

Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals

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About the Court

The WCCA was created as an independent agency of the executive branch of state government by Chapter 175A of the Minnesota Statutes. The court consists of five judges appointed to six-year terms by the Governor and confirmed by the state Senate. The Governor designates one of the five as the Chief Judge. The Chief Judge is responsible for the administration of the court.

The WCCA has exclusive, statewide authority to review workers' compensation cases decided by compensation judges at the Office of Administrative Hearings and certain cases decided by the Worker's Compensation Division at the Department of Labor and Industry. A panel of three or five judges decides each appeal. A written decision must be issued within 90 days after a case has been assigned to a panel. The judges review the evidentiary record created at the initial hearing, preside over oral arguments, conduct legal research, decide the legal and factual issues appealed by the parties, and issue written orders, decisions and memoranda. Decisions are written to inform the parties and the public of the bases for the court's decisions and to create a body of law interpreting and applying Minnesota workers' compensation laws. Decisions of the WCCA are appealable directly to the Minnesota Supreme Court.

The mission of the WCCA is to produce high quality and consistent decisions in a timely manner to ensure the quick and efficient delivery of workers' compensation benefits to qualified injured workers at a reasonable cost to employers.

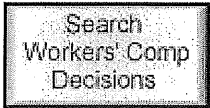
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Agency Purpose

The Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals (WCCA) was established by the legislature as the exclusive statewide authority to decide all questions of law and fact in workers' compensation disputes within the court's appellate jurisdiction as provided by M.S. 175A and 176.

Core Functions

The court consists of five judges appointed by the governor and confirmed by the state senate. The governor designates one of the five as chief judge, who has responsibility for the administration of the court. The court performs an appellate function, reviewing decisions of the Workers' Compensation Division of the Department of Labor and Industry, and the Office of Administrative Hearings. This includes:

- ◆ reviewing the evidentiary record created by the initial decision making body;
- ◆ presiding over oral arguments;
- ◆ conducting necessary legal research;
- ◆ deciding the issues; and
- ◆ issuing appropriate written orders, decisions, and memoranda. Decisions are written to inform the court's clientele of the basis of the decisions and to create a body of law pertaining to workers' compensation issues. Decisions of this court are appealable directly to the Minnesota Supreme Court.

At A Glance

The court has attempted to produce decisions which are consistent and which bring predictability to the resolution of workers' compensation disputes. We believe that this goal has been achieved to a large extent and has been a factor in reducing the amount of litigation in the workers' compensation system.

The primary factors influencing operations of the court continue to be the number of work-related injuries sustained and the extent of litigation over benefit entitlement. Other factors include workplace safety, new legislation, insurance costs, medical costs, and economic conditions.

Operations

- ⇒ To deliver services as expeditiously as possible while maintaining the integrity of the decision-making function.
- ⇒ To produce high quality and consistent decisions on a timely basis in order to provide the quick and efficient delivery of indemnity and medical benefits to qualified injured workers at a reasonable cost to employers.
- ⇒ To provide economic stability for injured workers and their families in financial crises due to work-related illnesses and injuries.
- ⇒ To provide for timely cure and treatment of work-related illnesses and injuries.
- ⇒ To help provide a competitive business climate for Minnesota employers.
- ⇒ To provide direction and motivation for employers to create safe and healthy work environments for employees.

Budget

The budget for FY 2004-05 totals \$3.236 million. The WCCA is funded by a direct appropriation from the workers' compensation special fund. The court currently has the equivalent of 13.65 full-time employees.

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Agency Overview

Dollars in Thousands

	Current		Governor Recomm.		Biennium 2006-07
	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	
<u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u>					
Workers Compensation					
Current Appropriation	1,618	1,618	1,618	1,618	3,236
Recommended	1,618	1,618	1,618	1,618	3,236
Change		0	0	0	0
% Biennial Change from 2004-05					0%
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
Workers Compensation	1,437	1,799	1,618	1,618	3,236
Total	1,437	1,799	1,618	1,618	3,236
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	1,244	1,494	1,320	1,320	2,640
Other Operating Expenses	193	305	298	298	596
Total	1,437	1,799	1,618	1,618	3,236
<u>Expenditures by Program</u>					
Workers Comp Ct Of Appeals	1,437	1,799	1,618	1,618	3,236
Total	1,437	1,799	1,618	1,618	3,236
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	13.8	13.8	13.8	13.8	



*MCC shapes two
of Minnesota's
most valuable
resources: youth
and the natural
environment.*



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Senator Thomas Bakk

This is a report of work accomplished in your district by MCC crews from July 2003 through June 2004.

Project Types	Accomplishments	Hours
Boardwalk/ Step Construction	496 Feet	205
Bridge Construction	16 Feet	19
Community Service	120 Hours	120
Construction / Carpentry	555 Hours	555
Debris Removal - Litter/Dump Site	115,000 Lbs	171
Fire Suppression-Direct	10 Acres	10
Fire Suppression-Indirect	866 Hours	866
GIS/GPS Mapping	513 Miles	1,277
NR Area/ Structure Improvement	795 Hours	795
Timber Stand Improvement-Bud Cap	40 Acres	10
Trail Construction	7 Miles	357
Trail Improvement	336 Miles	3,226
Training -Technical Skills	64 Hours	64
Tree Planting	3,146 Trees	339
Wildlife Surveys	27 Surveys	644
Total Hours in District 6		8,658

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Would you like to see more crews and projects in your district?
Feel free to contact your district manager to learn more!

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Fully utilized @ DNR parks



Minnesota Conservation Corps Summer Corpsmember Comments

"MCC means belonging, being an important part of a group and community. It means equality and acceptance. MCC means new friends and new experiences." - Roxanne Johnson, Corpsmember 2004

"This may sound corny, but MCC felt to me like getting in touch with another person. My whole past life disappeared and I took on a new role... corpsmember. I got in touch with nature, learned about it and how to respect it. I feel like I gave something back for all that I've taken away. And that felt good. I met people, new people not like myself, and tried to make as many friends as I could. It's interesting... we were a clashing group, all of us were different, and we molded into something beautiful, to do a good thing."
- Summer Corpsmember 2004

"MCC meant a lot to me because it took me places I've never been before. Those places made me feel like I was in another world thinking and seeking the real person inside of me. I am more happy about myself because I have accomplished a lot after being at MCC." - Francois Vang, Corpsmember 2004

"MCC was one of the greatest experiences of my life so far. It felt good to give something back to the environment. Being in this program I can totally be myself. Thanks for giving me the opportunity, I hope I'll be able to do it again."
- Ann Mercil, Corpsmember 2004

"MCC challenged me to open up, be more confident in myself. All of these things were very challenging for me because I am kind of shy. Most of all it just made me feel stronger!" - Summer Corpsmember 2004

"MCC taught me that you have to earn respect to be respected. Life is too short to waste. Learn as much and experience as much as you can because it will take you somewhere in life." -Ananka Milligan, Corpsmember 2004



MCC Estimated Program Performance

Scenario	State Support
Governor's Recommendation	\$490,000 Dedicated funds only

MCC Program	Number of Corpsmembers	Hours of Work Performed
Summer Youth	58 youth	16,240
Young Adult	42 young adults	71,400

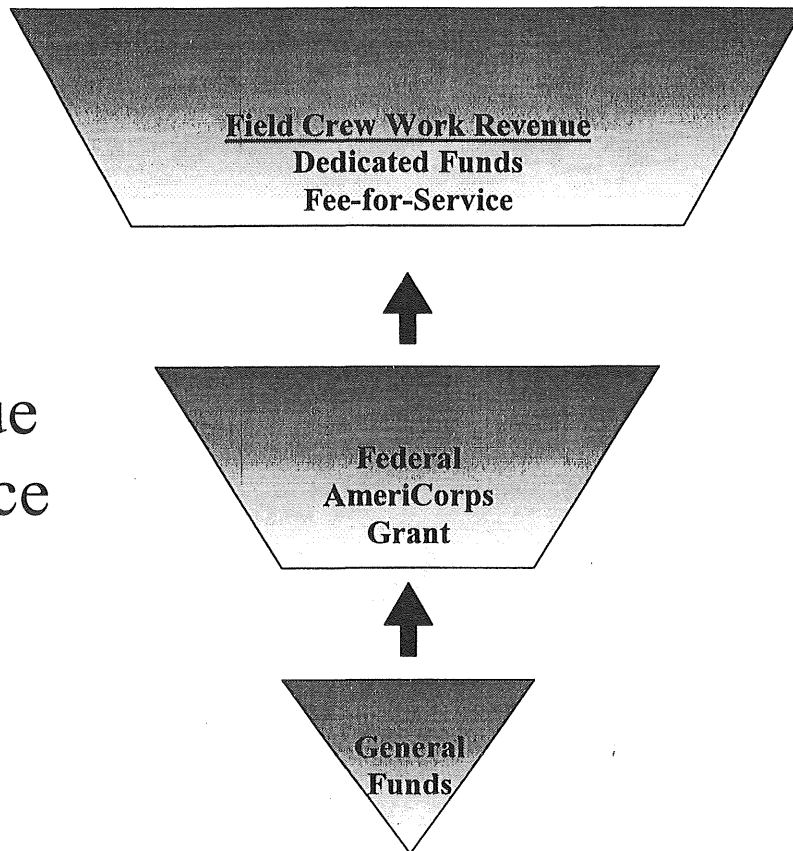
Today	\$840,000 \$490,000 dedicated \$350,000 general
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Summer Youth	80 youth	22,400
Young Adult	65 young adults	110,500

MCC's Request for Growth	\$1,750,000
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Summer Youth	172 youth	48,160
Young Adult	130 young adults	221,000

