



CONSERVATION SCORECARD 2015-2016

for the Wisconsin Legislature

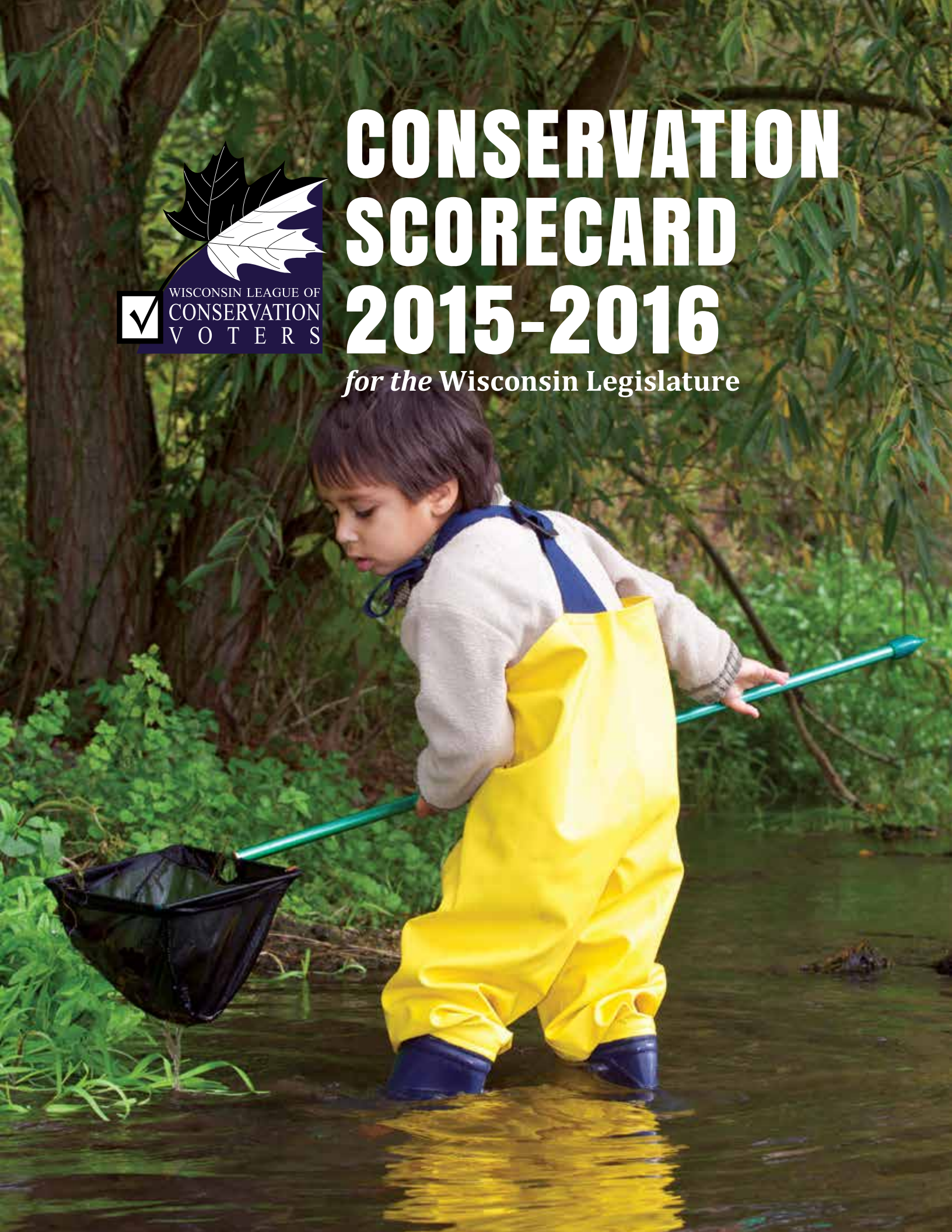


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STORY OF THE SESSION

SESSION OVERVIEW

The 2015-2016 legislative session was riddled with more attacks on our air, land, and water than ever before.

Under pressure from factory farm lobbyists, legislators failed to address the growing groundwater issues in the Central Sands region – and even proposed legislation that would make the problem worse. A grab bag of polluter-requested handouts was introduced that was, because of citizen outcry, amended three times and ultimately passed with the worst provisions stripped out. Bill after bill attacked local governments' ability to protect the health of their citizens and natural resources.

