

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Source of Funds	FY25 Adjusted Base	FY26 Recommended	% Change Over FY25	FY27 Recommended	% Change Over FY26
GPR	99,220,700	137,300,200	38.4	109,104,900	-20.5
PR-F	36,060,000	33,821,300	-6.2	33,025,200	-2.4
PR-S	11,043,600	11,075,500	0.3	11,091,400	0.1
PR-O	24,250,100	23,069,100	-4.9	23,069,100	0.0
SEG-F	65,255,300	67,378,100	3.3	65,132,800	-3.3
SEG-O	366,823,100	551,714,000	50.4	429,784,100	-22.1
TOTAL	602,652,800	824,358,200	36.8	671,207,500	-18.6

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY

Source of Funds	FY25 Adjusted Base	FY26 Recommended	FTE Change Over FY25	FY27 Recommended	FTE Change Over FY26
GPR	219.77	232.77	13.00	232.77	0.00
PR-F	245.68	241.68	-4.00	231.68	-10.00
PR-S	47.50	39.50	-8.00	39.50	0.00
PR-O	165.13	165.63	0.50	165.63	0.00
SEG-F	298.41	293.41	-5.00	266.41	-27.00
SEG-O	1,563.43	1,593.93	30.50	1,593.93	0.00
TOTAL	2,539.92	2,566.92	27.00	2,529.92	-37.00

AGENCY DESCRIPTION

The Legislature created the department in 1967 by combining closely related conservation functions and combined them with newly emerging environmental protection programs. The department is administered by a secretary who is appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Natural Resources Board establishes policy for the department and consists of seven citizen members who are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The department is organized with a headquarters office in Madison, six regional offices and over 165 other field stations and offices. The central office staff assists the secretary in directing the regions, which carry out the field operations of the department. Over 70 percent of the department's personnel operate from field stations outside of Madison.

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The department coordinates the preservation, protection and regulation of the natural environment for the benefit of the people of this state and its visitors. Included in its objectives are water and air quality maintenance; water supply regulations; solid and hazardous waste management; fish and wildlife management; forest management and protection; providing parks and recreation opportunities; lake management; wetland, shoreland and floodplain protection; and law enforcement.

The department also coordinates federal, state and local aid programs of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and other federal agencies; and administers federal funds available for outdoor recreation, thereby taking a lead role in planning state outdoor recreation facilities. It administers state aid programs for local outdoor recreation and pollution abatement.

MISSION

The mission of the department is to protect and enhance our natural resources (air, land, water, wildlife, fish, forests and the ecosystems that sustain all life); provide a healthy, sustainable environment and a full range of outdoor opportunities; ensure the right of all people to use and enjoy these resources in their work and leisure; work with people to understand each other's views and to carry out the public will; and, in this partnership, consider the future and generations to follow.

PROGRAMS, GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Program 1: Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Goal: Provide the highest quality state park experience, resource stewardship, nature education and service for visitors to the Wisconsin State Parks System.

Objective/Activity: Expand the opportunities available to visitors through development of additional properties and recreational facilities.

Goal: Maintain adequate levels of fish stocking in Wisconsin waters, particularly Lake Michigan, which is almost totally dependent on stocking.

Objective/Activity: Stock fish produced at state fish hatcheries in accordance with approved fish quotas.

Goal: Help customers comply with state and federal endangered species laws by providing fast, efficient and high-quality endangered resources reviews.

Objective/Activity: Maintain average turnaround time for endangered resources reviews of seven or fewer business days.

Goal: Improve testing and sampling processes for chronic wasting disease (CWD).

Objective/Activity: Reduce turnaround times for CWD testing.

Program 2: Forestry

Goal: Ensure that the privately-owned forests in Wisconsin are managed to sustain environmental, social and economic benefits.

Objective/Activity: Annually increase the number of acres enrolled in the Managed Forest Law program and increase outreach efforts toward previously unengaged forest land owners.

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Goal: Implement Wisconsin's Trillion Tree Pledge.

Objective/Activity: Work toward planting trees and conserving acreage as part of Wisconsin's Trillion Tree Pledge.

Goal: Minimize damage to homes resulting from fires in the wildland-urban interface.

Objective/Activity: Maintain effective fire response time.

Program 3: Public Safety

Goal: Maintain or improve safety for outdoor recreational activities.

Objective/Activity: Reduce accidents related to hunting and fishing, and those involving boats, snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles.

Program 4: Environmental Management

Goal: Protect public health and the environment while providing economic growth by efficiently administering the Wisconsin Pollution Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) wastewater permit program.

Objective/Activity: Maintain the WPDES permit backlog at less than 10 percent.

Goal: Protect public health and safety and the state's groundwater resources by ensuring wells are constructed according to department regulations.

Objective/Activity: Perform a detailed inspection, during the construction phase, of 10 percent or more of the wells constructed each year.

Goal: Protect public health and safety by ensuring public water systems are properly operated and maintained.

Objective/Activity: Perform a detailed inspection at every community public water system at least once every three calendar years and at every noncommunity public water system at least once every five calendar years.

Goal: Improve air quality and public health in Wisconsin while efficiently administering air permit programs.

Objective/Activity: Expediently issue air construction permits, while meeting the needs and requirements of the permit applicant and the public.

Goal: Facilitate the beneficial reuse of previously abandoned and/or contaminated property.

Objective/Activity: Remediate parcels of abandoned/contaminated property and make them available for redevelopment.

Program 8: Internal Services

Goal: Improve department responsiveness and transparency.

Objective/Activity: Respond to most, if not all, simple open records requests within ten business days.

Goal: Reduce the number of lost workdays due to worker's compensation injuries.

Objective/Activity: Support and train department staff and supervisors on safety procedures and policies and encourage a culture of safety within the agency.

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Program 9: External Services

Goal: Reduce permit processing times.

Objective/Activity: Continue to reduce the amount of time that is required to review a permit application and issue a decision.

Goal: Expand online sales of licenses.

