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Action from week of June 10 2019
Because of this program, local governments and nonprofit groups have received state matching funds to purchase land or easements for conservation. As a result, we have the funding needed for the upkeep and maintenance of our waterways, parks, forests, and trail systems.

If the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program is not renewed as part of the state budget being debated right now, then we'll lose the effectiveness of Wisconsin's best source of funding for land and water conservation.

Governor Evers proposed budget only calls for a two-year extension of the program. That short time frame is entirely inadequate and severely limits the ability of local governments to provide these outdoor spaces for the public to enjoy.

WCA supports a long-term reauthorization of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program and urge the Legislature to adopt a ten-year reauthorization of the program, while maintaining current funding levels.
Governor: Reauthorizes the Stewardship program for two more years and called for the formation of a new committee to discuss and study the program's future.

Joint Committee on Finance: Approve Governor Evers position
Regional Crisis Center

- Building Commission budget
- $15 million in general fund supported bonding
- Northern Wisconsin regional crisis center
  - Sen. Bernier proposal
  - Hospital in Eau Claire County and Chippewa County
  - 22 psychiatric beds (juveniles and adults)
  - Preference in admissions for 29 counties in the western and northern part of the state
Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center

- Building Commission budget
- $43,994,000 in general fund supported borrowing for expansion of the Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center
- Project enumerated in the 2017-19 building program
Type 1/ SRCCCY Funding

- Transferred all bonding authority allocated in 2017 Wisconsin Act 185 to SRCCCYs
  - Doubled the bonding authority for SRCCCYs to $80 million
  - Deleted the bonding authority for the state’s Type 1 facilities
 Secured Residential Care Centers for Children and Youth (SRCCCYs)
  ▶ Timelines – took no action
  ▶ Start up costs
    ▶ Governor’s budget contained $3.5 million in Fy21
    ▶ JCF removed the start-up funding from the budget
JCI Daily Rates

- Current law: $397
- FY20: $532
- 7/20 to 12/20: $550
- 1/21 to 6/21: $615
Vapor Products

- Defined a vapor product
- Included vapor products in the definition of tobacco products
- Imposed an excise tax on vapor products
BUDGET RESOURCES
LFB Website:

www.legis.wisconsin.gov/lfb

• Click “Publications”
  • Budget Papers
    • 2019-21 Biennial Budget
      • LFB prepares “budget papers” or summaries
    • Each paper includes:
      • Current law or status of item
      • Summary of Governor’s proposal
    • Discussion points
    • Alternatives
OTHER RESOURCES

- Both The Wheeler Report and WisPolitics also have public websites
  - The Wheeler Report: www.thewheelerreport.com
  - WisPolitics: www.wispolitics.com
  - WisconsinEye: www.wiseye.org
    - WisconsinEye shows committee meeting and the Legislature live
  - Wisconsin Counties Association: www.wicounties.org
    - All WCA budget documents and memos are available under the “Legislative” tab
THANKS!

Any questions?

You can also email your questions to any member of the WCA Government Affairs staff.