If every anti-conservation bill had passed this session, Wisconsinites would have seen:

More lakes and rivers drying up;

Fewer protections for safe drinking water;

Lakes with more stinky algae and less public access;

Forests with more logging and fewer places to hunt, hike, and camp;

Less science and more political influence from polluters.

This legislative session also saw fewer bills introduced that would do more to protect our natural resources. The few that were introduced – such as a bill to develop more clean energy and another to give communities more tools to reduce the impacts of frac sand mining – weren't even scheduled for hearings.

While this session was full of bad ideas, conservation voters – like you – stepped up time and again, making your voices heard at critical times to stop the worst attacks on our environment.

Citizens sent almost 30,000 letters to their legislators, made over 3,300 phone calls to decision makers, and attended more than 275 meetings with their legislators. With your help, we were able to defeat efforts to privatize Wisconsin's water systems, stalled legislation that would have made our groundwater problems worse, and stripped some of the worst provisions out of the Polluter Grab Bag.

Thank you for all you do for Wisconsin's air, land, and water. You are truly making a difference.



CONSERVATION HONOR ROLL

Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters understands that the black and white nature of a Scorecard sometimes makes it difficult to recognize those instances where legislators went the extra mile for natural resources. The Conservation Honor Roll recognizes the following legislators for the extra effort they put forth to protect Wisconsin’s natural resources.



JOSHUA MAYER, Wyalusing Walnut Forest



SENATOR ROB COWLES

Senator Cowles, as chairman of the Natural Resources Committee, proved to be an invaluable ally by drafting critical improvements to the Polluter Grab Bag Bill before allowing it to pass through his committee. He was also one of the lead sponsors of a bill to protect the Great Lakes from dangerous plastic microbeads and authored a bill to restore funding for recycling programs.



REPRESENTATIVE CHRIS TAYLOR

As a member of the Joint Finance Committee, Rep. Taylor introduced and successfully passed a budget amendment that directed the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to convene a process addressing the long-term sustainability of the Fish and Wildlife Account. This account is funded by fees that sportsmen pay to support wildlife biologists and habitat restoration. In recent years, it has been used as a slush fund to cover other programs.



REPRESENTATIVE JOEL KITCHENS

Rep. Kitchens worked with local and statewide land trust and conservation groups to restore funding for the Stewardship Program. Kitchens built support for the program within the legislature and the end result was \$33 million dollars restored to the popular program. He also introduced legislation to better assist families with contaminated drinking water in replacing their wells, and successfully worked to restore funding for county clean water staff.



SENATOR MARK MILLER & REPRESENTATIVE CORY MASON

Sen. Miller and Rep. Mason offered SB 72, a proactive bill to address one of the most critical issues that continues to face Wisconsin – the over pumping of groundwater by high capacity wells. They also spoke out against efforts to weaken what few groundwater protections we currently

have by testifying against the Death by a Thousand Straws bill. Time and again, faced with anti-conservation bills, both Miller and Mason introduced amendments and spoke out to protect the environment.



CONSERVATION CHAMPIONS

Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters extends a special thank you and congratulations to this year's Conservation Champions! Conservation Champions are legislators that received a perfect 100%.

SENATORS

Tim Carpenter
Jon Erpenbach
Chris Larson
Mark Miller
Fred Risser
Lena Taylor
Kathleen Vinehout
Bob Wirch

REPRESENTATIVES

Peter Barca
Mandela Barnes
Terese Berceau
Jill Billings
David Bowen
Jonathan Brostoff
Dave Considine
Chris Danou
Steve Doyle
Eric Genrich
Evan Goyke
Gary Hebl
Dianne Hesselbein
Gordon Hintz
LaTonya Johnson
Andy Jorgensen
Robb Kahl
Frederick Kessler
Debra Kolste
Cory Mason
Nick Milroy
Tod Ohnstad
Sondy Pope
Daniel Riemer
Melissa Sargent
Katrina Shankland
Christine Sinicki
Mark Spreitzer
Amanda Stuck
Lisa Subeck
Chris Taylor
Dana Wachs
Leon Young
JoCasta Zamarripa
Josh Zepnick



CONSERVATION DISHONOR ROLL

Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters also understands that there are times when a poor Scorecard score doesn't do enough to illustrate just how far some legislators will go to jeopardize Wisconsin's natural resources. Actions by the following legislators are grossly out-of-line with the conservation values of their constituents.

