

# Sen. Cowles: Earth Day in the 2021-22 Legislative Session

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GREEN BAY- Senator Robert Cowles (R-Green Bay) released the following statement on Earth Day:

*“Sustainable natural resources policy isn’t a catch phrase – it’s a focus of some common-sense, bipartisan policies year-round in the Wisconsin State Senate. As Co-Chair of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy, I’ve had the pleasure to lead a number of these efforts, including bills that were signed into law in the 2021-22 Legislative Session which will:*

- 1. Expand the Commercial-Property Assessed Clean Energy Program;*
- 2. Create new voluntary agricultural programs to tackle nitrate leaching;*
- 3. Ease the permitting burdens for beneficial hydrologic restoration projects;*
- 4. Provide over \$5 million to address backlogged water infrastructure projects in State Parks;*
- 5. Reduce costs to remove in-building environmental hazards in redevelopment projects;*
- 6. Create a rural electronics recycling grant program and make other recommended E-Cycle changes;*
- 7. Provide funding to collect and properly dispose of unwanted PFAS-containing firefighting foam, and;*
- 8. Lessen a water utilities’ administrative burdens to reduce the time and costs for clean water projects.*

*“These are just the bills that I’ve authored that were signed into law this session,*

*but there's others that didn't quite make it over the finish line and more authored by fellow Republicans which I supported that also target sensible natural resources policy for the State of Wisconsin. A proper balance not only protects the environment, but it enhances tourism, grows our business climate, and improves our standard of living. I look forward to continuing to promote bills that achieve this balance in the next Legislative Session."*