



January 31, 2019

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Madison, WI 53703

Re: Protecting Wisconsin's land and water

Dear Governor Evers,

As you and your staff begin to draft legislation and prepare a biennial budget, we at the Lumberjack Resource Conservation & Development Council feel the following items promote economically-prudent, environmentally-friendly forest, farm & landscape policy geared toward revitalizing Wisconsin's lands and rural communities. In no order, they include:

- Expanding scientific staffing
- Appointing environmentally-conscious department heads
- Developing farm policies that encourage family rather than factory farms
- Drafting law that prevents the building of CAFOs on soils (limestone & sand) where ground or surface water pollution and/or well contamination could occur
- Drafting law that protects ground and surface waters
- Reviewing shoreland zoning legislation that rolled back habitat and erosion protections
- Ensuring that Wisconsin's federal, state and private forested lands are protected and that current best management practices are encouraged during forest re-generation, growth, maintenance & harvest
- Protecting Wisconsin lands and waters from the threat of invasive species by supporting increased state funding to groups on the front lines of this fight, such as local CISMAs, Tribes, RC&Ds and County Conservation Departments

Our RC&D would be happy to discuss these conservation items and are willing to be part of conservation task forces being established for the above-mentioned reasons.

On behalf of the Lumberjack RC&D, we appreciate your consideration.

Respectfully,

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President Robert Hermes, Lumberjack RC&D Council, Inc.

cc: Senator Thomas Tiffany  
Senator Dave Hansen  
Senator Robert Cowles  
Representative Gary Tauchen

Representative Mary Felzkowski  
Representative Jeffrey Mursau  
Representative Rob Swearingen  
Representation John Nygren