SENATOR TOM TIFFANY

Senator Tiffany used his role on the powerful Joint Finance Committee to slip harmful provisions into the state budget, including eliminating the Science Bureau at DNR, specifically targeting DNR staff who had spoken out about the effects of climate change, and working to cut funding for conservation organizations who took positions that he did not support. He was also the lead author of a budget amendment that limited local communities' ability to protect water quality in shoreland areas.

SENATOR FRANK LASEE & REPRESENTATIVE ADAM JARCHOW

Senator Lasee and Representative Jarchow were the lead authors of many of the worst anti-conservation bills this session. They introduced the Polluter Grab Bag, which proposed giving away public land in lakebeds to developers for free and allowing each landowner on a lake to dredge three truckloads of possibly toxic sediment each year. Luckily, these extreme policies were rejected by fellow legislators and stripped out of the final legislation. The duo also introduced the Developer Grab Bag, which required all state agencies, when adopting state rules, to prioritize the interests of individual landowners over the quality of life or health of their neighbors. Sen. Lasee was also the lead author on a bill to allow out-of-state for-profit companies to privatize Wisconsin's drinking water systems. Rep. Jarchow also worked with Sen. Tiffany to weaken local water quality protections, sneaking them into the state budget.

VOICE VOTES AND BILL GRAVEYARD

Not every bill introduced in the legislature receives a rollcall vote, which means that sometimes the story of what did not happen is just as important as what did. Here are a few bills that are not included in the Scorecard tallies because they were never brought to the floor for a rollcall vote.

VOICE VOTES

Sometimes bills pass on a “voice vote,” meaning that each legislator’s individual vote is not officially recorded. The Conservation Scorecard only includes bills that have a recorded vote. This session, there were several pro-conservation bills that passed both houses on a voice vote before being signed into law by Governor Walker. We may not have been able to include these votes in the Scorecard charts, but we extend our thanks to the legislators who cast the critical votes to make these bills become law.



We depend upon the Great Lakes for our drinking water, to fuel our economy, and as habitat for fish and aquatic wildlife. In recent years, tiny plastic microbeads from personal care products have begun to accumulate in the Great Lakes. These plastics absorb pollutants such as DDT and PCBs, posing a risk to fish communities and human health when they are ingested. SB 15, introduced by Sen. Cowles and Rep. Czaja, would prevent further plastic microbead contamination in the Great Lakes by requiring manufacturers to phase out the use of microbeads in their products in the next few years.



Wisconsin children are losing their connection to nature. That disconnect threatens their health, their quality of life, their readiness for future job opportunities, and the sustainability of our natural resources. AJR 27, introduced by Reps. C. Taylor and Thiesfeldt and Sen. Hansen, demonstrates legislative support and guidance for the programs and activities that encourage children and families to play, explore, and learn outdoors. This was a Conservation Priority in a previous session.



Pro-conservation bill



Anti-conservation bill

BILL GRAVEYARD

ANTI-CONSERVATION BILLS THAT DIED

This anti-conservation bill never saw the light of day for a variety of reasons, but the overriding factor is that citizens took quick action to stop it – sharing information, engaging their communities, talking to the media, and contacting their legislators. Your efforts showed legislators how politically unpopular this bad idea is. Well done!



Access to clean drinking water and effective sewer systems is a fundamental necessity. AB 554, introduced by Sen. Lasee and Rep. August, would have removed public accountability for managing critical water services by allowing communities to sell their water utilities to private out-of-state companies. This bill moved quickly through the Assembly. However, the bill died when Senate leadership decided not to take it to a floor vote because of the overwhelming public concern that the bill could create a situation similar to the drinking water crisis in Flint, Michigan.

PRO-CONSERVATION BILLS THAT DIED

Unfortunately, this great pro-conservation bill didn't gain traction this session. With your help, we'll look to pass it in a future session.




Citizens across Wisconsin are continuing to experience the impacts of diminishing groundwater levels. When groundwater is depleted, all water users – from businesses to municipalities, from farmers to fishermen – pay the price. SB 72, offered by Sen. Miller and Rep. Mason, created a system to balance the needs of all water users. The bill would have protected our groundwater from over pumping by high capacity wells and ensured sustainable water use. Unfortunately, it was not scheduled for a hearing in either house.