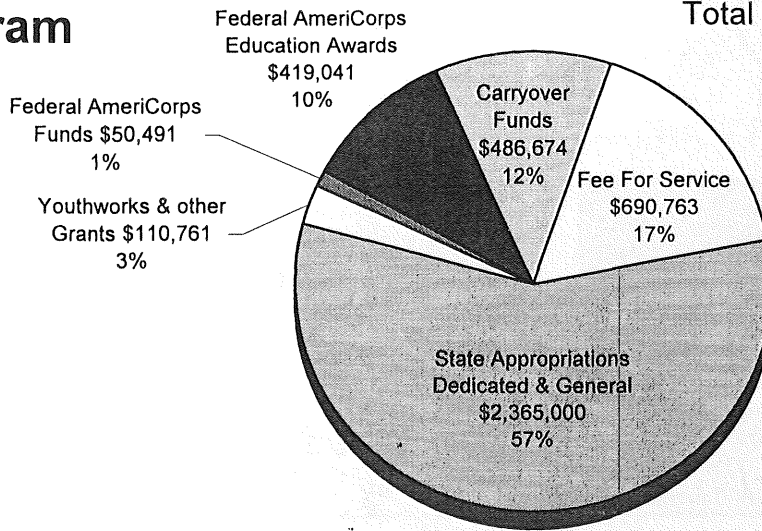
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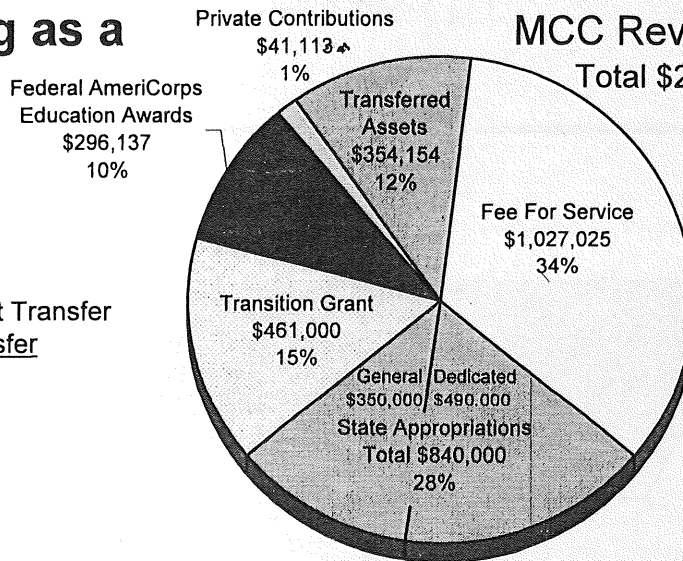
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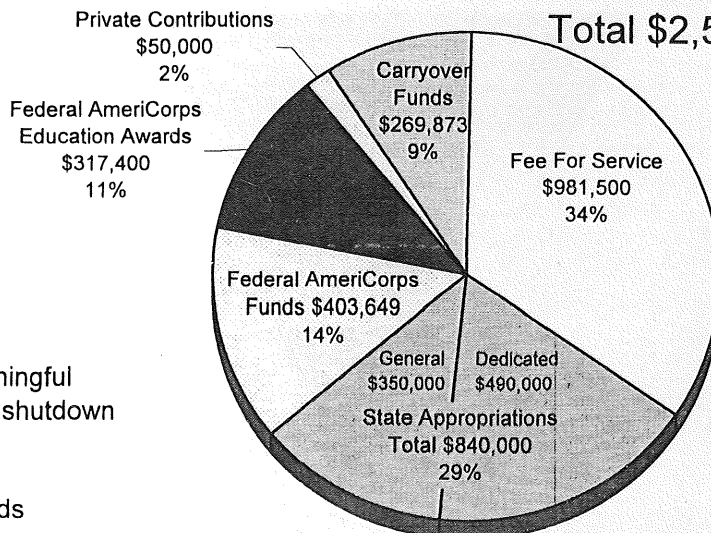
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MCC Revenue Goals FY '05
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The purpose of this report is to provide the information required by 2003 Minnesota Laws Chapter 128, Article 1, Section 35, Subdivision 1(b). *The expenditure of state funds by the Minnesota Conservation Corps is subject to audit by the legislative auditor and regular annual report to the legislature in general and specifically to the house of representatives and senate committees with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources policy and finance.*

Mission Statement:

The Minnesota Conservation Corps provides hands-on environmental stewardship and service-learning opportunities to youth and young adults while accomplishing priority and cost-effective conservation, natural resource management projects and emergency response work.

MCC OVERVIEW

In 1981 the Minnesota Conservation Corps (MCC) was created by the Minnesota state legislature to engage youth and young adults in environmental work projects. During this time, MCC was administered by the Department of Natural Resources and operated solely on state resources. In response to the state budget cuts, on July 1, 2003, MCC moved out of state government to become an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit. Today MCC is recognized as a grant agency by the Minnesota legislature.

Since its entrepreneurial separation from the Department of Natural Resources in 2003, MCC has become a successful model of a cost-effective Public/Private Partnership. MCC sought new sources of program funding and reduced its revenue to only 1/3 from state government. Amidst these changes, MCC continued to produce high quality work at an affordable price. What's more, MCC participants left with tools for career and life success.

Now more than ever, MCC programs are a smart, cost-effective solution to the state's fiscal concerns. Corpsmembers are well-trained, service-driven individuals who are compensated with a living stipend and, for those who qualify, an AmeriCorps Education Award. As a result, youth corps labor provides substantially more output per dollar than other workforces. The greatest benefit of MCC, however, remains the personal growth gained by corpsmembers and enduring positive impact on the environment.



USE OF STATE FUNDS

Past and Present MCC Funding

The three pie charts on the following page reflect MCC's revenue under state operation, its first program year as a non-profit (2004), and the current funding sources (2005). The charts clearly show MCC's dramatically reduced reliance on state funding. MCC now uses state appropriated funds as a base for leveraging other available dollars.

The 2003 biennium budget, MCC was appropriated \$840,000 per year in state funds: \$350,000 in general funds and \$490,000 in dedicated natural resource funds. Appendix A contains MCC's total budget and financial statements for fiscal year 2004. MCC has proven fiscally responsible and accountable.

Use of Natural Resource Funds

MCC has established a detailed accounting system to track the use of the annual \$490,000 from the natural resource fund. The Survey of Accomplished Work (SAW) system tracks individual project details - work accomplished, corpmembers' hours, natural resource account, crew, project location, and legislative district. Appendix B illustrates the form used to collect SAW data.

MCC's dedicated funds were designated from the water recreation, off-highway vehicle, snowmobile, and non-game wildlife accounts. The joint powers agreement between DNR and MCC allows MCC to utilize dedicated natural resource funds at a rate of \$20.00/hour/corpmember. The data below illustrates the distribution and use of monies by natural resource funds. Appendix C further shows the fund distribution and use by MCC district.

NR Fund	Original Balance	Total Hours Worked	Total \$ Used	Fund \$ Balance
Water Rec	200,000	5,381.50	107,630	92,370
ATV/OHV	150,000	6,379.25	127,585	22,415
Snowmobile	115,000	5,032.50	100,650	14,350
Non-Game	25,000	866.75	17,335	7,665
Totals	\$490,000	\$17,660.00	\$353,200	\$136,800*

2004 Natural Resource fund utilization

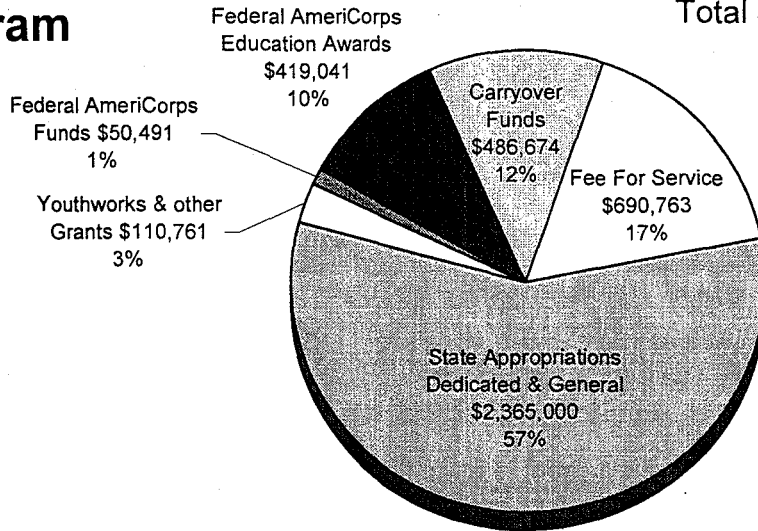
*See Appendix C for an explanation of the fund balance

Examples of work accomplished in 2004 with natural resource funds:

- Water recreation: 2,000 fish spawned or stocked
- ATV/OHV: 3,960 miles of ATV trails mapped
- Snowmobile: 165 miles of snowmobile trail improved
- Non-Game Wildlife: 780 wildlife surveys