Objective/Activity: Continue to increase the percentage of hunting, fishing and trapping licenses purchased online.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

2023 AND 2024 GOALS AND ACTUALS

Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Goal 2023	Actual 2023	Goal 2024	Actual 2024
1.	Number of visits to the Wisconsin State Parks System.	15,500,000	20,094,668	15,600,000	20,215,546
1.	Processing time for endangered resource reviews.	7 days	8.3 days	7 days	12.8 days
1.	Percentage of approved fish quotas produced at state fish hatcheries that are stocked out.	90%	107%	90%	105%
1.	Average statewide testing turnaround time for CWD samples.	15 days	16.7 days	13 days	9.1 days
2.	Number of trees planted on public and private lands as part of Wisconsin's Trillion Tree Pledge. ¹	7,500,000	9,800,000	7,500,000	Not yet available
2.	Number of acres conserved as part of Wisconsin's Trillion Tree Pledge. ¹	12,500	3,200	12,500	Not yet available
2.	Wildland fire response time. ¹	<30 minutes	15.4	<30 minutes	16.0
3.	Reduce the number of recreational fatalities per 100,000 combined users each year. Includes off-highway vehicle (snowmobile, motorcycle and UTV/ATV), boating and hunting related fatalities. ¹	4.53 per 100,000	3.71 per 100,000	Reduce rate of fatalities from 2023 actual	2.96 per 100,000
3.	Investigate 100 percent of fatal recreational incidents. ¹	100%	83%	100%	75%
4.	Processing time to issue an individual air construction permit (from completed application to permit decision).	58 days	56 days	58 days	70 days
4.	Acres of abandoned/contaminated property cleaned and made available for redevelopment.	800 acres	815 acres	800 acres	1,025 acres

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Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Goal 2023	Actual 2023	Goal 2024	Actual 2024
4.	Maintain Wisconsin Pollution Discharge Elimination System (majors) water permit backlog at under 10 percent.	<10%	17.9%	<10%	16.0% backlog ²
4.	Percentage of annually permitted private drinking wells inspected during construction or installation.	≥ 10%	9.5%	≥ 10%	11%
4.	Percentage of community public drinking water systems inspected at least once in the past three calendar years.	100%	99.0%	100%	100%
4.	Percentage of noncommunity public drinking water systems inspected at least once in the past five calendar years.	100%	100%	100%	100%
8.	Percentage of simple open records requests fulfilled within 10 business days. ¹	95%	94.1%	95%	95%
8.	Number of lost workdays per 100 employees resulting from worker's compensation claims.	3 days	16.1 days	3 days	5.8 days
8.	Percentage of department-managed property under an approved master plan.	70%	71%	85%	71%
9.	Number of small business contacts made through Small Business Environmental Assistance Program.	95,500	121,282	95,500	122,760
9.	Processing time to issue waterway individual permit decisions (measured from the date of receipt of a completed permit application to issuance of the permit decision).	70 days	101 days	70 days	79 days
9.	Processing time to issue wetland individual permit decisions (measured from the date of receipt of a completed permit application to issuance of the permit decision).	30 days	121 days	30 days	115 days
9.	Processing time to issue storm water construction site permit decisions.	30 days	23.7 days	30 days	19.4 days
9.	Percentage of hunting, fishing and trapping licenses purchased online.	50%	68%	50%	68%

Note: Based on fiscal year, unless otherwise noted.

¹Data collected on a calendar year basis.

²Incorporates EPA's new definition of "backlog" to be permits that have been expired for greater than 180 days.

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2025, 2026 AND 2027 GOALS

Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Goal 2025 ¹	Goal 2026	Goal 2027
1.	Number of visits to the Wisconsin State Parks System.	19,000,000	19,250,000	19,500,000
1.	Processing time for endangered resource reviews.	7 days	7 days	7 days
1.	Percentage of approved fish quotas produced at state fish hatcheries that are stocked out.	90%	90%	90%
1.	Average statewide testing turnaround time for CWD samples.	10 days	10 days	10 days
2.	Number of trees planted on public and private lands as part of Wisconsin's Trillion Tree Pledge. ²	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000
2.	Number of acres conserved as part of Wisconsin's Trillion Tree Pledge. ²	12,500	12,500	12,500
2.	Wildland fire response time. ²	<30 minutes	<30 minutes	<30 minutes
3.	Reduce the number of recreational fatalities per 100,000 combined users each year. Includes off-highway vehicle (snowmobile, motorcycle and UTV/ATV), boating and hunting related fatalities. ²	Reduce fatalities per 100,000 users from 2024 actual	Reduce fatalities per 100,000 users from 2025 actual	Reduce fatalities per 100,000 users from 2026 actual
3.	Investigate 100 percent of fatal recreational incidents. ²	100%	100%	100%
4.	Processing time to issue an individual air construction permit (from completed application to permit decision).	58 days	58 days	58 days
4.	Acres of abandoned/contaminated property cleaned and made available for redevelopment.	800	800	800
4.	Maintain Wisconsin Pollution Discharge Elimination System (majors) water permit backlog at under 10 percent.	<10%	<10%	<10%
4.	Percentage of annually permitted private drinking wells inspected during construction or installation.	≥ 10%	≥ 10%	≥ 10%
4.	Percentage of community public drinking water systems inspected at least once in the past three calendar years.	100%	100%	100%
4.	Percentage of noncommunity public drinking water systems inspected at least once in the past five calendar years.	100%	100%	100%

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Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Goal 2025¹	Goal 2026	Goal 2027
8.	Percentage of simple open records requests fulfilled within 10 business days. ²	95%	95%	95%
8.	Number of lost workdays per 100 employees resulting from worker's compensation claims.	3 days	3 days	3 days
8.	Percentage of department-managed property under an approved master plan.	85%	85%	95%
9.	Number of small business contacts made through Small Business Environmental Assistance Program.	95,500	95,500	95,500
9.	Processing time to issue waterway individual permit decisions (measured from the date of receipt of a completed permit application to issuance of the permit decision).	70 days	70 days	70 days
9.	Processing time to issue wetland individual permit decisions (measured from the date of receipt of a completed permit application to issuance of the permit decision).	30 days	30 days	30 days
9.	Processing time to issue storm water construction site permit decisions.	30 days	30 days	30 days
9.	Percentage of hunting, fishing and trapping licenses purchased online.	60%	60%	60%

Note: Based on fiscal year, unless otherwise noted.

