

2021-23 Wisconsin State Budget

Sierra Club Ask	Gov Evers Proposed Budget	JFC/Legislative Budget	Other possibilities for moving initiative forward
County Conservation Staffing	\$3,600,000 SEG in FY22 and \$3,708,000 SEG in FY23 for grants to counties for county conservation staff + \$1,800,000 GPR in each year for grants to counties for additional county conservation staff	Base budget funding, removing additional funding proposed by Gov	We need the legislature to take action on this (A bill was proposed following the Task Force on Water Quality sessions , but the Legislature has yet to do anything on it.)
Replacement of Lead Service Lines	funding under the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program for the replacement of lead service lines (\$40m for FY22).	This program was removed	There is a possibility that federal COVID relief dollars could help address this at the state or local level
Double Focus on Energy	allow the commission to double the funds available to the Focus on Energy program to 2.4 percent of each utility's annual operating revenues. The Governor also recommends creating a dedicated program targeted at helping low income energy customers.	Increase and updates to the program were removed from the budget	<p>We need new legislation in order to accomplish this</p> <p>There are other opportunities to get more energy efficiency funding including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We Energies should be funding an energy efficiency and weatherization program that alleviates energy burden in Milwaukee • The City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County is considering a proposal to fund an on-bill financing program to pay for housing improvements that reduce energy bills
No I94 Enumeration	enumeration of the I-94 East-West project roughly between the Marquette and Zoo interchanges in Milwaukee County.	Enumeration of I94 E/W	The I94 E/W project does not have completed studies nor a federal record of decision, presenting other venues for advocacy

			The Governor still has the opportunity to cancel the project and the Dept of Transportation has committed to a thorough process for public input before moving forward
Increase to Mass Transit Operating Aids by \$50m/year.	increasing general transit aids by 2.5 percent in calendar year 2022 (\$705,900) and calendar year 2023 (\$2,841,400).	Cut transit aid funding 50% from Madison and Milwaukee; 2.5% increase in FY 2023	Federal COVID relief dollars to Madison and Milwaukee could cover the gaps the budget left. Additionally, Bus Rapid Transit is moving forward in Madison and Milwaukee, which will provide additional transit options in these places.
Increase paratransit and specialized transit	Increases to paratransit and specialized transit	Ups Paratransit Aids by 2.5% each year and funding for the specialized transportation assistance program for seniors and individuals with disabilities by 2.5% annually.	
Transportation Alternatives Program to \$10m/year	additional funding for the transportation alternatives program in each year (\$1m per year)	Eliminated the increase	The Knowles Nelson Stewardship Program and similar programs could be used for hiking and biking trails.
Enable RTAs	exclusion to county and municipal levy limits for cross-municipality transit routes where the counties and municipalities meet a number of criteria	Removed this measure	The legislature needs to act on this critical measure
PFAS Action Plan	Development, fund and implementation of a per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances action plan	Removed this program	The DNR is working on new protections for PFAS The CLEAR Act has been introduced that provides a comprehensive solution to PFAS

Stewardship Reauthorization at \$70m/year for 10 years	extending the Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson Stewardship 2000 Program until fiscal year 2031-32 at \$70 million per year	Reauthorization and base budget funding, which removed the increase in funds proposed by Gov	We can protect some of Wisconsin's public lands by opposing destructive proposals that would harm our state parks, like Kohler Company's plans to build a golf course by disrupting the Kohler-Andrae state park.
Free Admission to State Parks for Fourth Graders	Recommends this policy + GPR transfer to the department to make up for the revenue lost under this initiative (estimated at \$243,600 in each year)	Removed this program	Separate legislation has been introduced on this program with bipartisan support
Well Compensation	funding for financial assistance under the well compensation program	Base budget funding, removed the increase in funds proposed by Gov	We need the legislature to take action on this (A bill was proposed following the Task Force on Water Quality sessions , but the Legislature has yet to do anything on it.)
CAFO fees	increasing the annual fee assessed to operators of concentrated animal feeding operations and establishing an application fee for new operators of a concentrated animal feeding operation	Base budget funding, removed the increase in funds proposed by Gov	
Other climate & EJ initiatives	Water stewardship grant program, social cost of carbon, low cost debt financing of clean energy, securitization of power plants, bonding for EVs, complete streets, eminent domain for non motorized paths, drivers licenses for undocumented people, automatic voter registration urban forestry program, flood controls, runoff management, ban on coal tar based sealants, auxiliary container ban, tribal relations program, environmental justice office, Equity and Inclusion staff, local grants to pursue carbon-free, renewable energy incentives, green job training	Removed any new programs and the increase in funds proposed by Gov	The Climate Change Task Force, and some agencies like the PSC through the Roadmap to Zero Docket, continue to pursue administrative options for implementing some of these programs.