The Legislature normally passes a Capital Budget during the even-year session to fund projects of a capital nature such as building construction and land acquisition. In most cases, the projects are financed through borrowing by selling tax-exempt bonds. The debt is paid back over the term of the bonds, usually 20 years.

During the 2011 Session the Legislature authorized $555 million in new spending for capital projects of which the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) was authorized $103,450,000 from the Bond Fund. This is an unusually high amount for the odd-year session. The funding is illustrated in various ways in the graphs below.
2011 Capital Budget by Function
$103.4 Million

- Flood Hazard Mitigation Grants: $50,000 (48.3%)
- Invasive Fish Barrier: $16,000 (15.5%)
- Roads & Bridges: $4,800 (4.6%)
- State Parks & Trails: $13,800 (13.3%)
- Dams & Groundwater: $600 (0.6%)
- Park & Trail Grants: $1,250 (1.2%)
- Assets & Facility Damage: $17,000 (16.4%)
DNR 2011 Capital Budget (Bonding)

Capital Budget Last Six Years

During the past six years (three biennia) the Department of Natural Resources was authorized a total of $496 million from the bond fund. This has been broken down into four categories, as described below, in the presentations that follow.

Categories

**Health and Safety** includes flood hazard mitigation grants, dam renovation and removal, and groundwater monitoring.

**Outdoor Recreation** includes state park and recreation areas acquisition, infrastructure and building improvements, camper cabins, state trail acquisition and development, water access and fishing piers, Lake Superior safe harbors, trail connections and regional trail grants.

**Conservation** includes forest land acquisition, forest easements, reforestation, fish hatchery improvements, aquatic habitat improvement, invasive fish barriers, wildlife critical habitat improvement, Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) acquisition and improvements, Scientific and Natural Areas (SNA) acquisition and improvement, native prairie conservation, and metro greenways and natural areas.

**Assets** include statewide asset preservation, DNR roads and bridges, field office renovation, Hibbing drill core library expansion and facility damage renovation.

### DNR Capital Budget by Category

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Department of Natural Resources
Bonding Appropriations by Category
Laws of 2006 - 2011
(Dollars in Millions)

- **Assets**
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- **Health and Safety**

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Capital Budget Last Six Years by Category

### 2006-2011 Health and Safety
$245.7 Million

- **Flood Hazard Mitigation**: 95%
- **Dam Renovation**: 4%
- **Groundwater Monitoring**: 1%

### 2006-2011 Outdoor Recreation
$125.2 Million

- **St Park Acq & Improve**: 31%
- **St Trail Acq & Improve**: 29%
- **Lake Vermilion St Park**: 22%
- **Camper Cabins**: 2%
- **Lake Superior Safe Harbors**: 2%
- **Water Access & Fish Piers**: 3%
- **Local Park & Trail Grants**: 6%
- **Trail Connections**: 5%
Capital Budget Last Six Years by Category

2006-2011 Conservation
$86.2 Million

2006-2011 Assets
$39.0 Million