

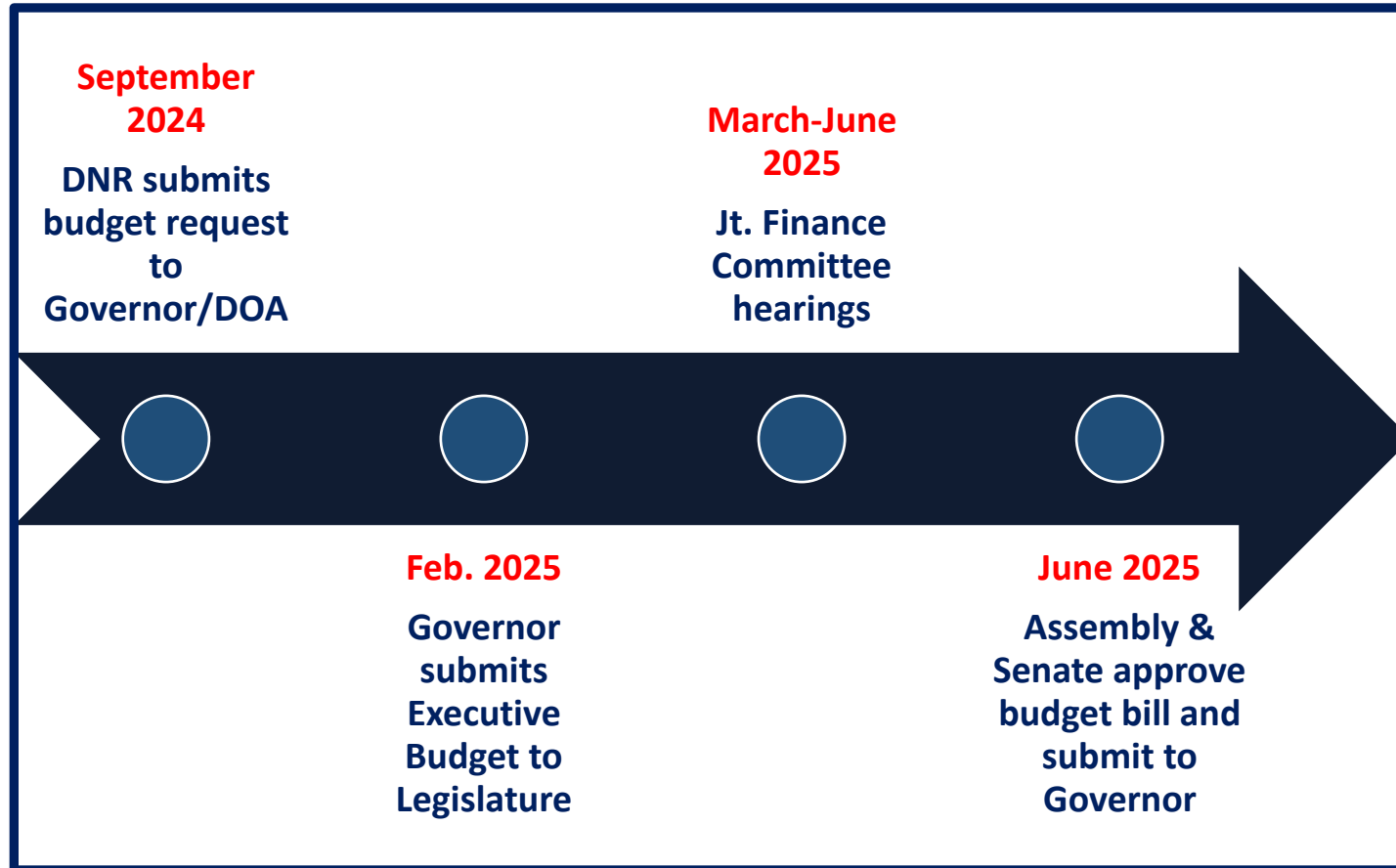
# **Council on Forestry Budget Overview**

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# 2025-27 BIENNIAL BUDGET TIMELINE