MCC Operating as a State Program

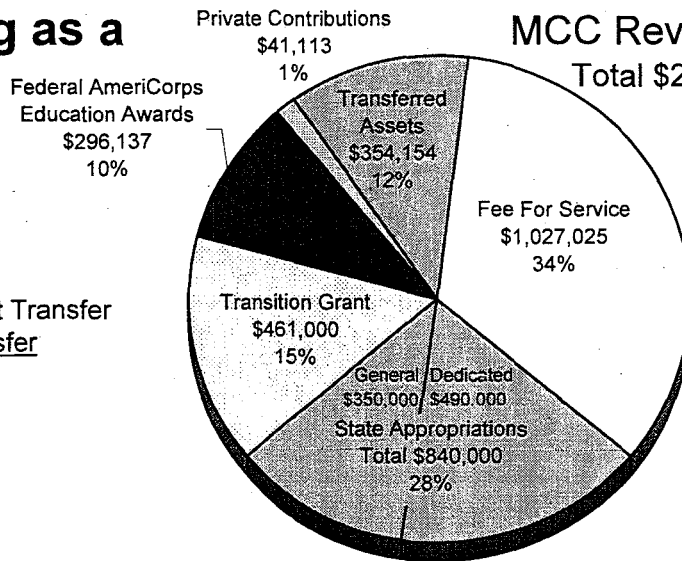
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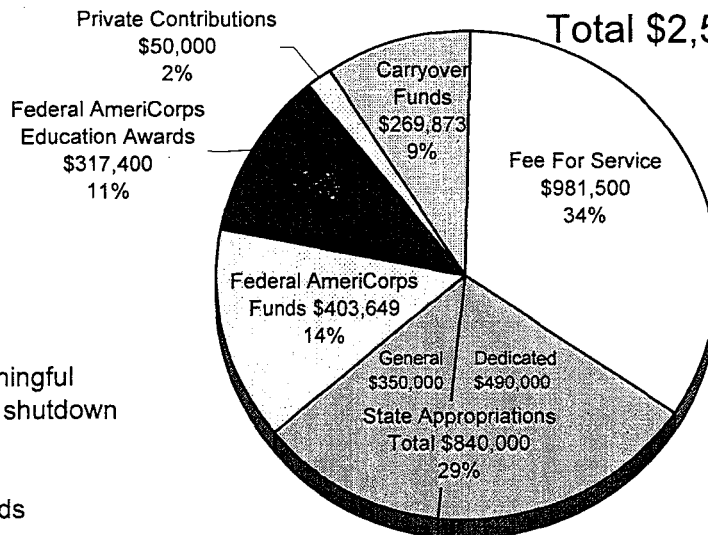
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MCC's joint power agreement with the Department of Natural Resources requires an annual report highlighting accurate accounting of MCC expenditures from the natural resource fund and accomplishments with those funds. The report was submitted to and approved by the DNR in October 2004.

Use of General Funds

MCC was appropriated \$350,000 in general funds from the Minnesota legislature for each fiscal year 2004 and 2005. These dollars have been essential to MCC's continued operation. Using the general funds as a solid foundation, MCC was able to:

- Cover the front-end operational costs needed to run crews
- Operate a Summer Youth Program
- Engage in fee-for-service work
- Leverage federal operational dollars

Front-end Operational Costs: General funds have been used to cover the costs of personnel, equipment and supplies, fleet, office space, professional fees and other expenses. The general funds are the resource used to acquire these necessary components to adequately put MCC crews in the field. Without staff, fleet and the rest of the above-mentioned, MCC crews could not exist.

Operate a Summer Youth Program: The Summer Youth Program is MCC's mission brought to life. The transformation that occurs in its high school-aged participants is remarkable. Youth gain developmental assets and responsible decision making tools that last a lifetime. Operating the residential summer youth program requires the use of general funds.

Engage in Fee-for-Service Work: Similar to the general funds providing for MCC's front-end operational costs, MCC used general funds to partner on projects that were not covered by dedicated funds or not with state project hosts. Examples include the National Park Service, city and county parks, and other local non-profits. Fee-for-service work did not necessarily cover the costs of MCC operations.

Leverage Federal Operation Dollars: Federal money available for youth corps came as a reimbursement and required a non-federal match. The general funds were spent until time of reimbursement. Additionally, portions of the general funds were designated as a match to generate \$538,000 in non-state dollars for 2005.

"We have increased needs for MCC's flexible, responsive workforce in order to complete high-priority, often technical projects. The corpsmembers that they recruit are hard-working, intelligent young adults that are the natural resource professionals of the future."

*--Brian Watson, District Manager,
Dakota Soil and Water Conservation District*

These young men and women are leaders in conservation who will leave a lasting legacy upon the natural resources of Minnesota.

--Rick Shultz, Refuge Manager, Minnesota Valley

MCC CORPS PROFILE

In 2004, 150 corpsmembers enrolled in MCC's programs.

MCC summer youth program is based out of St. Croix State Park in Hinckley, MN. Corpsmembers are 15-18 year olds, and spend eight weeks in the summer working and camping at different statewide projects. In 2004 nearly half (41%) of the summer youth corpsmembers were racially diverse.

MCC young adult program is a year round experience for 18-25 year olds. Corpsmembers serve on crews in one of four districts in Minnesota. 2004 MCC employed fourteen active crews. Appendix D contains a map of district office and crew locations.

<u>Central:</u>	<u>Northwest:</u>	<u>Northeast:</u>	<u>Southern:</u>
Parks Crew*	Bemidji	Duluth	Lake Shetek
Central Roving*	Guthrie	Eveleth	Faribault
Metro Roving*	Norris Camp	Grand Rapids	Windom
3 Rivers Park District			Rochester

*Crews based out of St. Paul

75 Summer youth corpsmembers (15-18 year olds)

75 Young adult corpsmembers (18-24 year olds)

55% Male

45% Female

587 Volunteers leveraged

1,966 Volunteer hours

Project Spotlights

Summer youth crews constructed an 80-ft footbridge in Tettegouche State Park.

A stone staircase was set from stone originally quarried by the CCC. The staircase provides access to Lake Superior along the Split Rock River.

Northern district crews mapped 2,739 miles existing snowmobile trails using global positioning satellite (GPS) technology.

Southern district crews have been restoring the environment for the Timber Rattlesnake, a species known only to exist in the bluff regions of Minnesota and Wisconsin.



See Appendix E for a comprehensive list of work accomplishments.

"It is a privilege to be involved with a program I believe deeply in...one that has absolutely proven its worth to the State of Minnesota"

--Karen Bowen, Board Member

PROGRAM CHALLENGES

Several challenges accompanied the transition out of state government to non-profit status. Despite these challenges, MCC continued to provide a quality experience to its corpsmembers and retain positive relationships with project partners.

Program Shutdown/Program Planning - Proposed elimination from the FY '04 state budget required staff to plan for complete state program shutdown, including termination of all DNR/MCC Corpsmembers as of May 31, 2003 and of all DNR/MCC staff as of June 30, 2003. This effort occurred simultaneously with the planning for the potential transfer of operations to the Friends of the Minnesota Conservation Corps (FMCC), which was not solidified by legislative action until early June 2003.

Staff Turnover - In 2002-2003, MCC lost 9 staff (75% attrition) due to the uncertainty of whether base funding from the State of Minnesota would be received. This resulted in the loss of about 75 years of MCC staff experience. Former staff members have continued their support of the program in a variety of ways, including volunteerism, board membership, donations, consulting, and serving as project hosts and trainers for current staff and corpsmembers. Only three staff members made the transition from state government to the non-profit MCC. Starting in July of 2003, new staff members were hired to rebuild the organization and restart operations.

Young Adult Program - The required program shutdown resulted in a 70% loss of Young Adult Program Corpsmembers, and a drastic reduction in workforce over the summer of 2003. Once state funding was secured, 18 corpsmembers continued through the summer of 2003 to "bridge" to the next program year, which began October 6, 2003.

Summer Youth Program - The required program shutdown resulted in a 2-4 month delay in the hiring of summer staff and corpsmembers and in project planning. However, the \$461,000 transition grant that was granted from DNR/MCC to FMCC on April 1, 2003 ensured the existence of a 2003 summer camp program.

Financial Management - When MCC transitioned to a non-profit, it had to develop its own financial management and human resources systems (which were formerly provided by the DNR). Business Office functions such as hiring new staff and corpsmembers, securing liability, property and health insurances, and developing accounting and payroll systems have laid the foundation for organizational growth and success.

DEVELOPMENT of FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

To lay the foundation for its transfer to non-profit status, the Minnesota Conservation Corps (MCC) has taken a proactive stance in developing sound financial management systems and financial integrity. Financial system development has consisted of these items:

Provided For Financial Integrity. Financial integrity is of the utmost importance at MCC. Fiscal control policies assure this through clear lines of authority, separation of duties, multiple layers of approval for cash disbursements, and annual independent audits.

Ensured Fund Integrity. MCC has established a fund coding system to track multiple types of expenses, using multiple sources of funds. Staff is thoroughly trained to ensure fund integrity. Each invoice and each time sheet for each employee is detailed to ensure proper coding. This level of detail allows the MCC to be certain that funds with restrictions are properly utilized.

Outsourced Payroll. MCC completed payroll in-house with Peachtree software until the end of 2003. Beginning in 2004, for reporting and cost reasons, MCC switched to an outside vendor. This allowed for more reporting flexibility and less internal time to prepare payroll. The payroll service also handles all government tax reporting, and prepares W-2's at year-end.

Established Strong Banking Relationships. MCC established a strong relationship with Bremer Bank. Bremer has expertise with non-profits. They have been extremely helpful setting up appropriate accounts to maximize our returns and provide excellent service.

Hired Full-Time Finance Director. In June 2004, a full-time Finance Director was hired. This person will bring stability and expertise in both routine accounting and higher-level finance functions, and serves on MCC's management team.

Changed Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Friends of the Minnesota Conservation Corps (FMCC) was previously based on the calendar year. On July 1, 2004, MCC changed its fiscal year to July 1 - June 30 in order to more closely match state funding mechanisms. This resulted in a short, 6-month fiscal year from January 1, 2004 - June 30, 2004. Fiscal year 2005 will run from July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005.

