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## **Rep. Stuck Statement on Passage of Wetlands Bill**

MADISON – Today, the Wisconsin State Assembly passed AB 547 which will leave up to 100,000 acres of wetlands in urban areas and 300,000 of wetlands in agricultural areas at risk.

“Wetlands are a critical part of our state and our communities, they not only help to prevent flooding in the spring and during large rain events and help to improve water quality but they also provide an invaluable habitat for a large number of species, both game and otherwise in our state.”

“This bill is yet another step put forward by Republican Legislators at the behest of builders and realtors to make it easier to fill in wetlands, wetlands that once destroyed will never come back. The damage will not only be down to our environment and to the species that rely on these wetlands, but it will cost us, as local taxpayers as well.”

“Local governments will have to spend more money to create artificial wetlands and artificial storm water retention systems in order to prevent and reduce flooding in neighborhoods across their community. In addition, wetlands improve water quality, including removing pollutants from the watershed, if we have to remove this pollutants at water treatment plants instead, local taxpayers will foot the bill.”

“The bottom line is that this bill will have a drastic negative impact on our environment, on species that rely on wetlands for habitat, on our state’s hunting and fishing heritage, and on local communities that experience flooding. I am disappointed that this proposal has been pushed through by Fox Cities area legislators, as we have so many freshwater resources with Lake Winnebago and the Fox River running through our community, bodies of water which provide drinking water for our constituents and recreational opportunities for people from across the State of Wisconsin.”

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