

# LEAVING A LEGACY

Voters invested in outdoor recreation and Minnesota's great outdoors by passing the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Act (the "Legacy Amendment") in 2008. Here are some examples of the great projects made possible with Legacy funds. More detail is available at [legacy.leg.mn](http://legacy.leg.mn).

## Accelerating natural resource management

Stepped up efforts to remove invasive species (such as this garlic mustard at Fort Snelling State Park) are helping to re-establish Minnesota's original landscape. The DNR conducted detection, prevention, and response on over 20,000 acres of state park lands in 2010.

## Accelerating facility maintenance and rehabilitation

The DNR is fixing up buildings and bridges (such as this one completed in 2010 on the Heartland State Trail) as well as making park and trail facilities more accessible to all users.



## Providing grants to parks and trails

Grants available to cities and counties help make it possible to purchase important pieces of land for outdoor recreation at park and trail facilities of regional or statewide significance. This 26-acre addition to Brophy Lake Park in Douglas County—a scenic stop on the Central Lakes State Trail near Alexandria—is just one example.

## Connecting people to the outdoors

Many things are being done to get people outdoors, with help from the new Minnesota Naturalist Corps (including these naturalists at Wild River State Park). This group of naturalists makes it possible to provide additional family-oriented programs at Minnesota state parks and trails. Participation in naturalist-led programs increased by nearly 50,000 people in 2010.