¹Certain goals have been revised for 2025.

²Data collected on a calendar year basis.

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16. Hazardous Tree Removal
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20. Forestry Liaison
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23. County Sustainable Forestry and County Forest Administration Grants
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26. Stream Crossing Inventory
27. Nursery Operations
28. Forestry Supply Funding
29. Managed Forest Law Recording Fees
30. Erosion Control Loans
31. Environmental Impacts on Communities
32. Municipal Dam Repair Bonding
33. Contaminated Sediment Bonding
34. Urban Nonpoint and Municipal Flood Control Bonding
35. Targeted Runoff Management
36. Nonpoint Contractual Funding
37. Water Quality Trading and Clearinghouse Support
38. Total Maximum Daily Load Staffing
39. Stormwater Safety
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41. Kenosha Dunes Restoration
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50. Landfill Food Waste Study
51. Kewaunee Marsh Remediation
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53. Electronics Waste Recycling Lapse
54. Transportation Project Review
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56. Air Permit Streamlining
57. Title V Sustainable Funding
58. Fish and Wildlife Account Deficit
59. Habitat Strategy and Planning System
60. Deer Carcass Disposal Sites
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62. Hatchery and Creel Survey Funding
63. Law Enforcement Supply Funding
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68. Off-Highway Motorcycle Sales Tax Collection
69. Online All-Terrain Vehicle and Utility-Terrain Vehicle Trail Map
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Table 1
Department Budget Summary by Funding Source (in thousands of dollars)

	ACTUAL FY24	ADJUSTED BASE FY25	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	\$109,073.8	\$99,220.7	\$100,294.5	\$100,304.0	\$137,300.2	\$109,104.9
State Operations	98,715.9	88,860.9	89,934.7	89,944.2	121,448.1	93,260.9
Local Assistance	10,357.9	10,359.8	10,359.8	10,359.8	10,437.1	10,429.0
Aids to Ind. & Org.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5,415.0	5,415.0
FEDERAL REVENUE (1)	\$269,853.5	\$101,315.3	\$101,199.4	\$98,158.0	\$101,199.4	\$98,158.0
State Operations	252,046.4	94,981.0	94,865.1	91,823.7	94,865.1	91,823.7
Local Assistance	17,807.0	6,334.3	6,334.3	6,334.3	6,334.3	6,334.3
PROGRAM REVENUE (2)	\$31,555.2	\$35,293.7	\$34,423.1	\$34,456.6	\$34,144.6	\$34,160.5
State Operations	31,555.2	35,293.7	34,423.1	34,456.6	33,144.6	33,160.5
Aids to Ind. & Org.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,000.0	1,000.0
SEGREGATED REVENUE (3)	\$354,420.2	\$366,823.1	\$380,134.7	\$380,307.0	\$551,714.0	\$429,784.1
State Operations	276,803.8	285,579.9	298,891.5	299,063.8	449,190.9	338,412.0
Local Assistance	75,035.0	78,373.7	78,373.7	78,373.7	78,389.1	79,258.9
Aids to Ind. & Org.	2,581.4	2,869.5	2,869.5	2,869.5	24,134.0	12,113.2
TOTALS - ANNUAL	\$764,902.7	\$602,652.8	\$616,051.7	\$613,225.6	\$824,358.2	\$671,207.5
State Operations	659,121.3	504,715.5	518,114.4	515,288.3	698,648.7	556,657.1
Local Assistance	103,199.9	95,067.8	95,067.8	95,067.8	95,160.5	96,022.2
Aids to Ind. & Org.	2,581.4	2,869.5	2,869.5	2,869.5	30,549.0	18,528.2

(1) Includes Program Revenue-Federal and Segregated Revenue-Federal

(2) Includes Program Revenue-Service and Program Revenue-Other

(3) Includes Segregated Revenue-Service, Segregated Revenue-Other and Segregated Revenue-Local

Table 2
Department Position Summary by Funding Source (in FTE positions)

	ADJUSTED BASE FY25	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	219.77	219.77	219.77	232.77	232.77
State Operations	219.77	219.77	219.77	232.77	232.77
FEDERAL REVENUE (1)	544.09	535.09	498.09	535.09	498.09
State Operations	544.09	535.09	498.09	535.09	498.09
PROGRAM REVENUE (2)	212.63	212.63	212.63	205.13	205.13
State Operations	212.63	212.63	212.63	205.13	205.13
SEGREGATED REVENUE (3)	1,563.43	1,563.43	1,563.43	1,593.93	1,593.93
State Operations	1,563.43	1,563.43	1,563.43	1,593.93	1,593.93
TOTALS - ANNUAL	2,539.92	2,530.92	2,493.92	2,566.92	2,529.92
State Operations	2,539.92	2,530.92	2,493.92	2,566.92	2,529.92

(1) Includes Program Revenue-Federal and Segregated Revenue-Federal

(2) Includes Program Revenue-Service and Program Revenue-Other

(3) Includes Segregated Revenue-Service, Segregated Revenue-Other and Segregated Revenue-Local

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Table 3
Department Budget Summary by Program (in thousands of dollars)