Implemented Independent Audits. After an extensive search, EideBailly LLP was hired as MCC's audit firm in the spring of 2003. EideBailly specializes in non-profit work, and has been extremely helpful in preparing MCC for the future. Audits are completed for calendar year 2003 and for the short period of January 1 - June 30, 2004. MCC received an "unqualified" opinion on both audits, which is the best opinion an audit firm can give. Appendix F contains a letter from EideBailly LLP stating MCC's clean audit status.

GUIDING VALUES and PRINCIPLES

MCC will carry on its strong history of impacting youth and young adults through natural resource work for years to come. MCC's broad public and private support allow it to remain alive, vibrant, and forward facing.

A group of MCC stakeholders met in February 2004 to outline a strategic plan to direct MCC's future for fiscal years 2005-2007. The event was made possible by a grant from the Otto Bremer Foundation's Organizational Effectiveness Program. MCC's Strategic Plan outlines the values and principles that guide the program today and the decisions made for the future.

Values

Skills Development: We provide youth and young adults with the technical and personal skills necessary to successfully complete hands-on conservation projects and community service.

Positive Learning Experiences: We provide service-learning experiences that result in personal responsibility, growth, and a strong service ethic.

Social and Environmental Change: We transform our environment, our communities and our corpsmembers through our work.

Youth and Young Adults: We maximize the enthusiasm, excitement and energy of youth and young adults to create positive outcomes.

Key Principles

- Safety shall be the #1 priority of MCC programs.
- MCC programs shall provide long-term benefits (a legacy).
- MCC programs shall encourage community volunteerism.
- Providing outstanding corpsmember experiences shall be an instrumental factor in making MCC programmatic decisions.
- MCC will serve a diverse group of corpsmembers with respect to geographic location, gender, ethnic heritage, economic level, and physical ability.

The complete list of MCC Principles can be found in Appendix G.

APPENDIX A



Minnesota Conservation Corps
Summarized from Audited Financial Statements
7/01/03-6/30/04

	Actual for Year	Budget for Year
Revenues		
State General Fund Appropriations	350,000	350,000
State Dedicated Fund Appropriations	490,000	490,000
Fee-for-Service	1,027,025	677,319
Government Grants*	12,000	-
Transition Grant	461,000	461,000
Coop Agreement	235,648	238,000
Equipment Transfer*	118,506	-
Contributions	29,113	150,000
Other Income	38,917	-
Total Revenues	2,762,209	2,366,319
Expenses		
Personnel Costs	1,564,405	1,512,289
Equipment and Supplies	214,497	266,893
Fleet Expenses	244,624	147,000
Insurances & Space Costs	74,998	62,000
Office & Professional Fee	137,943	111,496
Other Expenses	64,056	72,937
Total Expenses	2,300,523	2,172,615
Revenues less Expenses	461,686	193,704

Balance Sheet		
Minnesota Conservation Corps		
6/30/2004		
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash	554,034	
Accounts Receivable	145,531	
Grants Receivable	840,000	
Other Current Assets	6,594	
Total Current Assets		1,546,159
Property and Equipment	93,318	
Total Assets		1,639,477
Liabilities and Capital		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	98,215	
Accrued Wages/FICA	108,347	
Other Payables	20,088	
Total Current Liabilities		226,650
Long Term Liabilities		
Ed Award Funds	47,293	
Unearned Income	840,000	
Total Long-Term Liabilities		887,293
Total Liabilities		1,113,943
Capital		
Fund Balance	63,848	
Inc/Dec to Fund Balance	461,686	
Total Capital		525,534
Total Liabilities and Capital		1,639,477

APPENDIX B



SAW



MCC SURVEY OF ACCOMPLISHED WORK

FISCAL YEAR 2004 - 2005

Project Name:		District:		Crew Name:	
Legislative District:			Project Code (4 digits):		
Date Project Started: / /			Date Project Completed: / /		
Project Category: Natural Resources		Community Service		Environmental Ed	
Administrative		PR/Media Relations		Training	
Project Type (see list):		Units Accomplished (see list):			
Total CM hours to complete project:			Number of corps members:		
DNR Project Host category: Eco Enf Fish For FOS I&E L&M Parks T&W Wat Wild					
Non-DNR Project Host category: NPS NRCS USFS USFWS Americorps Other Federal					
City County SWCD School Other State Private Non-Profit MCC					
Township:			Host Agency/Organization Name & Mailing Address:		
Contact Person & Title:					
Phone Number (office/cell):			E-mail:		
Number of volunteers supervised or organized:			Total number of volunteer hours:		
Number of students:			Total number of student hours:		

Project Types

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| Administrative (Hours) | Fish Spawning and Stocking (Fish) | River Cleanup (Miles) |
| Adopt-A-River Program (Hours) | Forest Inventory - CSA (Acres) | Retaining Wall Construction (Feet) |
| Bird Banding (Birds) | Forest Inventory - FIA (Plots) | Road Improvement (Miles) |
| Boardwalk/Step Construction (Feet) | GIS/GPS Mapping (Miles) | Seed Collecting - Prairie (Pounds) |
| Boundary Work (Feet) | Habitat Improvement - Fish (Acres) | Seed Collecting - Forest (Bushels) |
| Bridge Construction (Feet) | Habitat Improvement - Wildlife (Acres) | Shelter Construction (Shelters) |
| Construction / Carpentry (Hours) | Historic Bldg & Landmark Restoration (Structures) | Snowmobile Trail Construction (Miles) |
| CWD Testing (Number of Samples) | Hunter Bag Checks (Hunters) | Snowmobile Trail Improvement (Miles) |
| Debris Removal - Litter/Dump Site (Pounds) | Lakeshore Restoration (Feet) | Stream Bank Stabilization (Feet) |
| Dike Improvement (Feet) | Nesting Structure Construction (Structures) | Timber Stand Improvement & Bud Cap (Acres) |
| Disaster Damage Assessment (Structures) | NR Area/Structure Improvement (Hours) | Trail Construction (Miles) |
| Disaster/Storm Damage Cleanup (Pounds) | Oak Savanna Restoration (Acres) | Trail Improvement (Miles) |
| Dock/Pier Construction (Feet) | Plant & Animal Relocation (Animals/plants) | Training - Technical Skills (Hours) |
| Flood Sand Bagging (Bags) | Planting (Plants) | Training - Personal Development (Hours) |
| Exotic Species Removal (Acres) | PR/Media Relations (Hours) | Tree & Plant Surveys (Hours) |
| Environmental Education (Students) | Prairie Restoration (Acres) | Tree Planting (Trees) |
| Fire Suppression - Direct (Acres) | Prescribed Burning (Acres) | Water Quality Monitoring (Hours) |
| Fire Suppression - Indirect (Hours) | Public Access Maintenance (Accesses) | Wetland Restoration (Acres) |
| | | Wildlife Surveys (Surveys) |

Project description (use diagrams and illustrations if needed - use reverse side for space):
Was there any specialized training prior to the start of the project or any on-the-job training (explain)?
List other agencies/organizations/individuals that assisted with project completion:
Please describe any safety concerns related to the project:

Completed by: _____

APPENDIX C



Fund	Original Balance	Hours Worked by Location					Total Hours Worked	Total \$ Used	Fund \$ Balance
		NW	NE	Central	South	Summer			
Water Rec	\$200,000	343.50	556.50	1,875.00	2,606.50		5,381.50	107,630	92,370
ATV/OHV	\$150,000	1,628.50	4,319.75	314.00	117.00		6,379.25	127,585	22,415
Snowmobile	\$115,000	923.00	2,198.50	347.50	109.50	1,454	5,032.50	100,650	14,350
Non-Game	\$ 25,000	422.25	153.00	149.00	142.50		866.75	17,335	7,665
Totals	\$490,000	3,317.25	7,227.75	2,685.50	2,975.50	1,454	17,660.00	353,200	136,800

