

# Minnesota Walk-In Access Program

## 2012 Fact Sheet



The Walk-In Access (WIA) program provides public hunting opportunities on private land and rewards landowners for keeping their ground in high quality habitat.



WIA is being piloted across 21 counties in southwestern Minnesota. See map on back.



WIA land is for hunting only. No target practice, trapping, dog training, camping, horseback riding or fires are allowed.



No motorized vehicles allowed on WIAs.



The program targets parcels of 40 acres or more that are already enrolled in a conservation program such as Reinvest in Minnesota or Conservation Reserve Program. River bottoms, wetlands and other high-quality habitat will also be considered for WIA this year.



Landowners are paid by the acre to allow hunting access. Bonuses are added if more than 140 contiguous acres are enrolled, if the land is within 1/2 mile of existing state or federal hunting land, or if a multi-year contract is signed.



Local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) work directly with landowners to enroll acres in the program.



Recreational use laws provide extra liability protection for WIA acres under MN State Statute 604A.20 to 604A.27. Private leases are not covered under this statute.

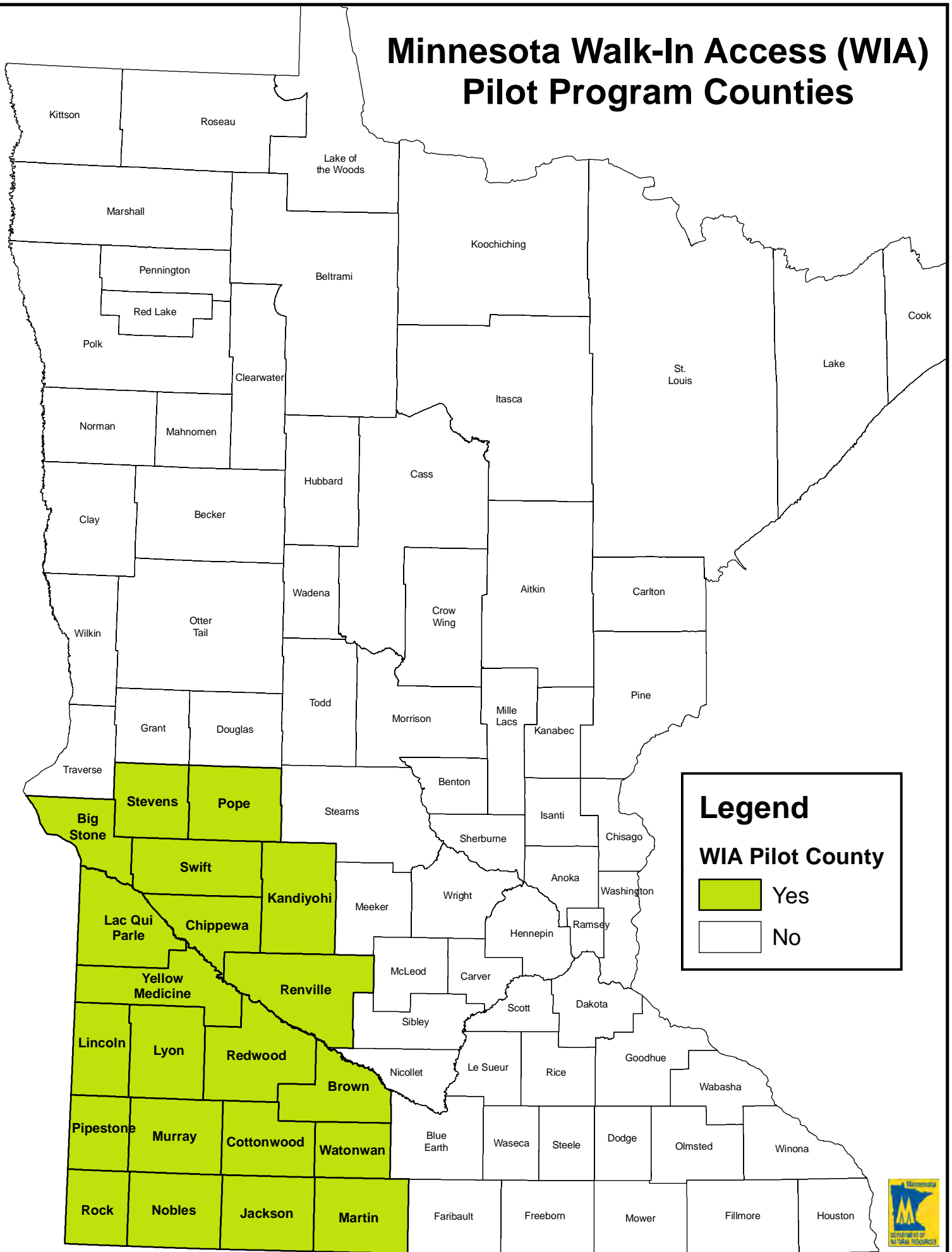


The WIA program is a partnership between the DNR, SWCDs, Board of Soil and Water Resources and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which is funding the first two years of the pilot program.



For more information about the WIA program, enrolled lands and the WIA Code of Conduct for Hunters, visit [www.mndnr.gov/walkin](http://www.mndnr.gov/walkin)

# Minnesota Walk-In Access (WIA) Pilot Program Counties



**Legend**

**WIA Pilot County**

- Yes
- No

