

WISCONSIN LANDSCAPES

Citizens United for Responsible Land Use

SPECIAL EDITION

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Two major land conservation initiatives proposed by 1000 Friends **MAY** be added to the state budget **IF** we can convince legislators to support them.

NOW is the time to voice your support for these initiatives to your state legislators.

You Can Make a Difference in Minutes

We have designed this legislative action guide to be *quick and easy* to use. It will take you only a few minutes to read and sign the enclosed letter and put it in the mail, but the results of a successful effort could last for generations.

Stewardship & Smart Growth

1000 Friends is lobbying for two major land conservation initiatives to be added to the state budget.

Our Stewardship Fund initiative would:

1. Bring the program back to its original buying power. It has lost half of its buying power to inflation in land prices since 1990.
2. Add new conservation initiatives for wild lakes, connecting the Kettle Moraine units, bluff protection and purchase of conservation easements programs.
3. Index the program to inflation so that its buying power is not eroded again.

Our Smart Growth proposal would:

1. Require every community in Wisconsin to have a comprehensive land use plan in place by 2010. (Only one-third of Wisconsin communities has a plan today.)

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Two Historic Land Use Initiatives in the State Budget

2. Require communities to follow their plans. (Even communities with good plans often ignore them.)
3. Link state aids to planning and plan enforcement. (Sixty percent of the state budget goes to aids to local governments, yet there is no planning requirement to assure that state aids are being spent wisely.)
4. Provide state support for planning.
5. Target state investments to locally designated smart growth areas.

Primer on the State Budget

The state budget is passed every other year. It is a massive document with \$41 billion in revenues and spending which affect hundreds of programs. Between now and about June 1st, the Joint Finance Committee (a committee of eight State Representatives and eight State Senators, half of whom are Republicans and half Democrats) will vote on various aspects of the budget. Then the budget, with changes added by Joint Finance, will be considered by the Assembly and then the Senate. The budget should be sent back to the Governor for his signature around the Fourth of July.

Joint Finance is Key; May is the Time

The 16 members of the Joint Finance Committee will have the most

significant impact on the final budget. We will try to get our initiatives adopted by Joint Finance in budget amendments. We need to get at least nine of the 16 committee members to support our initiatives for them to be adopted. **The committee is considering the budget now and they may act on our proposals any time in May. So, we need you to contact them now.**

Here's How To Help

1. Read, sign and send the letter inserted in this newsletter to the member of the Joint Finance Committee who is from the community closest to yours. The letter describes what we're proposing. If you need more information, call us at (608) 259-1000. If you don't like the letter we've written, say it in your own words. (A personal letter is actually most effective, but many people don't have time to write their own.)

2. How do I know which legislator to send the letter to? Find the "J" number on your mailing label. The "J" number corresponds to the district number of the Joint Finance Committee member closest to you. Legislators and district numbers are listed on pages 2 & 3 of this newsletter. **Mail your letter as soon as you can. Joint Finance could get to our proposals any time in May.**
Thank you! You've already made a

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terrific contribution!

How To Do More

If you want to make an even bigger contribution to the effort, please consider doing any of the three things listed below.

1. Write your own legislators. Make two copies of the letter. Send one to your Representative and one to your Senator. You'll find their district numbers ("R" for Representative; "S" for Senator) on your mailing label. Ultimately every legislator will have a vote on the budget and legislators respond best to their own constituents.

2. Involve your friends and neighbors. Make more copies and ask your friends and neighbors to send them.

3. Follow up with a phone call. A few days after you send your letters, follow up with phone calls. Ask if your letter was received and the legislator's response. Always be polite and don't expect a very specific answer. The call itself shows you care and raises the



How to reach your Senators

The address for all Senators is:
 Senator (insert name)
 P.O. Box 7882
 Madison, WI 53707-7882