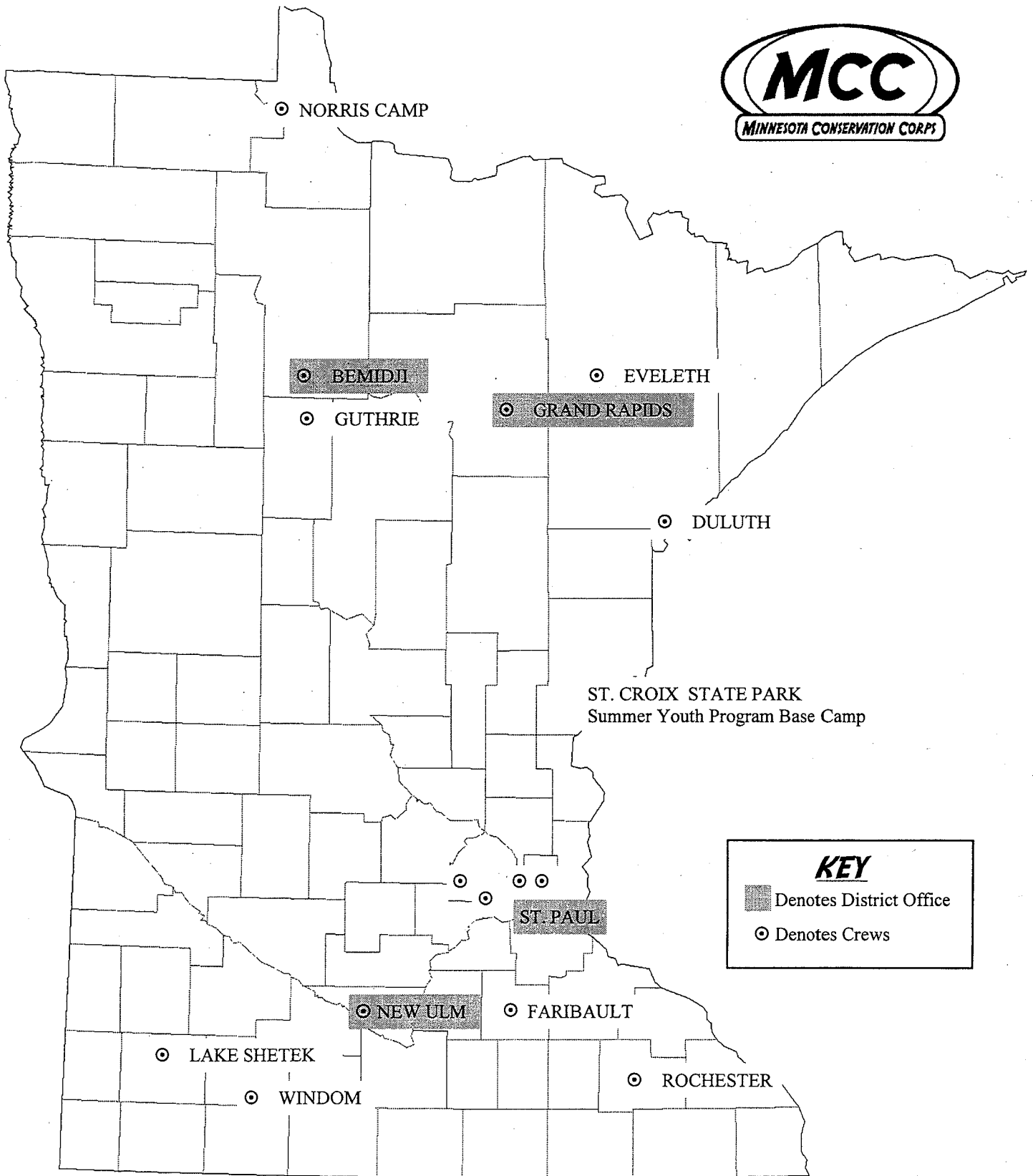
The remaining carryover funds from 2004 are a result of the late program start. Due to the program shut down in 2003, young adult crews were not actively completing projects until October. 18 corpsmembers continued through the summer of 2003 to "bridge" to the next program year, which began October 6, 2003. The late start greatly decreased the amount of active work time our crews.

APPENDIX D



MCC CREW LOCATIONS

2004



APPENDIX E





Minnesota Conservation Corps

Young Adult Accomplishments

July 2003-June 2004

Trails

- Hiking Trail Construction—19 miles
- Hiking Trail Improvement—622 Miles
- Snowmobile Trail Improvement—95 miles
- Trail Shelter Construction—3 shelters
- ATV Trail GIS/GPS Mapping—2,739 Miles
- Boardwalk and Step Construction—961 Feet
- Bridge Construction—36 Feet

Lakes and Rivers

- Lakeshore Restoration—11,760 feet
- Dock/Pier Construction—36 Feet
- River Cleanup—6 Miles
- Streambank Stabilization—4,035 Feet
- Water Quality Monitoring—462 Hours
- Wetland Restoration—17 Acres

Wildland Fire Control

- Prescribed Burning—3,211 Acres
- Fire Suppression (Direct)—25,172 Acres
- Fire Suppression (Indirect)—4,725 Hours

Natural Lands

- Timber Stand Improvement—Bud Capping
284 Acres
- Forest Inventory—175 Plots
- Oak Savanna Restoration—59 Acres
- Prairie Restoration—309 Acres
- Exotic Species Removal—943 Acres

Vegetation

- Prairie Seed Collection—751 Pounds
- Tree Planting—40,836 Trees
- Tree Surveys—606 Hours
- Forest Seed Collection—7 Bushels
- Plantings—2,000 Plants

Wildlife

- Bird Banding—1,400 Birds
- Nesting Structure Construction—63 Structures
- Fish Spawning and Stocking—2,000 Fish
- Fish Habitat Improvement—4 Acres
- Wildlife Habitat Improvement—3,314 Acres
- Wildlife Surveys—1,377 Surveys

Community Involvement

- Adopt-A-River—1,335 Hours
- Environmental Education—939 Students
- Hunter Bag Checks (CWD)—341 Hunters
- Community Service—460 Hours
- Debris Removal—173,330 Pounds

Construction

- Construction/Carpentry—2,613 Hours

Training

- Technical Skill Training—7,350 Hours
- Personal Development—1,300 Hours



MCC Corpsmembers Map ATV Trails



MINNESOTA CONSERVATION CORPS SUMMER PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2004

MCC's Summer Youth Program is based out of St. Johns Landing group facility at St. Croix State Park. In 2004, 75 young people were hired from throughout the state. The summer's corps consisted of 41 males and 34 females, with 17% deaf or hard-of-hearing, and 41% people of color. Work projects were completed across the state including, but not limited to, three National Parks, seven State Parks, one State Forest, one State College, and numerous natural resource focused nonprofit organizations. Work accomplishments for the summer of 2004 are as follows:

Major Work Accomplished - 2004

- Boardwalk/Step Construction - 992 Ft
- Boundary Work - 9,750 Ft
- Bridge Construction - 132 Ft
- Construction/Carpentry - 2,824 Hrs
- Debris Removal - 117,900 Lbs
- Dock/Pier Construction - 32 Ft
- Exotic Species Removal - 13 Acres
- Wildlife Habitat Improvement - 1 Acre
- Historic Building and Landmark Restoration - 1 Structure
- Lakeshore Restoration - 950 Ft
- NR Area/Structure Improvement - 149 Hours
- Plant and Animal Relocation - 6387 Animals/Plants
- Prairie Restoration - 5 Acres
- Public Access Maintenance - 2 Accesses
- Retaining Wall Construction - 85 Ft
- River Cleanup - 66 Miles
- Road Improvement - 1 Mile
- Snowmobile Trail Improvement - 22 Miles
- Timberstand Improvement and Bud Capping - 12 Acres
- Trail Improvement - 58 Miles
- Tree Planting - 24 Trees
- Wetland Restoration - 4 Acres



My grandfather was in the CCC in the 1930's and he worked here at St. Croix State Park. When I was 16 he told me about the MCC Summer Youth Program and I jumped at the opportunity to share this unique experience with him. Everyday I was just as excited about the work as the day before because I knew that I was taking part in something that was important to my grandfather, the experience of MCC.

MCC Corpsmember



APPENDIX F





Consultants • Certified Public Accountants

October 1, 2004

Tom Donahue, Audit Manager
Office of the Legislative Auditor
Centennial Office Building, #140
658 Cedar Street
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Mr. Donahue:

EideBailly LLP has performed independent financial audits of the Friends of the Minnesota Conservation Corps (FMCC) for both January 1 – December 31, 2003 and for January 1 – June 30, 2004. The second period is only six months because the organization is changing its fiscal year to match that of the State of Minnesota, effective July 1, 2004.

Both audits resulted in unqualified opinions.

In addition, our staff found that FMCC staff members were very cooperative and helpful during the audits.

At FMCC's request, I am enclosing copies of both audits and will also provide copies to the following State of Minnesota representatives:

Marsha Battles-Jenks
Executive Budget Officer
Minnesota Department of Finance
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(651) 296-8510

Joe Kurcinka
Acting Administrator
Office of Management & Budget
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
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(651) 296-4789

Please feel free to contact me directly at (952) 918-3506 if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allen A. Heinen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Allen A. Heinen, CPA
Partner

cc: Marsha Battles-Jenks
Joe Kurcinka
Bill Cranford, FMCC Finance Director

APPENDIX G



Organizational Principles

- I. MCC shall operate as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, which shall be governed by a volunteer Board of Directors named the Friends of the Minnesota Conservation Corps (FMCC).
- II. An Executive Director, who shall be supervised by the Board, and who shall direct the staff and program operations, shall manage MCC.
- III. The staff of MCC, under the direction of the Executive Director, shall be responsible for implementing the work of this strategic plan.

Program Principles

- I. MCC programs shall be consistent with the MCC mission and values.
- II. MCC programs shall focus on conservation/environmental work, emergency response and community service.
- III. MCC will function as a training organization for youth and young adults (ages 15-25) interested in environmental stewardship, emergency response and community service.
- IV. Safety shall be the number one priority of MCC programs.
- V. MCC programs shall provide long-term benefits (a legacy).
- VI. MCC Board members, staff and corpsmembers shall promote a positive public image of the organization.
- VII. MCC programs shall encourage community volunteerism.
- VIII. MCC shall focus organizational growth on the summer youth residential program.

Corpsmember Principles

- I. MCC shall engage youth and young adults in quality, high-priority service to the environment and community that is educational in nature.
- II. Providing outstanding corpsmember experiences shall be an instrumental factor in making MCC programmatic decisions.
- III. MCC shall provide meaningful work and service opportunities to corpsmembers.
- IV. MCC will serve a diverse group of corpsmembers with respect to geographic location, gender, heritage, economic level, and physical ability.

