

Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters  
Endorsed Candidate Profile:

## Rep. Joel Kitchens

**Office:** State Representative, AD 1

**Area of the state:** Portions of Brown, Door, and Kewaunee Counties.

Why is **Joel Kitchens** the best choice for conservation in this race?

### Proven leadership at the Capitol.

Rep. Joel Kitchens led a coalition that helped restore \$33 million in funding to the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program after Gov. Scott Walker proposed defunding it. He introduced legislation to better assist families with contaminated drinking water in replacing their wells. He made critical improvements to the Polluter Grab Bag Bill – one of the most anti-environment bills last session. He also helped restore funding for county clean water staff. Rep. Kitchens, time and again, worked to create practical change through building partnerships in the State Capitol, and Wisconsin's environment is better off for it.

### Committed to conservation.

Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters named Rep. Kitchens to its Conservation Honor Roll for his work last session. He was also honored as Policymaker of the Year by Gathering Waters for leading the effort to save the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund.

### A respected community leader.

In 1999, he ran for the Sturgeon Bay School Board during a time of financial crisis for the district. After two years, and a financial turnaround for the district, he was elected president of the board. He served 13 years until running for and winning the Assembly seat. He and his wife, Sherry, have three children and are active members of several community organizations around Door County.

**When to vote:** General election, Tuesday, November 8th

**Voting info:** [conservationvoters.org/elections/voter-resources/](http://conservationvoters.org/elections/voter-resources/)

**Learn more at:** [www.joelkitchens.com](http://www.joelkitchens.com)

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"In perhaps no other area of Wisconsin are environmental issues more important than in the 1st Assembly District.

Our economy, our health and our way of life are dependent on clean water.

Manure management practices that may be acceptable in other parts of the state lead to contaminated ground and surface water in the karst region, with our shallow soil and cracked bedrock.

I have strongly advocated for rules for manure management that are specific to the various georegions of the state. "

-- Rep. Joel Kitchens