Senators

District (S)	Name	Phone (608)
1	Alan Lasee	266-3512
2	Robert Cowles	266-0484
3	Brian Burke	266-8535
4	Gwendolynne Moore	266-5810
5	Peggy Rosenzweig	266-2512
6	Gary George	266-2500
7	Richard Grobschmidt	266-7505
8	Alberta Darling	266-5830
9	James Baumgart	266-2056
10	Alice Clausing	266-7745
11	Joanne Huelsman	266-2635
12	Roger Breske	266-2509
13	Scott Fitzgerald	266-5660
14	Robert Welch	266-0751
15	Judy Robson	266-2253
16	Charles Chvala	266-9170
17	Dale Schultz	266-0703
18	Carol Roessler	266-5300
19	Michael Ellis	266-0718
20	Mary Panzer	266-7513
21	Kimberly Plache	266-1831
22	Robert Wirch	267-8979
23	David Zein	266-7511
24	Kevin Shibilski	266-3123
25	Robert Jauch	266-3510
26	Fred Risser	266-1627
27	Jon Erpenbach	266-6670
28	Mary Lazich	266-5400
29	Russell Decker	266-2502
30	Gary Drzeweicki	266-5670
31	Rodney Moen	266-8546
32	Brian Rude	266-5490
33	Margaret Farrow	266-9174

Joint Finance Committee Members

(J) District	Title	Name	Address	Phone (608)
2	Senator	Robert Cowles	P.O. Box 7882, Madison, 53707	266-0484
3	Senator	Brian Burke	P.O. Box 7882, Madison, 53707	266-8535
4	Senator	Gwendolynne Moore	P.O. Box 7882, Madison, 53707	266-5810
18	Representative	Antonio Riley	P.O. Box 8953, Madison, 53708	266-0645
20	Senator	Mary Panzer	P.O. Box 7882, Madison, 53707	266-7513
21	Senator	Kimberly Plache	P.O. Box 7882, Madison, 53707	266-1832
24	Senator	Kevin Shibilski	P.O. Box 7882, Madison, 53707	266-3123
25	Senator	Robert Jauch	P.O. Box 7882, Madison, 53707	266-3510
29	Senator	Russell Decker	P.O. Box 7882, Madison, 53707	266-2502
37	Representative	David Ward	P.O. Box 8953, Madison, 53708	266-3790
50	Representative	Sheryl Albers	P.O. Box 8952, Madison, 53708	266-8531
55	Representative	Dean Kaufert	P.O. Box 8952, Madison, 53708	266-5719
66	Representative	Cloyd Porter	P.O. Box 8953, Madison, 53708	266-2530
85	Representative	Gregory Huber	P.O. Box 8952, Madison, 53708	266-0654
89	Representative	John Gard	P.O. Box 8952, Madison, 53708	266-2343

Representatives

District (R)	Name	Phone (608)			
1	David Hutchison	266-5350	56	Judith Klusman	266-7500
2	Frank Lasee	266-9870	57	Steve Wieckert	266-3070
3	Alvin Ott	266-5831	58	Michael Lehman	267-2367
4	Phil Montgomery	266-5840	59	Glenn Grothman	264-8486
5	Lee Meyerhofer	266-2418	60	Timothy Hoven	267-2369
6	John Ainsworth	266-3097	61	Robert Turner	266-0731
7	Peter Bock	266-8580	62	John Lehman	266-0634
8	Pedro Colon	267-7669	63	Bonnie Ladwig	266-9171
9	Tim Carpenter	266-1707	64	James Kreuser	266-5504
10	Annette Williams	266-0960	65	John Steinbrink	266-0455
11	Johnnie Morris-Tatum	266-3756	66	Cloyd Porter	266-2530
12	Shirley Krug	266-5813	67	Tom Sykora	266-1194
13	David Cullen	267-9836	68	Larry Balow	266-9172
14	Scott Walker	266-9180	69	Scott Suder	267-0280
15	Tony Staskunas	266-0620	70	Donald Hasenohrl	266-8366
16	Leon Young	266-3786	71	Julie Lassa	267-9649
17	Spencer Coggs	266-5580	72	Marlin Schneider	266-0215
18	Antonio Riley	266-0645	73	Frank Boyle	266-0640
19	Jon Richards	266-0650	74	Gary Sherman	266-7690
20	Christine Sinicki	266-8588	75	Mary Hubler	266-2519
21	Jeffrey Plale	266-0610	76	Terese Berceau	266-3784
22	Sheldon Wasserman	266-7671	77	Spencer Black	266-7521
23	John La Fave	266-0486	78	Mark Pocan	266-8570
24	Suzanne Jeskewitz	266-3796	79	Richard Skindrud	266-3520
25	Robert Ziegelbauer	266-0315	80	Michael Powers	266-1192
26	Joseph Leibham	266-0656	81	Dave Travis	266-5340
27	Steve Kestell	266-8530	82	Jeff Stone	266-8590
28	Mark Pettis	267-2365	83	Scott Gunderson	266-3363
29	Joe Plouff	266-7056	84	Mark Gundrum	267-5158
30	Kitty Rhoades	266-1526	85	Gregory Huber	266-0654
31	Stephen Nass	266-5715	86	Jerry Petrowski	266-1182
32	Scott Jensen	266-3387	87	Martin Reynolds	266-7506
33	Daniel Vrakas	266-3007	88	Carol Kelso	266-0485
34	Joe Handrick	266-7141	89	John Gard	266-2343
35	Sarah Waukau	266-3866	90	John Ryba	266-0616
36	Lorraine Seratti	266-3780	91	Barbara Gronemus	266-7015
37	David Ward	266-3790	92	Terry Musser	266-7461
38	Steven Foti	266-2401	93	Robin Kreibich	266-0660
39	Robert Goetsch	266-2540	94	Michael Huebsch	266-0631
40	Jean Hundertmark	266-3794	95	Mark Meyer	266-5780
41	Luther Olsen	266-8077	96	DuWayne Johnsrud	266-3534
42	Joan Spillner	266-7746	97	Margaret Krusick	266-7133
43	Neal Kedzie	266-9650	98	Marc Duff	266-1190
44	Wayne Wood	266-7503	99	Frank Urban	266-9175
45	Dan Schoof	266-9967			
46	Tom Hebl	266-7678			
47	Eugene Hahn	266-3404			
48	Mark Miller	266-5342			
49	David Brandemuehl	266-1170			
50	Sheryl Albers	266-8531			
51	Stephen Freese	266-7502			
52	John Townsend	266-3156			
53	Carol Owens	267-7990			
54	Gregg Underheim	266-2254			
55	Dean Kaufert	266-5719			
District (R)	Name	Phone (608)			

