DNR 2010 Capital Budget (Bonding)

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 2010 Session the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) was authorized $98.6 million from the Bond Fund. An additional $13.5 million was authorized in the 2010 Special Session for flood hazard mitigation grants and facility damage repairs bringing the total to $112.1 million. The funding by program, category and function is illustrated in the graphs below.

![2010 Capital Budget by Program](image)

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**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.
The following charts show the capital budget amounts appropriated to the Department of Natural Resources during the past five years.
Capital Budget Last 5 Years

Department of Natural Resources
Bonding Appropriations by Category
Laws of 2006 - 2010
(Dollars in Thousands)

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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

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

Conservation
$81.8 million

- WMA Acq & Improve 36%
- Forest Easements 13%
- Reforestation & Shade Tree 12%
- Critical Habitat 6%
- Aquatic Habitat 5%
- Fish Hatchery Improve 5%
- Stream Protection, Barrier 5%
- Metro Greenways & Grants 1%
- St Forest Land Acq 3%
- SNA Acq & Improve 8%
- Native Prairie Improve 4%

Assets
$15.3 million

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