***Wisconsin Wetlands Association Comment on AB 956***

***February 27th, 2018***

We applaud the bill author's intent to work to improve the siting and implementation of the mitigation banking process in Wisconsin. However, we oppose the bill as amended with Assembly Amendment 2.  The State of Wisconsin has created a wetland permitting process to which all project applicants must adhere.  Exemptions that circumvent this process through legislative action are not appropriate.