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 Madison, WI 53708

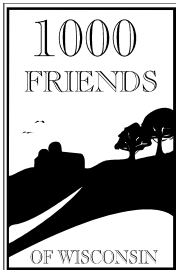
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See inside the newsletter for how to use these numbers.

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May, 1999

Dear

I am writing today to voice my strong support for two state budget initiatives being proposed by 1000 Friends of Wisconsin.

The first 1000 Friends initiative is called Smart Growth for Wisconsin. Sponsored by Joint Finance Co-Chair Senator Brian Burke, it would do the following:

- Require every Wisconsin community to have a comprehensive Smart Growth Plan by 2010. Currently, only 29% of Wisconsin communities have land use plans and many have not been updated in years.
- Provide 75% state funding for local plans, so that this will not be an unfunded state mandate on local governments.
- Link state aids to good plans and their enforcement. As you know, sixty percent of my state tax dollars go to help support local government services. When communities grow inefficiently by sprawling across the countryside it is more expensive to provide services. Sprawl development puts more pressure on state taxpayers. Communities which allow sprawl development should not be rewarded with more state aids.
- Target state investments like economic development tools, roads and state buildings to Smart Growth Areas designated by local communities under state guidelines.

The second proposal would improve the state Stewardship Fund in the following ways:

- It would bring the program back to its original 1990 buying power and index it to land price increases. Stewardship has lost over half of its buying power because it has been frozen at \$25 million per year while land prices have risen an average of over 6% per year. The rest of the state budget has increased by 50% since 1990.
- It would add new conservation initiatives to protect wild lakes and bluffs, to connect the Kettle Moraine units and to provide a match grant for local communities which enact purchase of conservation easements programs. To meet these needs, Stewardship would become a \$60 million a year program.

The needs are great. Increases in visitors to our state parks have outpaced the growth in park acres by 25% since 1960. Six out of ten northern lakes which were pristine thirty years ago are developed today. We have lost half our native wetlands and over 99% of prairies and oak savannas. It's time to save what's left of our natural heritage and to ensure recreational and educational outdoor opportunities for future generations. **At one tenth of one percent of the state budget, Stewardship is worth it.**

By the time you receive this letter, you will have also received a letter directly from 1000 Friends outlining their budget proposals in more detail. If you have questions or would like to add your name to a list of legislators supporting these initiatives and especially if you would like to help with a leadership role, please contact 1000 Friends Director Dave Cieslewicz at (608) 259-1000.

Best wishes on your budget deliberations. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Address:
