



2025 Capital Budget Request

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DNR Capital Assets

DNR's mission is to work with Minnesotans to conserve and manage the state's natural resources, to provide outdoor recreation opportunities, and to provide for commercial uses of natural resources in a way that creates a sustainable quality of life.

- DNR has responsibility for a vast array of public lands, infrastructure, and facilities.
- These built and natural assets are highly visible indicators of the state's stewardship of public resources and contribute to Minnesota's economy and quality of life.



DNR Capital Assets

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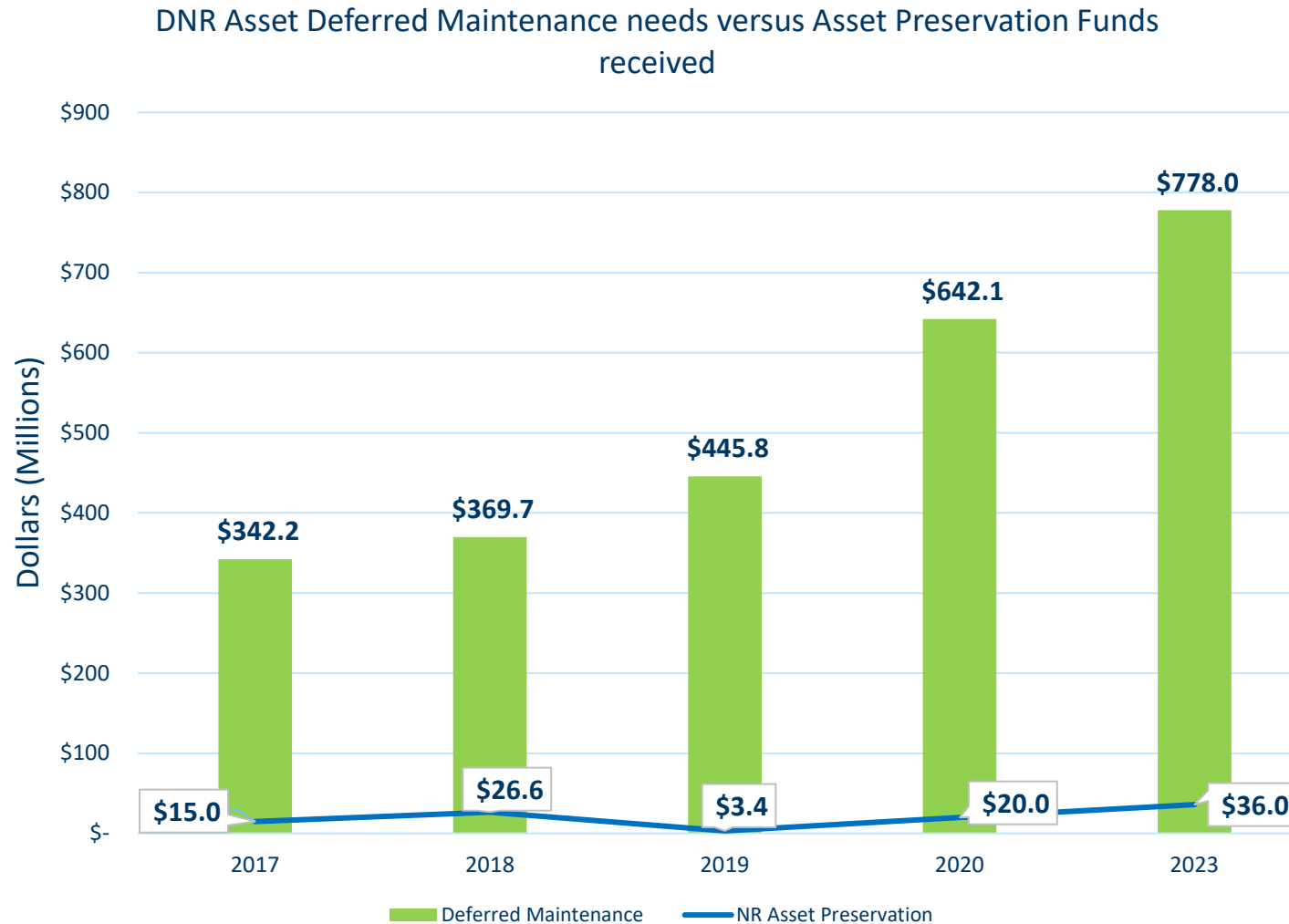
Geographically Dispersed

