

Why Do We Buy Land?

We purchase land and interests in land to provide a variety of recreational and natural resource opportunities at locations including:

- State Parks and Recreation Areas
- State Trails
- State Forests
- Public Water Access Sites
- Scientific and Natural Areas
- Wildlife Management Areas
- Aquatic Management Areas
- Trout Stream easement areas
- Native Prairie Bank easement areas

Examples of our criteria for purchasing land:

- Protect significant natural resources
- Conserve native prairies and grasslands
- Improve access to state land
- Consolidate state land
- Protect and restore trout streams
- Enhance and improve outdoor recreation opportunities
- Expand existing resource management areas

For more information on the acquisition process, visit our website at:
mndnr.gov/lands_minerals/acquisitions.html



Interested in Selling?

If you would like the DNR to consider buying your property, contact the regional Lands and Minerals Division staff in your area.

We will ask for some basic information about your property. This will be reviewed to see if your property meets our criteria for purchasing land.



Regional Contacts:

The regional staff of the Division of Lands and Minerals may be contacted at:

Northwest: 218-308-2627

Northeast: 218-328-8923

Central: 651-259-5792

South: 507-233-1211

Donations & Partners

In some cases, we accept donations of land. There may be tax benefits if you make a donation of land to the DNR.

We can also partner on acquisitions with organizations such as local units of government, sporting clubs, conservation organizations, non-profit organizations and land trusts.

Determining Land Value

We are required to hire an appraiser to determine the market value of your property. Some conservation easement valuations are determined by a formula.

You may hire an appraiser to provide an independent opinion of the value of your property.

If an offer is made to you, there is no obligation to accept it.



How We Buy Land

The DNR's Division of Lands and Minerals coordinates the acquisition process in cooperation with various DNR divisions (*Fish & Wildlife, Parks & Trails, Forestry, Ecological and Water Resources*).

Here are the steps to buying land:

1. Assign an acquisition project manager
2. Gather property information
3. Appraise land
4. Make an offer
5. Obtain title opinion
6. Schedule closing



Benefits of Selling

- We pay most closing costs
- Your land will be available for public use
- You will create a family legacy
- Your land is preserved for future generations
- Minnesotans will have new outdoor recreational opportunities