



State of Wisconsin  
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## 2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 1026

March 26, 2020 - Introduced by Representatives B. MEYERS, SPREITZER, C. TAYLOR, SINICKI, HEBL, SARGENT, MILROY, ZAMARRIPA, CONSIDINE, OHNSTAD, BILLINGS, SHANKLAND, EMERSON and NEUBAUER, cosponsored by Senators SMITH, BEWLEY, CARPENTER, MILLER, ERPENBACH, HANSEN and LARSON. Referred to Committee on Rules.

- 1     **AN ACT to create** 20.370 (6) (db) and 281.665 (5) (e) of the statutes; **relating to:**  
2             funding for the municipal flood control program and making an appropriation.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill increases the amount appropriated to the Department of Natural Resources for municipal flood control by \$10,000,000. Under current law, DNR administers the municipal flood control program to provide financial assistance to local governmental units for facilities and structures for the collection and transmission of storm water and groundwater, including the purchase of perpetual flowage and conservation easement rights on land within floodways, and for the floodproofing of public and private structures that remain in the 100-year floodplain. The bill requires DNR to allocate at least 20 percent of the program's funding for projects that involve any of the following:

1. Floodproofing and elevation of structures.
2. Riparian restoration projects.
3. Acquisition of land and easements.
4. Construction of structures for flood control and riparian restoration.
5. Preparation of flood insurance studies and other flood mapping projects.

For further information see the ***state and local*** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

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**SECTION 1**

1           **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert  
2 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

				<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
3	<b>20.370</b>	<b>Natural resources, department of</b>			
4	(6)	ENVIRONMENTAL AIDS			
5	(db)	Municipal flood control	GPR    C	5,000,000	5,000,000

6           **SECTION 2.** 20.370 (6) (db) of the statutes is created to read:

7           20.370 **(6)** (db) *Municipal flood control.* As a continuing appropriation, the  
8 amounts in the schedule to provide financial assistance for municipal flood control  
9 under s. 281.665.

10           **SECTION 3.** 281.665 (5) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

11           281.665 **(5)** (e) The department shall allocate not less than 20 percent of the  
12 amounts appropriated under s. 20.370 (6) (db) in each fiscal year for projects  
13 involving any of the following:

- 14           1. Floodproofing and elevation of structures.
- 15           2. Riparian restoration projects, including removal of dams and other artificial  
16 obstructions, restoration of fish and native plant habitat, erosion control, and  
17 streambank restoration projects.
- 18           3. Acquisition of vacant land or perpetual conservation or flowage easements  
19 to provide additional flood storage or to facilitate natural or more efficient flood flows.
- 20           4. Construction of structures for the collection, detention, retention, storage,  
21 and transmission of stormwater and groundwater for flood control and riparian  
22 restoration projects.

