

BONDING 2005 (add 000 to each number)

Project	Fund	Governor		Senate	
		2005 Rec's		S. F. 1	
		Total	State	Total	State
		Project	Share	Project	Share
1 U of M					
2					
3 Systemwide-HEAPR Traditional		90,000	45,100	90,000	50,000
4 Duluth Life Science		14,000	10,103	14,000	9,300
5 Mpls-Kolthoff Hall-Chemistry Program-Renewal		24,000	17,381	24,000	16,000
6 Minneapolis-Education Sciences(was MRRC)		20,000	14,448	20,000	13,300
7 Academic Health Center-Renovation		15,750	10,428	15,750	10,500
8 Duluth - Recreational Sports Addition		12,000	0	12,000	8,000
9 Morris - District Facilities		8,000	2,890	8,000	5,333
10 Minneapolis - Carlson School		2,500	0	2,500	1,667
11 Duluth - Business School & Utility Improvements		2,200	0	2,200	1,467
12	Bond	188,450	100,350	188,450	115,567
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14 MnSCU					
15					
16 HEAPR*		49,000	49,000	60,000	60,000
17 Winona SU - Pasteur Hall Science		11,118	7,412	10,235	6,827
18 MSU Moorhead - Hagen Hall Science		10,477	6,985	9,645	6,433
19 Century CTC Technology Center		4,888	3,259	4,500	3,002
20 St Cloud SU - Centennial/Riverview		3,150	2,100	2,900	1,934
21 Lake Superior - Acad & Student Services		0	0	10,350	6,903
22 St Cloud TC - Workforce/"G" Wing		1,065	710	13,860	9,245
23 South Central TC - Applied Lab		5,157	3,438	4,747	3,166
24 Inver Hills CC Student Services		0	0	5,565	3,712
25 Systemwide Science Lab Renovations		9,668	6,445	8,900	5,936
26 Systemwide Workforce Training Classrooms		2,173	1,449	5,600	3,735
27 Systemwide Technology-Updated Classrooms		2,000	1,333	3,700	2,468
28 Systemwide Demolition		1,625	1,083	1,625	1,084
29 Systemwide Program Consolidation		0	0	2,000	1,334
30 Systemwide Land Acquisition		0	0	2,000	1,334
31 Dakota TC - Info Tech & Telecomm		0	0	6,800	4,536
32 MSCTC Fergus Falls		0	0	7,000	4,669
33 MSCTC Moorhead - Science & Trades		0	0	6,500	4,336
34 Bemidji SU/TC - Bridgeman		0	0	10,000	6,670
35 MSC-SETC Winona		0	0	3,500	2,335
36 St Paul College - Construction Trades		0	0	10,120	6,750
37 MSU Mankato - New Science/Trafton Renov		0	0	2,560	1,708
38 St Cloud SU - Brown Science & Math		0	0	900	600
39 Rochester CTC - Health Science		0	0	11,745	7,834
40 Mpls CTC - Health & Science		0	0	5,790	3,862
41 Century CTC - Science & Library		0	0	1,000	667
42 Riverland CTC - Science Labs		0	0	5,100	3,402
43 ARCC Cambridge - Academic Bldg		0	0	9,650	6,437
44 FonduLac TCC - Library & Cultural Design		0	0	635	424
45 MSU Moorhead - MacLean Design		0	0	500	334
46 Central Lakes CTC - Heavy Equip & Music		0	0	5,480	3,655
47 Northland CTC - Workforce Add & Nursing		0	0	1,985	1,324
48	Total	100,321	83,214	234,892	176,595
49	*Excluding HEAPR, 1/3 used for user financed share GO/U	17,107	17,107	58,297	58,297
50	Bond	83,214	100,321	176,595	176,595
51					

	Project	Governor	Senate
52	Education		
53			
54	Duluth Grant School	1,157	1,065
55	Red Lake School - Capital Loan	24,040	22,130
56	East Metro Magnet/Crosswinds	1,083	1,054
57	Library Capital Improvement Grants	0	2,000
58	Early Childhood Facilities	0	500
59		Bond 26,280	26,749
60			
61	Minnesota State Academies		
62			
63	Asset Preservation	4,255	4,255
64	West Wing Noyes Phase Two	0	1,586
65		Bond 4,255	5,841
66			
67	Perpich Arts Center		
68			
69	Asset Preservation	558	558
70	Beta Building Demolition	525	525
71	Alpha Building Renovation	810	746
72	Theater Capital Improvement	0	90
73		Bond 1,893	1,919
74			
75	DNR		
76			
77	Flood Hazard Mitigation Grants	20,000	[29,880]
78	Ada		500
79	Breckenridge		3,250
80	Canisteo Mine		1,000
81	Dawson		200
82	E Grand Forks		11,000
83	Montevideo		1,980
84	Golden Valley		300
85	Granite Falls		2,600
86	Inver Grove Heights		500
87	Little McDonald Lake		250
88	Minneapolis		200
89	Oakport Township		3,000
90	St Louis Park		1,000
91	Grand Marais Creek		2,600
92	Manston Slough		200
93	Whiskey Creek		200
94	Roseau River WMA		367
95	Palmville		323
96	Malung		110
97	Two River Ross Impoundment		100
98	Warren		200
99	Dam Repair and Removal	1,150	1,000
100	RIM - Critical Habitat Match	4,000	3,000
101	RIM - Wildlife Area Land Acquisition	12,000	10,000
102	Fisheries Acquisition & Improvement	1,050	1,050
103	Water Access Acquisition & Fishing Piers	3,500	3,500
104	Red River of the North Canoe Route	0	500
105	Stream Protection & Restoration	500	500
106	Reforestation	3,000	3,000
107	Metro Greenways & Natural Areas	1,000	1,000
108	Native Prairie Bank Easements	1,000	1,000
109	SNA's Acquisition & Development	300	500

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110 State Trail Acquisition & Development	2,000	[8,860]
111 Goodhue Pioneer		200
112 Gitchi Gami		725
113 Glacial Lakes		900
114 Blazing Star		1,700
115 Shooting Star		450
116 Douglas		400
117 Heartland		300
118 Gateway		400
119 Milltown		150
120 Paul Bunyan		400
121 Paul Bunyan Bridge		1,500
122 Paul Bunyan Hwy 197		500
123 Preston-Forestville		435
124 Casey Jones		500
125 Chester Woods		200
126 MN River		100
127 County Forest Land Reforestation	1,000	1,000
128 Fish Hatcheries Improvements	1,750	1,750
129 RIM - Wildlife Management Area Development	600	600
130 State Forest and Forest Legacy Land Acquisition	1,000	2,000
131 Forest Roads & Bridges	1,000	1,000
132 State Park Acquisition	2,000	3,000
133 State Park Bldg Dev	3,000	6,900
134 Red River Rec Area 2,900		
135 Big Bog 1,400		
136 Grand Portage 1,800		
137 Lake Superior Safe Harbor	2,000	2,000
138 Statewide Asset Preservation	4,500	2,000
139 Field Office Renovation	800	1,000
140 Office Facilities Development		3,600
141 Fergus Falls 1,300		
142 Glenwood 2,300		
143 Local Initiative Grants		1,000
144 Metro Regional Park Acquisitions & Betterment		[18,988]
145 Metro Reg Parks Improvements	7,000	7,000
146 Grand Rounds National Scenic Byway 250		
147 JD Rivers Urban Ag Awareness Center-Planning 50		
148 Hasting River Flats	0	1,000
149 Minneapolis Parks-Lake of Isles Flood Mitigation	0	2,500
150 Ramsey County - Lake Links Trail	0	100
151 Desnoyer Park - St Paul	0	388
152 Raspberry Island	0	3,000
153 S St Paul Port Crosby	0	5,000
154 Greater Minnesota Regional Parks	3,000	
155 Bond	77,150	108,628
Pollution Control Agency		
157		
158 Closed Landfill Bonding	14,000	10,000
159 Bond	14,000	10,000
160		
Office of Environmental Assistance		
162		
163 Capital Assistance Program	Bond 4,000	4,000
164		

Project		Governor	Senate
165	Water & Soil Resources Board		
166			
167	RIM & CREP Conservation Easements	23,000	23,000
168	Local Govt Road Wetland Replacement	4,362	3,000
169	Streambank, Lakeshore, Erosion Control	0	500
170	Area 2 Minn River Flooding	0	500
171	Canby Prairie Farm Center	0	935
172		Bond 27,362	27,935
173			
174	Agriculture		
175	Rural Finance Authority Loans	UF 18,000	
176	Joint Plant Pathology Research Facility	0	245
177	Ag Water Mgmt Research Partnership	619	570
178		Total 18,619	815
179		UF 18,000	0
180		Bond 619	815
181			
182	Zoological Gardens		
183			
184	Zoo Master Plan Design/Construction	20,640	1,000
185	Asset Preservation	6,000	2,000
186		Bond 26,640	3,000
187			
188	Administration		
189	DOT Transportation	THB 9,342	
190	Statewide CAPRA	4,000	3,000
191	Agency Relocation	GF 4,882	
192	Asset Preservation - Admin Properties	6,600	4,000
193	Ford Building Demolition	1,176	
194	Parking	UF 1,779	1,637
195		94	87
196	Worker's Memorial	0	400
197		Total 27,873	9,124
198		GF 4,882	0
199		UF 1,779	1,637
200		THB 9,342	0
201		Bond 11,870	7,487
202			
203	CAAPB		
204			
205	Design of Capitol Interior Renovation	0	1,200
206	Capitol Building Repair	2,357	1,870
207		Bond 2,357	3,070
208			
209	Amateur Sports Commission		
210			
211	National Volleyball Center Phase II	Bond 0	3,200
212			
213	Military Affairs		
214			
215	Asset Preservation	4,000	4,000
216	Facility Life/Safety	1,000	1,000
217		Bond 5,000	5,000
218			
219	Veterans Affairs		
220			
221	Minnesota WW II Memorial	Bond 670	500
222			
223	Commerce		
224			
225	Biomass Fuel - Heating & Cooling Grants	Bond 0	1,000
226			

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227 Public Safety		
228 Blue Earth Regional Fire & Police	0	642
229 Rochester Regional Pub Safety Training	0	627
230 Bond	0	1,269
231		
232 Transportation		
233		
234 Local Bridge Replacement	28,000	40,000
235 Local Road Improvement	10,000	10,000
236 Mankato Headquarters	THB 16,620	
237 Small Capital Projects	THB 4,128	
238 Rail Service Improvements	0	3,000
239 Port Development Assistance	0	3,700
240 Northstar Commuter Rail	37,500	2,000
241 Duluth Aerial Lift Bridge	0	1,000
242 Lake County - Forest Hwy 11	0	590
243 St Paul Holman Field Flood Protection	2,000	100
244 Metropolitan Council		
245 Central Corridor Transitway-St. Paul to Mpls	0	5,250
246 Rush Line Corridor Transitway	0	1,000
247 Red Rock Line Corridor Transitway	0	1,000
248 St. Paul Union Depot Transit Hub-Ramsey Cty	0	2,000
249 Total	98,248	69,640
250 THB	20,748	0
251 Bond	77,500	69,640
252		
253 Metropolitan Council		
254 Cedar Ave Busway	10,000	
255 Bond	10,000	0
256		
257 Health		
258		
259 Sears Site - Health Career Institute	0	5,000
260 HCMC Crisis Intervention Center	0	1,400
261 Health Care Learning Center - St. Paul	0	2,500
262 Bond	0	8,900
263		
264 Human Services		
265		
266 St. Peter RTC New Facilities Sex Offender	3,259	3,000
267 Forensic Nursing Facility	12,600	
268 Systemwide Demolition/Redevelopment	6,150	5,000
269 Systemwide Roof Repair & Replacement	1,014	1,014
270 Systemwide Asset Preservation	4,000	3,000
271 Grave markers at RTC's	0	300
272 Bond	27,023	12,314
273		
274 Veterans Home Board		
275		
276 Asset Preservation	6,000	4,400
277 Fergus Falls Special Care Unit	0	2,325
278 Luverne Dementia Unit/Wander Area	306	282
279 Mpls Adult Day Care	0	1,031
280 Mpls Dining/Kitchen Renovation	0	1,600
281 Mpls Waste Piping Replacement	0	1,077
282 Silver Bay Master Plan Renovation	0	1,347
283 Willmar RTC Predesign Veterans Nursing Home	0	50
284 Bond	6,306	12,112
285		
286 Corrections		
287		
288 Faribault Expansion	84,844	60,000
289 Asset Preservation	11,000	10,000
290 Stillwater New Seg Unit Predesign	20,848	0
291 Willow River-Boot Camp Housing Expansion	380	350
292 Bond	117,072	70,350

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293 Employment & Economic Development		
294		
295 Bioscience Grants	15,000	0
296 State Matching Funds - Clean Water	14,380	16,280
297 Redevelopment Grant Program	10,000	10,000
298 Wastewater Infrastructure	10,000	30,600
299 Wastewater Infrastructure Administration GF	200	0
300 Central Iron Range Sanitary Sewer	0	1,700
301 Duluth Sanitary Sewer	0	4,950
302 Two Harbors Sanitary Sewer	0	1,500
303 Impaired Water/Total Maximum Daily Load Grants	0	1,000
304 Mayo Clinic/U of M Biotechnology Facility	21,726	20,000
305 Rural Infrastructure	0	14,000
306 Broadband Infrastructure Grant	0	1,000
307 Buffalo Lake Garage & Street Repair	690	635
308 Burnsville Water Supply	0	3,000
309 Crookston & Red Lake Falls Riverbank Protection	0	4,100
310 Detroit Lakes Regional Pavilion	0	500
311 Duluth Entertainment & Convention Center Arena	0	1,500
312 Lake Superior Zoo Master Plan	0	400
313 Gaylord Multicultural Center	0	375
314 Laurentian Energy Wood Yard	0	2,500
315 Lewis & Clark Rural Water System	2,000	2,000
316 Colin Powell Youth Leadership Center	4,595	2,000
317 Lowry Avenue Corridor	0	1,500
318 Minnesota Planetarium & Space Discovery	0	24,000
319 Shubert Performing Arts & Educ Center	0	8,000
320 Moorhead Hjemkomst Interpretive Center	0	1,000
321 Roseau Infrastructure-Flood Damage Repair	10,662	10,000
322 St. Cloud Civic Center - Predesign	0	500
323 St Paul Bioscience Corridor	0	5,000
324 Ordway Center Renovation	0	8,000
325 St Paul Phalen Blvd	1,500	4,000
326 Winona Shakespeare Festival	0	125
327	Total	90,753
328	GF	200
329	Bond	90,553
330		180,165
331 Housing Finance Agency		
332		
333 Permanent Supportive Housing Loans	20,000	20,000
334	Bond	20,000
335		20,000
336 IRRRB		
337		
338 Mesabi Station	0	1,800
339	Bond	0
340		1,800
341 MN Historical Society		
342		
343 Historic Sites Asset Preservation	7,167	7,167
344 Fort Snelling Revitalization	1,979	1,979
345 Kelley Farm Land Acquisition	0	700
346 Maplewood Bruentrup Farm	0	150
347	Bond	9,146
348		9,996
349 Finance - Bond Sale Expense	THB	20
350	Bond	714
351	Total	734
352		904
352 Summary		
353	Totals	816,052
354	General Fund GF	5,082
355	General Obligation Bonds Bond	743,974
356	General Obligations Bonds-User Financed GO/U	36,886
357	Trunk Highway Bonds THB	30,110
358	Total Bonding - General Fund Debt Service	743,974
		887,852