	ACTUAL FY24	ADJUSTED BASE FY25	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
1. Fish, wildlife, and parks	\$119,552.3	\$105,955.8	\$107,068.4	\$106,902.0	\$126,933.6	\$116,592.8
2. Forestry	\$64,246.3	\$62,767.9	\$63,942.0	\$63,876.9	\$68,693.7	\$67,657.5
3. Public safety	\$43,949.4	\$40,516.2	\$45,957.1	\$46,150.0	\$51,973.4	\$50,095.4
4. Environmental management	\$106,815.0	\$88,029.9	\$89,592.3	\$87,673.5	\$239,632.0	\$103,164.9
5. Conservation aids	\$64,583.1	\$65,364.9	\$65,364.9	\$65,364.9	\$69,829.6	\$77,829.6
6. Environmental aids	\$36,623.1	\$30,381.2	\$30,381.2	\$30,381.2	\$43,222.2	\$39,201.4
7. Debt service and development	\$104,827.8	\$108,424.8	\$108,988.9	\$108,988.9	\$106,486.1	\$108,832.7
8. Internal services	\$49,735.8	\$49,001.9	\$50,939.7	\$50,981.7	\$53,953.4	\$52,518.6
9. External services	\$174,569.9	\$52,210.2	\$53,817.2	\$52,906.5	\$63,634.2	\$55,314.6
TOTALS	\$764,902.7	\$602,652.8	\$616,051.7	\$613,225.6	\$824,358.2	\$671,207.5

Table 4
Department Position Summary by Program (in FTE positions)

	ADJUSTED BASE FY25	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
1. Fish, wildlife, and parks	612.95	607.95	607.95	616.95	616.95
2. Forestry	424.08	423.08	423.08	426.08	426.08
3. Public safety	258.00	258.00	258.00	258.00	258.00
4. Environmental management	633.35	632.35	610.35	648.35	626.35
8. Internal services	248.25	248.25	248.25	249.25	249.25
9. External services	363.29	361.29	346.29	368.29	353.29
TOTALS	2,539.92	2,530.92	2,493.92	2,566.92	2,529.92

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1. Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Monitoring and Remediation

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	4,691,200	10.00	905,200	10.00
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	125,730,000	0.00	12,280,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	130,421,200	10.00	13,185,200	10.00

The Governor recommends providing \$120,730,000 SEG and \$2,000,000 GPR in FY26 and \$12,280,000 SEG in FY27 for sampling, research, public health interventions, emergency provisions and disposal activities related to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The Governor also recommends providing \$691,200 GPR in FY26, \$905,200 GPR in FY27 and 10.0 FTE GPR permanent positions in each year for the oversight and management of PFAS. The Governor further recommends creating an innocent landowner exemption to the spills law and providing \$5,000,000 SEG and \$2,000,000 GPR in FY26 to investigate and clean up lands that receive an innocent landowner exemption. Finally, the Governor recommends adopting major policies of the Chemical Level Enforcement and Remediation (CLEAR) Act, including a Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act exemption for administrative rule-making relating to promulgating enforceable standards for PFAS, requiring applicators of biosolids to sample for PFAS and prohibiting the land spreading of biosolids that exceed a certain threshold for PFAS. See Department of Health Services, Item #67.

2. Well Compensation

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	2,500,000	1.00	2,500,000	1.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	2,500,000	1.00	2,500,000	1.00

The Governor recommends providing funding for financial assistance under the well compensation program (\$2,432,800 SEG in FY26 and \$2,412,000 SEG in FY27). The Governor also recommends providing funding and position authority for the administration of the program (\$67,200 SEG and 1.0 FTE SEG position in FY26 and \$88,000 SEG and 1.0 FTE SEG position in FY27). The Governor further recommends amending the well compensation program to bring the program's contamination criteria in line with federal water quality standards. Finally, the Governor recommends updating the program's financial qualifications to allow the program to serve more Wisconsin residents.

3. Emerging Contaminants Initiative

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	200,000	0.00	225,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	200,000	0.00	225,000	0.00

The Governor recommends funding to monitor for and remediate contaminants of emerging concern.

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4. Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Reauthorization

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	8,000,000	0.00
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1,000,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	9,000,000	0.00

The Governor recommends extending the Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson Stewardship 2000 Program until FY36 at \$100 million per year. The Governor also recommends providing \$830 million in general fund-supported general obligation bonding authority and \$170 million in cash funding for projects under the Stewardship Program. The Governor further recommends modifying the allocation of funds under the Stewardship Program to better align the program's priorities with the needs of the state. In addition, the Governor recommends making statutory language changes to more effectively administer the program.

5. Revitalize Wisconsin

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	3,303,700	1.00	4,324,500	1.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	3,303,700	1.00	4,324,500	1.00

The Governor recommends providing \$2,303,700 SEG in FY26, \$2,324,500 SEG in FY27, and 1.0 FTE SEG permanent position to provide grants or direct services to address discharges of hazardous substances or the existence of environmental pollution under the Revitalize Wisconsin Initiative. The Governor also recommends absorbing all financial elements and existing positions of the dry cleaner environmental response fund claims program into the Revitalize Wisconsin Initiative. The Governor further recommends providing \$1,000,000 SEG in FY26 and \$2,000,000 SEG in FY27 to provide grants to remove waste materials that have been accumulated or dumped at abandoned properties. Finally, the Governor recommends transferring funding to account for the elimination of the dry cleaner environmental response fund.

6. Parks Capital Development and Maintenance

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	45,000	0.00	45,000	0.00	1,375,600	0.00	1,375,600	0.00
SEG-O	519,100	0.00	519,100	0.00	6,443,700	0.00	6,443,700	0.00
TOTAL	564,100	0.00	564,100	0.00	7,819,300	0.00	7,819,300	0.00

The Governor recommends providing additional funding for capital development and maintenance projects for the state park system.

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7. Parks Supply Funding

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	345,900	0.00	345,900	0.00	3,288,000	0.00	3,154,100	0.00
TOTAL	345,900	0.00	345,900	0.00	3,288,000	0.00	3,154,100	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding for health and safety training for state parks staff. The Governor also recommends providing funding to implement a maintenance plan for mobile equipment in the state park system, including commercial mowers, utility terrain vehicles, tractors and trailers. The Governor further recommends providing funding to support technology upgrades in the state park system. In addition, the Governor recommends providing funding to support operations at park facilities.

