

Legislative Update

A Review of the 2011–2012 Legislative Session

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Agenda

- ▶ 2011-2013 State Budget
- ▶ 2011-2012 Legislative Session
- ▶ A Look Ahead to Next Session



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- ▶ 2011-2013 State Budget
 - Priority funding items were protected:
 - Lake Classification Funding
 - Aquatic Invasive Species Funding
 - Bonding Authority for Best Management Practices in the Targeted Runoff Management Program
 - Phosphorous Rule repeal/delay was successfully defeated



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- Administrative Rule-Making (Act 21)

Expands power of the Governor over the rule-making process, requires business impact analyses to be completed, no health or environmental analyses required, etc.



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 - DNR Permitting Processes (Act 167)

Includes timetable for DNR completion of permit application review, existing piers grandfathered – registration of those no longer required, etc. Final bill differed significantly from original version (removed default approval of applications, high capacity well, mining, and oil and gas exploration permit approval provisions among other items).



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 - Wetland Permitting Processes (Act 118)

Removes requirement that developers must first consider alternative sites that do not contain wetlands, mitigation may occur far from wetlands being filled, etc.



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 - Nonconfirming Structures (Act 170)

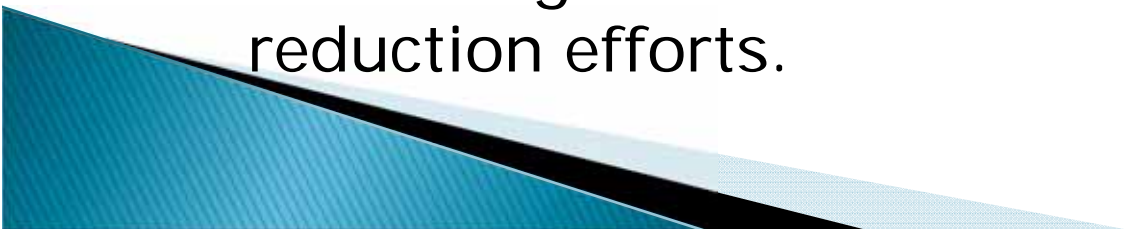
Counties prohibited from enacting shoreland zoning ordinances regarding nonconforming structures more restrictive than DNR statewide regulation.



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- ▶ 2011 - 2012 Legislative Session
 - Water Pollution Trading Credits (Act 151)

Allows someone who has obtained a water pollution permit to discharge more than they would normally under that permit if that person reaches agreement with another person who reduces the amount of pollution they are discharging or if payment is made to the DNR or the local government for water pollution reduction efforts.



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- ▶ 2011-2012 Legislative Session
 - What didn't pass?
 - Mining Permitting Reform
 - Turf Fertilizer Retailing Revisions



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- ▶ A look ahead to 2013-2014
 - Development of WI Lakes 2013-2014 Legislative Agenda (including 2013-2015 Biennial State Budget priorities).
 - Begins this month with the development of survey to all members and other stakeholders and experts regarding issues of importance to them and the protection of our lakes. Will culminate in Board of Directors approval of agenda in fall of 2012, roll-out of agenda in November, 2012.



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- ▶ A look ahead to 2013-2014
 - Political context may be quite different than in the recent past – possibility that the two political parties may be sharing power for the first time in 4 years.



Resources

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