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## **Rep. Clark to join Joint Assembly and Senate Groundwater Work Group**

Senate Environment Committee Chair Mark Miller (D-Monona) and Assembly Natural Resources Committee Chair Spencer Black (D-Madison) today announced the formation of the Groundwater Working Group. Rep. Fred Clark (D-Baraboo) will serve as a member of the task force. The bipartisan group of legislators will work together to update Wisconsin's groundwater protection laws.

“The Working Group will draft legislation to better protect drinking water supplies as well as lakes, streams and wetlands dependent on groundwater,” Black said. “While Wisconsin is blessed with a plentiful supply of groundwater, the supply is not unlimited. With care, we can safeguard this resource for all users.”

The Groundwater Working Group will seek input from scientific experts, affected industries, municipal water utilities and conservationists.

The Work Group will be chaired by Senator Mark Miller and Rep. Spencer Black. Other members of the work group will be:

- Rep. Fred Clark, D-Baraboo
- Rep. Scott Gunderson, R-Waterford
- Sen. Neal Kedzie, R-Elkhorn
- Rep. Cory Mason, D-Racine
- Rep. Louis Molepske Jr., D-Stevens Point

“With our many high-quality springs and streams, and the growing interest in this area by corporations seeking to develop water bottling facilities, it is clear that protecting our groundwater is a critical environmental and economic issue in our area,” said Rep. Clark. “I will continue to work directly with communities affected by these issues, while we work at the state level to provide the tools to protect groundwater in Wisconsin.”

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