8. OutWiGo Explorer Program

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	272,800	0.00	272,800	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	272,800	0.00	272,800	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding to expand the OutWiGo Explorer Program to support additional outdoor recreation youth programming across the state.

9. Open the Outdoors

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	473,100	0.00	473,100	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	473,100	0.00	473,100	0.00

The Governor recommends providing one-time funding for the department to purchase adaptive equipment to expand accessible outdoor recreation opportunities in the state park system.

10. Free Admission to State Parks for Fourth Graders

The Governor recommends providing fee waivers for annual admissions receipts for the families of Wisconsin fourth grade students to mirror the federal Every Kid Outdoors program offering a free annual pass to national parks and other federal lands for families of fourth grade students.

Natural Resources

11. Free Admission to State Parks and Campgrounds for Tribal Members

The Governor recommends providing fee waivers for annual admissions receipts for members of federally recognized tribes in the state. The Governor also recommends providing fee waivers for state campground reservations for tribal members.

12. Parks Admission Sticker Conversion

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	223,000	0.00	223,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	223,000	0.00	223,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding to support staffing and printing costs to convert state park vehicle admission stickers to a 12-month validity period, as required by 2023 Wisconsin Act 113.

13. Parks Credit Card Fee Recovery

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	670,000	0.00	670,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	670,000	0.00	670,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing authority for the department to pass along credit card fees to property visitors for vehicle admission and camping fees. The Governor also recommends creating a new parks credit card handling fees appropriation.

14. Broadband Upgrades for Parks and Shooting Ranges

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	355,000	0.00	0	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	355,000	0.00	0	0.00

The Governor recommends providing one-time funding to upgrade internet broadband capacity at state parks and shooting ranges.

Natural Resources

15. Recreation and Property Infrastructure Data System

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	1,497,600	0.00	0	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	1,497,600	0.00	0	0.00

The Governor recommends providing one-time funding for the department to develop a new property asset management system.

16. Hazardous Tree Removal

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	2,066,500	6.00	2,167,500	6.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	2,066,500	6.00	2,167,500	6.00

The Governor recommends providing expenditure and project position authority to remove hazardous trees on department-owned properties.

17. Building Demolition

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	500,000	0.00	0	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	500,000	0.00	0	0.00

The Governor recommends creating a new GPR appropriation to demolish department-owned buildings that have collapsed or are in danger of collapsing.

Natural Resources

18. Forest Industrywide Strategic Plan and Roadmap

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	775,000	0.00	0	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	775,000	0.00	0	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding for the development of a forest industrywide strategic plan and roadmap.

19. Future Forestry Workforce

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	650,000	0.00	650,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	650,000	0.00	650,000	0.00

The Governor recommends increasing expenditure authority for the Wisconsin Forestry Careers Pathway Program (\$500,000 annually) and the Learning, Experiences & Activities in Forestry Program (\$150,000 annually) at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

20. Forestry Liaison

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	67,300	1.00	88,100	1.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	67,300	1.00	88,100	1.00

The Governor recommends providing position and expenditure authority to better support coordination between the department and forestry stakeholders.

Natural Resources

21. Wildfire Suppression Reimbursement

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	246,200	0.00	246,200	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	246,200	0.00	246,200	0.00

The Governor recommends providing additional expenditure authority to reimburse local fire departments for assisting with state forest fire suppression efforts. The Governor also recommends creating a new, sum sufficient appropriation for fire suppression aids to ensure local fire departments receive timely reimbursements in the event of unforeseen, significant fires and other disasters.

22. Forestry Public Safety and Overtime

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	573,300	0.00	573,300	0.00	2,132,300	0.00	1,973,900	0.00
TOTAL	573,300	0.00	573,300	0.00	2,132,300	0.00	1,973,900	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding to support additional overtime costs for forest fire suppression services. The Governor also recommends providing funding for equipment, training and contractual services to support fire suppression and prescribed burn efforts.

23. County Sustainable Forestry and County Forest Administration Grants

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	500,000	0.00	500,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	500,000	0.00	500,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing additional funding for the Sustainable Forestry Grant Program (\$250,000 in each year) and the County Forest Administration Grant Program (\$250,000 in each year).

Natural Resources

24. County Forest Wildlife Habitat Grant

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	130,000	0.00	130,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	130,000	0.00	130,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing additional funding for the County Forest Wildlife Habitat Grant Program.

25. Wisconsin Forest Landowner Grant Program

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	250,000	0.00	250,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	250,000	0.00	250,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing additional funding for the Wisconsin Forest Landowner Grant Program.

26. Stream Crossing Inventory

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	561,100	1.00	583,000	1.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	561,100	1.00	583,000	1.00

The Governor recommends providing expenditure and project position authority to conduct a stream crossing inventory within northern state forest properties, as well as adjacent Forest Legacy Easement areas and public roads.

Natural Resources

27. Nursery Operations

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	598,900	2.00	640,400	2.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	598,900	2.00	640,400	2.00

The Governor recommends increasing expenditure and position authority to support state nursery program operations.

28. Forestry Supply Funding

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	820,500	0.00	720,500	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	820,500	0.00	720,500	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding to control the spread of invasive species on department-owned properties. The Governor also recommends providing funding to purchase tick-resistant clothing for department firefighters. The Governor further recommends providing funding for licensing and other associated costs for forestry software. Finally, the Governor recommends providing one-time funding in each year of the biennium to update the Wisconsin Forest and Field Inventory and Reporting System.

29. Managed Forest Law Recording Fees

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	113,100	0.00	113,100	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	113,100	0.00	113,100	0.00

The Governor recommends providing additional authority for the department to pay recording fees to county registers of deeds for the Managed Forest Law Program. The Governor also recommends allowing the department to retain all transfer and enrollment fees from the Managed Forest Law Program in the forestry recording fees appropriation.

