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The graphic features a silhouette of the state of Wisconsin in shades of blue and green. Inside the silhouette, there are three white evergreen trees. To the right of the graphic, the words "WISCONSIN FORESTS FIRST" are written in a bold, sans-serif font, with "WISCONSIN" in blue and "FORESTS FIRST" in dark grey.

Forest Industry Roadmap and Strategies for Tomorrow



January 27, 2026

Final Biennial 2025-27 Budget Bill Language

Act 15 , pages 190-191.

- (10) FOREST-INDUSTRY-WIDE STRATEGIC PLAN. In the 2025-26 fiscal year, the department of natural resources shall award a grant of \$1,000,000 from the appropriation under s. 20.370 (2) (mq) jointly to the Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association and the Wisconsin Paper Council to research and develop a recommended forest-industry-wide strategic plan for this state. Upon completion, the Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association and the Wisconsin Paper Council shall provide this research and recommended plan to the council on forestry. No later than December 31, 2027, the council on forestry shall provide a report detailing the research outcomes and recommendations to the governor and the chief clerk of each house of the legislature, for distribution to the appropriate standing committees under s. 13.172 (3).

What's Been Happening

- CoF, DNR, GLTPA, WPC – “Executive Committee” ongoing meetings
- Grant Funding Received – GLTPA banking established
- Draft Working Structure, Partner Roles, Steering Committee in place
- Solicitation of Letters of Interest from prospective Project Managers, Interviews, Selection of Camoin Associates, and Contracting
- Addition to CoF Website for Information – under “Initiatives”

What's Next



- Begin every other week virtual operations meetings with Exec Committee and Camoin team
- Recruit members and stand-up Steering Committee
- Begin efforts on fiber supply and regulations and policy