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Rep. Kitchens: State parks water infrastructure bill becomes law

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MADISON, Wis. – Rep. Joel Kitchens (R-Sturgeon Bay) is honored that the governor has signed into law his bill that protects the health of the 22 million people who visit Wisconsin's state parks every year.

Act 173 will provide up to $5.6 million in authorized but unobligated Knowles-Nelson Stewardship funds to complete critical health- and safety-related water infrastructure projects at Wisconsin's high-demand state parks.

"Clean water helps to ensure that our visitors have a positive experience at our state parks and that their health is being safeguarded," Rep. Kitchens said. "It is imperative that we continue to maintain our infrastructure in a fiscally-responsible manner so that our state park system can be enjoyed for generations to come."

Specifically in Door County, Potawatomi State Park and Newport State Park will receive a portion of the $5.6 million to install new water lines that will connect to their campgrounds, day-use areas, headquarters, shops and shower facilities.

Potawatomi will also be getting some of the funding to construct new wells throughout the park.

"We take pride in the beautiful state parks in our area and they are an important economic driver," Rep. Kitchens said. "We know that visitors will likely be turned off by old and malfunctioning facilities, which increases the chances that they may never come back again."