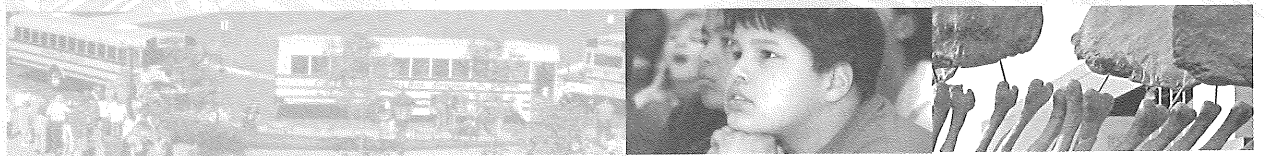
Project Host Principles

- I. MCC shall serve primarily governmental, educational and non-profit organizations for the common good, including Federal Agencies, State Agencies, Counties, Special Districts, Municipalities, Schools, Colleges, Universities, Public Utilities, Agricultural Programs and Non-Profit Organizations
- II. MCC shall seek to establish quality relationships with its project hosts

Financial Management Principles

- I. MCC shall be a faithful steward of public funds entrusted to it
- II. MCC shall operate financially sound programs that can sustain organizational viability and growth
- III. MCC shall maintain relationships with current funders and shall explore new fund sources and entrepreneurial ventures

The Case for State Support



*A public-private partnership working throughout Minnesota
to support state goals for science education and research*

JANUARY 2005

For information, please contact:
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

January 2005

Dear Friends:

Science education and research are essential for a better economic future for the state and the youth who are now in our K-12 education system.

- The five fastest job growth categories for the next ten years are in the fields of technology, science, math and engineering. —U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, 2002-2003 OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK HANDBOOK.
- By 2010, the Bureau of Labor Statistics anticipates a 47% increase in jobs demanding science and engineering training. —TREND LETTER, JULY 19, 2004

The economic opportunity is great, but there is cause for concern.

- Student achievement scores in math and science are lagging, and the number of students pursuing these careers is declining.
- Minnesota is facing the retirement of many of its certified math and science teachers. Too few people are entering these specialty teaching fields.

The Science Museum of Minnesota is a successful example of a private organization that, with state support, leverages big results:

- We provide more professional development for science and math teachers than any other organization in the state.
- We provide research data to resource managers at the state and local level to inform public policy.
- We bring \$5 to \$8 million a year into the state's economy in the form of grants and contracts.

The museum leverages the state's appropriation many times over in the form of earned income and grants and contributions in order to develop the highest quality science education and research programs for Minnesotans across the state.

We have prepared this booklet to summarize the "return on investment" the state receives for its annual appropriation to the Science Museum of Minnesota. The museum requests restoration of the \$500,000 budget reduction made in 2003 so that we can remain a vital partner with the state.

Sincerely,

Eric J. Jolly, Ph.D.



BUDGET REQUEST FOR FY2006 AND FY2007

REQUEST FOR OPERATING SUPPORT

FY05 appropriation \$750,000 (a 40% cut from FY02)

Request \$1.3 million per year, \$2.6 million for the biennium

BUDGET DIVISIONS

Senate: Environment, Agriculture and Economic Development
(Dallas Sams, Chair)

House: Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Finance /
(Dennis Ozment, Chair)

LCMR REQUEST

The museum seeks legislative approval for one project recommended by the Minnesota Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources:

Enhancing Civic Understanding of Ground Water (W-14).

Patrick Hamilton, Project Manager
\$150,000 recommended by LCMR

See page 8 for a project summary.



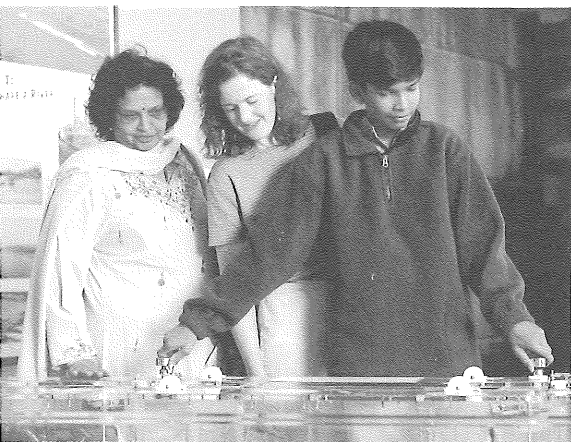


MINNESOTA'S BEST UTILIZED MUSEUM

The Science Museum is the best-utilized museum among the state's rich array of educational and cultural organizations.

2004 STATISTICS

Total numbers served	1.1 million people
School outreach	102,887 children reached in their own schools across the state
School field trips	141,427 children on school visits
Teacher training programs	2,855 teachers in 61 programs
Classes, camps and trips	41,530 students and adults
A large volunteer corps	1,808 volunteers (61,080 hours)
Member households	25,000 families
Scientific papers	18 papers published in science journals
Visiting researchers	219 scientists and researchers
Objects in collections	1.7 million artifacts and specimens held in public trust





RETURN ON THE STATE'S INVESTMENT

IMPACT ON SCIENCE EDUCATION

The Science Museum is a valued partner with teachers and schools across the state.

- Field trips to the museum provide direct science experiences that cannot be replicated in any classroom.

The museum subsidizes school admission, ranging from 20 to 60 percent off regular child admission rates. In FY2004, the value of this subsidy was \$750,000.

- Outreach teachers bring programs directly to schools across the state.

Whether in Thief River Falls or suburban St. Paul, the cost to schools is the same.

- The museum is the "trainer of choice" for science teachers across the state, from Rochester to Minneapolis to Itasca.

Last year we trained 2,855 teachers in 61 workshops, institutes, conferences, and staff development projects.



IMPACT ON THE STATE ECONOMY

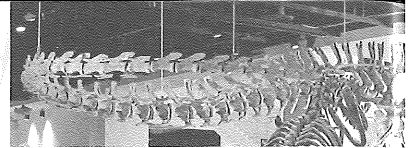
The Science Museum generates a significant impact on the economy.

- The museum attracts more than 200,000 tourists every year (from the region and the nation).
- Our total economic activity was estimated at \$90 million in a 2003 study.
Source: St. Paul's Arts, Culture and Entertainment plan.
- We add \$5 to \$8 million to the Minnesota economy every year in the form of grants and contracts from federal agencies and other partners.

IMPACT ON SCIENCE RESEARCH AND POLICY ISSUES

Public and private agencies benefit from the Science Museum's research programs.

- We provide "Science Policy Forums" to engage the public in critical dialogues around emerging science policy issues affecting our state.
- Our research station in Washington County works on critical water quality problems (non-point source pollution, sedimentation) in lakes and rivers around the state.
- DNR and local resource managers use our research data to inform policy decisions.



THE CASE FOR RESTORING STATE SUPPORT TO \$1.3 MILLION

Science matters.

A scientifically literate workforce is key to our state's economic future. A scientifically informed public is necessary to support our state's long-term policies for advancing technology initiatives. SMM programming is aimed at promoting Minnesota's goals for:

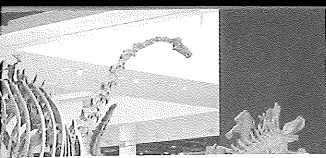
- Developing a biotechnology corridor.
- Advancing the goals of the Teaching Commission.
- Creating workforce development programs that will train the next generation of scientists for 3M, Medtronic, Cargill and others.
- Attracting high tech professionals and their companies to move here.

The Science Museum is one of a kind.

No other organization in the state provides the range of services and opportunities to learn about science and math that we do, including:

- Education materials and field trips linked to state standards
- Workforce development programs for youth
- Teacher training
- Cultural programming
- Science research and collections
- Family, youth and volunteer programs
- Public gateway to science and science policy developments
- Hands on learning activities for all ages





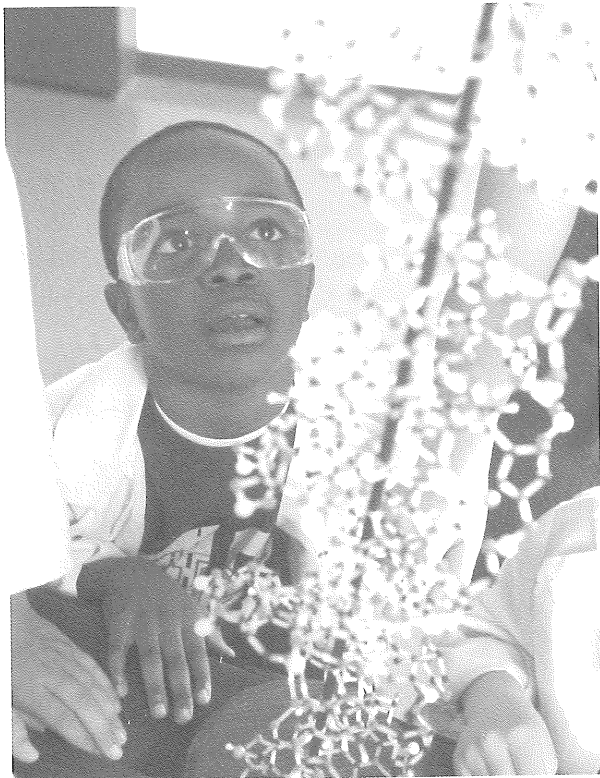
We leverage the state appropriation many times over.

- The museum is a successful public-private partnership in financial terms.
- We secure \$5-8 million in grants and contracts from federal agencies and non-profit organizations across the nation.
- We generate 66% of our income through earned revenues.
- Our base of private contributions is growing.

We can't do it alone.

Other income sources subsidize our science education programs—we don't pass along the full cost of a visit or an education program.

- **Public support has dropped 53% since 1993.**
- Private support, while growing, cannot make up the difference.
- We can't subsidize our education programs forever. We will have to start charging real costs if state funding is not restored.
- Increasing fees may price these services out of reach for those who need us most.





