

## Wisconsin Water Alliance

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The Wisconsin Water Alliance applauds the passage of AB547, the wetlands reform bill. Eliminating onerous regulations regarding isolated wetlands is helpful in moving forward economic development and pushing our strong economy. Wisconsin is one of only a few states to regulate these isolated wetlands. Under AB547 only two percent of all state regulated wetlands would be affected. The state of Wisconsin has over five million acres of wetlands.

"Streamlining the process for developers only helps to keep Wisconsin's economy moving in the right direction. No federal wetlands will be impacted under this bill, while also leaving 98 percent of state regulated wetlands alone," said Dan Ellsworth, President of the Wisconsin Water Alliance.

WWA urges the Wisconsin State Senate to go along with this provision and send the bill to Governor Walker for final approval.