

A new bill headed to governor Walker for a signature is meant to help businesses in the state. But wetland regulation reforms also pose significant threats to the environment and to flood protection around the state, says Tracy Hames (haims), executive director of the Wisconsin Wetlands Association. That's because the new rules allow developers to skip the part of the permit process that gets them to look at other areas besides wetlands to build

Hames says it's silly to think that developers will be able to replace natural wetlands they fill in with ones they build in other areas.