

Impacts of 2017 Wisconsin Act 183 on DNR's Waterways Program

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Act 183 Components

- A. Brief Overview of Act 183
- B. Wetland Study Council
- C. Wetland Permit Exemptions and Mitigation Requirements
- D. Wetland Identification and Confirmation Service
- E. Other Act 183 Measures

Act 183 Exemptions and Waterways Programs Impacts

- A. Data Review/Total numbers on wetland exemption requests by type (2019-2022)
- B. Differences in Application Types and Fees for Wetland Exemption Requests
- C. Impacts on Fee Revenue Collected
- D. Impacts on Waterways Program Staff Workload
 - a. 15-day review time
 - b. Hours spent on review
 - c. Intensity of review of certain projects
 - d. Diversion of customer service and review of fee-based projects.
- E. Statewide/County distribution of exemption requests

Act 183: 6 Years on and Moving Forward

- A. Fee Revenue and Workload Stress in the Waterways Program
- B. Number of Wetlands filled in the landscape and impacts on functional values.
- C. Suggestions to addressing Act 183's Impacts to Waterways Program
 - a. Statutory Fee Proposal
 - b. Staffing Increase Approvals
 - c. Additional Options

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