



Conservation That Works For a Better Minnesota

DNR's 2012 Capital Budget Request

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has assembled a capital budget request that creates a better future for Minnesota by conserving our natural resources while targeting investments that: 1) maintain a strong infrastructure, 2) create jobs and support local economies, and 3) leverage other funds.

Maintaining a Strong Conservation Infrastructure

DNR manages more than 5 million acres of state lands and provides public access to recreational opportunities throughout the state. DNR is one of the state's largest agencies, with more work locations and varied work sites, and capital assets worth more than \$1 billion. Maintaining a strong infrastructure is critical to sustaining the value of the state's assets and will:

- Ensure the health and safety of Minnesotans
- Improve delivery of conservation services
- Improve recreational opportunities
- Reduce operating costs
- Increase efficiencies

Creating Jobs and Supporting Local Economies

DNR has over 200 work sites statewide and facilities in every county of the state. Capital investments put people to work in local communities across Minnesota.

Every \$1 million spent for construction supports 24 jobs.



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Flood Hazard Mitigation (\$20 million)

This program provides cost-share grants to local units of government to design and implement long-term measures to reduce flood damage and emergency flood fighting. Studies indicate that every \$1 spent on hazard mitigation results in \$4 in future damages prevented.

Projects requesting funding: Ada, Afton, Alvarado, Argyle, Austin, Benson, Borup, Breckenridge, Brownton, Climax, Crookston, Delano, Felton, Georgetown, Granite Falls, Halstad, Inver Grove Heights, Melrose, Montevideo, Moorhead, Neilsville, Newport, Oakport Township, Oslo, Roseau, Rushford, Shelly, St. Vincent, and watershed district projects of Bear Park, Brandt-Angus, Hay Creek-Norlund, North Ottawa, Redpath, Roseau WMA, Springbrook, and Upper Becker.



Dam Repair, Reconstruction, Removal (\$7 million)

Minnesota's public dam infrastructure includes nearly 800 dams owned by the state, counties, cities, and watershed districts. Most of these dams are over 50 years old and require ongoing repairs to maintain their structural integrity and prevent public safety hazards.

This program provides for design, engineering, and construction to repair, reconstruct, or remove dams and respond to dam safety emergencies.

Project priorities include: Balsam Lake, Lake Byllesby, Brawner Lake, Champlin Mill Pond, Coon Lake, Coon Rapids, Drayton, Height of Land Lake, Lake Bronson, Lanesboro, Lizzie Lake, Millerville Lake, Perkins Lake, Pelican Lake, Sand Hill Lake, Sauk River, Shady Lake, Stalker Lake, Sullivan Lake, and emergency projects.



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Natural Resources Asset Preservation (\$3 million)

Natural resources asset preservation provides for the renovation of state-owned facilities and recreational assets (M.S. 84.946). There is an estimated \$500 million backlog for all natural resources asset preservation needs. Projects address critical needs for both buildings and recreational facilities across the state, and pre-design for future requests.

Of DNR's approximately 2,700 buildings, more than 450 buildings are in poor to very poor condition. Projects will include ADA improvements; roof, door, window, and siding replacements; mechanical and electrical system repairs; water, well, and septic projects; energy and lighting retrofit projects. Projects will also include the renewal of recreational and natural resources facilities located throughout the state.



Water Access Renewal/AIS Control (\$12 million)

This program provides for: 1) design and construction of a deterrent barrier for Asian carp; 2) design and redevelopment of public water accesses to improve aquatic invasive species (AIS) management, shoreland management, and ADA components; and 3) AIS decontamination stations at public water accesses to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.

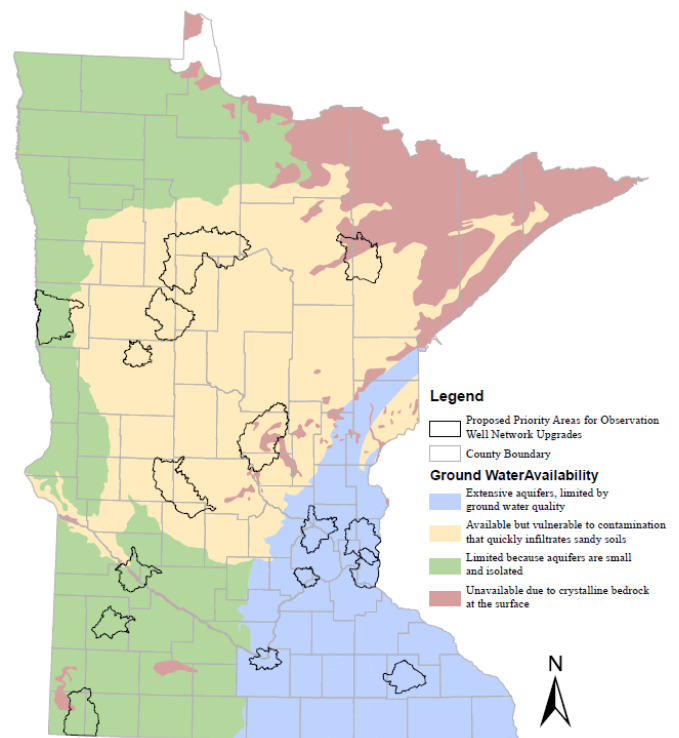


Ground Water Monitoring (\$500,000)

Ground water monitoring is needed to assess ground water availability for water supply planning. This program provides for the installation of new ground water level monitoring wells, the replacement of failing wells, and the sealing of existing wells that are no longer necessary or functional.

Project priorities include: Moorhead, Worthington, Brooten, Rochester and Park Rapids communities, and Marshall and Houston counties.

Proposed Priority Areas for Observation Well Network Upgrades



RIM Critical Habitat Match (\$3 million)

This program provides for land acquisition and improvement for wildlife management areas, scientific and natural areas, aquatic management areas, state parks, and state forests. The Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) Critical Habitat Match program is cost-effective, equally leveraging state investments with private donations. Currently, pledged private donations exceed available state matching funds through the Critical Habitat License Plate Program.



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Roads and Bridges (\$5 million)

DNR has more than 3,000 miles of roads, bridges, and culverts that provide access to over 5 million acres of state lands. This program provides for the rehabilitation and renewal of this extensive infrastructure to ensure safe and adequate access is maintained to state forests, state parks and recreation areas, wildlife management areas (WMAs), and other DNR lands.



Project priorities include:

- State forests: Beltrami Island, Grand Portage, Kabetogama, Koochiching, Pine Island
- State parks and recreation areas: Afton, Blue Mounds, Buffalo River, Iron Range OHV, Itasca, Lake Carlos, Maplewood, Sibley, Tettegouche, William O'Brien
- WMAs: Mille Lacs WMA, Walnut Lake WMA

Parks and Trails Renewal and Development (\$5 million)

This program will provide for the renewal, modification, replacement, or development of buildings and recreational infrastructure in state parks, state recreation areas, state trails, state forests, and other recreation facilities.

Project priorities include:

- Parks: Afton, Itasca, McCarthy Beach, Minneopa, Sibley
- Trails: Itasca, Root River, Sakatah, Willard Munger

