

Support for the removal of Notice of Intent/Notice of Discharge funds administered by Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection from the allocation funding formula used within the annual Soil and Water Resource Management Grant Program

Whereas, both the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) offer cost-share funding grants under the Notice of Intent/ Notice of Discharge (NOI/NOD) program, and

Whereas, NOI/NOD funded grants are awarded to governmental units, such as counties, working with owners and operators of livestock operations to meet pollution control requirements imposed by the DNR, and

Whereas, NOI/NOD grant applications are submitted to DNR through the Regional DNR coordinator, and subsequently bundled and reviewed jointly by DATCP and DNR to determine the funding source, and

Whereas, governmental units applying for NOI/NOD grants have no control over the determination of the funding source, and

Whereas, if the NOI/NOD grant is subsequently funded by DATCP, these funds become a part of the DATCP annual allocation funding formula as bond cost-share funds within the Soil and Water Resource Management Grant Program, which are subject to the underspending penalty contained within the annual allocation funding formula, and

Whereas, being penalized within the annual allocation funding formula may cause governmental units to not apply for NOI/NOD grants,

Now therefore it be resolved, the Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association respectfully requests DATCP to remove the DATCP funded NOI/NOD grants from the annual allocation funding formula within the Soil and Water Resource Management Grant Program, and

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be directed to the attention of Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Board, the DATCP Secretary, and the Director of the Bureau of Land and Water Resources – DATCP.

Adopted by the West Central Land+Water Conservation Association on March 14, 2018