



RESOLUTION# 21-10-6

Introduced by CEED
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Motion: Adopted: X
1st Feirer Lost:
2nd Hamilton Tabled:
No: 0 Yes: 18 Absent: 1
Number of votes required:
[X] Majority [] Two-thirds
Reviewed by: PAK, Corp Counsel
Reviewed by: EN, Finance Dir.

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To support SB 346 which is AN ACT to create 20.370 (1) (fq), 20.370 (6) (dd) and 23.22 (2) (g) of the statutes; relating to: grants to map, control, eradicate, monitor, and minimize the spread of wild parsnip; funding for the Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation; granting rule-making authority; and making an appropriation.

FISCAL NOTE: None

Table with 5 columns: NO, YES, A. Rows list board members and their votes: LaFontaine, D; Rozar, D; Feirer, M; Wagner, E; Fischer, A; Breu, A; Ashbeck, R; Hahn, J; Winch, W; Thao, L; Curry, K; Valenstein, L; Hokamp, J; Polach, D; Clendenning, B; Pliml, L; Zurfluh, J; Hamilton, B; Leichtnam, B.

WHEREAS, this bill requires the Department of Natural Resources, under its statewide program to control invasive species, to award up to \$100,000 in each fiscal year in the 2021-23 fiscal biennium in grants to local governments or American Indian tribes or bands that have declared wild parsnip to be a noxious weed for projects on public or private land to map, control, eradicate, monitor, and minimize the spread of wild parsnip. The bill allows a grant recipient to collaborate with a regional conservation organization on a project funded by the grant, and

WHEREAS, the bill appropriates \$50,000 in each fiscal year in the 2021-23 fiscal biennium to the Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation.

WHEREAS, under the program established under par. (a) and from the appropriation under s. 20.370 (6) (dd), the department shall award up to \$100,000 in grants to counties, cities, villages, towns, or federally recognized American Indians tribes or bands in each fiscal year for projects to map, control, eradicate, monitor, and minimize the spread of wild parsnip on public or private land. To be eligible for a grant under this paragraph, an applicant must have, by ordinance or resolution, declared wild parsnip to be a noxious weed. A weed commissioner may apply for a grant under this paragraph on behalf of a county, city, village, or town. The recipient of a grant may collaborate with a regional conservation organization on a project funded by the grant. The department may promulgate rules to administer this grant program.

WHEREAS, the Wood County Board of Supervisors declared Wild Parsnip a noxious weed on March 21, 2017 and appointed a weed commissioner on June 21, 2017 by resolutions. By taking these actions, the County would be eligible for these Grants.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wood County Board of Supervisors supports Senate Bill 346, which creates a grant program to control invasive species in each fiscal year in the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium to local governments who qualify.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution in support of Senate Bill 346, be forwarded to Governor Evers, those state legislators that represent Wood & Portage Counties, Towns Association and to the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy, Joint Finance Committee.

Signatures of Kenneth Curry, Robert Ashbeck, Jake Hahn, Dave LaFontaine, Bill Leichtnam, Carmen Good - Citizen Member, County Clerk, and County Board Chairman. Date: 19th day of October 20 21.