# 2025-27 Governor's Budget

<b>2025-27 BIENNIAL BUDGET, GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION</b> <b>FUNDING SOURCE SUMMARY (2-Year Totals)</b> <small>(millions \$)*</small>					
<b>Funding Category</b>	<b>Adjusted Base Budget</b>	<b>2025-27 Standard Budget Adjustments</b>	<b>2025-27 Proposed New Budget Initiatives</b>	<b>2025-27 Total Budget Request</b>	<b>%of Total Budget</b>
Conservation Fund	592.3	13.7	63.8	669.9	44.8%
General Purpose Revenue (GPR)	198.4	1.7	46.2	246.4	16.5%
Federal	202.6	(3.3)	--	199.4	13.3%
Environmental Fund	120.0	10.4	30.8	161.2	10.8%
PFAS Trust Fund	--	--	133.0	133.0	8.9%
Program Revenue	66.9	(2.1)	0.3	65.1	4.4%
Petroleum Inspection Fund (PIF)	14.6	0.4	0.3	15.3	1.0%
Tribal Gaming Agreement Revenue	3.7	0.1	(0.7)	3.1	0.2%
Environmental Improvement Fund (EIF)	4.8	(2.7)	--	2.1	0.1%
Dry Cleaner Environmental Response Fund (DERF)	2.0	(0.5)	(1.5)	--	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,205.3</b>	<b>\$17.9</b>	<b>\$272.3</b>	<b>\$1,495.6</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

\*Totals may vary slightly due to rounding

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## Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Reauthorization

Stewardship Subprogram	Current Funding Levels (through FY26)	Type	Governor's Proposed Funding (FY 2027-36)	Type
<b>Land Acquisition</b>				
Department Acquisitions - Ice Age Trail	\$1,000,000	BND	\$1,000,000	BND
County Forest Grants	\$3,000,000	SEG	\$3,000,000	SEG
Department Acquisitions - All Other	\$5,000,000	SEG	\$6,000,000	SEG
Non-Profit Conservation Organizations (NCO) Grants	\$7,000,000	BND	\$14,000,000	BND
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$16,000,000</b>		<b>\$24,000,000</b>	
<b>Property Development</b>				
DNR Property Development - Friends of State Parks	\$500,000	BND	\$2,500,000	BND
DNR Property Development - Tribal Grants	\$0	GPR	\$3,000,000	GPR
NCO - Wildlife & Habitat Management Grants	\$0	GPR	\$5,000,000	GPR
DNR Property Development - All Other	\$4,500,000	BND	\$15,450,000	BND
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$5,000,000</b>		<b>\$25,950,000</b>	
<b>Acquisition &amp; Development</b>				
LUG/Club - Motorized Recreation Grants	\$0	BND	\$5,000,000	BND
Recreational Boating Facilities	\$3,000,000	BND	\$9,000,000	BND
Local Units of Government Development	\$9,250,000	BND	\$36,050,000	BND
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$12,250,000</b>		<b>\$50,050,000</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$33,250,000</b>		<b>\$100,000,000</b>	

## Forestry

- Over \$4 million for operational costs\*
- \$1 million for forestry IT upgrades
- \$775,000 for the development of a forestry industry strategic plan and roadmap\*
- \$500,000 per year for the Wisconsin Forestry Careers Pathway Program\*
- \$150,000 per year for the LEAF Program\*
- Over \$1 million and 2.0 FTE for seedling production
- 1.0 FTE and ongoing funding for a forestry liaison position\*
- Statutory change so the entirety of \$100 MFL transfer fee and \$300 withdrawal fee are deposited into the appropriation from which DNR pays recording fees

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## Forestry

- \$250,000 per year for Wisconsin Forest Landowner Grant Program\*
- \$130,000 per year for County Forest Wildlife Habitat Grants\*
- \$250,000 per year for County Sustainable Forestry Grant Program\*
- \$250,000 per year for County Forest Administration Grant Program\*
- \$246,200 per year for Wildfire Suppression Reimbursement
  - New sum sufficient appropriation

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- \$25 million revenue transfer in FY 2027 from the Forestry Account to the Transportation Fund for the Agricultural Road Improvement Program, which provides grants to local units of government for road projects that facilitate access to agricultural lands.\*
- GPR transfer rate adjustment:
  - Current rate is the equivalent of 0.1697 mills for each dollar of equalized property value in the state. New rate would be 0.1406 mills.
  - This is a 17% reduction to the GPR transferred.
  - Approximately \$27.6 million per year difference.