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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy

**FROM:** Daniel Bahr, Government Affairs Associate

**DATE:** June 12, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Support for Senate Bill 252: Support funding for flood risk reduction demonstration projects

The Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) supports Senate Bill 252, a bill relating to flood risk reduction pilot projects and making an appropriation. WCA is pleased that Ashland County is being granted the ability and funding to conduct pilot projects with the goal of replacing wetlands, controlling erosion, reducing nonpoint source pollution, and agricultural runoff.

The proposed project will help test and measure flood management strategies, provide critical information regarding the cost and flood risk reduction benefits of wetland, stream and floodplain restoration practices. We believe the funding and investment into Ashland County will lead to future benefits for many other counties around the state, in the very same areas of environmental study.

WCA supports the projects that will be funded by this proposal and will give the legislature and counties a better understanding of good practices in floodplain and wetland management. We are also pleased to be partnering with the Wisconsin Wetlands Association in this effort. Thank you for your consideration.

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