

# Rep. Kitchens: Statement on Gov. Walker Signing the Producer-Led Watershed Grant Bill

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MADISON- State Representative Joel Kitchens (R-Sturgeon Bay) released the following statement after Governor Walker signed the Producer-Led Watershed Grant Bill into law:

“I am delighted that Governor Walker has signed my Producer-Led Watershed Grant Bill, which I authored with Senator Rob Cowles (R- Green Bay). This important bill will increase the amount available for Producer-Led Watershed Protection Grants given out by DATCP by \$500,000 each year in the 17-18 and 18-19 fiscal years.

“Farmers are great problem solvers and they will play a vital role in solving our water problems. Grants such as these will allow farmers to explore new technologies and innovative processes available for land and water conservation that they otherwise would not be able to access. I believe this is another step forward in providing producer-led groups the tools needed to have a positive impact on our water quality.

“This bill is part of my continued effort to bring the agriculture and conservation communities together in working toward the common goal of protecting our ground and surface water. I believe this bill will play a role in changing our approach to these issues it will have an impact throughout our great state.”