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On Earth Day, Rep. Spreitzer Proud to Stand Up for Wisconsin's Natural Resources

Republican budget would do serious harm to our state's outdoor heritage

MADISON – Today Rep. Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit) celebrated Earth Day and vowed to protect the tremendous resources that have made Wisconsin prosperous for generations. Earth Day was founded in 1970 by Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson and kicked off a series of critical reforms that have helped preserve land, water and air in Wisconsin and across the nation.

“As a member of the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage, I am proud to fight to protect our natural resources and stand up for the conservation traditions Senator Nelson worked to preserve throughout his career,” Rep. Spreitzer said. “On Earth Day and all days, we should be working to leave our state and our planet in better shape than we found it so that future generations can live in a healthy world and enjoy the outdoor heritage that has been passed down to us. Unfortunately Republicans are pushing a budget that would do serious harm to Wisconsin’s natural resources, including essentially eliminating the Stewardship program and eliminating important science and education positions at the DNR. We must work together to be treat our environment with respect and ensure future generations can enjoy all Wisconsin has to offer.”

Among other harmful provisions, the Republican budget will freeze our successful Stewardship Program, eliminate 66 science and education positions at the Department of Natural Resources, eliminate state funding for our state parks while increasing fees, and make cuts to important recycling programs.

“The residents of the 45th District and people across Wisconsin have spoken out strongly against the proposed attacks on our environment in Governor Walker’s budget proposal,” Rep. Spreitzer said. “As a legislator, I support responsible policies that protect our natural resources, promote the continued stewardship of Wisconsin lands and invest in clean energy jobs for our citizens. I call on Governor Walker and my Republican colleagues to amend their budget and work with us to ensure our natural resources are secured for generations to come.”

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