LCMR REQUEST SUMMARY

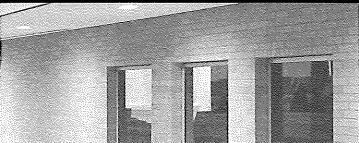
The Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources has recommended the following project for funding by the 2005 Legislature:

Proposal #: W-14
Project Title: Enhancing Civic Understanding of Ground Water
Amount: \$150,000
Project Manager: Patrick Hamilton

Project Summary:

The Museum will use its uncommon hydrogeology and its partnerships with professional organizations to create unique outdoor and indoor ground water exhibits and a statewide traveling ground water classroom program.

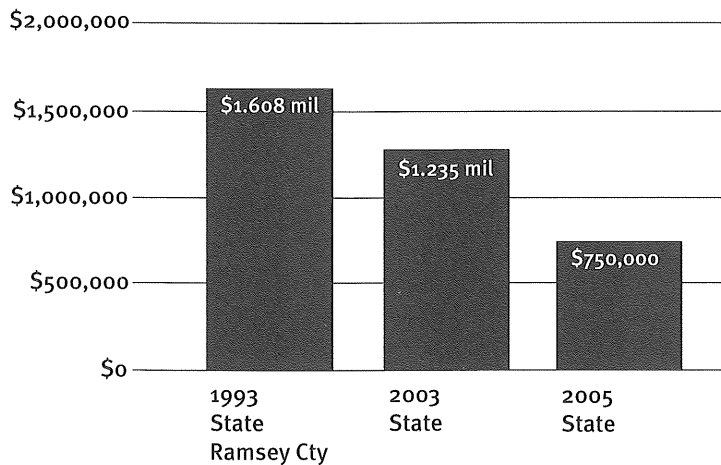
- The amount of water below ground in Minnesota dwarfs the state's surface water.
- Demand for this resource is growing, yet many citizens are not aware of the link between land use and ground water or ground water's connections with surface water.
- The project scope includes:
 - Outdoor exhibits and programs that capitalize on the artesian conditions in the Jordan aquifer beneath our outdoor science park.
 - 3-D scientific visualizations that reveal how water flows underground.
 - On site and outreach activities for grades 6-12.
- Key partners include:
 - Minnesota Ground Water Association
 - GeoWall Consortium at the University of Minnesota
 - Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts



FINANCIAL BACKGROUND

The state is the museum's only public source of general operating support.

Since FY1993, public operating support has dropped 53%:

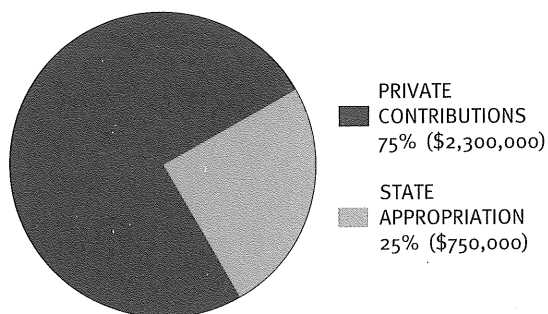


Ramsey County completely eliminated its support in 2002.

The grant from the State represents a significant share of funds contributed as general operating support.

In FY05, contributions for general operating support (both public and private sources) will total \$3,050,000.

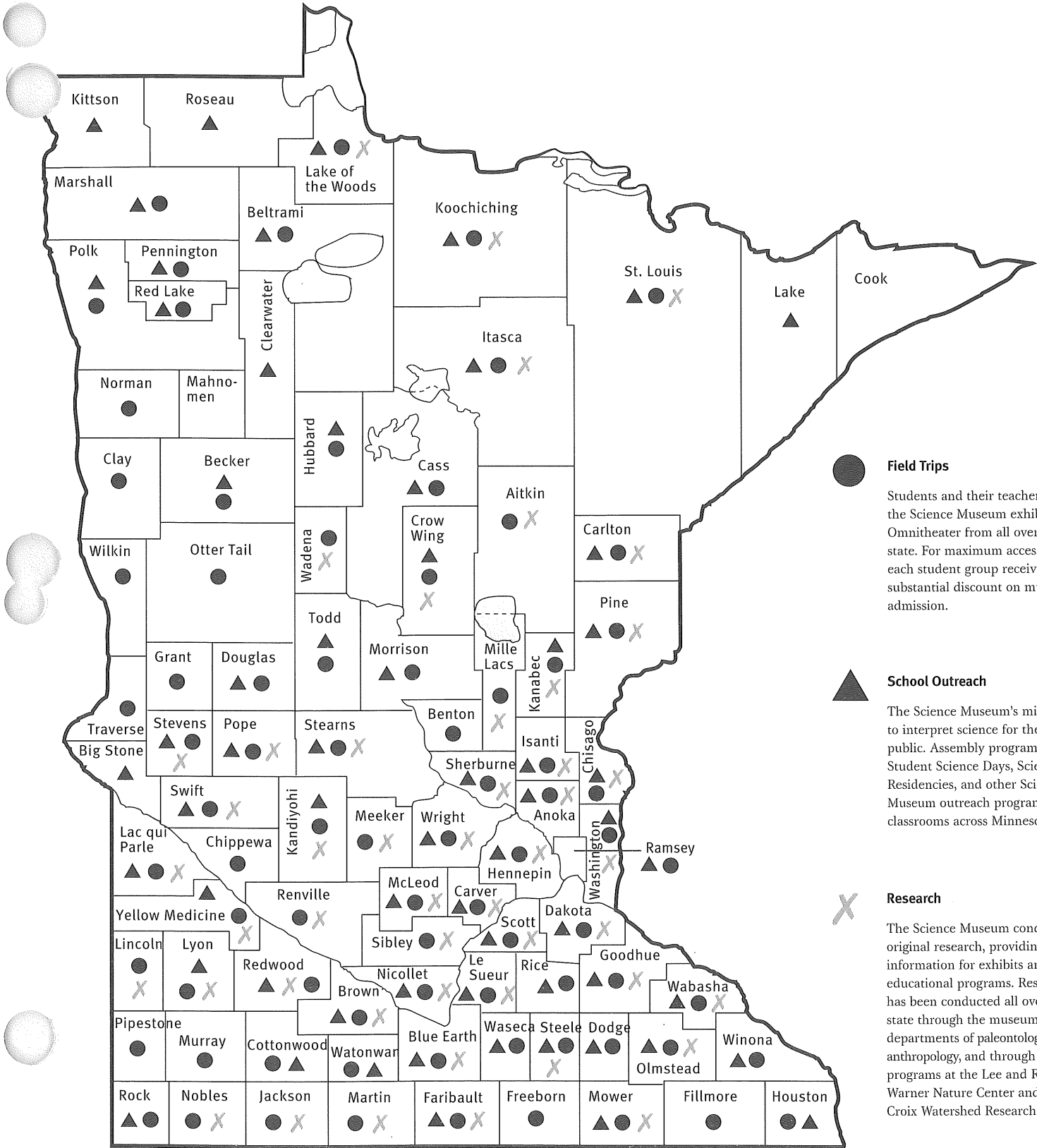
State support now represents 25% of all funds received by the museum to support its general operations.





Number of students by county who took field trips to the Science Museum of Minnesota or participated in SMM outreach programs in FY 04.

COUNTY	FIELD TRIPS	OUTREACH	COUNTY	FIELD TRIPS	OUTREACH
AITKIN		1,166	MARTIN	277	
ANOKA	13,424	2,075	MCLEOD	1,334	200
BECKER	449	520	MEEKER	1,256	270
BELTRAMI	279	635	MILLE LACS	933	
BENTON	1,308		MORRISON	971	650
BIG STONE		50	MOWER	1,078	1,678
BLUE EARTH	1,808	639	MURRAY	56	
BROWN	470	320	NICOLLET	646	2,348
CARLTON	495	355	NOBLES	53	
CARVER	3,193	1,024	NORMAN	83	
CASS	181		OLMSTED	3,018	4,981
CHIPPEWA	130		OTTER TAIL	613	
CHISAGO	791	805	PENNINGTON	360	180
CLAY	112		PINE	456	1,280
CLEARWATER	166		PIPESTONE	79	
COOK			POLK	216	
COTTONWOOD	196	300	POPE	330	200
CROW WING	462	3,514	RAMSEY	17,864	6,911
DAKOTA	15,806	7,706	RED LAKE	25	
DODGE	117	70	REDWOOD	205	437
DOUGLAS	426	1,595	RENVILLE	222	
FARIBAUT	109	245	RICE	3,376	1,550
FILLMORE	78		ROCK	142	760
FREEBORN	385		ROSEAU		1,026
GOODHUE	1,164	2,183	SCOTT	3,440	2,591
GRANT	49		SHERBURNE	3,639	2,980
HENNEPIN	29,324	17,886	SIBLEY	187	
HOUSTON	461	265	ST. LOUIS	1,388	2,487
HUBBARD	285	380	STEARNS	3,741	1,730
ISANTI	1,376	185	STEELE	742	1,195
ITASCA	51	1,515	STEVENS	239	430
JACKSON	30		SWIFT	168	94
KANABEC	447	860	TODD	478	3,390
KANDIYOHI	1,092	1,930	TRAVERSE	82	
KITTSOON		190	WABASHA	559	
KOOCHICHING	221	548	WADENA	117	
LAC QUI PARLE	149	250	WASECA	505	480
LAKE		315	WASHINGTON	4,942	2,680
LAKE OF THE WOODS	50	470	WATONWAN	656	612
LE SUEUR	854	320	WILKIN	133	
LINCOLN	47		WINONA	477	725
LYON	352	480	WRIGHT	3,588	700
MAHNOMEN	64		YELLOW MEDICINE	216	
MARSHALL	39	2,927			