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- DNR is in all 87 counties. This includes:
 - 5.6 million acres of land, which is 11% of Minnesota's total land area
 - 2,924 buildings
 - 285 report to work sites
 - Over 30,000 building components
- DNR built assets have a Current Replacement Value of \$3.5 billion

Growing Deferred Maintenance Challenge



2025 DNR Bonding Request Overview:

Comprehensive, Systematic Approach

2025 Governor's Recommendation: \$98 million



System-wide Investments

- Natural Resources Asset Preservation – **\$61 million**
- Betterment of Buildings – **\$11.1 million**
- Acquisition and Betterment of Public Lands – **\$6.5 million**



Targeted Investments

- Improving Accessibility of DNR-managed Lands and Facilities - **\$1.9 million**



Community Investments

- **NEW in 2025:** Dam Safety Grants; Rapidan Dam – **\$10 million**
- Flood Hazard Mitigation Grants – **\$5.6 million**
- Parks & Trails Local and Regional Grants - **\$1.9 million**

Natural Resources Asset Preservation (NRAP)

Taking Care of What We Have

\$61 million to repair, renovate or replace degraded or failing infrastructure

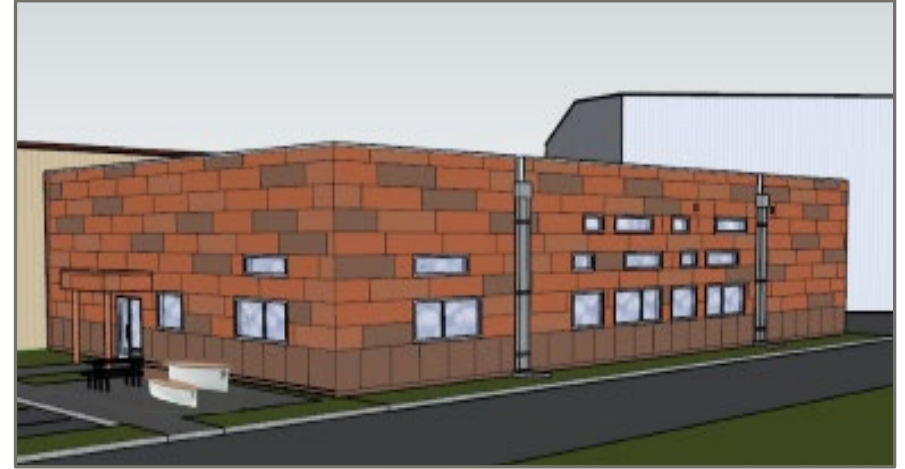
- Building components and site infrastructure
- Water and wastewater systems
- Roads, trails, and bridges
- Public Water Access sites
- Campsites, group camps, shower buildings, day use areas and vault toilets
- Fish hatcheries
- Water control structures



Betterment of Buildings

\$11.1 million to modernize existing facilities and invest in new facilities

- Hibbing Drill Core Library – add needed storage capacity and examination facilities for mineral exploration samples



Acquisition and Betterment of Public Lands

\$6.5 million for acquisition and betterment of public lands:

- Improve existing state lands through actions such as establishing new trees after timber harvest
- Enhance access, quality and visitor safety on DNR managed lands
- Acquire new, high-priority parcels



Improving Accessibility

\$1.9 million to improve accessibility of DNR-managed lands and facilities

- Enhanced accessibility improves the outdoor experience for everyone



Community Investments

- **NEW in 2025: \$10 million** for Dam Safety Grants – Rapidan Dam
- **\$5.6 million** for flood hazard mitigation grants for flood risk reduction
- **\$1.9 million** for Parks and Trails Local and Regional Grant Program



Flood Hazard Mitigation project in Austin, MN

Delivering Results Across Minnesota

2023 Natural Resources Asset Preservation

Of the \$36 million appropriated:

- 40% is spent or encumbered
- 60% is obligated to planned projects

Projects in progress:

- Repairs to building components and site infrastructure
- Myre-Big Island State Park sewer connection
- Repairs to roads, bridges, and culverts in State Parks, State Forests and Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs)
- Repairs to water control structures at WMAs
- Repairs to Fish Hatcheries



Summary

- DNR is responsible for extensive capital assets – both built and natural.
- This infrastructure benefits Minnesotans throughout the state.
- Preserving, enhancing and renewing this infrastructure requires significant ongoing investment.
- This proposal focuses on taking care of what we have, while advancing strategic projects to serve current and future generations.



Thank you!

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