



Senate

Jobs & Economic Development Committee

Monday, February 3, 2025

Commissioner Ida Rukavina

Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation is a state of Minnesota economic development agency located in northeastern Minnesota. We are a Governor's cabinet level agency.

Our agency was established in 1941 by Governor Harold Stassen and the Legislature.



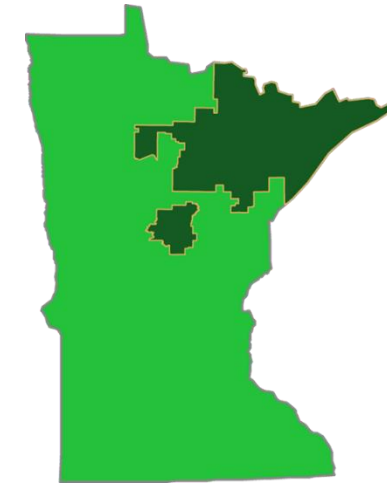
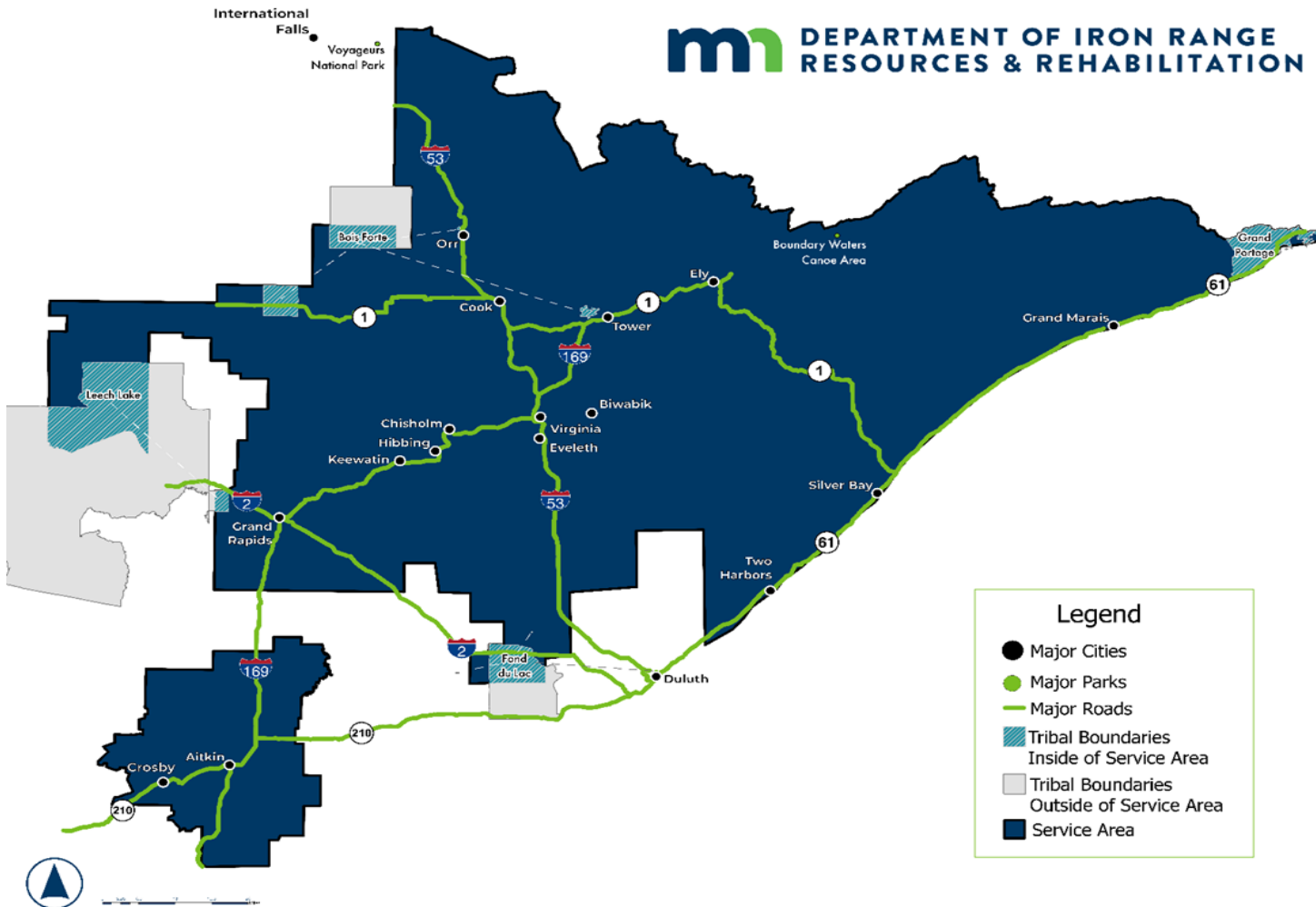
Mission

Invest resources to foster vibrant growth and economic prosperity in northeastern Minnesota.

- Strengthen businesses and worker education.
- Enhance livable communities.
- Maximize collaborations and partnerships.



