

Wisconsin Conservation Voters: Clean water, clean energy: Gov. Evers' budget is a bold vision

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MADISON – With his proposed budget tonight, Gov. Tony Evers made a bold, visionary commitment to clean energy, clean water, and science-based policy.

Governor Evers' proposed budget includes a call for Wisconsin to set a statutory goal to have all electricity produced in the state be carbon-free by 2050. It also commits resources to fight the state's drinking water crisis on multiple fronts, and it creates an Office of Sustainability and Clean Energy at the Department of Administration.

Executive Director Kerry Schumann had this to say about Gov. Evers' budget:

“Gov. Evers' budget tackles two of the most significant problems we face as a state: unsafe drinking water and climate change. His budget embraces science, sets Wisconsin on a path to 100 percent renewable energy by 2050, and combats the drinking water crisis in the state, from manure to lead to emerging contaminants like toxic firefighting foam.

Over and over, voters across the state made it clear that these are the issues that top their concerns. Tonight, Governor Evers showed that he is listening to Wisconsinites. If approved, this budget has the potential to protect Wisconsin families, create jobs, and mitigate our role in climate change. We applaud the

Governor for this bold budget.

We are disappointed that Governor Evers failed to reauthorize the Knowles Nelson Stewardship Program. We appreciate his plan to bring diverse stakeholders together to determine the next phase of the program but are disappointed that his budget only allocates funding for two years at current levels. We'll work with his Administration and the entire legislature to support and enhance this important program in this budget and into the future.

We thank Gov. Evers for this bold vision for Wisconsin's future. We look forward to working with his Administration and legislators to make this budget a reality."