BILL DESCRIPTIONS

Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters tracks every important conservation bill as it moves through the legislative process. The Conservation Scorecard includes those bills that received a recorded vote by the full Assembly and/or Senate.


PRIORITY BILLS



AB 582
DEVELOPER GRAB BAG

Pro-Conservation Vote: **NO**
Status: **Signed into law by Governor Walker**

Citizens rely on their local governments to identify and address public health threats that are unique to their communities and to act as the first line of defense in protecting their air and water quality. AB 582, introduced by Rep. Jarchow and Sen. Lasee, removed counties' ability to limit polluting industries. AB 582, as further amended by Rep. Jarchow, also weakened public protections within state rule-making by prioritizing the interests of individual landowners, regardless of the impact on the quality of life or health of their neighbors. During the Senate floor debate, Sens. Vinehout, Miller, and Risser worked to improve the bill by offering an amendment to remove language that would prohibit local governments from adopting development moratoriums. That amendment failed.



SB 239 & AB 874
GROUNDWATER

Pro-Conservation Vote: **NO**
Status: **The bill died when neither house approved the other's version**

When groundwater is depleted, all water users – businesses, municipalities, farmers, fishermen, boaters, waterfront property owners, and more – pay the price. SB 239, introduced in the Senate by Sen. Gudex, would have limited the ability of the DNR to address groundwater over pumping in critical areas by granting 'forever' permits for high capacity wells that are tied to the land. Rep. Nerison introduced a different version of the bill in the Assembly and Rep. Krug offered an amendment in committee that did little to address the issues facing the Central Sands. The bill passed through the Assembly and a different version passed through the Senate.



SB 459
POLLUTER GRAB BAG

Pro-Conservation Vote: **NO**
Status: **Signed into law by Governor Walker**

The waters of Wisconsin belong to all people and the state is tasked with managing those resources for the public good. SB 459, introduced by Sen. Lasee and Rep. Jarchow, rolled back protections for wetlands which will lead to more flooding and loss of wildlife habitat. Sen. Cowles greatly improved the bill by stripping out provisions that would have allowed extensive lakebed dredging and development of lakebeds.

-  Pro-conservation bill
-  Anti-conservation bill
-  Priority bill



AB 384 NUCLEAR ENERGY

Pro-Conservation Vote: **NO**
Status: **Signed into law
by Governor Walker**

The intent of Wisconsin's Energy Priorities Law is to prioritize the use of ratepayer dollars for the cleanest and cheapest forms of energy rather than those that are more financially risky or increase threats to public health or natural resources. AB 384, introduced by Rep. Petersen and Sen. Lasee, added nuclear energy to the list of preferred energy options in Wisconsin and removed the requirement that new nuclear power plants have a plan for storing their hazardous waste. AB 384 passed through the Assembly on a voice vote. During the Senate floor debate, Sens. Larson, Wirch, Risser, Carpenter, and L. Taylor offered an amendment to require voter approval of any new nuclear plant in their community. Unfortunately, it failed and the bill passed without this improvement.



AB 603 SHORELAND ZONING

Pro-Conservation Vote: **NO**
Status: **Signed into law
by Governor Walker**

Shoreland zoning was created to protect our rivers and lakes from smelly and sometimes toxic pollution. AB 603, offered by Rep. Jarchow and Sen. LeMahieu, further codifies into law the changes that were snuck into the 2015 state budget, which resulted in counties being forced to weaken land use and water quality zoning, even if they determine that the state standards are not sufficient to protect their water quality. Rep. Spreitzer offered an amendment in committee and a floor amendment was offered by Reps. Hebl, Meyers, Milroy, and others that would have improved the bill. Both efforts failed.



AB 640 AQUACULTURE

Pro-Conservation Vote: **NO**
Status: **The bill died
when the Senate did not
take it up**

Wisconsin's waters are necessary to support all aspects of our economy, including agricultural, recreational, and tourism industries. AB 640, authored by Rep. Czaja and Sen. Tiffany, would have allowed fish farms to divert headwater springs, which could negatively impact downstream wildlife and users, and exempted aquaculture operators from minimizing impacts to wetlands. Reps. Mason, Barca, and Danou offered language to maintain protections for wetlands during the floor debate in the Assembly. The amendment failed.



