


Wisconsin Update

A scenic photograph of a rocky shoreline with dense green trees and blue water under a clear sky. The foreground shows the surface of the water with gentle ripples. The middle ground features a prominent rock formation with a thick forest of green trees growing on top. The background shows a clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds.

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Buffer installations along tributaries to the Great Lakes

- Work with county governments, Dept. of Agriculture, USDA CREP program and landowners
 - Cash incentives to landowners for installations
 - Big Benefits:
 - Removes nutrients- P, N & other pollutants
 - Removes sediment loads
 - Provides habitat for terrestrial species & improves fish habitat
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Conservation Buffer



Protecting
Northern Pike
Spawning Habitat
In Partnership with:

<small>GREAT LAKES PROTECTION FUND ONTARIO LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT WSW</small>	<small>GLACIERLAND ROAD ONONDAGA NATION USGA-NACS</small>
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Wisconsin's Compact Implementing Legislation

- Extensive stakeholder engagement
- Act 227 - 50+ page
- Senate vote: 32-1,
Assembly vote: 96-1
- Gov. Doyle signed
May 27th, 2008
- Rules to implement



Wisconsin's Great Lakes Basins

- 1/3 of state area is in the Great Lakes Basin
 - 1/2 of state's population is in Great Lakes Basin
 - The Basin boundary is very close to Lake Michigan in the SE part of the state that has major populations and water quantity and quality issues.
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Implementation Specifics

- Statewide registration and reporting all current users
 - Decision Making Standard applied to new or increased withdrawal projects >1 MGD
 - Diversions – Decision Making Standard, consistent with Water Supply Service Area Plans for new applications
 - Water Supply Service Area Plans
 - State Water Use Report
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Water Conservation

- Tiered program with increasing requirements
 - Voluntary to greatest rigor
 - In basin, Out of basin diversion-- straddling community/county, large water losses
- Details in rulemaking





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