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**Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources**
**Natural Resources Board Agenda Item**

Item No. 5.A.1.

**SUBJECT:** The Economic and Fiscal Impact of Wisconsin's Brownfields Investments - A report commissioned by the Wisconsin Brownfields Study Group

**FOR: May 2016 Board meeting**

**TO BE PRESENTED BY:** Patrick Stevens, Environmental Management Division Administrator and David Misky, Co-Chair, Wisconsin Brownfields Study Group and Executive Director-Secretary of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee

**SUMMARY:**


The Brownfields Study Group, an independent external advisory group, in partnership with the Wisconsin Economic Development Association/Institute, commissioned a study to quantify the economic impact of state financial assistance that is provided to local governments to help move environmental cleanup projects forward. The study was published in November 2015. The Brownfields Study Group would like to share an overview of study findings with the Natural Resources Board.

The Fiscal and Economic Research Center at University of Wisconsin - Whitewater, and Redvelopment Economics, Inc., were selected to conduct the impact study through a competitve RFP-process in late 2014. Center Director Russ Kashian, Ph.D., and Redevelopment Economics, Inc., Principal Evans Paull, co-directed research and writing for the study.

DNR and WEDC staff responded to researcher requests for data and program information, but were not otherwise involved in the research, analysis or writing of the UWW Report. No state funding was used to pay for the Report. A list of study sponsors is available on pages iii-iv of the Report. The UWW economic impact report, along with a summary brochure, is availabe at http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Brownfields/bsg.html.


**RECOMMENDATION:** Information only

**LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS (check all that are applicable):**

☐ Background memo ☐ ☐

☒ The Economic and Fiscal Impact of Wisconsin's Brownfields Investments

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cc: Board Liaison – AD/8