SB 434 MANAGED FORESTS

Pro-Conservation Vote: **NO**
Status: **Signed into law
by Governor Walker**

To have sustainable and ecologically sound state forests, foresters and wildlife biologists need to make decisions based on proper data collection and the implementation of best practices that consider all uses. SB 434, introduced by Sen. Tiffany and Rep. Mursau, dictated that seventy-five percent of state forests be open to timber production, with limited exceptions, and prohibited DNR from offering guidance to property owners on state wildlife action plans.



JOSHUA MAYER, Dells of the Wisconsin River



**AB 25
CLEAN AIR**

Pro-Conservation Vote: **NO**
Status: **Signed into law
by Governor Walker**

The Clean Air Act sets standards to protect the public from harmful pollution that can cause respiratory problems and even premature death. AB 25, introduced by Rep. Craig and Sen. Lasee, would prohibit the DNR from implementing or enforcing new federal public health standards for residential or commercial wood stoves.



**AB 515
RECYCLING**

Pro-Conservation Vote: **YES**
Status: **Signed into law
by Governor Walker**

Local communities provide residents with recycling education and collection services. The state budget decreased the available funding for local recycling programs by \$4 million – an approximately 22% reduction. AB 515 was authored by Rep. Tittl and Sen. Cowles to increase the amount of grant funding available to the DNR for recycling by \$3 million.



**AB 563
LOCAL CONTROL**

Pro-Conservation Vote: **NO**
Status: **Signed into law
by Governor Walker**

Poorly planned development can result in significant runoff pollution, loss of recreational area, and impaired wildlife habitat. AB 563, offered by Rep. Ripp and Sen. Fitzgerald, would undermine Dane County's well-planned communities by allowing town governments to opt out of county zoning. This bill, which only applies to Dane County, is another example of the state legislature arbitrarily undermining local control.

SENATE SCORES

DISTRICT	SENATOR	Developer Grab Bag	Groundwater	Polluter Grab Bag	Nuclear Energy	Shoreland Zoning	Managed Forests	Clean Air	Recycling	Local Control	CONSERVATION SCORE	
		AB 582	SB 239	SB 459	AB 384	AB 603	SB 434	AB 25	AB 515	AB 563	2016	LIFETIME
25	Bewley, Janet	🍃	--	🍃	🍃	🍃	✗	--	--	🍃	83%	96%
3	Carpenter, Tim	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	100%	96%
2	Cowles, Robert	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	--	✗	🍃	✗	13%	52%
8	Darling, Alberta	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	🍃	✗	11%	40%
27	Erpenbach, Jon	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	100%	95%
13	Fitzgerald, Scott	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	🍃	✗	11%	36%
18	Gudex, Rick	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	🍃	✗	11%	20%
30	Hansen, Dave	🍃	🍃	🍃	✗	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	89%	86%
6	Harris Dodd, Nikiya	--	🍃	--	--	--	--	🍃	🍃	--	NA	100%
10	Harsdorf, Sheila	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	🍃	✗	11%	44%
33	Kapenga, Chris	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	20%
7	Larson, Chris	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	100%	96%
1	Lasee, Frank	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	🍃	✗	11%	19%
24	Lassa, Julie	🍃	🍃	🍃	✗	🍃	✗	🍃	🍃	🍃	78%	86%
28	Lazich, Mary	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	🍃	✗	11%	29%
9	LeMahieu, Devin	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	🍃	✗	11%	11%
17	Marklein, Howard	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	🍃	✗	11%	24%
16	Miller, Mark	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	100%	95%
23	Moulton, Terry	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	🍃	✗	11%	21%
11	Nass, Stephen	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	🍃	✗	11%	27%
14	Olsen, Luther	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	🍃	✗	11%	43%
29	Petrowski, Jerry	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	🍃	✗	11%	33%
15	Ringhand, Janis	🍃	🍃	🍃	✗	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	89%	97%
26	Risser, Fred	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	100%	95%
19	Roth, Roger	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	🍃	✗	11%	46%
32	Shilling, Jennifer	🍃	🍃	🍃	✗	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	89%	86%
20	Stroebel, Duey	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	25%
4	Taylor, Lena	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	100%	86%
12	Tiffany, Tom	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	🍃	✗	11%	15%
31	Vinehout, Kathleen	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	100%	90%
5	Vukmir, Leah	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	🍃	✗	11%	20%
21	Wanggaard, Van	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	🍃	✗	11%	11%
22	Wirch, Robert	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	🍃	100%	93%

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HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

- 🍃 Legislator voted pro-conservation
- ✗ Legislator voted anti-conservation
- Excused absence. For excused absences, the legislator's score is derived from the number of votes made when the legislator was present.
- NA Legislator was not a member of the body at the time of the vote.

Note: Legislators must be present for at least 50% of all scored votes in a session to receive a conservation score for the session. Legislators with "NA" for the 2016 Conservation Score were not present for 50% of scored votes for the session.

ASSEMBLY SCORES

DISTRICT	REPRESENTATIVE	Developer Grab Bag	Groundwater	Polluter Grab Bag	Shoreland Zoning	Aquaculture	Managed Forests	Clean Air	Recycling	Local Control	CONSERVATION SCORE	
		AB 582	AB 874	SB 459	AB 603	AB 640	SB 434	AB 25	AB 515	AB 563	2016	LIFETIME
97	Allen, Scott	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	11%
32	August, Tyler	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	17%
41	Ballweg, Joan	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	31%
64	Barca, Peter	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	100%
11	Barnes, Mandela	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	100%
77	Berceau, Terese	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	99%
68	Bernier, Kathy	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	28%
95	Billings, Jill	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	100%
39	Born, Mark	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	31%
10	Bowen, David	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	100%
22	Brandtjen, Janel	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	11%
50	Brooks, Ed	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	40%
60	Brooks, Robert	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	11%
19	Brostoff, Jonathan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	100%
81	Considine, Dave	✓	--	--	✓	✓	--	✓	--	✓	100%	100%
83	Craig, Dave	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	21%
35	Czaja, Mary	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	20%
92	Danou, Chris	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	98%
94	Doyle, Steve	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	93%
99	Duchow, Cindi	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	NA	✓	✗	13%	13%
87	Edming, James	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	11%
58	Gannon, Bob	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	11%	11%
90	Genrich, Eric	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	100%
18	Goyke, Evan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	100%
85	Heaton, Dave	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	11%
46	Hebl, Gary	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	99%
79	Hesselbein, Dianne	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	100%
54	Hintz, Gordon	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	97%
33	Horlacher, Cody	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	11%
13	Hutton, Rob	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	25%
2	Jacque, André	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	27%
37	Jagler, John	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	31%
28	Jarchow, Adam	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	11%
17	Johnson, LaTonya	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	100%
43	Jorgensen, Andy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	92%
47	Kahl, Robb	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	94%
61	Katsma, Terry	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	11%
61	Kerkman, Samatha	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	27%
12	Kessler, Frederick	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	94%
1	Kitchens, Joel	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	33%	33%
38	Kleefisch, Joel	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	19%
24	Knodl, Dan	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	22%	31%
30	Knudson, Dean	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	29%
44	Kolste, Debra	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	100%
14	Kooyenga, Dale	✗	--	--	✗	✗	--	✗	--	✗	0%	20%
59	Kremer, Jesse	✓	--	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	25%	25%
72	Krug, Scott	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	33%	37%
84	Kuglitsch, Mike	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	26%
69	Kulp, Bob	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	27%
67	Larson, Tom	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	30%

ASSEMBLY SCORES

DISTRICT	REPRESENTATIVE	Developer Grab Bag	Groundwater	Polluter Grab Bag	Shoreland Zoning	Aquaculture	Managed Forests	Clean Air	Recycling	Local Control	CONSERVATION SCORE	
		AB 582	AB 874	SB 459	AB 603	AB 640	SB 434	AB 25	AB 515	AB 563	2016	LIFETIME
31	Loudenbeck, Amy	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	21%
88	Macco, John	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	11%	11%
66	Mason, Cory	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	--	--	--	✓	100%	100%
74	Meyers, Beth	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	89%	89%
73	Milroy, Nick	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	100%
56	Murphy, Dave	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	31%
36	Mursau, Jeffrey	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	37%
29	Murtha, John	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	38%
96	Nerison, Lee	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	37%
98	Neylon, Adam	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	33%
51	Novak, Todd	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	22%	22%
89	Nygren, John	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	22%	34%
65	Ohnstad, Tod	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	100%
3	Ott, Alvin	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	22%	46%
23	Ott, Jim	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	34%
40	Petersen, Kevin	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	34%
93	Petryk, Warren	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	27%
80	Pope, SONDY	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	87%
75	Quinn, Romaine	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	22%	22%
7	Rierner, Daniel	✓	✓	✓	✓	--	✓	✓	--	✓	100%	100%
42	Ripp, Keith	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	48%
21	Rodriguez, Jessie	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	27%
55	Rohrkaste, Mike	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	11%
15	Sanfelippo, Joe	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	25%
48	Sargent, Melissa	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	100%
53	Schraa, Michael	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	25%
71	Shankland, Katrina	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	100%
20	Sinicki, Christine	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	99%
82	Skowronski, Ken	--	✗	✗	--	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	14%	33%
86	Spiros, John	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	31%
45	Spreitzer, Mark	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	100%
4	Steffen, David	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	11%
5	Steineke, Jim	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	25%
57	Stuck, Amanda	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	100%
78	Subeck, Lisa	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	100%
34	Swearingen, Rob	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	31%
6	Tauchen, Gary	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	35%
76	Taylor, Chris	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	100%
52	Thiesfeldt, Jeremy	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	27%
25	Tiftl, Paul	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	31%
49	Tranel, Travis	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	27%
70	VanderMeer, Nancy	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	11%
27	Vorpagel, Tyler	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	11%
63	Vos, Robin	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	22%
91	Wachs, Dana	--	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	100%
62	Weatherston, Thomas	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	11%	27%
16	Young, Leon	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	94%
8	Zamarripa, JoCasta	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	100%
9	Zepnick, Josh	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	93%

HOW TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR LEGISLATORS

There is no one more qualified to advocate for Wisconsin's natural resources than a concerned and engaged citizen – like you! Building a good relationship with your legislator is critical to protecting our air, land, and water. Use every opportunity to communicate with your legislators about your conservation concerns. Here's how you can be an effective pro-conservation advocate through every step of the legislative process:

BECOME A MEMBER

Thanks to generous contributions from thousands of individuals like you, Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters engages and unites its organizational partners and citizen activists to advocate effectively for clean air, clean water, and pristine open spaces. Your membership helps us build our numbers, so decision makers hear from conservation voters more often and more powerfully!

VOTE FOR YOUR CONSERVATION VALUES

Your vote is the most important way you can stand up for your conservation values. Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters can help you find information about how to register and where to vote on Election Day.

JOIN OUR EMAIL ACTION NETWORK

When it comes to Wisconsin's natural resources and public health, things can move pretty fast on the ground and in the state Capitol. Sign up for email alerts to be the first to get breaking news, political scoops, and information on actions you can take to protect Wisconsin's air, land, and water. You can also see how your legislator is voting in real time on the Conservation Vote Tracker on our website.

SPEAK AT A HEARING OR MAKE A PHONE CALL

You can't top personal interaction when it comes to influencing the direction of conservation policy. The organizers on our field team will alert you to opportunities when your physical presence in the Capitol or a personal phone call to your legislator will be most effective. Connect with your Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters organizer on our website.

WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

One way that legislators keep tabs on what is important to the voters in their district is by reading the opinion section of local newspapers. Check the editorial page or website for directions on submitting a letter (many now have online forms that make submission very easy). You don't need to know bill specifics to write an influential letter. Just share your story about why you are concerned.

ATTEND CONSERVATION LOBBY DAY

Each year, conservation voters come from every corner of the state to share their natural resource values (and expectations) with their state legislators in the Capitol. By being a part of a unified lobby day, we are reaching every single member of the legislature at the most critical decision-making times. Plus, Conservation Lobby Day is a great way to connect with conservationists in your hometown as well as across the state. We'll alert you by email and social media to let you know when the next one is happening.

INVITE YOUR LEGISLATOR TO MEET WITH YOU IN THE DISTRICT

Setting up a meeting with your legislator is a great, no-pressure way to get to know him or her better. You can invite them to one of your conservation organization's meetings, a coffee shop, or take them on a tour of a specific place that you care about. The legislator's staff in the Capitol should be able to set up a time for you (and others) to meet with your legislator while they are home in your district.



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