Field Trips

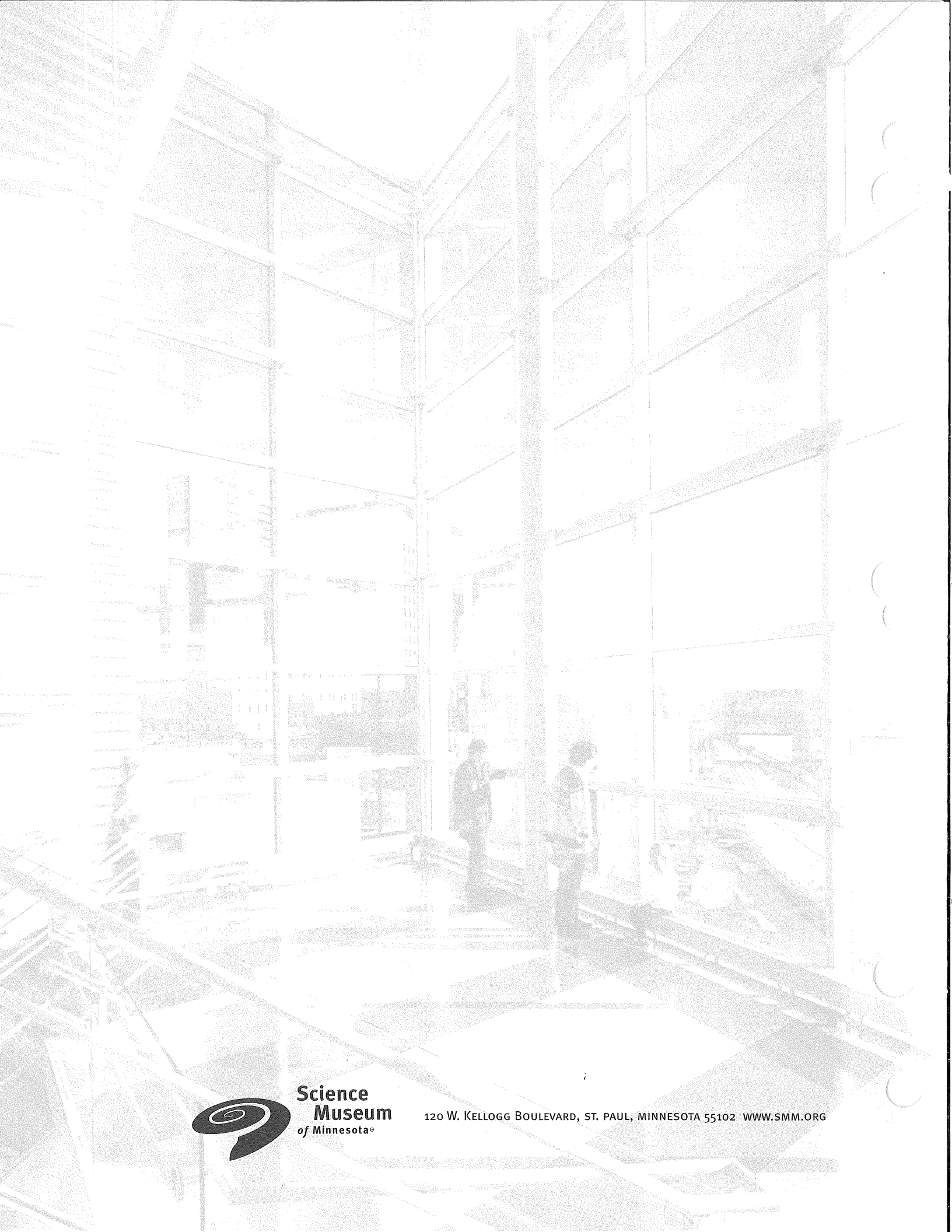
Students and their teachers visit the Science Museum exhibits and Omnitheater from all over the state. For maximum accessibility, each student group receives a substantial discount on museum admission.

School Outreach

The Science Museum's mission is to interpret science for the general public. Assembly programs, Student Science Days, Science Residencies, and other Science Museum outreach programs go to classrooms across Minnesota.

Research

The Science Museum conducts original research, providing information for exhibits and educational programs. Research has been conducted all over the state through the museum's departments of paleontology, and anthropology, and through SMM programs at the Lee and Rose Warner Nature Center and the St. Croix Watershed Research Station.



**Science
Museum**
of Minnesota®

120 W. KELLOGG BOULEVARD, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55102 WWW.SMM.ORG

Senator Cohen introduced--

S.F. No. 62: Referred to the Committee on Finance.

1 A bill for an act

2 relating to finance; forgiving debt service on bonds
3 sold to finance the Marine Education Center at the
4 Minnesota Zoological Garden; amending Laws 1994,
5 chapter 643, section 27, subdivision 2, as amended.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

7 Section 1. Laws 1994, chapter 643, section 27, subdivision
8 2, as amended by Laws 1996, chapter 463, section 54, is amended
9 to read:

10 Subd. 2. Marine Education Center 20,500,000

11 To design, construct, furnish, and
12 equip a marine education center and
13 related visitor improvements at the
14 zoo. This appropriation is intended to
15 complete the project.

16 All of the debt service costs on the
17 bonds sold to finance this project that
18 are due and payable before fiscal year
19 1998 must be paid from dedicated
20 receipts of the Minnesota zoological
21 garden to the commissioner of finance
22 as required by Minnesota Statutes,
23 section 16A.643. Beginning in fiscal
24 year 1998, 60 percent of the debt
25 service costs on the bonds sold to
26 finance this project must be paid from
27 dedicated receipts of the Minnesota
28 zoological garden to the commissioner
29 of finance as required by Minnesota
30 Statutes, section 16A.643. Beginning
31 in fiscal year 2005, none of the debt
32 service costs on the bonds sold to
33 finance this project need be paid from
34 dedicated receipts of the Minnesota
35 Zoological Garden.

36 The board may not institute an
37 admission fee increase before April 1,
38 2000.

1 Sec. 2. [EFFECTIVE DATE.]

2 This act is effective the day following final enactment.

Consolidated Fiscal Note – 2005-06 Session

Bill #: S0062-0 Complete Date: 02/25/05

Chief Author: COHEN, RICHARD

Title: FORGIVE MN ZOO MARINE CTR BOND DEBT

Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
State	X	
Local		X
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X

Agencies: Finance Dept (02/25/05)

Zoological Garden (02/25/05)

This table reflects fiscal impact to state government. Local government impact is reflected in the narrative only.

Dollars (in thousands)	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09
Net Expenditures					
General Fund	0	952	923	890	858
Finance Dept	0	952	923	890	858
Misc Special Revenue Fund	0	(952)	(923)	(890)	(858)
Zoological Garden	0	(952)	(923)	(890)	(858)
Revenues					
-- No Impact --					
Net Cost <Savings>					
General Fund	0	952	923	890	858
Finance Dept	0	952	923	890	858
Misc Special Revenue Fund	0	(952)	(923)	(890)	(858)
Zoological Garden	0	(952)	(923)	(890)	(858)
Total Cost <Savings> to the State					

	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09
Full Time Equivalents					
-- No Impact --					
Total FTE					

Consolidated EBO Comments

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Fiscal Note – 2005-06 Session

Bill #: S0062-0 **Complete Date:** 02/25/05

Chief Author: COHEN, RICHARD

Title: FORGIVE MN ZOO MARINE CTR BOND DEBT

Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
State	X	
Local		X
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X

Agency Name: Finance Dept

This table reflects fiscal impact to state government. Local government impact is reflected in the narrative only.

Dollars (in thousands)	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09
Expenditures					
General Fund	0	952	923	890	858
Less Agency Can Absorb					
-- No Impact --					
Net Expenditures					
General Fund	0	952	923	890	858
Revenues					
-- No Impact --					
Net Cost <Savings>					
General Fund	0	952	923	890	858
Total Cost <Savings> to the State	0	952	923	890	858

	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09
Full Time Equivalent					
-- No Impact --					
Total FTE					

Assumptions

The cost to the general fund is based upon a Department of Finance schedule of debt payments by the Zoo. The debt payments by the Zoo are deposited in the debt service fund. The forgiving of the Zoo payment results in less money in the debt service fund and, therefore, a need for a larger debt service transfer from the general fund in an amount equal to the Zoo payment.

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State	X	
Local		X
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X

Agency Name: Zoological Garden

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Dollars (in thousands)	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09
Expenditures					
Misc Special Revenue Fund	0	(952)	(923)	(890)	(858)
Less Agency Can Absorb					
-- No Impact --					
Net Expenditures					
Misc Special Revenue Fund	0	(952)	(923)	(890)	(858)
Revenues					
-- No Impact --					
Net Cost <Savings>					
Misc Special Revenue Fund	0	(952)	(923)	(890)	(858)
Total Cost <Savings> to the State	0	(952)	(923)	(890)	(858)

	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09
Full Time Equivalent					
-- No Impact --					
Total FTE					

Bill Description

Minnesota zoological garden marine education center bond debt service forgiveness

Assumptions

Constitutional deadline for debt service payments for FY 2005 was December. Therefore effective for FY 2006 the Minnesota Zoo would stop paying 60% of the debt service costs for the marine education center.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

This bill would reduce the zoo costs by \$8.1 million for FY's 2006 through 2016.

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

The impact of the debt relief on the zoo's budget for the period of FY's 2010 – 2016 is \$4.5 million.

Local Government Costs

N/A

References/Sources

Laws 1994, chapter 643, section 27, subdivision 2 , as amended by Laws 1996, chapter 463, section 54

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