

## **Wetland Study Council Assured Delineator Recommendation**

The Wetlands Study Council recommends that statutory authority be given to DNR to create and oversee the Assured Delineator Program. The goal of the Assured Delineator Program is to provide consistent and accurate wetland boundary determinations for project planning while saving time in state review and oversight of these determinations. This private-public partnership is rooted in private delineators providing consistent high-quality wetland technical skills consistent with applicable state and federal standards, and DNR providing technical advice and oversight to private delineators to maintain program integrity. The Wetland Study Council finds that the Assured Delineator Program has been a successful partnership and feels that statutory authority would be beneficial to maintain the advantages of the program and to provide transparency and consistency to program expectations and eligibility. The Wetland Study Council recommends DNR continue to support and maintain this pilot program until clear statutory authority be given to DNR to formally incorporate this program into the core work duties of the agency.