

Citizen Resolution # 130416

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Renew and increase funding for the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program in the next budget.

A key means to purchasing and supporting public lands in Wisconsin for the preservation of valuable natural areas and wildlife habitat, protect water quality and fisheries, and expand opportunities for outdoor recreation is with the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program.

The conservation and recreation goals of the Stewardship Program are achieved through the acquisition of land and easements, development of recreational facilities, and restoration of wildlife habitat.

I am concerned the Stewardship program could be eliminated or passed with reduced funding and that would hurt the long term access to quality public land in Wisconsin.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Dane county on April 11, 2016 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department of Natural Resources and Natural Resource Board to educate the legislature concerning the importance of renewing and increasing funding to the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program in the next biennial budget.

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