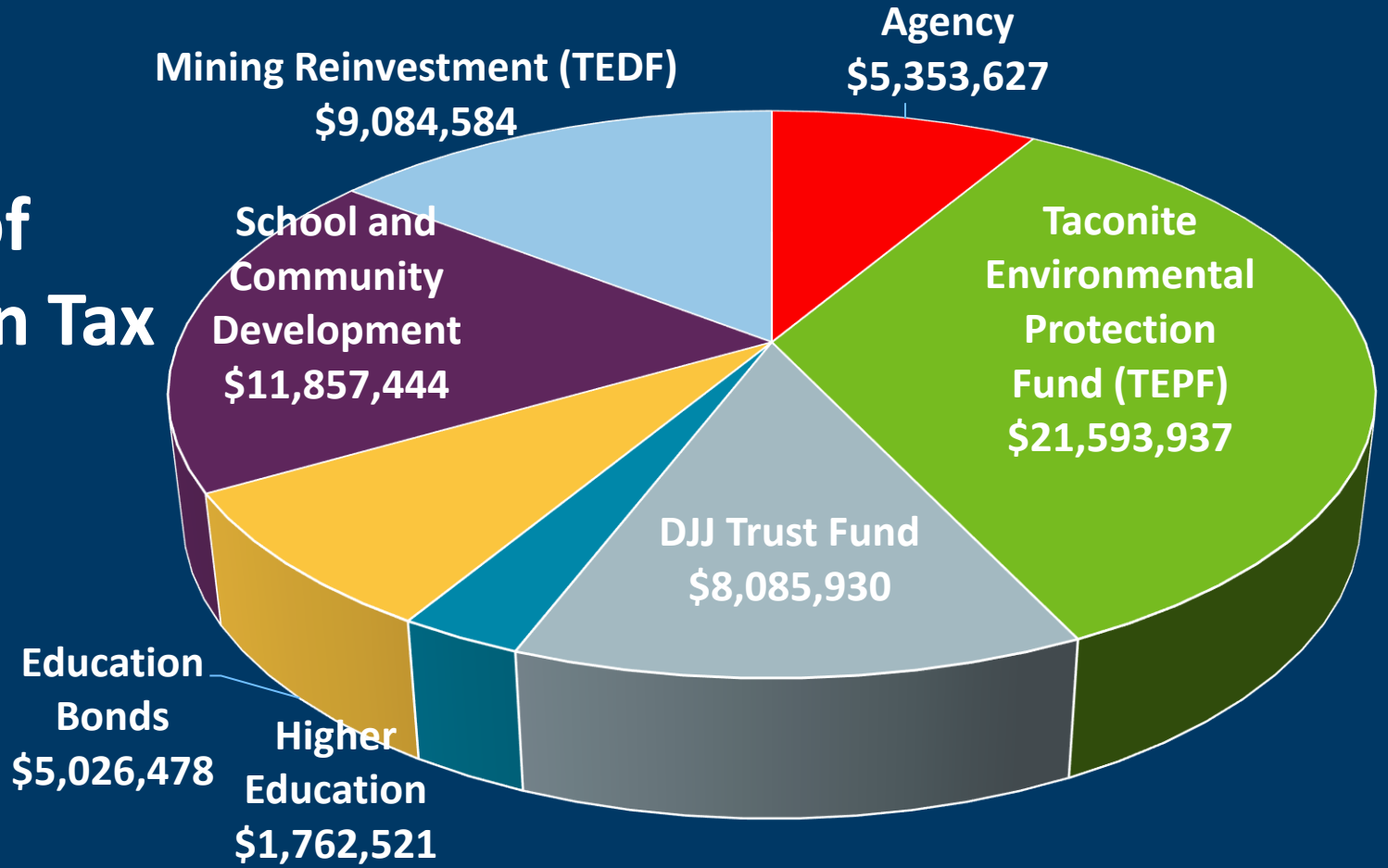
Service Area



- 13,000 square miles
- 53 cities
- 134 townships
- 15 school districts
- 4 Tribal Nations

Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Taconite Production Tax

**2024 Distribution of
Taconite Production Tax
to IRRR
\$62,764,521**



Advisory Board

Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Advisory Board



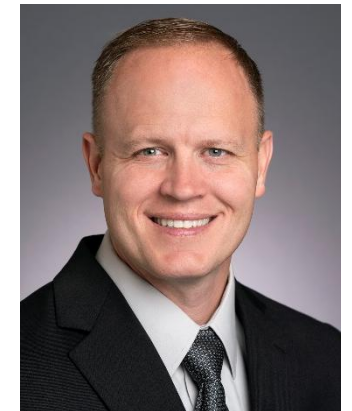
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Goal #1

Businesses invest in
northeastern
Minnesota.



Business Development



Business Loans

- Bank Participation Loans
- Direct Loans
- Loan Guaranties

Grant Programs

- Business Energy Retrofit
- Commercial Redevelopment
- Shovel Ready
- Downtown Building Rehabilitation
- Workforce Development

In FY24, the agency provided: 16 business loans totaling \$27.7 million and 126 grants totaling 13.2 million for a total agency investment of \$40.9 million and a total project investment of \$186.7 million

Business Development



Lamppa Manufacturing
Airmark: d/b/a Nelson Wood Shims
Advanced Machine Guarding Solutions

Small Business Development



Canelake's Candies



Sammy's Pizza

Communities invest
in their foundational
and social assets to
ensure quality of life.



Community Development



Grant Programs

- Broadband Infrastructure
- Culture & Tourism
- Development Partnership
- Grant Writing Assistance
- Housing
- Mineland Reclamation
- Regional Trails
- School Collaboration
- Residential Redevelopment

In FY24, the agency provided 161 community grants totaling \$29.1 million for a total project investment of \$235.1 million.

Community Development



East Range Water Project



Ely Regional Trailhead

Community Development



Workers have the education and training to meet business needs.



Workforce Development



Grant Programs

- Industry-based higher education programs that address regional workforce needs and gaps.
- Customized workforce training.
- Regional school district initiatives that increase availability and access to high quality education for our region's K-12 students. Emphasis on Career Pathways and project-based learning.

Leadership Priorities

- Diversify the economy
- Create and retain jobs
- Prepare communities for change and growth
- Invest in an educated workforce
- Improve the quality of life





**DEPARTMENT OF IRON RANGE
RESOURCES & REHABILITATION**

Thank You!

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