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Comparison of Governor's 2004 and 2005 Recommendations

(\$ in Thousands)

Project Title	Fund	Gov's Rec 2004	Gov's Rec 2005
UNIVERSITY of MINNESOTA			
HEAPR	GO	\$ 38,000	\$ 45,100
HEAPR UMD Life Science	GO	\$ 9,300	\$ 10,103
HEAPR TC Education Science	GO	\$ 13,300	\$ 14,448
HEAPR TC Koltoff Hall	GO	\$ 16,000	\$ 17,381
HEAPR Academic Health Facilities	GO	\$ -	\$ 10,428
Morris District Facilities	GO	\$ -	\$ 2,890
	Total	\$ 76,600	\$ 100,350
	GO	\$ 76,600	\$ 100,350
	1/3 UF	\$ -	\$ -
MN STATE COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES			
HEAPR	GO	\$ 49,000	\$ 49,000
Winona Pastuer Hall Science Facility	1/3 UF	\$ 10,235	\$ 11,118
Moorhead Hagen Hall Science Renovation	1/3 UF	\$ 9,645	\$ 10,477
Century College Technology Center	1/3 UF	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,888
St Cloud State Centennial Renovation	1/3 UF	\$ 2,900	\$ 3,150
St Cloud Tech Workforce Center Addition	1/3 UF	\$ 980	\$ 1,065
South Central Tech Applied Lab	1/3 UF	\$ 4,747	\$ 5,157
Systemwide Science Renovations	1/3 UF	\$ 3,000	\$ 9,668
Systemwide Workforce Classrooms	1/3 UF	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,173
Systemwide Technology-Updated Classrooms	1/3 UF	\$ -	\$ 2,000
Systemwide Demolition	1/3 UF	\$ 1,625	\$ 1,625
	Total	\$ 88,632	\$ 100,321
	GO	\$ 75,435	\$ 83,231
	1/3 UF	\$ 13,197	\$ 17,090
PERPICH CENTER FOR ARTS EDUCATION			
Asset Preservation	GO	\$ 558	\$ 558
Beta Building Demolition	GO	\$ 525	\$ 525
Alpha Building Renovation	GO	\$ 746	\$ 810
	Total	\$ 1,829	\$ 1,893

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Project Title	Fund	Gov's Rec 2004	Gov's Rec 2005
DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION			
Duluth School Youth and Community Center	GO	\$ 1,065	\$ 1,157
Red Lake School District Projects	GO	\$ 22,130	\$ 24,040
East Metro Magnet School	GO	\$ 1,054	\$ 1,083
	Total	\$ 24,249	\$ 26,280
MINNESOTA STATE ACADEMIES			
Asset Preservation	GO	\$ 4,255	\$ 4,255
	Total	\$ 4,255	\$ 4,255
DEPARTMENT of NATURAL RESOURCES			
Flood Hazard Mitigation Grants	GO	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Dam Repair/Reconstruction/Removal	GO	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,150
Rim Critical Habitat Match	GO	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
RIM Wildlife Area Acquisition	GO	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
Fisheries Acquisition and Improvement	GO	\$ 1,050	\$ 1,050
Water Access/Fishing Piers	GO	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
Stream Protection	GO	\$ 500	\$ 500
Reforestation	GO	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Metro Greenways	GO	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Native Prairie Bank Easements	GO	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
SNA Acquisition	GO	\$ 300	\$ 300
State Trail Acquisition	GO	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
County Forest Reforestation	GO	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Fish Hatchery Improvements	GO	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,750
RIM Wildlife Management Area Development	GO	\$ 600	\$ 600
State Forest Land Acquisition	GO	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Forest Roads and Bridges	GO	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
State Park Acquisition	GO	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
State Park Building Development	GO	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000

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Project Title	Fund	Gov's Rec 2004	Gov's Rec 2005
Lake Superior Safe Harbors	GO	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Statewide Asset Preservation	GO	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,500
Field Office Renovations	GO	\$ 1,000	\$ 800
Office Facilities Development	GO	\$ 2,300	\$ -
Greater Minnesota Regional Parks	GO	\$ -	\$ 3,000
	Total	\$ 67,000	\$ 70,150
POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY			
Closed Landfill Bonding	GO	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000
	Total	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000
OFFICE of ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE			
Capital Assistance Program	GO	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
	Total	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
WATER and SOIL RESOURCES BOARD			
RIM Reserve and CREP	GF	\$ 2,000	\$ -
RIM Reserve and CREP	GO	\$ 20,000	\$ 23,000
Local Government Road Wetland Replacement	GO	\$ 4,362	\$ 4,362
	Total	\$ 26,362	\$ 27,362
	GF	\$ 2,000	\$ -
	GO	\$ 24,362	\$ 27,362
DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE			
Rural Finance Authority Loans	UF	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000
Water Management Research Partnership	GO	\$ 570	\$ 619
	Total	\$ 18,570	\$ 18,619
	UF	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000
	GO	\$ 570	\$ 619

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Project Title	Fund	Gov's Rec 2004	Gov's Rec 2005
MINNESOTA ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS			
Zoo Master Plan/ New Exhibit	GO	\$ 19,000	\$ 20,640
Asset Preservation	GO	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
Debt Service Forgiveness (<i>see last page</i>)			
	Total	\$ 25,000	\$ 26,640
DEPARTMENT of ADMINISTRATION			
DOT Exterior	THB	\$ 3,383	\$ 9,342
Statewide CAPRA	GO	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Agency Relocation	GF	\$ 8,069	\$ 4,882
Asset Preservation- Admin Properties	GO	\$ 6,600	\$ 6,600
Ford Building Demolition	GO	\$ 1,176	\$ 1,176
Parking	UF/GO	\$ 1,724	\$ 1,873
Cooperative Local Facilities Grants	GO	\$ 15,000	\$ -
	Total	\$ 39,952	\$ 27,873
	GF	\$ 8,069	\$ 4,882
	UF	\$ 1,637	\$ 1,779
	THB	\$ 3,383	\$ 9,342
	GO	\$ 26,863	\$ 11,870
CAPITOL AREA ARCHITECTURAL & PLANNING BOARD			
Capitol Building Repair	GO	\$ 1,870	\$ 2,357
	Total	\$ 1,870	\$ 2,357
DEPARTMENT of MILITARY AFFAIRS			
Asset Preservation	GO	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Facility Life Safety	GO	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
	Total	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000

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Project Title	Fund	Gov's Rec 2004	Gov's Rec 2005
DEPARTMENT of VETERANS AFFAIRS			
WWII Veterans Memorial	GO	\$ 500	\$ 670
	Total	\$ 500	\$ 670
DEPARTMENT of TRANSPORTATION			
Local Bridge Replacement	GO	\$ 28,000	\$ 28,000
Mankato Headquarters	THB	\$ 15,300	\$ 16,620
Local Road Improvement Grants	GO	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Small Capital Projects	THF	\$ 3,800	\$ -
	THB		\$ 4,128
Northstar Commuter Rail	GO	\$ 37,500	\$ 37,500
	Total	\$ 94,600	\$ 96,248
	GO	\$ 75,500	\$ 75,500
	THB	\$ 15,300	\$ 20,748
	THF	\$ 3,800	\$ -
METROPOLITAN COUNCIL			
Cedar Avenue Bus Rapid Transit	GO	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Metropolitan Regional Parks	GO	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
	Total	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000
DEPARTMENT of HUMAN SERVICES			
SPRTC New Facilities Sex Offender Program	GO	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,259
Forensic Nursing Facility	GO	\$ -	\$ 12,600
Systemwide Redevelopment/Demolition	GO	\$ 6,150	\$ 6,150
Systemwide Roof Repair	GO	\$ 1,014	\$ 1,014
Systemwide Asset Preservation	GO	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
	Total	\$ 14,164	\$ 27,023

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Project Title	Fund	Gov's Rec 2004	Gov's Rec 2005
VETERANS HOMES BOARD			
Minneapolis Waste Piping	GO	\$ 1,077	\$ -
Asset Preservation	GO	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
Luverne Dementia Wander Area	GO	\$ -	\$ 306
	Total	\$ 7,077	\$ 6,306
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS			
MCF Faribault Expansion	GO	\$ 74,891	\$ 84,844
DOC Asset Preservation	GO	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000
MCF Stillwater 150 Bed Segregation Unit	GO	\$ 19,192	\$ 20,848
MCF Willow River Moose Lake CIP Expansion	GO	\$ 350	\$ 380
	Total	\$ 105,433	\$ 117,072
EMPLOYMENT and ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT			
US EPA Drinking Water/ Wastewater	GO	\$ 16,280	\$ 14,380
Biotechnology and Health Science Zone Grants	GO	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Redevelopment Grants	GO	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
WIF Implementation	GF	\$ 200	\$ 200
WIF	GO	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
U of M/Mayo Biotech Research Facility	GO	\$ 20,000	\$ 21,726
	Total	\$ 71,480	\$ 71,306
	GF	\$ 200	\$ 200
	GO	\$ 71,280	\$ 71,106
HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY			
Permanent Supportive Housing Loans	GO	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
	Total	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000

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Project Title	Fund	Gov's Rec 2004	Gov's Rec 2005
MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY			
Historic Sites Asset Preservation	GO	\$ 7,167	\$ 7,167
Fort Snelling Revitalization	GO	\$ 1,979	\$ 1,979
	Total	\$ 9,146	\$ 9,146
GRANTS to POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS			
Buffalo Lake Maintenance Garage/Street Repair	GO	\$ 635	\$ 690
Colin Powell Youth Leadership Center	GO	\$ 4,230	\$ 4,595
Lewis and Clark Rural Water System	GO	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Duluth-Seaside Infrastructure Repair and Improvements	GO	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,662
St. Paul Phalen Corridor	GO	\$ -	\$ 1,500
St. Paul Holman Field	GO	\$ -	\$ 2,000
	Total	\$ 16,865	\$ 21,447
DEPARTMENT of FINANCE			
G.O. Bond Sale Expenses	GO	\$ 719	\$ 714
Trunk Highway Bond Sale Expenses	THB	\$ 17	\$ 20
	Total	\$ 736	\$ 734
	GO	\$ 719	\$ 714
	THB	\$ 17	\$ 20
BILL TOTALS			
	Total	\$ 754,320	\$ 816,052
	GO	\$ 688,717	\$ 743,991
	GF	\$ 10,269	\$ 5,082
	UF	\$ 32,834	\$ 36,869
	THF	\$ 3,800	\$ -
	THB	\$ 18,700	\$ 30,110
Zoo debt service forgiveness (biennial total)	GF	\$ 2,014	\$ 1,875



Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources

**BWSR Bonding Requests
2005 Legislative Session**

BWSR Bonding Requests

▪ **Local Gov't** **\$4.362 Million**
Road Wetland
Replacement

▪ **RIM Reserve/**
CREP II (Phase I) **\$23 Million**

Phase II request will be \$27.7 Million

\$50.7 million state leverages \$200 million federal

Local Gov't Road Wetland Replacement

- State replaces wetlands lost to local public road improvements (maintenance, repair, safety)
- Statutory obligation: M.S. 103G.222, Subd.1 (k) and (l)
- Supports state “no-net-loss” policy for wetlands: M.S. 103A.201, Subd. 2
- \$4.362 million needed in FY 05-06 biennium to meet state & federal regulatory agreements

Historical Information

- Annual wetland replacement needs over past two years: 225 acres
- Cost range (metro): \$22,000/acre to \$4,300/acre
- Cost range (outside metro): \$8,000/acre to \$1,500/acre
- Past funding: *Bonding* (1996, 2000, 2002 [vetoed], 2003)
General fund (1998)
- Seven-county metro wetland losses replaced in metro or in watershed that drains into metro (2:1)

Program Benefits

- Streamlined approval of road projects via agreement with Corps of Engineers and DNR
- Cost-effective and efficient wetland replacement via consolidation (economies of scale)
- Greater wetland quality, diversity, distribution
- Most wetlands restored in priority areas, rather than in road right-of-way

Implications for Not Funding

- Reduced or delayed completion of local public road projects
- Undo fragile stakeholder consensus that resulted in regulatory reforms in '96, '00, '03
- Puts streamlining agreement with Corps of Engineers at risk
- Local road authorities will be required to do project specific wetland replacement
- Increased cost to local governments to make road improvements

Local Gov't Road Wetland Replacement Summary

- Program is in response to statutory obligation
- State obligation of \$4.362 million for FY 05-06 biennium
- Cost-effective and efficient wetland replacement
- Critical for county/city/township road authorities
- Water management goals (improve water quality, flood control, greenway preservation, wildlife corridor enhancement) better addressed collectively

CREP II Request: \$50.7M

- **Phase I (Gov's rec.)** **\$23 Million**
- **Phase II** **\$27.7 Million**

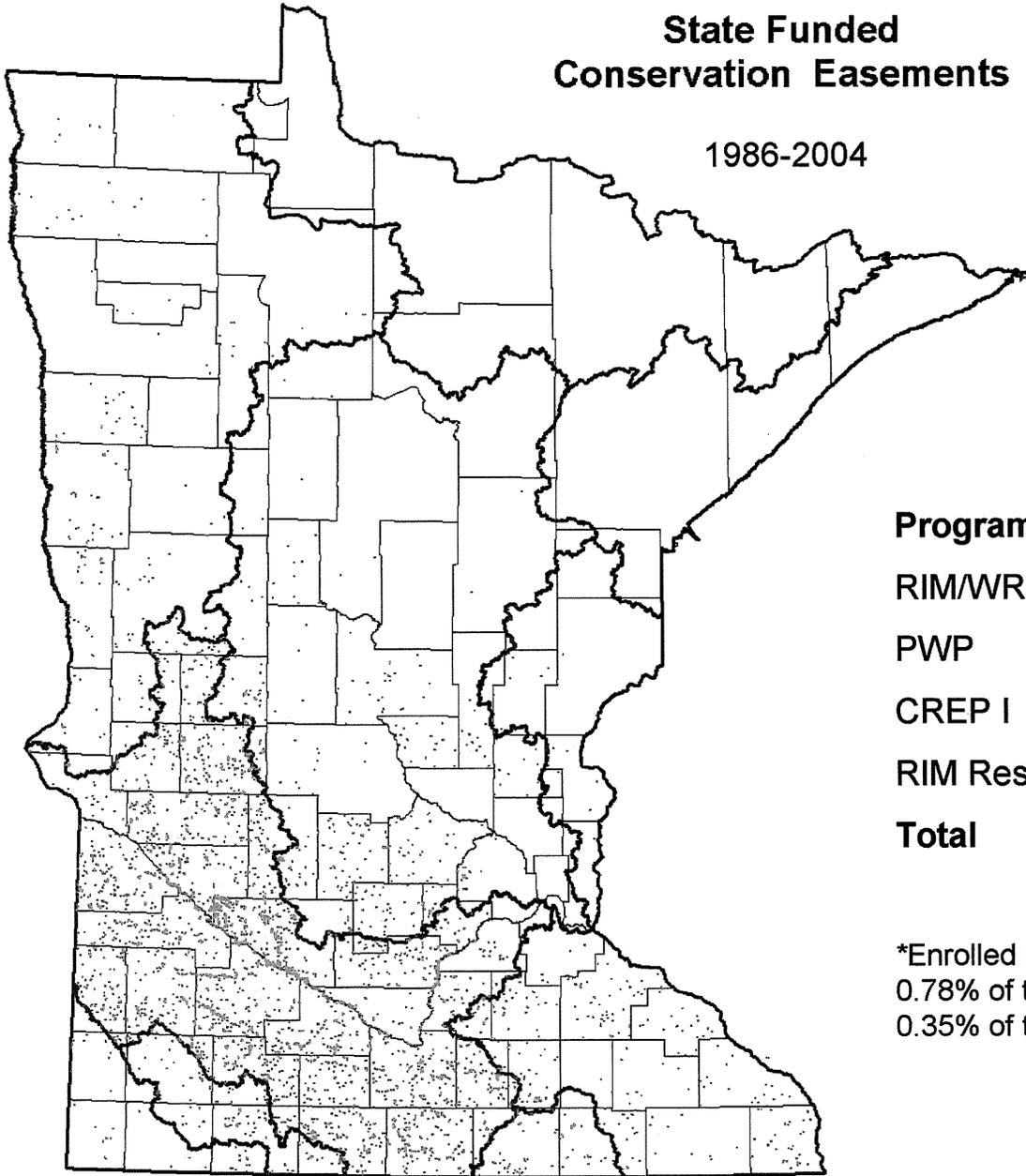
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What is RIM Reserve?

- Established in 1986 to compensate landowners for granting conservation easements to retire marginal and sensitive agricultural lands
- Once enrolled, land is planted in native vegetation, trees, or restored to a wetland

State Funded Conservation Easements

1986-2004



Program	Number	Acres
RIM/WRP	119	7,017
PWP	300	11,803
CREP I	2,456	100,465
RIM Reserve	1,923	59,587
Total	4,798	*178,872

*Enrolled BWSR easement acres equal
0.78% of total state cultivated cropland and
0.35% of total state land area.

RIM Reserve Benefits

- **Natural Resources:** Improves water quality; reduces flood damages; protects water supplies; creates wildlife habitat; contributes a net gain of wetlands
- **Economic:** Diminishes disaster assistance & crop insurance payments; cleans up impaired waters; enhances recreation & tourism
- **Locally** prioritized and implemented
- **Leverages federal & private funds**

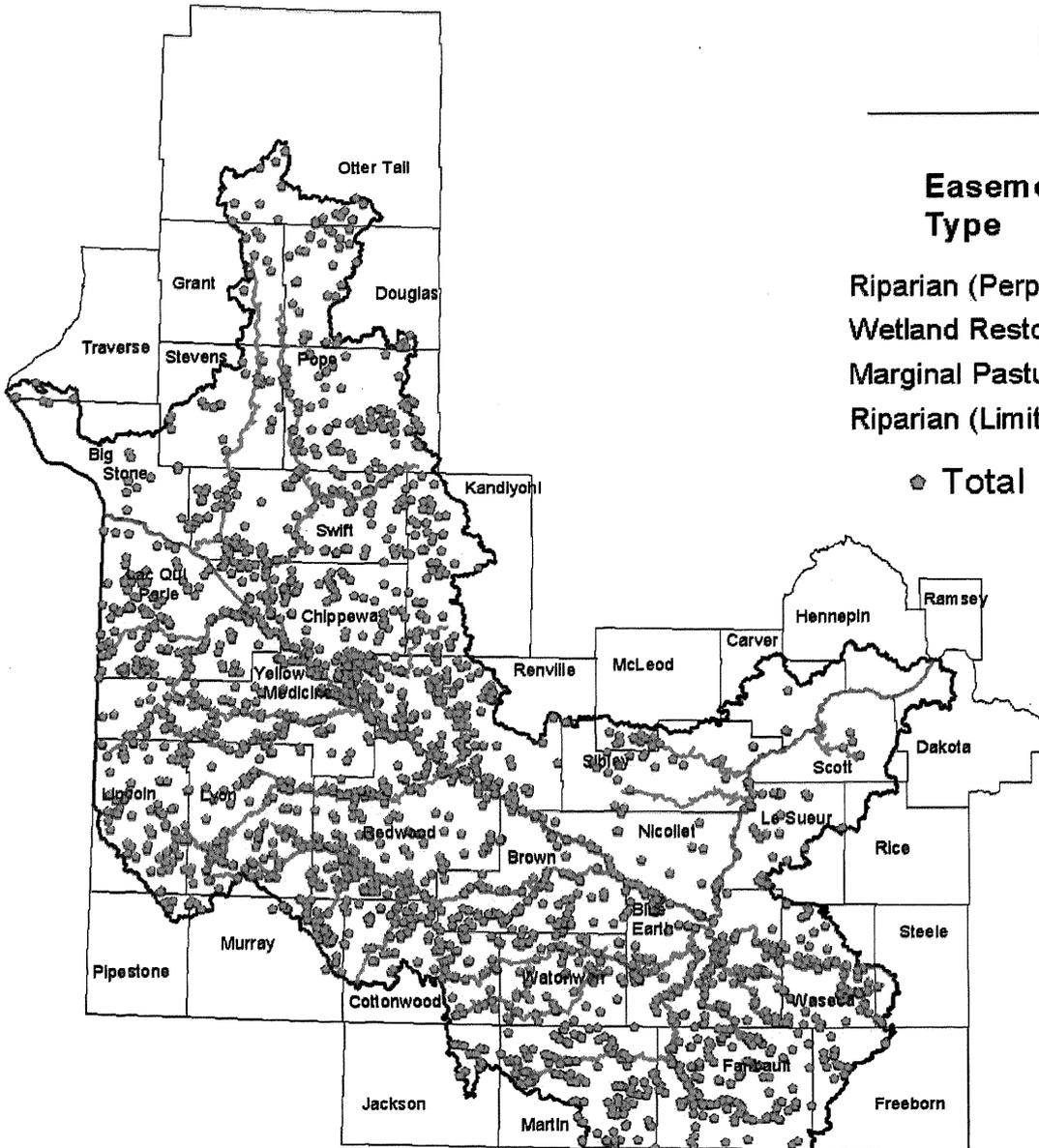
What is CREP?

Combines the federal Conservation Reserve Program with Minnesota's RIM Reserve to set aside marginal agricultural land and environmentally sensitive land along waterways

CREP I Success

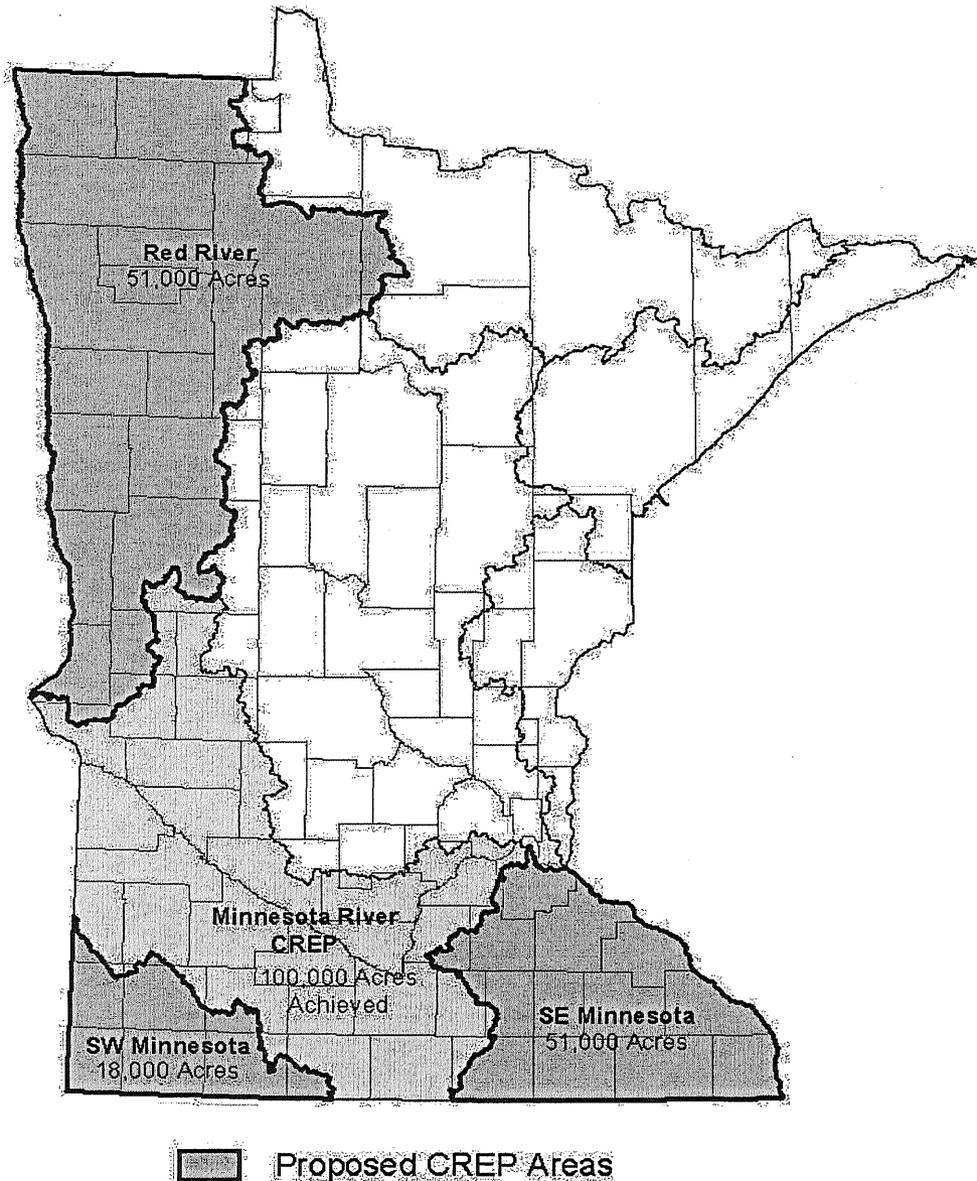
- 100,000 acres protected
(more than half were wetland restorations)
- 2,456 easements
- Median easement size: 24.5 acres
- Buffered approximately 1,666 miles of streams, rivers, & ditches
- \$81 million state attracted \$164 million federal

CREP I



Easement Type	Number of Easements	Acres
Riparian (Perpetual)	1,465	43,766.5
Wetland Restoration	895	54,495.3
Marginal Pasture (Limited)	39	673.1
Riparian (Limited)	57	1,530.1
◆ Total	2,456	100,465.0

CREP II



- Application submitted to USDA in 2004
- Program deadline: Dec. 31, 2007
- 120,000-acre goal
- 4,500 easements expected

Regional Targets

Red River (51,000-acre goal):

- 35,435 acres riparian zones (15 yr. CRP + 30 yr. RIM)
- 13,440 acres wetland restoration (15 yr. CRP + perpetual RIM)
- 2,125 acres flood damage reduction (15 yr. CRP + perpetual RIM)

Southeast (51,000-acre goal):

- 14,828 acres riparian zones (15 yr. CRP + 30 yr. RIM)
- 6,179 acres groundwater protection (15 yr. CRP + 30 yr. RIM)
- 18,058 acres highly erodible land (15 yr. CRP + 30 yr. RIM)
- 2,850 acres rotation contour strip (15 yr. CRP only)
- 6,960 acres wetland restorations (15 yr. CRP + perpetual RIM)
- 2,125 acres flood damage reduction (15 yr. CRP + perpetual RIM)

Southwest (18,000-acre goal):

- 11,634 acres riparian zones (15 yr. CRP + 30 yr. RIM)
- 2,016 wellhead/groundwater protection (15 yr. CRP + 30 yr. RIM)
- 3,600 acres wetland restorations (15 yr. CRP + perpetual RIM)
- 750 acres flood damage reduction (15 yr. CRP + perpetual RIM)

CREP II Goals

- Reduce sediment loading: 420,000 tons/yr
- Reduce phosphorus loading: 530,000 lbs./yr
- Buffer 2,500 miles of streams, rivers, & ditches
- Protect drinking water supplies for 250,000 people (sinkholes/wellhead/source water protection areas)

CREP II Goals (cont'd)

- Restore 24,000 acres of wetlands
- Increase flood storage by 10,000-20,000 acre feet
- Enroll 5,000 acres into flood-damage reduction projects to reduce agricultural flooding impacts and enhance natural resource benefits
- Create 120,000 acres of wildlife habitat

Flood-Damage Reduction: 15-year CRP + Permanent RIM easement



Highly Erodible Lands (Critical Areas): 15-year CRP + 30-year RIM easement



Riparian Areas: 15-year CRP + 30-year RIM easement



Courtesy of NRCS SE Area Office

Wetland Restorations: 15-year CRP + Permanent RIM easement



Courtesy of Mower SWCD

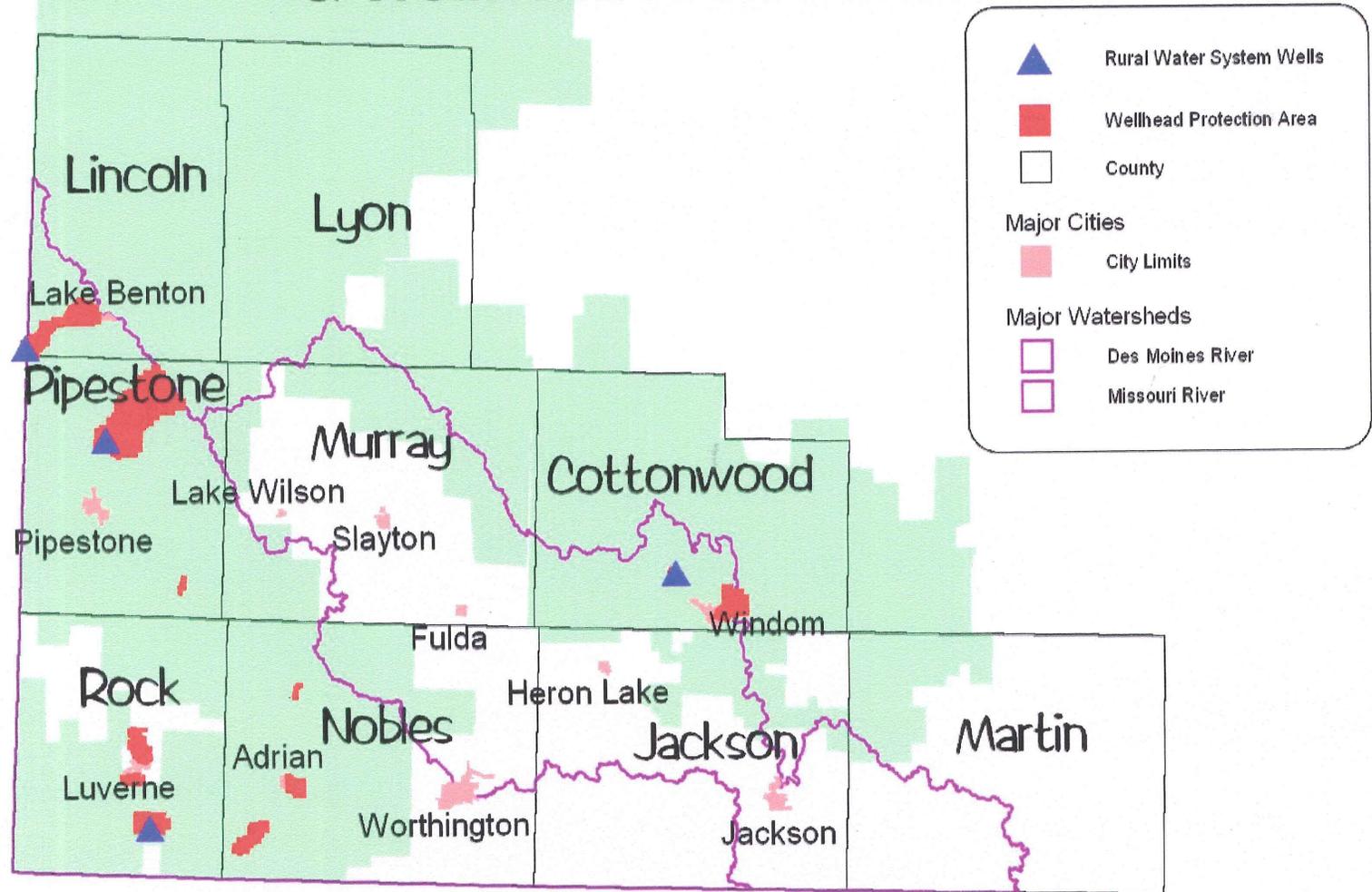
Wellhead Protection: 15-year CRP + 30-year RIM easement



Courtesy of Mower SWCD

Groundwater Protection: 15-year CRP + 30-year RIM easement

Rural Water Systems Service Area & Wellhead Protection Areas



CREP II Summary

- Centerpiece of **Governor's Clean Water Initiative**
- Leverage **\$200 million** federal money
- Significant **natural resource benefits**
- **Window of opportunity** is closing (federal deadline: Dec. 31, 2007)

CREP II Critical Issues

- **Time crunch:** No bonding money last year puts more pressure on implementation
- **Limited number of CRP acres available nationwide**
- **Competition for CREPs nationwide**
- **Dec. 2007 deadline:** State and local partners need time for marketing, legal work, conservation plan writing, engineering, construction

CREP II Program Costs

- **\$250 million total**
 - USDA share: \$200 million
 - State share: \$50.7 million
- State leverages **\$4** from the federal gov't for every **\$1** from state



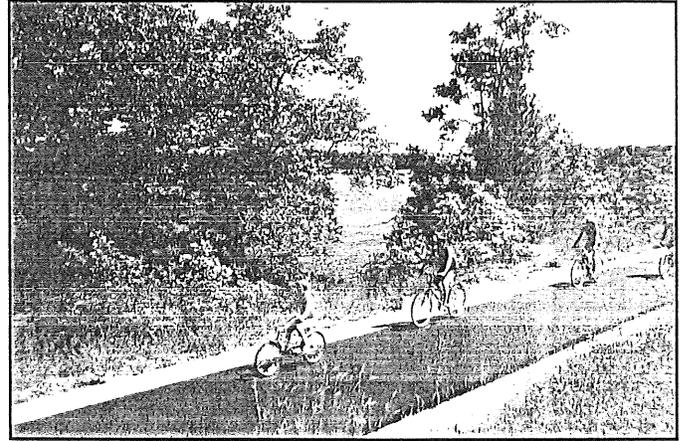
PARKS & TRAILS COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA

Trails Initiative Fact Sheet

January 2005

The Parks & Trails Council is proposing a \$29.66 million bonding initiative for state and local trails for the 2005 Legislative Session. This proposal is a natural outcome of the 2002 vetoes of trail bonding projects and the lack of the 2003 Legislature to restore the funding and the failure of the 2004 legislature to pass a bonding bill. We have not seen a significant investment in our state trail system since the 2000 bonding year. We need to accelerate and move forward with developing the state trails that have been authorized by the Legislature, but are yet uncompleted.

Minnesota's state trail system guides you through scenic vistas, rolling hills, prairies, woods, along streams and lakes and presents opportunities to view wildlife and birdwatching. You can explore remote valleys, rural landscapes, picturesque towns and points of historic interest. Best of all, you can explore the beauty of Minnesota at your own pace.



A family biking on the Paul Bunyan State Trail.

Key Points

- Trails provide opportunities for creating a long lasting framework for tourism and economic development in rural Minnesota.
- Trails link communities, places and people so you can explore the beauty of Minnesota at your own pace.
- Trails are part of the solution to the long-term health costs associated with the growing problem of obesity by providing opportunities for increased physical activity.
- There has not been a significant investment in the state trail system since the 2000 bonding session, in large part because of Governor Ventura's veto of \$4.6 million in trail projects in 2002. The DNR has not requested funding for these projects in their 2004 bonding request to the Department of Finance.
- Trails offer a transportation alternative and a safe route for people to walk or bike to work or school. A trail package complements other state investments in roads, bridges and commuter routes.
- Recent national polls found that 55 percent of Americans would like to walk more instead of driving and 52% would like to bicycle more.

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2005 Trails Initiative Outline

Accelerated Trail Development

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Goodhue Pioneer Trail \$2.5 million <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For acquisition and development between Zumbrota, Goodhue and Hay Creek. 2. Gitchi Gami \$2.5 million <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gooseberry Falls State Park Phase II • Cascade River State Park Phase I *\$725,000 vetoed from 02 bonding bill 3. Glacial Lakes Trail \$1.3 million <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development between Hawick, Paynesville and Richmond. 4. Blazing Star Trail \$1.7 million <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For acquisition and development between Myre Big Island State Park and Hayward. *\$600,000 vetoed from 02 bonding bill 5. Shooting Star Trail \$.8 million <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For acquisition and development between LeRoy and Rose Creek. *\$450,000 vetoed from 02 bonding bill 6. Gateway Trail \$.66 million <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridge over Manning Ave (Cty 15). | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Douglas Trail \$.7 million <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redevelop trail from Douglas to Pine Island, including, trail widening from 8 to 10 feet and bridge redevelopment. (\$400,000 included in DNR request) 3. Heartland Trail \$1 million <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park Rapids to Cass Lake rehabilitation, structural repairs, decking and handrail replacement on all old railroad trestles. (\$300,000 included in DNR request) 4. Paul Bunyan \$.4 million <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoreline Stabilization on Lake Bemidji. (\$400,000 included in DNR request) 5. Luce Line \$.5 million <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rehabilitate 10 miles of limestone surface on the Luce Line State Trail between Watertown and Winstead. 6. Gateway Trail \$.4 million <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redevelop 6.5 miles of the Gateway State Trail from 8 foot to 10 foot wide paved asphalt trail. (\$400,000 included in DNR request) |
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Trail Extensions

1. Paul Bunyan Trail \$2 million
 - Hwy. 197 Crossing/Bemidji (\$.5 million).
 - *\$500,000 vetoed from 02 bonding bill
 - Brainerd to Baxter Bridge (\$1.5 million)
2. Bluffland Extensions \$4 million
 - Forestville Trail, develop 4.5 miles from Preston to Carimona. (\$2.9 million)
 - Acquisition and development of 5 miles between Rochester and Chesterwoods Park (\$1.1 million)
3. Gateway Trail \$.5 million
 - Acquisition and preliminary development between Pine Point County Park in Washington County and Interstate State Park at Taylors Falls.

Trail Rehabilitation

1. Munger Trail \$.9 million
 - Rehabilitation and widening of trail from 8 to 10 feet, between Carlton and Duluth.
 - (\$500,000 included in DNR request)

New Trails

1. Milltowns Trail \$1.5 million
 - Trail development between Dundas and Faribault and between Northfield and Waterford.
2. Casey Jones Trail \$.5 million
 - Accelerate planning and acquisition for 12 miles of trail.
 - *\$500,000 vetoed in 02 bonding bill
4. Cuyuna Lakes Trail \$.8 million
 - Planning and acquisition of 7 miles from Cuyuna to Brainerd.
5. Minnesota River Trail \$1 million
 - Acquisition and initial development between Wegdahl to Granite Falls.

Trail Grants

1. State Trail Connections \$3 million
 - (\$250,000 included in DNR's request)
2. Regional Trails \$3 million

TOTAL

\$29.66 million

Minnesota State Trail System





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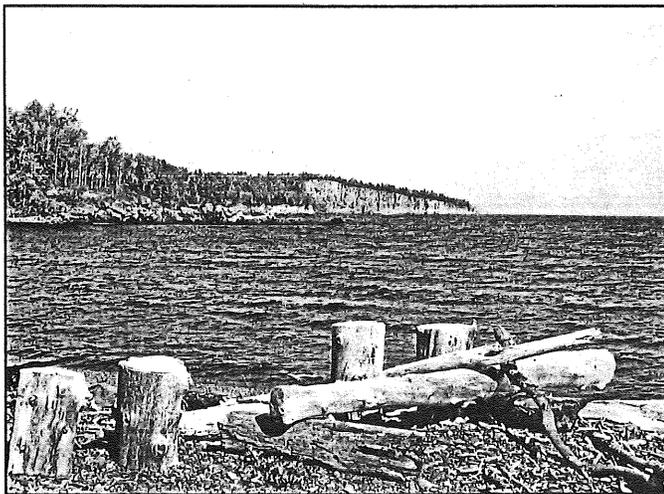
State Park Land Acquisition

January 2005

The State Park Land Acquisition program enables the Department of Natural Resources to purchase lands within planned and legislatively authorized State Park boundaries as they become available from willing sellers. An ongoing land acquisition program protects the integrity of our state park resources from incompatible uses such as housing developments.

Minnesota's State Park System includes 67 state parks, 6 state recreation areas and 9 waysides and encompasses over 240,000 acres of land. Yet critical parcels of land within boundaries of parks remain in private ownership. About 42,000 acres of land within existing state parks remain to be added to the system.

Funding is needed to assure the acquisition of these properties as they become available for sale. If these lands are sold and developed privately, they are lost to the system for at least a generation. Private ownership of inholdings often means fragmenting the park's resources, which can lead to increased management costs.

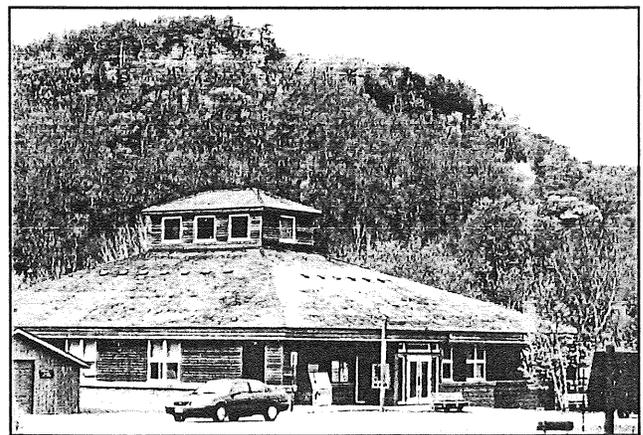


The cost of purchasing land is not going down, it only goes up. An ongoing land acquisition program is a smart investment.

The current list of unfunded state park acquisition projects with willing sellers totals over \$5.7 million. That number includes acquisitions that are critical to the integrity of several existing parks including land on Lake Superior in Tettegouche, the bluffs above the visitor center and campgrounds in Whitewater, the heart of Crosby-Manitou and about 1.4 miles of Mississippi shoreline in Crow Wing. The Crow Wing acquisitions would also provide a route to extend the Paul Bunyan State Trail to the park. Other parks included in the list are Forestville, Great River Bluffs, Judge Magney, Grant Portage, Moose Lake, Beaver Creek Valley, Lindbergh and Monson Lake.

POSITION:

We ask the 2005 Legislature to provide \$3 million for the State Park Land Acquisition program.



Left: View of Shovel Point from proposed Tettegouche State Park acquisition. Above: The Whitewater State Park Visitors Center with private bluff looming in background.

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CEDAR RIVER AT AUSTIN, MN

<u>DATE OF FLOOD</u>	<u>GAUGE HEIGHT (FT.)</u>	<u>MAXIMUM DISCHARGE</u> <u>(c.f.s.)</u>
September 15, 2004	25.00	Estimate 17,000
July 10, 2000	22.90	15,500
July 17, 1978	20.35	12,400
August 15, 1993	19.43	10,800
July 7, 1978	18.14	10,200
March 29, 1962	17.18	9,530
March 1, 1965	18.87	9,400
March 26, 1950	17.81	8,800
July 2, 1983	17.01	8,690
April 6, 1965	16.21	8,410





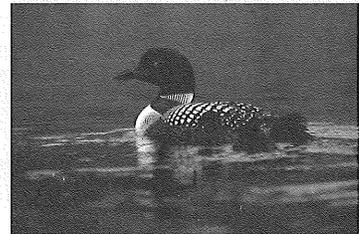


SMART INVESTMENTS FOR OUR FUTURE

PROTECT OUR WATER

Making long-term investments to protect Minnesota's great outdoors is a smart investment in our future. If we don't act now, we could lose opportunities to protect our water, our wildlife habitat, our tourism economy and an important part of our way of life.

Minnesota Environmental Partnership supports \$150 million in long-term bonding projects that make clean water, protected lands, and healthier communities a real priority.



Restoring Minnesota's Water

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

The Legislature should invest **\$23 million** in bonding to protect the Red River, Missouri River, and Upper Mississippi Watersheds. The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) would reward farmers who voluntarily set aside 120,000 acres of marginal agricultural land and environmentally sensitive land along waterways to enhance wildlife habitat, improve water quality, reduce erosion and sedimentation, and reduce the impacts of recurrent flooding. Farmers should be able to choose between temporary and permanent easements.

Red River Flood Damage Reduction & Natural Resource Enhancement

The Legislature should invest **\$6 million** in bonding to fund projects approved through the mediation process to reduce flood damage and enhance natural resources in the Red River Valley.

Wetland Replacement for Local Government Roads

The Legislature should invest **\$4.4 million** to enable local governments to replace wetlands lost because of safety improvements to public transportation. The program would improve water quality and wildlife habitat, provide flood control, and preserve and enhance greenways and wildlife corridors.

Fisheries Acquisition & Improvements

The Legislature should invest **\$1.082 million** in bonding for fisheries acquisition and improvements to acquire, expand, and improve aquatic management areas to protect vital lakefront and trout streams, provide public access, and improve fish habitat.

Stream Protection and Restoration

The Legislature should invest **\$500,000** to restore Minnesota streams and rivers that have been altered and degraded by human activity, returning them to their natural flow regimes, restoring habitat for aquatic species, and improving water quality.

Dam Removal

The Legislature should invest **\$700,000** for emergency work on dams and the removal of two obsolete dams in Kenyon and Owatonna, Minnesota.



Protecting Minnesota's Land & Water

Native Prairie Bank Easements

The Legislature should invest **\$3 million** to help landowners protect native prairie on their property through conservation easements and meet landowner demand for the program.

Scientific and Natural Areas (SNA)

The Legislature should invest **\$3 million** in bonding to protect and improve over 1000 acres of lands and waters containing the best examples of Minnesota's natural features and heritage, providing public access for hiking, bird and wildlife watching, outdoor classroom field trips, wildflower viewing, and scientific research.

Metro Greenways

The Legislature should invest **\$4 million** to help communities protect and connect the best remaining habitat areas, efficiently leverage private and public funding and assistance, and increase access to nature-related recreation.

Critical Habitat Match

The Legislature should invest **\$4 million** to match 1:1 private donations to acquire 4,000 acres of critical fish, wildlife and native plant habitat.

Wildlife Management Area Land Acquisition

The Legislature should invest **\$20 million** for the accelerated acquisition of 22,800 acres of wildlife habitat that will conserve surface water; preserve unique vegetation, natural beauty and open space; and provide areas of outdoor recreation compatible with wildlife management.

Wildlife Management Area Development

The Legislature should invest **\$1 million** to restore 950 acres of wetlands, 2,000 acres of prairie/grasslands and 3,000 acres of openland/brushlands in Wildlife Management Areas.

State Park Acquisition

The Legislature should invest **\$3 million** to purchase lands within legislatively authorized state park boundaries as they become available from willing sellers.

State Forest Land Acquisition

The legislature should invest **\$3.3 million** to acquire selected forestlands from willing sellers to protect key habitat including trout streams, prevent incompatible development, and improve public access to waterways. Two million dollars of these funds will match over \$2 million federal Forest Legacy funds to provide public access on private, working forestlands and protect Mississippi River water quality.

Local Initiative Grants – Leveraging Private & Local Funds for Land & Water Protections

The Legislature should invest **\$2.5 million** to provide matching grants to local governments for acquisition and protection of local natural and scenic areas with outstanding biological, geological, ecological and scenic values, and for larger, natural resource-based parks of regional significance.

Meeker Island Dam Historic Site Access

The Legislature should invest **\$388,000** to fund the restoration of and access to this historic site along the Mississippi River in Saint Paul.

Investing in Healthy Communities

Wastewater

Infrastructure Fund (WIF)

The Legislature should invest **\$30.6 million** to provide supplemental grant and loan funding to high priority municipal wastewater projects.

Closed Landfill Bonding

The Legislature should invest **\$26.092 million** to complete the closure of 15 landfill sites to prevent future contamination of groundwater and to protect public health.

State Matching Funds for Drinking Water and Wastewater Projects

The Legislature should invest **\$16.28 million** to match federal funds at a 1:5 ratio to provide low interest loans to municipalities for drinking water and wastewater projects.

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January 5, 2005

Dear Member of the Senate Capital Investment Committee:

Minnesotans from across the state find common ground in supporting Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs). We who represent the groups listed below encourage the Senate Capital Investment Committee to include an increased investment in Wildlife Management Areas in this year's bonding bill. In 2004, this committee included \$10.6 million for WMAs. We ask that you now consider an investment in WMAs of \$20 million.

WMAs protect critical wildlife habitat across Minnesota. Increasingly, it appears that our state is nearing a crisis of diminishing healthy habitat. For example, many blame this year's low duck harvest on diminishing wetlands and a lack of clean water resources. The situation has caused considerable alarm in some quarters.

This is not news to members of a Citizen's Advisory Committee to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) that studied the situation. The group recommended in 2003 that the state significantly increase its efforts to protect wildlife habitat throughout the WMA system. The Citizen's Committee report noted that the need for wildlife habitat protection is becoming more urgent as Minnesota faces increased development in rural areas, continued loss of critical wildlife lands, and the escalating cost of land.

The Citizens' Committee also conducted a survey of recreational needs throughout the state, and made very specific recommendations to focus new WMAs in the central growth corridor of the state (between Rochester and St. Cloud), the Minnesota River Prairie in the Southwest, and the Southeast Blufflands.

Established in 1951, Minnesota's wildlife management system is regarded as one of the finest in the country, and it plays a key role in preserving game and non-game wildlife populations. Setting aside these lands benefits all Minnesotans by providing outdoor recreation opportunities for hunting, fishing and wildlife watching, as well as preserving healthy ecological systems. WMAs also protect surface and ground water and help reduce the devastation of flooding. Minnesota's WMA system needs a renewed investment to ensure protection and appropriate use of these lands to meet the needs of future generations.

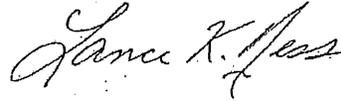
The Governor recently renewed his recommendation of \$12 million over the next two years for the WMA system, plus the related development funds of \$600,000. This amount represents a substantial investment and will allow the DNR to acquire critical wildlife habitat for new WMAs as well as purchase key lands within existing WMAs in order to increase management efficiency on those lands. Still, it is barely half of the \$44 million recommended by the Citizens' Advisory Committee after careful study. The undersigned ask you to consider an investment of \$20 million, so that new WMAs can be

evenly distributed in the areas of need and significant wildlife habitat can be protected for Minnesotans living today and those who come after us.

Sincerely,



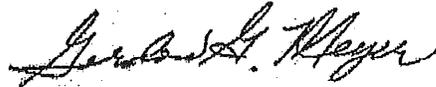
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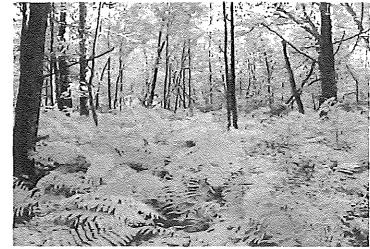


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LOCAL INITIATIVE GRANTS



Empowering Communities to Conserve Priority Land and Water



Challenges Statewide

Opportunities for local governments to acquire larger open space and natural resource lands at reasonable cost are rapidly diminishing, especially in counties in the urban growth corridor between St. Cloud and Rochester and on lakes, streams, and wetlands statewide.

- Development pressure is increasing, especially on lake front and other sensitive shorelands;
- Land prices are rapidly escalating;
- Growing communities need more protected public open space to serve new residents;
- Opportunities to protect key natural lands, including shore lands and woodlands important for water quality, are dwindling;
- Local governments often do not have adequate resources to respond to open space acquisition opportunities in a timely manner.

Failure to aggressively address these issues over the next several years will result in loss of natural habitat, degradation of water quality, and inadequate open space and recreation opportunities to meet growing needs throughout Minnesota.

Partnership Solutions

Local Initiative Grants enable the state to work collaboratively with local governments to address the common goals of open space and natural habitat protection. Local governments acquire the land, are reimbursed for 50-60% of the appraised value, assume the responsibility for ongoing operations and maintenance of these areas, and agree that they will not convert the property to other uses in the future. **This partnership allows the state to contribute to the protection of significant public natural resource and recreation areas without incurring long-term operating and maintenance costs.** These grants provide a catalyst to encourage local investment in these areas.

These programs address the state's concern about loss of habitat as Minnesota grows while promoting several other state priorities: protecting water quality, acquiring lands that complement existing natural and open space areas, providing environmental education opportunities, providing natural resource-based outdoor recreation opportunities, protecting rare plant and animal communities, and enhancing state, federal and private conservation efforts.

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Advocates' Request:
\$2.5M

2004 Agency Request:
\$2.5M

2005 Governor's Request:
\$ 3M for Regional Nonmetro
Parks only

Current Grant Pre-Applications:

Total Requested \$8,547,350

Total Project Cost:
\$16,143,400

Leverage \$: 1 local : 1 state
Natural and Scenic Areas
Outdoor Recreation

Leverage \$: 2 local : 3 state
Regional Nonmetro Parks

Natural and Scenic Area
(4 pre-applications, >100 acres,
1 metro, 3 Greater MN):
\$487,500

Regional Nonmetro Park
(8 pre-applications, >630 acres):
\$3,000,900

Outdoor Recreation
(58 pre-applications,
10 Metro, 48 Greater MN):
\$5,058,950

Local Initiative Grant Programs - Preliminary Application Requests as of 1/3/05

Note - Application Deadline March 31, 2005; More Applications Expected

Natural and Scenic Area Program						
Legislative District	Applicant	Title	Description	Acres	Grant Request	Total Project
15B Kleis, Opatz	City of Sauk Rapids	Pattison Woods	Acquire 10 acres of oak woods, aspen, alder thicket, mesic and wet-mesic prairie, and wet prairie and sedge meadow plant communities. The oak forest is nearly undisturbed, with several aspen clones and a rich and diverse understory.	10	\$125,000	\$250,000
15A Kleis, Knoblach	City of St. Cloud	Sommersby Woods Preserve	Acquire 23 acres of a high priority oak woodland and wetland community with rare species including 577 Tubercled Rein Orchids, one of the four largest populations of this state-listed endangered species. Designated by the Minnesota County Biological Survey as a Natural Heritage Oak Woodland, it is the second largest of its kind within the St. Cloud city limits.	23	\$262,500	\$525,000
31B Kierlin, Davids	City of Chatfield	Mill Creek Park	Acquire 70 acres of land adjacent to Mill Creek Park, including frontage on the Root River and Mill Creek.	70	\$100,000	\$200,000
36B Pariseau, Garofalo	Randolph Public Schools	Pressnall Preserve	Acquire 10 acres adjacent to baseball and football field to increase and enhance natural and scenic areas and to improve outdoor recreational facilities.	10	\$100,000	\$200,000
Total 4				103	\$487,500	\$975,000
Regional Nonmetro Park Program						
Legislative District	Applicant	Title	Description	Acres	Grant Req.	Total Project
27B Sparks, Poppe	City of Austin	Hormel Nature Center	Acquire 148 acres adjacent to the Hormel Nature Center.	148	\$234,000	\$390,000
15A Kleis, Knoblach	County of Stearns	Honer Property Acquisition	Acquire 313 acres for regional park, including 1/2 lake frontage on Kraemer Lake, 270 acres of forest and wetlands listed with the MCBS.	312	\$1,800,000	\$3,000,000
19A Ourada, Anderson	County of Wright	Robert Ney Regional Park	Acquire 140 acres to expand Robert Ney Regional Park, now 598 acres of hills, marsh, prairie and forest.	140	\$504,000	\$840,000
18B Dille, Urdahl	County of Wright	Stanley Eddy Regional Park	Acquire 34 acres adjoining Stanley Eddy Regional Park, now 655 acres of hills and big wood forest.	34	\$122,400	\$204,000
15B Kleis, Opatz	City of Sauk Rapids	Mayhew Creek Park	Develop new park with trails, prairie-wetland-woodland restoration, warming house, picnic area.		\$100,000	\$200,000
1 Stumpf, Penas/Lieder	County of Marshall	Marshall County Park	Replace old playground equipment to make it safe for children of all ages and the developmentally disabled.		\$50,000	\$100,000
18B Dille, Urdahl	County of Meeker	Lake Koronis Regional Park	Renovate campground including three camper cabins and a playground.		\$55,500	\$92,500
15A Kleis, Knoblach	City of St. Cloud	Plum Creek Regional Park	Construct park entry, parking, and paved service road needed to stabilize the bluff and provide non-motorized access to the Great lawn area and Mississippi River. Trail development may include a loop natural trail around the southern oak savanna area. Develop an active playground area along with a picnic shelter and nature interpretive kiosk.		\$135,000	\$225,000
Total 8				634	\$3,000,900	\$5,051,500
Outdoor Recreation Program						
Applicant	Title	Description	Acres	Grant Req.	Total Project	
58 Cities and Townships		10 Metro \$1.8M, 48 Greater Minnesota \$3.26M; one acquisition Includes projects in districts represented by Senators Langseth, Larson, Berglin, Higgins, Kierlin, Kleis, Kiscaden, Sams, Senjem, Stumpf, Vickerman, and Wiger	24	\$5,058,950	\$10,116,900	
TOTAL ALL PROGRAMS				761	\$8,547,350	\$16,143,400
70 Pre-Applications						

Local Initiative Grant Programs - Preliminary Application Requests as of 1/3/05

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Outdoor Recreation Program					
	Applicant	Title	Description	Grant Request	Total Project
OR	City of Aitkin	Skatepark	Develop skate park.	\$42,500	\$85,000
OR	City of Sauk Rapids	Autumn Ridge Splash Park	Develop a splash pad water park with picnic shelter, trails and landscaping.	\$150,000	\$300,000
OR	City of Sauk Rapids	Riverfront Park	Redevelop park with new playground, restrooms, trails, landscaping.	\$750,000	\$1,500,000
OR	City of New Germany	Tower Park	Redevelop playground.	\$5,000	\$10,000
OR	City of Center City	Water Tower Park	Develop park including shelter, picnic tables, recreation area, new playground equipment, volleyball court, ice skating rink, basketball court.	\$15,000	\$30,000
OR	City of Wyoming	Goodview Park	Trails and landscaping.	\$50,000	\$100,000
OR	City of Barnesville	Wagner Park	Develop bike/hike trail, bathroom/shower facility.	\$66,500	\$133,000
OR	City of Bagley	City Park	Remove the wooden playground equipment and replace it with equipment for children 2-5 years old and one or two pieces aimed at children ages 5-12.	\$12,500	\$25,000
OR	City of Grand Marais	Skate Park	Develop skate park.	\$60,000	\$120,000
OR	City of West Concord	Memorial Park	Repair the tennis court, add a new picnic structure, a basketball court and walking path.	\$40,000	\$80,000
OR	City of Osakis	Osagi Park	Replacement of outdated non-compliant playground equipment.	\$50,000	\$100,000
OR	City of Chatfield	Mill Creek Park	Roller rink, lighting and skate park.	\$40,000	\$80,000
OR	City of Brahan	Northwest Park	Develop new park with skateboard/BMX area, picnic shelter, playground, basketball court, observation pier.	\$70,000	\$140,000
OR	Township of Balsam	Township Park	Redevelop playground.	\$25,000	\$50,000
OR	City of Coleraine	Cotton Park	Restoration of Cotton Park including a swimming beach, beach house, public water access, picnic area and provide visitor info w/ kiosk	\$10,000	\$20,000
OR	City of International Falls	Riverside Park	Trails, picnic area, and fishing pier at existing city-owned property adjacent to Rainy River	\$10,000	\$20,000
OR	City of Madison	Madison Memorial Athletic Park	Upgrade existing 1950 facility with new restrooms, access trails, lighting, playground, picnic tables, parking and fencing.	\$62,500	\$125,000
OR	City of Arco	Anderson Park	Campground development, playground equipment and walkways.	\$10,000	\$20,000
OR	City of Hendricks	Hendricks Park	Trail, fishing pier, restrooms and playground.	\$22,500	\$45,000
OR	City of Welcome	Welcome Diamonds	Acquisition and development of baseball diamonds and support facilities.	\$125,000	\$250,000
OR	Township of Biscay	Biscay Park	Township park development.	\$25,000	\$50,000
OR	City of Winsted	Skate Park	Develop skate park.	\$15,000	\$30,000
OR	City Of Austin	Community Park	Picnic pavilion.	\$50,000	\$100,000
OR	City of Worthington	Watland Park	Development of playground facilities, walkways and parking.	\$30,000	\$60,000
OR	City of Byron	Soccer Complex	Creating 4 youth baseball fields and one regulation field along with parking and play ground.	\$500,000	\$1,000,000

OR	City of St. Hilaire	City Park	Replace playground.	\$25,000	\$50,000
OR	City of Edgerton	City Park	Playground and picnic shelter.	\$6,000	\$12,000
OR	City of Hector	Municipal Pool Improvements	Pool repairs to correct severe leaking.	\$20,000	\$40,000
OR	City of Lonsdale	City Park	City park facilities.	\$25,000	\$50,000
OR	City of New Prague	Sliding Hill	Develop sliding hill, skatepark, pathways, softball fields, hockey rinks, warming house, parking area.	\$40,000	\$80,000
OR	City of Princeton	Field of Dreams	Enhance existing ballfield.	\$15,000	\$30,000
OR	City of Zimmerman	Community Park	Re-configure existing community park to increase the functionality of the park and to add baseball and softball fields, hockey rinks and update play ground equipment.	\$75,000	\$150,000
OR	City of Eveleth	Veteran's Park	Construct ADA shower/restroom, install sanitary sewer service to building, construct RV dump station, construct 17 additional campsites, develop three ADA campsites, install underground power lines and water lines to campsites & buildings.	\$167,450	\$334,900
OR	Township of Fredenberg	Community Park	New picnic shelter, redevelop tennis court and hockey rink.	\$50,000	\$100,000
OR	City of Paynesville	City Park	Replace existing shelter.	\$10,000	\$20,000
OR	City of Roscoe	City Park	Construct new playground.	\$15,000	\$30,000
OR	City of Sauk Centre	Morningview Park	Park Dedication Land- create neighborhood park with trail connections to local area trails	\$45,000	\$90,000
OR	City of St. Cloud	Wilson Park	Build the Kaleidoscope playground In Wilson Park. The project consists of a fully accessible playground structure designed for all abilities with resilient rubber matt surfacing.	\$90,000	\$180,000
OR	City of Long Prairie	Harmony Park	Construct combination picnic shelter, environmental interpretive center, warming house.	\$15,000	\$30,000
OR	City of Staples	Dower Lake Park	Replace docks.	\$5,000	\$10,000
OR	City of Elgin	Whitewater Trout Stream Trail	Walking trail along the White Water trout stream.	\$5,000	\$10,000
OR	City of Plainview	Orchard Hills Park	Picnic shelter, playground and landscaping.	\$30,000	\$60,000
OR	City of Plainview	Swimming Pool	Swimming pool and restroom renovations.	\$250,000	\$500,000
OR	City of Plainview	Wedgewood Park	Picnic shelter.	\$20,000	\$40,000
OR	City of Verndale	Baseball Park	Replace the dugouts, build some bleachers with a roof. Add agrilime and black dirt to the playing field for better drainage. Replace the backstop fence. Add a scoreboard. Build a batting cage.	\$18,500	\$37,000
OR	City of Lewiston	City View Park	Ballfield, picnic shelter, restrooms, playground and basketball court and sand volleyball court.	\$40,000	\$80,000
OR	City of Stockton	Hinton Park	Replacement of old, unsafe playground equipment.	\$10,000	\$20,000
OR	City of Canby	Pine Street Park	Develop playground, skating, basketball courts and walking trail.	\$45,000	\$90,000
Greater MN Total 48				\$3,258,450	\$6,516,900
OR	City of East Bethel	John Anderson Park	Picnic shelter, restrooms, trails, playground, parking and warming house.	\$118,500	\$237,000

OR	City of Fridley	Tennis Courts	Replace and resurface existing tennis courts.	\$21,500	\$42,000
OR	City of Ramsey	Lion's Park	Construct a 5,000 sq ft park building in either Elmcrest or Central Park.	\$250,000	\$500,000
OR	City of Champlin	All parks	City parks.	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
OR	City of Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board	Kenwood Park	Reconstruction of 6 tennis courts, fencing, windscreens, backboard, landscaping and drinking fountain.	\$75,000	\$150,000
OR	City of Mound	Sorbo Park	Replace playground.	\$20,500	\$41,000
OR	City of North St. Paul	Snowman Park	Develop a gateway park connecting the local community to the trail and provide parking, restrooms and cultural resources to trail users predominantly from outside the area.	\$450,000	\$900,000
OR	City of Hugo	Diamond Point East Park	Neighborhood park.	\$125,000	\$250,000
OR	City of Newport	Loveland Park	Redevelop hockey and pleasure rinks, lighting, warming house, and rehabilitation of the current warming house into a picnic shelter.	\$75,000	\$150,000
OR	City of Oakdale	Garden Boulevard Park	Playground, trails, basketball court, open play areas, parking, site amenities and parking.	\$165,000	\$330,000
Metro Total 10				\$1,800,500	\$3,600,000
Total 58				\$5,058,950	\$10,116,900
Total acquisition: 24 acres					



Metro Greenways

*Protecting and Enhancing
Natural Lands
in the Metropolitan Region*



Current Need:
>\$4,000,000

Governor's Request:
\$1,000,000

**Regionally Important Natural
Areas Unprotected:**
Over 100,000 acres

**Development Rate in
Metropolitan Region:**
60 acres/day

Proposed Results with \$4M:
1000 acres protected

**Metro Greenways
Leverage of Federal, Local,
and Private Funds:**
1: 2 federal, local and private
funds

Priority Project Areas:
Minnetrista Greenway
Crow River Area
Upper Mississippi and Elk
River Area
Sand Hill Crane Natural Area
Cedar Creek Natural Area
Carlos Avery/Sunrise River
Rush Creek Headwaters
St. Croix River Valley
Rice Creek Area
Lower Mississippi River
Northern Dakota Greenway
Vermillion River Area
Cannon River/Chub Creek
Minnesota River Valley

As communities in the Twin Cities metropolitan region grow, the natural lands so essential to their quality of life are under increasing pressure from development, and communities need help protecting priority lands to provide critical economic, social, and environmental benefits.

Loss of Open Space: Each day, nearly 60 acres of fields, forests and wetlands in the metro area are lost to development as one million more people and 500,000 more households are arriving here in the next 30 years. Of the region's original habitat, only four percent remains, and over 100,000 acres is now unprotected.

Increasing Demand and Need for Assistance: Communities metro-wide recognize that this pressure on the area's remaining natural lands is intensifying, but many lack the technical expertise and funds to protect them and are asking for help.

Attract and Retain Businesses and Residents: People choose to live where they have access to natural areas, and a healthy metropolitan region will continue to attract and retain businesses and residents.

Sustain the Local Property Tax Base: Conservation helps maintain or enhance nearby private property values.

Provide Access to Fish and Wildlife Recreation: Providing fish and wildlife recreation opportunities close to home is important in high growth Minnesota; children growing up in developed areas will be able to experience the natural world.

Working with willing sellers, local governments, and nonprofit conservation partners, DNR Metro Greenways will provide grants or directly purchase conservation easements or fee title in focus areas mapped with community participation (see map on reverse side).

Bonding \$4M for DNR Metro Greenways will:

- help communities protect and connect the best remaining habitat areas,
- efficiently leverage private and public funding and assistance, and
- increase access to nature-related recreation.

Absent this investment, much of the region's remaining native habitat is likely to be lost, and what remains will continue to escalate in price, making its preservation even more difficult in the future.

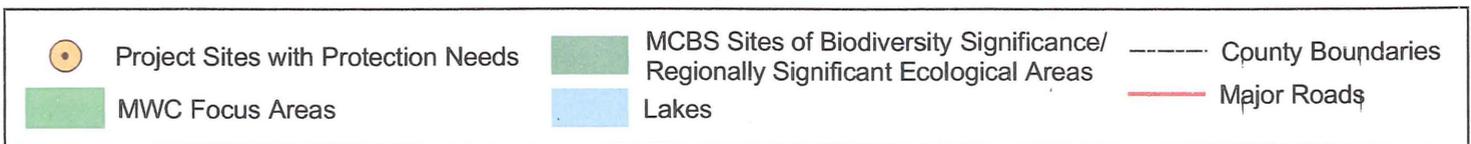
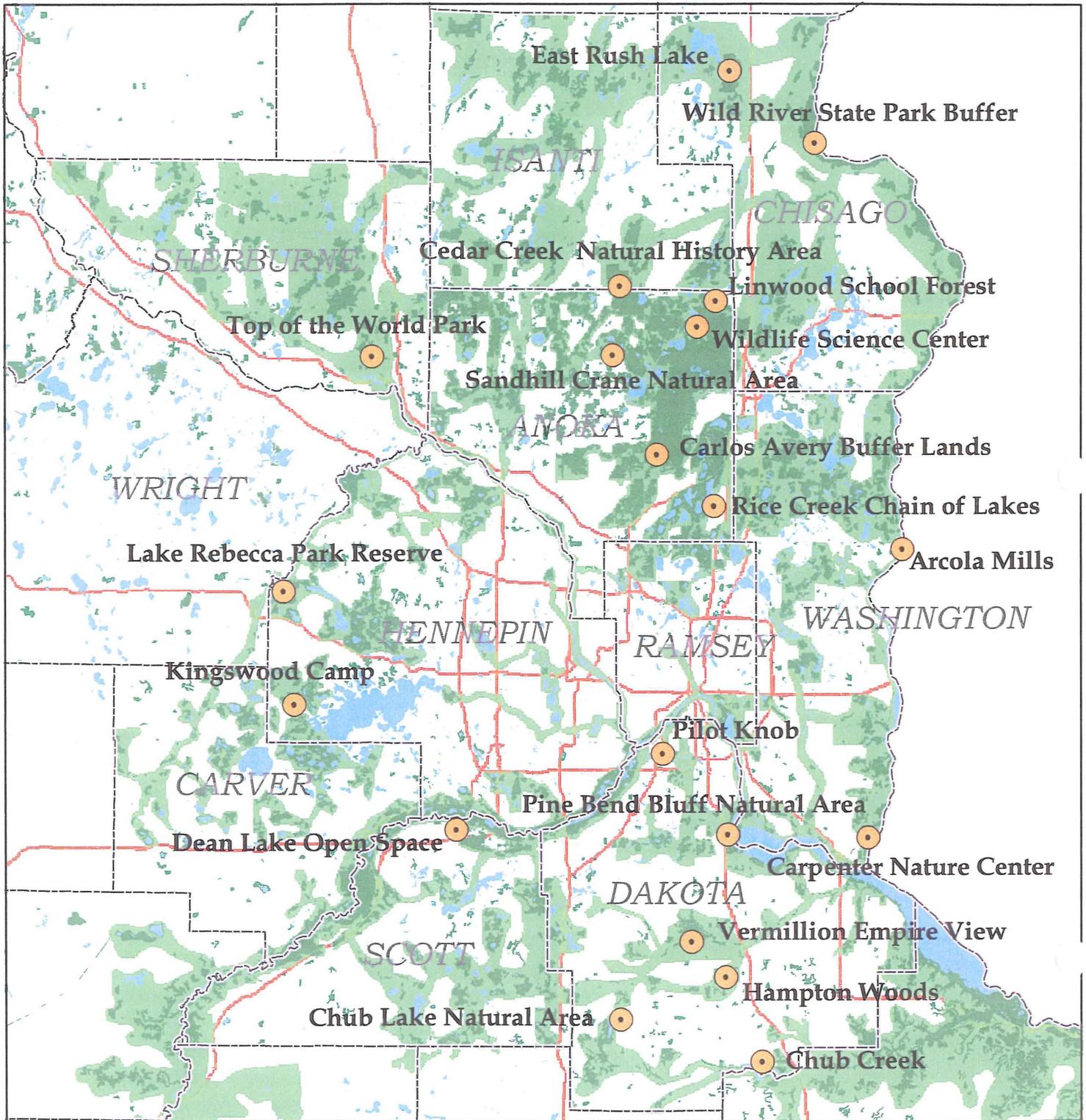
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Metro Greenways

Land Protection - Project Sites



**Metro Greenways
Site Nominations 2004
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LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT	NOMINATOR	PROJECT NAME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	ACRES	TOTAL COST \$	Metro Greenways REQUEST \$	OTHER (Potential) FUNDERS
17B Nienow, Nelson	Minnesota Land Trust (MLT)	Wild River State Park Buffer	Sunrise Township, Chisago County	High-quality forested property adjacent to Wild River State Park to be protected with conservation easement on private land	80	\$ 425,000	\$ 200,000	landowner partial donation, MLT
17B Nienow, Nelson	The Trust for Public Land (TPL)	East Rush Lake	Nessel Township, Chisago County	High-quality mixed hardwoods, wetland and lakeshore for new Wildlife Management Area/Aquatic Management Area acquisition	670	\$ 800,000	\$ 450,000	TPL, DNR Div. of Fish and Wildlife, private donors
32A Limmer, Peppin	Three Rivers Park District	Lake Rebecca Park Reserve Addition	Greenfield, Hennepin County	Three river-front parcels on Crow River to be acquired and added to Lake Rebecca Regional Park	13	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 900,000	Metropolitan Council
33A Olson, Smith	Hennepin County	Kingswood Camp	Minnetrista, Hennepin County	Rare tamarack bog and adjacent maple-basswood forest to be protected with conservation easement on private camp land	10	\$ 175,000	\$ 150,000	Hennepin County, potential landowner partial donation
35A Robling, Beard	City of Shakopee	Dean Lake Park/Open Space	Shakopee, Scott County	City to protect key open space on larger parcel	63	\$ 2,535,000	\$ 535,000	City of Shakopee
36B Pariseau, Garofalo	Dakota County/Stephen Gergen	Chub Creek	Randolph, Dakota County	Forested land on Chub Creek to be protected with conservation easement and fee title for city park/school facility	34	\$ 600,000	\$ 200,000	Dakota County
36B Pariseau, Garofalo	Friends of the Mississippi River	Chub Lake Natural Area-Swedeen	Eureka, Dakota County	Oak forested parcel with Chub Lake shoreline adjacent to Wildlife Management Area to be protected with conservation easement	13	\$ 60,000	\$ 30,000	Dakota County
36B Pariseau, Garofalo	Friends of the Mississippi River	Chub Lake Natural Area-Kuhns	Eureka, Dakota County	Oak forested parcel with Chub Lake shoreline adjacent to Wildlife Management Area to be protected with conservation easement	18	\$ 108,000	\$ 40,000	Dakota County
36B Pariseau, Garofalo	Friends of the Mississippi River	Hampton Woods	Hampton Township, Dakota County	Good-quality oak forest to be protected with conservation easement on private land	55	\$ 440,000	\$ 200,000	Dakota County
39A Metzzen, Hansen	The Trust for Public Land	Pilot Knob/Oheyawahi - Phase 1	Mendota Heights, Dakota County	Protection of key natural, historic, and cultural site at junction of Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers through acquisition of fee title on 8 acres and conservation easement on 4 acres, with City, County and DNR partnership proposed	12	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 750,000	Dakota County, City of Mendota Heights, Natural and Scenic Area and Remediation Fund Grants, private sources
48A Jungbauer, Hackbarth	Anoka Conservation District	Cedar Creek Natural History Area	East Bethel, Anoka County	Enhance and buffer existing Cedar Creek Natural History Area prairie with conservation easements on multiple parcels with Minnesota County Biological Survey-mapped natural communities	260	\$ 970,000	\$ 950,000	Anoka Conservation District and Cedar Creek Natural History Study Area
48A Jungbauer, Hackbarth	Anoka County Parks	Sandhill Crane Natural Area	East Bethel, Anoka County	Enhance and buffer existing Sandhill Crane Natural Area with conservation easements on four parcels, some containing Minnesota County Biological Survey-mapped natural communities	253	\$ 1,265,000	\$ 500,000	possible landowner donations
48A Jungbauer, Hackbarth	City of Elk River	Top of the World Park Addition	Elk River, Sherburne County	High quality oak forest to be acquired and added to existing City open space/passive park	80	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 500,000	City of Elk River, Natural and Scenic Area Grant
52A Bachmann, Vandever	Anoka Conservation District	Linwood School Forest	Linwood Township, Anoka County	Land with a variety of Minnesota County Biological Survey-mapped natural communities adjacent to Mikkleson Wildlife Management Area to be protected with conservation easement	160	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 160,000	landowner (township) donation
52A Bachmann, Vandever	Anoka Conservation District	Wildlife Science Center	Linwood Township, Anoka County	A variety of Minnesota County Biological Survey-mapped natural communities adjacent to Carlos Avery Wildlife Management Area to be protected with conservation easement	140	\$ 850,000	\$ 200,000	landowner donation
52A & 53A Bachmann/ Reiter, Vandever/ Krinkie	Anoka County Parks	Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Preserve Addition	Centerville, Anoka County	Addition of land with a variety of natural communities on Centerville Lake to existing city park land	88	\$ 950,000	\$ 570,000	Metropolitan Council
52B Bachmann, Dean	Arcola Mills Historic Foundation	Arcola Mills	Stillwater, Washington County	High-quality forested land on St. Croix River and tributary stream to be protected with conservation easement	45	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 500,000	landowner partial donation, possible federal Forest Legacy funds
57B Marko, McNamara	Carpenter Nature Center	Carpenter Nature Center Addition	Denmark Township Washinton County	Two forested bluff-line properties on St. Croix River to be protected through acquisition	41	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 1,300,000	none identified
	TOTALS				2035	\$ 18,278,000	\$ 8,135,000	

State Forest Land Acquisition

Leveraging Federal Forest Legacy Funds to Keep Working Forestlands Working and Protecting Key Forestlands



Current Need (Total of two parts):
\$3,300,000

Governor's Request:
\$1,000,000

Part 1: Leveraging Federal Forest Legacy Funds: \$2,000,000

Part 2: Key Forestland Acquisition: \$1,300,000

Part 1: Proposed Forest Legacy Projects:

Brainerd Lakes Forest Legacy
Over 5000 acres private, working forestlands in Pillsbury and Crow Wing state forests
Over 6.5 miles of riverfront lands plus shallow lakes

DNR would acquire conservation easements on private, working forestlands in the high-growth Brainerd Lakes region, including 5000 acres within and adjacent to the Pillsbury and Crow Wing State Forests, 6 1/2 miles on the Pine River and Pelican and Peterson creeks, and numerous shallow lakes. The federal Forest Legacy program would provide \$3M, as recommended by President Bush, for \$1M of state investment. The private landowner has already signed an option to protect these 5000 acres with a working forest conservation easement. Negotiations are underway to protect more forestland, leveraging more federal Forest Legacy funds in other areas of Minnesota.

Forest Legacy Project Benefits:

- Protect key habitat and water quality
- Support local forest economy and tax base
- Prevent incompatible development
- Provide public access on private working forest lands with conservation easement

Part 2: Key Forest Acquisition:

344 acres state forest
Sand Dunes State Forest
Richard J. Dorer State Forest
St. Croix State Forest

Project Benefits:

- Protect trout streams and floodplain forests
- Allow public access to waterways and missing trail segments
- Facilitate management

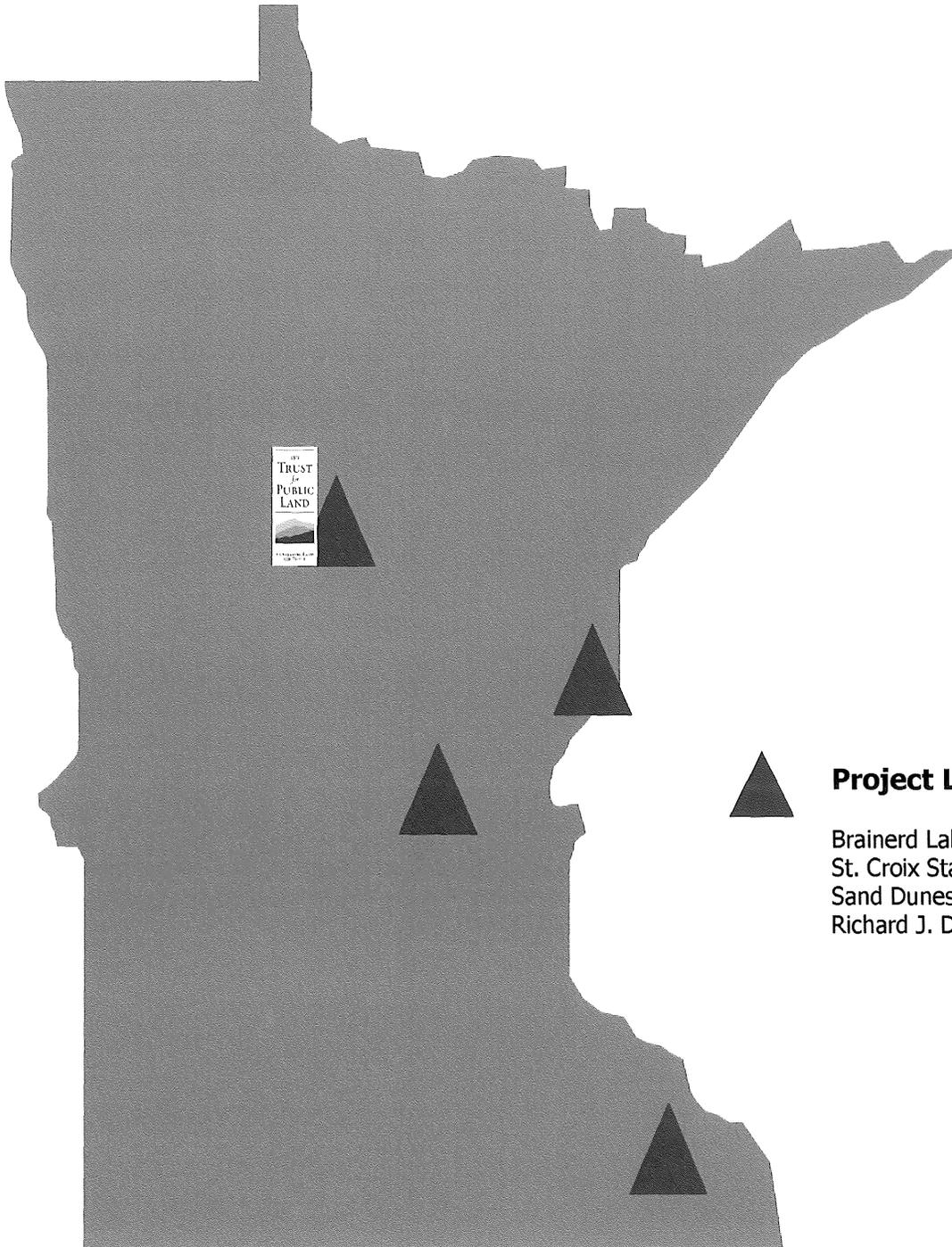
DNR would acquire fee title on 344 acres of private lands from willing sellers within Sand Dunes, Richard J. Dorer, and St. Croix state forests. These acquisitions would provide access to and protect a trout stream and protect the integrity of floodplain forests.

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Project Locations

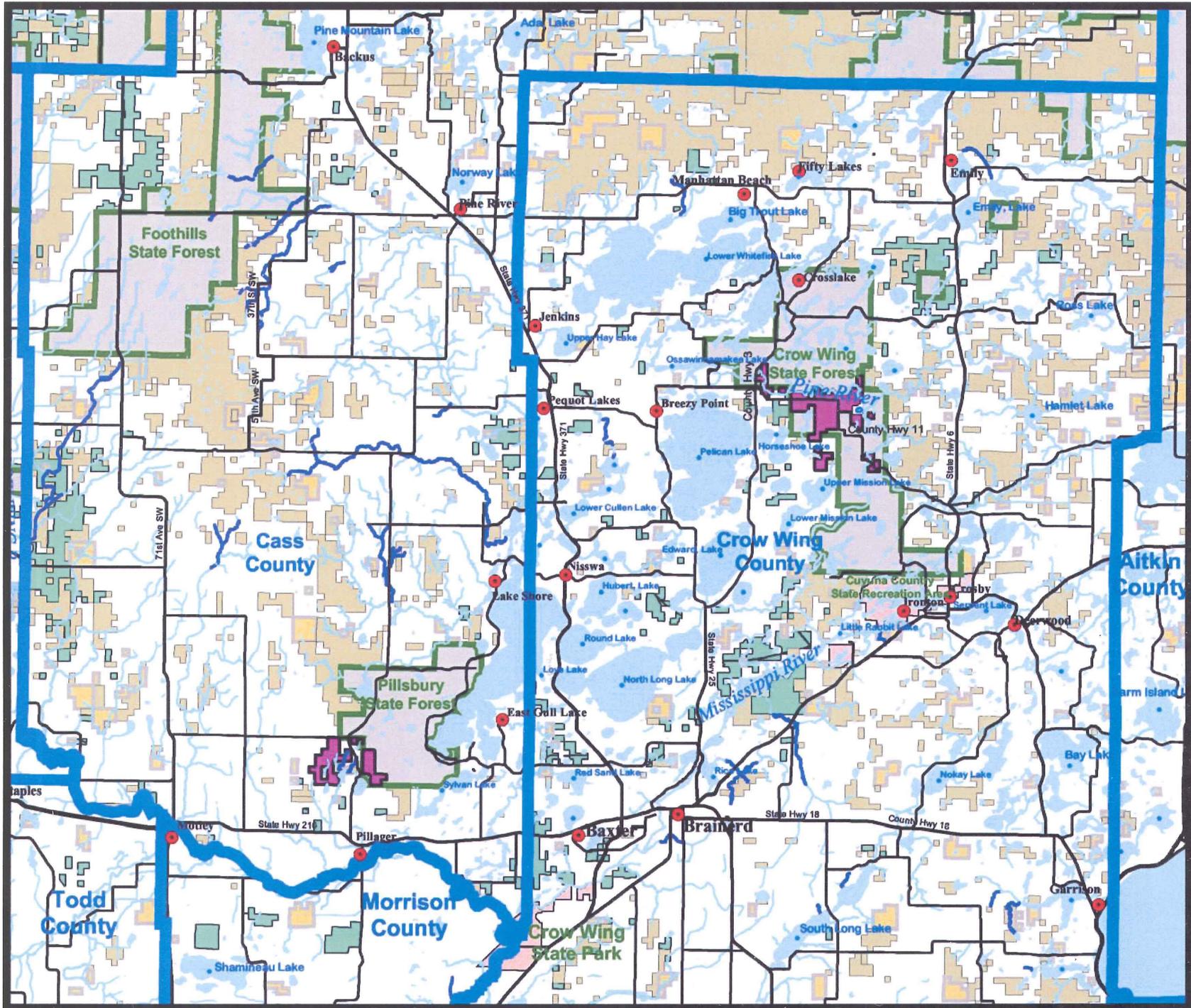
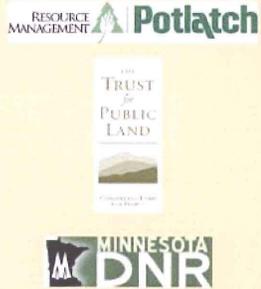
- Brainerd Lakes Forest Legacy
- St. Croix State Forest
- Sand Dunes State Forest
- Richard J. Dorer State Forest



Legend:

- Proposed Easement Areas
- Other Potlatch Ownership
- State Forest Boundaries
- State Parks
- DNR Land
- County Land
- County Boundaries
- Cities
- Highways
- Lakes
- Streams
- Trout Streams

Cooperators:



Scale: 0 1 2 4 6 8 Miles



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To: Senate Capital Investment
From: Cordelia Pierson, The Trust for Public Land
Date: January 5, 2005

Re: State Commitment to Match Federal Forest Legacy Funds to Purchase Working Forest Conservation Easements

Minnesota can become competitive nationally to keep working forestlands working by committing state bonding funds to match federal Forest Legacy funds, with every state dollar bringing up to three federal dollars to Minnesota. (3:1 ratio of federal to state funds) **Including \$3M in the bonding bill for State Forest Acquisition**, with part to match federal Forest Legacy funds, will help Minnesota compete for more federal funds beyond the \$2M secured in November 2004 for Minnesota's top priority Brainerd Lakes Forest Legacy and is strongly supported (see list on reverse). **Funding below \$3M may compromise Minnesota's competitiveness for these federal funds.**

Other states have committed substantial funds and have attracted major federal investments in working forests:

- **Maine: \$2.45M** from Land for Maine's Future Board to protect 25,800 acres at Mt. Blue/Tumbledown Mountain area, **leveraging \$3.1M in federal funds** (\$2.77M from Forest Legacy (FL) and \$366,000 from state-side Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)); voters passed \$50M statewide bond in Nov. 1999
- Montana: \$6.3M** from Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks to protect 140,000 acres in Thompson and Fisher river valleys, **leveraging \$26M in federal funds** (\$15.7 M FL; \$10.3 M Coop. Endangered Species Act Section 6/Habitat Conservation Plan)
- New Hampshire: \$2M** state grant to protect 171,000 acres at Connecticut Lakes, south of the Canadian border, **leveraging \$11.25M in federal funds**; part of over \$11M state funding for Land and Community Heritage Investment Program
- New Jersey: \$1.8M** from NJ DEP Green Acres Program funds to protect 600-acre Crown Towers and 1200-acre Gerard Woods properties, **leveraging \$6.2 M of federal funds** (FL); roughly \$115M per year for NJ DEP Green Acres program
- New York: \$500,000** from State Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) for protection of 600 acres at Pochuck Mountain, **leveraging over \$1.28M in federal funds** (FL); EPF \$30 – 38M annually from 2001-2004, with \$285M for all state land acquisition from 2000-2004
- Massachusetts: State Self-Help Watershed Protection Program** to protect 235 acres at Belmont Springs with **\$1.383M in federal funds**; state invested \$235.3 million from 2000 – 2004

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Brainerd Lakes Forest Legacy
List of Supporters of State Request to Match Federal Funding

6/1/04

Cass County Board of Commissioners
Crow Wing County Board of Commissioners
Crow Wing County Parks Commission

Brainerd Lakes Area Conservation Collaborative (BLACC)
Initiative Foundation
Minnesota Conservation Federation
Minnesota Deer Hunters Association (MDHA)
Minnesota Environmental Partnership (MEP) and 53 of its member organizations
Minnesota Forest Industries Association
Minnesota Land Trust
Minnesota Lakes Association
Potlatch Corporation
Rivers Council
Ruffed Grouse Society
The Nature Conservancy (TNC)
The Trust for Public Land (TPL)
Whitefish Area Property Owners Association
1000 Friends of Minnesota

Senate authors:

Senator Tom Saxhaug
Senator Carrie Ruud
Senator Leroy Stumpf
Senator Tom Bakk
Senator Rod Skoe

House authors:

Rep. Larry Howes
Rep. Loren Solberg
Rep. Tom Hackbarth
Rep. Joe Hoppe
Rep. David Dill
Rep. Irv Anderson

State agencies supporting federal request:

MN Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR)
MN Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
MN Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)

Minnesota House Speaker Sviggum and Rep. Zellers also sent letters to the Minnesota delegation supporting the federal request.

May 12, 2004

Dear Majority Leader Johnson and Senator Langseth:

As you negotiate a bonding bill, we request that you include four forestry priorities:

Reforestation:	\$3M (House \$3M, SF 3057 \$3M)
County Reforestation:	\$1M (House \$0, SF 3057 \$1M)
Forest Roads and Bridges:	\$1M (House \$0, SF 3057 \$1M)
State Forest Acquisition, incl. Forest Legacy:	\$3M (House \$1M, SF 3057 \$2M)

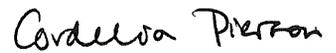
These four priorities help Minnesota implement the recommendations of the Task Force on the Competitiveness of Minnesota's Primary Forest Products Industry while continuing to protect the state's waters and wildlife lands.

The two reforestation requests and the forest road and bridges request help "increase wood and fiber availability, quality and production from public and private lands while continuing to protect the environment," the first recommendation of the Task Force on the Competitiveness of Minnesota's Primary Forest Products Industry. Minnesota Forest Industries (MFI) selected these three requests as its top priorities, with State Forest Acquisition as its second priority.

With a State Forest Acquisition appropriation of \$3M, Minnesota will leverage 3:1 federal to state funds to keep working forests working in Minnesota. A total of \$3 M would provide \$1M to match pending Forest Legacy requests on additional forest industry lands. The US House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee is considering cutting federal Forest Legacy in the next two weeks, and a strong commitment of state matching funds is critical now to keep Minnesota competitive nationally for federal Forest Legacy funds.

Thank you for considering these forestry-related requests as you conclude negotiations on a bonding bill.


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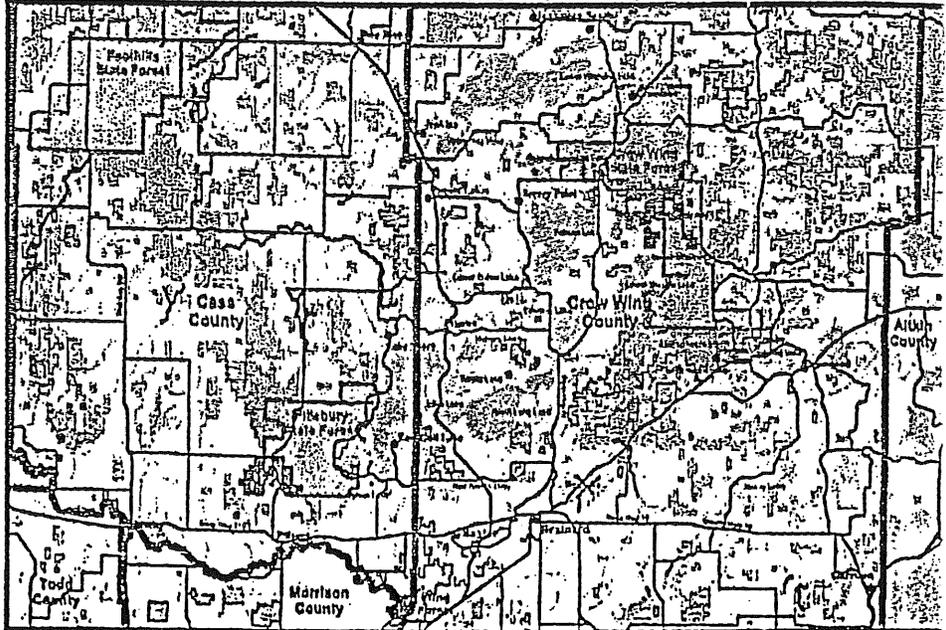
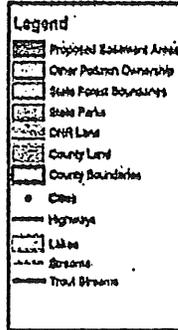
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Potlatch easement program 'win-win' for forests

State Land View

Brainerd Lakes Forest Legacy Proposal - Project Area

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A working-forest agreement, which is contingent upon federal Forest Legacy program funding between the Trust for Public Land and Potlatch Corp would protect nearly 5,000 acres of land (shown in purple) adjacent to the Crow Wing and Pillsbury State Forests from development, thus connecting more than 22,000 acres of already-protected forest lands vulnerable to the residential and commercial growth pressures in the area.

Image courtesy of Potlatch Corp

By Vince Meyer
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Brainerd, Minn. — A grant is awaited for a proposed agreement between the Trust for Public Land and Potlatch Corp., that would keep 4,790 acres of Crow Wing County forest forever protected from development.

The land, valued at \$4 million, is about 15 miles north of Brainerd and located in two separate parcels adjacent to Crow Wing State Forest and Pillsbury State Forest. Potlatch would retain management rights, but the land would not be developed and would remain open to public recreation.

The plan is contingent on the Trust for Public Land getting a \$3 million grant from the federal government through its Forest Legacy Program, which protects forests from being converted to other uses.

"I feel very optimistic that it will happen," said Susan Schmidt, state director for the Trust for Public Land. "Of all the conservation tools we have, this is one of the few that is getting increased funding at the federal level. It's not facing the tight purse strings that other programs are."

Schmidt said she will learn within the next month if the grant has been approved.

"This is meant to buffer and protect the existing state forests and is in the path of very heavy development out of Brainerd," she said.

The Trust, a national land-conservation organization, said half the land is a combination of naturally regenerating aspen, birch, jack or red pine, oak, lowland hardwoods, wetlands and open water. The other half is reforested red or jack pine.

Potlatch has been under pressure in recent years to sell its lands in areas where the population is growing fast, such as the Brainerd lakes area, said Mark Benson, Potlatch public affairs director. Recently, Potlatch sold a 66-acre tract north of Pillager to a private developer who is building single-family homes on the land, much to the consternation of local residents. This new "conservation easement" would prohibit that from happening elsewhere.

"This is a win-win situation for Potlatch, Minnesotans, and conservation," Benson said. "This is an alternative to selling lands for development. We will continue to manage the land in a sustainable manner and the public will retain access to that land."

This is the first agreement of this type between Potlatch and the Trust for Public Land in Minnesota. A similar agreement was reached in Idaho. Potlatch also has sold land to The Nature Conservancy in Arkansas. If this new Minnesota sale happens it would create a nearly 22,000-acre tract of public land.

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+ Plan would protect 5,000 acres of forest

Land Trust, Potlatch to seek easement

BY DENNIS LIEN
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Almost 5,000 acres of forest in the Brainerd area would be protected from rapidly encroaching development under a conservation easement being worked out by the Trust for Public Land and the Potlatch Corp.

The two organizations have agreed to pursue the easement, which would permanently bar residential and commercial development on the property but would allow Washington-based Potlatch to retain owner-

ship and to continue to log trees in a sustainable way.

The land that would be protected is about 15 miles north of Brainerd, a prime vacation destination, and is next to the Crow Wing and Pillsbury state forests. The deal depends on funding from the federal Forest Legacy program, which is designed to prevent forests from being converted to other uses.

"This is meant to buffer and protect the existing state forests and is in the path of very heavy development out of Brainerd," said Susan Schmidt, Minnesota director of Trust for Public Land.

"Potlatch has already sold some land and is feeling a tremendous amount of pressure," she said. "Their lands can't compete in the private marketplace. This is a perfect solution, if we succeed."

The Trust for Public Land, a national land-conservation organization, said half the land is a combination of naturally regenerating aspen, birch, jack or red pine, oak, lowland hardwoods, wetlands and open water. The other half is reforested red or jack pine.

If the easement, a tool commonly used for protecting property from development, is placed on the property, it would be one of Minnesota's largest

Forest Legacy-funded protection efforts. The easement, which would give the public some recreational and hunting access to the property, would be held by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

The DNR has submitted a Forest Legacy Program funding request of \$2.8 million to the U.S. Forest Service, which will consider the state's request and submit recommendations to Congress. Almost \$1 million in non-federal matching still must be raised from a variety of state, county and private sources.

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