dane County Parks	Blue Mounds NRA Acquisition	140,200
Dane	Dane County	Upper Mud Lake Parking Development	59,200
Dane	City Of Madison	Merrill Springs Park Expansion	170,500
Door	Town Of Jacksonport	Lakeside Park Expansion Acquisition	354,600
Eau Claire	City Of Eau Claire	97 W Madison Street Acquisition	180,700
Fond Du Lac	City Of Waupun	Madison Street to Fond du Lac Street Trail	115,900
Green	Village Of Albany	Riverfront Park Development	116,300
Iron	Town Of Mercer	Northern Highland Regional Trail Development	396,900
Jefferson	City Of Waterloo	Waterloo Regional Trailhead (Phase 2)	52,000
Lincoln	City Of Merrill	River Bend Trail Railroad Acquisition	30,700
Manitowoc	City Of Two Rivers	Veterans Park Fish Cleaning Station	114,800
Marathon	Village Of Hatley	Memorial Park Improvements	92,300
Milwaukee	Milwaukee County Parks	Oak Leaf Trail Development (Union Pacific Railroad Corridor Segment)	106,300
Milwaukee	Milwaukee County Parks	Union Pacific Railroad Acquisition	86,100
Milwaukee	Milwaukee County Parks	Union Pacific Railroad Acquisition	162,100
Pierce	Village Of Maiden Rock	Lake Pepin Park Acquisition	40,800
Racine	City Of Racine	West Bluff Acquisition	226,300
Rock	City Of Beloit	Big Hill Park Trail Development	98,200
Sauk	City Of Baraboo	Conservation Park	32,500
Vilas	Town Of Presque Isle	Pipke Park Phase II Trail Development	10,500
Walworth	Walworth County	White River Park Acquisition	955,100
Waukesha	Waukesha County	Anchor Bank (Berg) Acquisition	281,300
Waupaca	City Of Waupaca	South Park Renovation Phase 2	49,200
Winnebago	City Of Oshkosh	Southside Riverwalk Boatworks Property Phase 1 (Amendment)	180,000
Winnebago	City Of Oshkosh	South Riverwalk (East of Oregon Street) Development	229,300
Winnebago	Town Of Omro	Omro Town Park Acquisition	38,700
Winnebago	City Of Menasha	Gilbert Site Trail Development	238,000
Winnebago	City Of Oshkosh	Riverwalk - South Riverwalk (East of Oregon Street) Development	215,200
Wood	Village Of Biron	Biron Village Park and Biron Flowage Recreational Trail Development	433,600
Wood	Village Of Biron	Gateway Park & Trail Development	230,300
	Total Awarded		<u>\$5,976,600</u>

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<u>County</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Award</u>
Ashland	City Of Ashland	Prentice Park Improvements	\$200,000
Barron	City Of Rice Lake	Narrows Park Improvements	152,600
Brown	City Of Green Bay	East River Trail Moski & Witt Acquisitions	109,100
Brown	Village Of Bellevue	Fox-Wisconsin Trail Canoe/Kayak Launch Development	21,600
Chippewa	City Of Chippewa Falls	Riverfront Park & Trail Development	168,500
Dane	Dane County	Welsch Acquisition (Crystal Lake)	249,000
Dane	Village Of Mazomanie	Wolf Run Trail (Phase 2)	5,500
Door	City Of Sturgeon Bay	Festival Waterfront Park Development Phase 1	217,800
Door	Village Of Sister Bay	Waterfront Park Beach Expansion	489,300
Fond Du Lac	Fond Du Lac County	Pebbles Recreational Trail Rehabilitation	15,000
Grant	City Of Platteville	Pecatonica State Trail Development	213,500
Grant	City Of Platteville	Roundtree Branch Trail	429,200
Green Lake	City Of Princeton	Fox-Wisconsin Trail Canoe/Kayak Launch Development	43,200
Juneau	Juneau County	Castle Rock Park Campground Development	266,700
Juneau	City Of Mauston	Phase III Trail Development	28,100
Juneau	City Of Mauston	Phase III Trail Development	220,900
Kenosha	Town Of Salem	Camp Lake Park Development	191,500
Manitowoc	City Of Manitowoc - Engineering	Schuetz Park Canoe/Kayak Launch Development	11,000
Manitowoc	City Of Two Rivers	Harbor Park Bike Path & Trailhead	142,800
Milwaukee	Milwaukee County	Menomonee Parkway Trail Improvements	146,000
Milwaukee	Village Of Shorewood	Milwaukee River Trail Improvements	192,500
Ozaukee	Village Of Grafton	Memorial Park Riverwalk Development	224,500
Ozaukee	City Of Port Washington	Lake Michigan Public Access Development	249,500
Polk	Village Of Osceola	Mill Pond Acquisition	89,500
Portage	Village Of Junction City	Park Land Acquisition	22,800
Portage	Portage County	Steinhaugen Property Acquisition	374,700
Racine	Village Of Waterford	Fox River Kayak Launch Development	43,000
Racine	Village Of Waterford	Fox River Launch Development	38,000
Sauk	Village Of West Baraboo	Haskins Park Development	116,100
Sauk	City Of Reedsburg	Granite Avenue Park Acquisition	32,200
Vilas	Town Of Phelps	Phelps to Conover Trail GHT Trail Dev Segment 2	141,600
Vilas	Town Of Presque Isle	Park Phase 2 Trail Development (Amendment)	18,500
Waukesha	City Of Delafield	Wells Street Trail Development	138,200
Waukesha	City Of Brookfield	Lilly Heights Park Development	101,200
Waukesha	City Of Waukesha	Union Pacific Railroad Corridor Acquisition	41,500
Waukesha	City Of Waukesha	Union Pacific Railroad Corridor Acquisition	128,800
Waukesha	Village Of Pewaukee	Laimon Family Lakeside Park Acquisition	327,000
Waukesha	Village Of Summit	Bark River Access Development	22,000
Waupaca	City Of Waupaca	South Park Renovation Phase 3	19,200
Wood	Wood County	Hewitt-Marshfield Trail Connector Phase 2	16,000
	Subtotal Awarded to Local Units of Government		\$5,658,100
Outagamie	Fox River Environmental Education Alliance	Mount Alverno Land Acquisition	\$249,900
Racine	Caledonia Conservancy	Erlandsson Tabor Woods Acquisition	71,300
	Subtotal Awarded to NCOs		\$321,200
	Total Awarded		\$5,979,300