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. The projects are usually financed through borrowing by selling tax-exempt bonds. The debt is paid back over the term of the bond, usually 20 years.

During the 2008 session the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) was authorized $119.3 million from the Bond Fund. An additional $54.8 million was authorized in 2009 ($53.8 million for flood hazard mitigation grants and $1 million for asset preservation) for a two-year total of $174.1 million. The funding by program and category is illustrated in the graphs below.
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, 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, forest roads and bridges, field office renovation, facility damage renovation and Hibbing drill core library expansion.
Note: The 2004 capital budget was not passed by the Legislature until 2005.

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Capital Budget Last 5 Years by Category

**Health and Safety**
$144.5 million

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

**Outdoor Recreation**
$111.0 million

- St Park Acq & Improve: 31%
- Camper Cabins: 5%
- Lake Vermillion St Park: 5%
- St Trail Acq & Improve: 5%
- Water Access & Fish Piers: 3%
- Safe Harbors, Canoe: 18%
- Trail Connections: 31%
- Local Park &Trail Grants: 2%
Capital Budget Last 5 Years by Category

### Conservation

- $81.8 million

#### Pie Chart

- St Forest Land Acq: 36%
- Forest Easements: 13%
- Reforestation & Shade Tree: 5%
- Fish Hatchery Improve: 39%
- Aquatic Habitat: 28%
- Critical Habitat: 15%
- WMA Acq & Improve: 13%
- Water Control Structures: 8%
- SNA Acq & Improve: 1%
- Native Prairie Improve: 5%
- Stream Protection, Barrier: 5%
- Metro Greenways & Grants: 2%

### Assets

- $15.3 million

#### Pie Chart

- Forest Roads & Bridges: 39%
- Field Office Renovation: 15%
- Asset Preservation: 13%
- Facility Damage Repair: 5%
- Envir Learning Centers: 28%