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Rep. Considine named 2016 Conservation Champion
First-term legislator calls for restoring state support to DNR

Madison – Today, Rep. Dave Considine (D-Baraboo) thanked the Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters (LCV) for naming him a Conservation Champion in their 2015-2016 Conservation Scorecard. This rating was given to legislators who earned a 100% voting score from the League during the 2015-2016 legislative session.

“I’m honored that the LCV has recognized me as a champion for our environment. Preserving and enhancing our natural resources is an issue that has always been close to my heart, and I am proud to have earned this commendation,” Considine stated.

This recognition comes as the state DNR faces pressure from the public and the Natural Resources Board for a recent audit revealing serious problems in the agency’s enforcement of water pollution laws.

“Having lived on my farm in the Baraboo Bluffs for more than 40 years, I’ve seen the everyday consequences of the decisions we make in the Capitol about our environment. My colleagues in the majority chose to make severe cuts to the DNR’s funding and staff in this session’s budget, refused to restore citizen control of the DNR, chose to ignore science, and defunded our state parks. Now we’re seeing the effects of that lack of respect for our natural resources,” said Considine. “Contaminated drinking water in many places, ranging from Kewaunee County to the former Badger Ammunition Plant in Sauk Prairie, is putting all of our health at risk.

“This audit shows me that we in the legislature – whether we are Conservation Champions or not – need to do a better job of working together to fully support our DNR and create policies together that ensure a healthier environment in our state.”

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