Natural Resources

30. Erosion Control Loans

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	7,000,000	0.00	0	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	7,000,000	0.00	0	0.00

The Governor recommends requiring the department to administer a revolving loan program to assist municipalities and owners of homes located on the shore of Lake Michigan or Lake Superior where the structural integrity of municipal buildings or homes is threatened by erosion of the shoreline. The Governor also recommends requiring the department to administer a revolving loan program to assist municipalities and owners of homes located on the shore of the Mississippi River where the structural integrity of municipal buildings or homes is threatened by erosion of the shoreline.

31. Environmental Impacts on Communities

The Governor recommends requiring the department to establish a list of communities in Wisconsin that, among other factors, have a high density of individuals at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. The Governor also recommends requiring permit applicants for certain permits issued by the department to consider the impacts of the proposed project on these communities and engage with these communities in the permit application process. The Governor further recommends requiring the department to consider the cumulative impacts of a proposed project and the community engagement process conducted by the permit applicant when making permit decisions.

32. Municipal Dam Repair Bonding

The Governor recommends providing \$15 million in GPR-supported general obligation bonding authority for grants to be used for dam repair, reconstruction and removal projects.

33. Contaminated Sediment Bonding

The Governor recommends providing \$9 million of environmental fund-supported bonding authority to clean up contaminated sediments in the St. Louis River Area of Concern, which is the current priority project area for sediment remediation. This funding, along with other nonfederal sponsor contributions, would match federal agency funding from sources such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and Great Lakes Legacy Act.

34. Urban Nonpoint and Municipal Flood Control Bonding

The Governor recommends providing \$11 million in environmental fund-supported general obligation bonding authority for urban nonpoint source cost-sharing and the municipal flood control program.

Natural Resources

35. Targeted Runoff Management

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	200,000	0.00	200,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	200,000	0.00	200,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing \$10 million in environmental fund-supported general obligation bonding authority for targeted runoff management infrastructure projects. The Governor also recommends providing \$200,000 SEG in each year for noncapital targeted runoff management projects.

36. Nonpoint Contractual Funding

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	862,000	0.00	862,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	862,000	0.00	862,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing additional funding for contractual services related to nonpoint source pollution abatement.

37. Water Quality Trading and Clearinghouse Support

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	67,300	1.00	88,100	1.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	67,300	1.00	88,100	1.00

The Governor recommends providing expenditure and position authority to facilitate development and implementation of water quality restoration and improvement plans.

Natural Resources

38. Total Maximum Daily Load Staffing

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	199,400	0.00	240,800	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	199,400	0.00	240,800	0.00

The Governor recommends providing expenditure authority for limited term employees to coordinate the development and implementation of Total Maximum Daily Load restoration plans in several Wisconsin watersheds.

39. Stormwater Safety

The Governor recommends requiring safety features at certain ponds constructed under a Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit or that are constructed for stormwater retention and detention activities.

40. Waterways System Maintenance

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	109,400	0.00	109,400	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	109,400	0.00	109,400	0.00

The Governor recommends providing one-time financing to improve the Waterways and Wetlands Information Tracking System and the Waterways Complaint System.

41. Kenosha Dunes Restoration

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	6,000,000	0.00	0	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	6,000,000	0.00	0	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding for erosion control projects in the Kenosha Dunes unit of the Chiwaukee Prairie State Natural Area in Kenosha County.

Natural Resources

42. Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations Monitoring and Fees

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
PR-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.50	0	0.50
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	185,500	3.50	241,100	3.50
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	185,500	4.00	241,100	4.00

The Governor recommends providing expenditure and position authority to oversee the permitting, inspection and enforcement of concentrated animal feeding operations in Wisconsin. The Governor also recommends increasing the annual fee assessed to operators of concentrated animal feeding operations from \$345 to \$545.

43. Well Notification and Application Fees

The Governor recommends increasing the high capacity well application fee from \$500 to \$1,000.

44. Water ePermitting System Maintenance Funding

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	334,900	0.00	334,900	0.00	419,100	1.00	445,500	1.00
TOTAL	334,900	0.00	334,900	0.00	419,100	1.00	445,500	1.00

The Governor recommends providing expenditure and position authority to maintain and improve the Water ePermitting System.

45. Town of Bloom Well Replacement

The Governor recommends enabling the town of Bloom in Richland County to participate in the well compensation program.

Natural Resources

46. Wastewater General Permit Fees and Staffing

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	134,700	2.00	176,100	2.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	134,700	2.00	176,100	2.00

The Governor recommends providing expenditure and position authority for administration of the wastewater general permit program and improving compliance monitoring efforts. The Governor additionally recommends establishing a \$425 permit processing fee for Wisconsin Pollution Discharge Elimination System wastewater general permits.

47. Wastewater Permit Database

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	442,000	0.00	693,600	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	442,000	0.00	693,600	0.00

The Governor recommends providing one-time financing to replace the System for Wastewater Applications, Monitoring and Permits system database.

48. Ballast Water Program Updates

The Governor recommends updating the department's ballast water program fee structure, aligning it with the federal Vessel Incidental Discharge Act.

49. Winnebago Lake System Staffing

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	134,600	2.00	176,200	2.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	134,600	2.00	176,200	2.00

The Governor recommends increasing expenditure and position authority for additional staff support for the Winnebago Lake System.

Natural Resources

50. Landfill Food Waste Study

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	250,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	250,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing one-time funding for a food waste characterization study at landfills or sources of food waste generation.

51. Kewaunee Marsh Remediation

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	18,000,000	0.00	0	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	18,000,000	0.00	0	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding for the remediation of arsenic contamination in the Kewaunee Marsh in Kewaunee County.

52. Amcast Superfund Site

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	2,000,000	0.00	2,000,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	2,000,000	0.00	2,000,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing expenditure authority to meet the state cost-share that is necessary to complete remedial action related to the former Amcast industrial and manufacturing site in Cedarburg.

53. Electronics Waste Recycling Lapse

The Governor recommends a nonstatutory lapse of the unencumbered balance of the electronic waste recycling appropriation to the environmental fund.

Natural Resources

54. Transportation Project Review

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
PR-S	0	0.00	0	0.00	52,800	1.00	68,700	1.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	52,800	1.00	68,700	1.00

The Governor recommends providing expenditure and position authority to serve as a technical project manager for complex transportation sites and oversee a team reviewing transportation project permits.

55. Winter Road Safety Improvement Grant Program

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	5,000,000	0.00	0	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	5,000,000	0.00	0	0.00

The Governor recommends providing expenditure authority for the department to create a winter road safety improvement grant program to assist municipalities in making improvements to road equipment and storage facilities to more effectively treat and plow wintery roads.

56. Air Permit Streamlining

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	532,400	0.00	0	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	532,400	0.00	0	0.00

The Governor recommends providing one-time financing to improve the air permitting process.

57. Title V Sustainable Funding

The Governor recommends a statutory change to modify Title V permit fees to ensure that revenue is sufficient to meet federal fee adequacy requirements.

58. Fish and Wildlife Account Deficit

The Governor recommends increasing resident and nonresident hunting and fishing license fees, and tag and stamp fees to address an existing structural deficit in the fish and wildlife account and ensure critical conservation and habitat management projects can continue.

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59. Habitat Strategy and Planning System

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	700,000	0.00	0	0.00
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	300,000	0.00	500,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	1,000,000	0.00	500,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding to develop a habitat strategy information system to assist the department with preparing a biennial habitat work plan, as required under 2023 Wisconsin Act 66.

60. Deer Carcass Disposal Sites

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	1,000,000	0.00	0	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	1,000,000	0.00	0	0.00

The Governor recommends providing one-time funding for the department to issue grants for the purchase of deer carcass disposal sites.

61. Wolf Monitoring and Nonlethal Abatement

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	3,525,000	0.00	175,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	3,525,000	0.00	175,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding to increase wolf monitoring efforts at the department. The Governor also recommends providing funding to livestock producers for nonlethal abatement projects in chronic wolf locations.

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62. Hatchery and Creel Survey Funding

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	91,000	0.00	91,000	0.00	91,000	0.00	91,000	0.00
PR-S	92,500	0.00	92,500	0.00	92,500	0.00	92,500	0.00
SEG-O	10,800	0.00	10,800	0.00	10,800	0.00	10,800	0.00
TOTAL	194,300	0.00	194,300	0.00	194,300	0.00	194,300	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding to support increased forage and freight costs at state-owned fish hatcheries. The Governor also recommends providing funding to conduct additional creel surveys in ceded territory waters.

63. Law Enforcement Supply Funding

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	13,100	0.00	13,100	0.00	158,400	0.00	117,900	0.00
PR-S	11,100	0.00	11,100	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
SEG-O	280,900	0.00	280,900	0.00	3,539,200	0.00	2,637,200	0.00
TOTAL	305,100	0.00	305,100	0.00	3,697,600	0.00	2,755,100	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding for the department to purchase ruggedized computers for law enforcement staff. The Governor also recommends providing funding to purchase routers and associated technology for law enforcement vehicles. The Governor further recommends providing funding for electronic control device unit upgrades for law enforcement staff. In addition, the Governor recommends providing funding for master lease payments to purchase portable and mobile radios for law enforcement staff.

64. Warden Body Camera Funding

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	232,000	0.00	12,200	0.00
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	376,500	0.00	408,400	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	608,500	0.00	420,600	0.00

The Governor recommends providing additional expenditure authority to purchase body-worn cameras and store data for the department's law enforcement staff.

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65. Warden Overtime

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	537,200	0.00	596,700	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	537,200	0.00	596,700	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding to support additional overtime costs for the department's law enforcement staff.

66. Boating Enforcement

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	886,000	0.00	886,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	886,000	0.00	886,000	0.00

The Governor recommends increasing expenditure authority for grants to local law enforcement agencies for boating enforcement costs. The Governor also recommends providing funding for the department to replace one large patrol boat in the Division of Public Safety and Resource Protection per year.

67. Wake Boating Project Position

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	62,300	1.00	83,000	1.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	62,300	1.00	83,000	1.00

The Governor recommends providing expenditure and project position authority to collect and analyze data on Wisconsin water bodies in order to better evaluate the potential impact of wake boating on outdoor recreation and the environment in the state.

68. Off-Highway Motorcycle Sales Tax Collection

The Governor recommends amending statutory language to authorize the department to retain 1 percent of sales and use taxes on off-highway motorcycles for administrative costs for collecting the sales tax.

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69. Online All-Terrain Vehicle and Utility-Terrain Vehicle Trail Map

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	1,000,000	0.00	0	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	1,000,000	0.00	0	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funds for the development of an online, application-based trail map for all-terrain and utility-terrain vehicle routes.

70. Transferring the Snowmobile Law Enforcement Program Off Tribal Gaming Funds

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
PR-S	0	0.00	0	0.00	-1,404,500	-9.00	-1,438,000	-9.00
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	1,404,500	9.00	1,438,000	9.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00

The Governor recommends converting the funding for the Snowmobile Law Enforcement program from tribal gaming revenue to the conservation fund.

71. Tribal Fish Hatchery Maintenance Grant

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
PR-S	0	0.00	0	0.00	1,000,000	0.00	1,000,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	1,000,000	0.00	1,000,000	0.00

The Governor recommends creating a grant program to provide funding to tribes for fish hatchery maintenance.

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72. Manoomin Restoration and Public Education

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	200,000	0.00	200,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	200,000	0.00	200,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding for manoomin (wild rice) stewardship and public education efforts in ceded territory waters.

73. Manoomin Coordinator

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	62,300	1.00	83,100	1.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	62,300	1.00	83,100	1.00

The Governor recommends providing position authority and related funding to coordinate state manoomin (wild rice) management activities.

74. Agency Tribal Liaison

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	67,300	1.00	88,100	1.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	67,300	1.00	88,100	1.00

The Governor recommends creating an additional position that will be dedicated to working with tribal nations in the state. The position will coordinate with the Department of Administration's Director of Native American Affairs. See Department of Administration, Item #45; Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Item #38; Department of Corrections, Item #42; Department of Justice, Item #14; Department of Tourism, Item #9; Department of Workforce Development, Item #31; and Public Service Commission, Item #18.

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75. Endangered Resources GPR Match

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	450,000	0.00	450,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	450,000	0.00	450,000	0.00

The Governor recommends increasing GPR funding to match additional taxpayer designations for the endangered resources program.

76. Nonprofit Grant Funding Restoration

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	415,000	0.00	415,000	0.00
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	373,500	0.00	373,500	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	788,500	0.00	788,500	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding to restore seven grants to nonprofit conservation organizations for a variety of conservation efforts.

77. Increase Night and Weekend Differential Pay

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	92,100	0.00	92,100	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	92,100	0.00	92,100	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding to support additional night and weekend differential pay costs.

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78. Limited Term Employee Compensation

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	236,000	0.00	236,000	0.00
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	2,220,200	0.00	2,220,200	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	2,456,200	0.00	2,456,200	0.00

The Governor recommends providing additional funding to support limited term employee wage increases.

79. Legal Support Services

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	166,000	0.00	166,000	0.00
PR-S	0	0.00	0	0.00	28,300	0.00	28,300	0.00
PR-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	55,500	0.00	55,500	0.00
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	197,400	0.00	197,400	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	447,200	0.00	447,200	0.00

The Governor recommends increasing expenditure authority to support legal services provided by the Department of Justice to represent the department in the enforcement and defense of laws that protect air, land and water resources.

80. Information Technology System Maintenance and Field Equipment Funding

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	70,500	0.00	70,500	0.00	70,500	0.00	70,500	0.00
SEG-O	278,000	0.00	278,000	0.00	278,000	0.00	278,000	0.00
TOTAL	348,500	0.00	348,500	0.00	348,500	0.00	348,500	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding to cover increasing expenses for information technology system maintenance and development and for replacing information technology field equipment.

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81. GIS Infrastructure Capacity

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	150,000	0.00	150,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	150,000	0.00	150,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding to acquire additional geographic information systems server software capacity to improve resiliency and efficiency for mobile mapping technology.

82. eGrants Licensing and Support

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	350,000	0.00	350,000	0.00	350,000	0.00	350,000	0.00
TOTAL	350,000	0.00	350,000	0.00	350,000	0.00	350,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding to support licensing and maintenance costs for the department's new eGrants application.

83. Document Imaging

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	883,300	0.00	883,300	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	883,300	0.00	883,300	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding to support the digitization of hard copy departmental records.

84. Water Resources Account Deficit

The Governor recommends lapsing to the conservation fund, in FY26, \$176,900 from the resource acquisition and development - Mississippi and St. Croix rivers management appropriation, \$436,600 from the resource acquisition and development - boating access to southeastern lakes appropriation, and \$386,500 from the resource acquisition and development - boating access appropriation to reduce the carryforward balance in this continuing appropriation to address an existing structural deficit in the water resources account.

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85. Tribal Technical Statutory Modifications

The Governor recommends making technical modifications to appropriations related to tribal gaming, including making reversion language consistent in a department appropriation. See Department of Administration, Item #56; and Department of Health Services, Item #104.

86. Appropriation Changes

The Governor recommends converting the storm water management-fees appropriation under s. 20.370(9)(bj) from an annual appropriation to a continuing appropriation. The Governor also recommends authorizing the use of fees collected for interpretive programs in state forests for costs associated with the programs.

87. Minor Transfers Between Appropriations

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
PR-O	-194,800	0.00	-194,800	0.00	-194,800	0.00	-194,800	0.00
SEG-O	194,800	0.00	194,800	0.00	194,800	0.00	194,800	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00

The Governor recommends minor budget transfers between appropriations and within the same funding source to reflect current expenditures for each program.

88. Debt Service Reestimate

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	-6,307,100	0.00	-5,270,800	0.00
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	-3,950,900	0.00	-2,140,600	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	-10,258,000	0.00	-7,411,400	0.00

The Governor recommends adjusting the department's base budget to reflect a reestimate of debt service on authorized bonds.

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89. Standard Budget Adjustments

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	854,200	0.00	863,700	0.00	854,200	0.00	863,700	0.00
PR-F	-2,238,700	-4.00	-3,034,800	-14.00	-2,238,700	-4.00	-3,034,800	-14.00
PR-S	262,300	0.00	295,800	0.00	262,800	0.00	296,300	0.00
PR-O	-1,041,700	0.00	-1,041,700	0.00	-1,041,700	0.00	-1,041,700	0.00
SEG-F	2,122,800	-5.00	-122,500	-32.00	2,122,800	-5.00	-122,500	-32.00
SEG-O	10,423,900	0.00	10,596,200	0.00	10,423,900	0.00	10,596,200	0.00
TOTAL	10,382,800	-9.00	7,556,700	-46.00	10,383,300	-9.00	7,557,200	-46.00

The Governor recommends adjusting the department's base budget for: (a) turnover reduction (-\$4,123,000 in each year); (b) removal of noncontinuing elements from the base (-\$531,100 and -9.0 FTE positions in FY26 and -\$3,592,100 and -46.0 FTE positions in FY27); (c) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (\$11,054,300 in each year); (d) reclassifications and semiautomatic pay progression (\$282,800 in FY26 and \$475,700 in FY27); (e) overtime (\$3,332,100 in each year); (f) night and weekend differential pay (\$224,900 in each year); and (g) full funding of lease and directed moves costs (\$143,300 in FY26 and \$185,300 in FY27).

ITEMS NOT APPROVED

The following requests are not included in the Governor's budget recommendations for the Department of Natural Resources.

Decision Item	Source of Funds	FY26		FY27	
		Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
90. Environmental Fund Appropriation Language		0	0.00	0	0.00
TOTAL OF ITEMS NOT APPROVED		0	0.00	0	0.00

