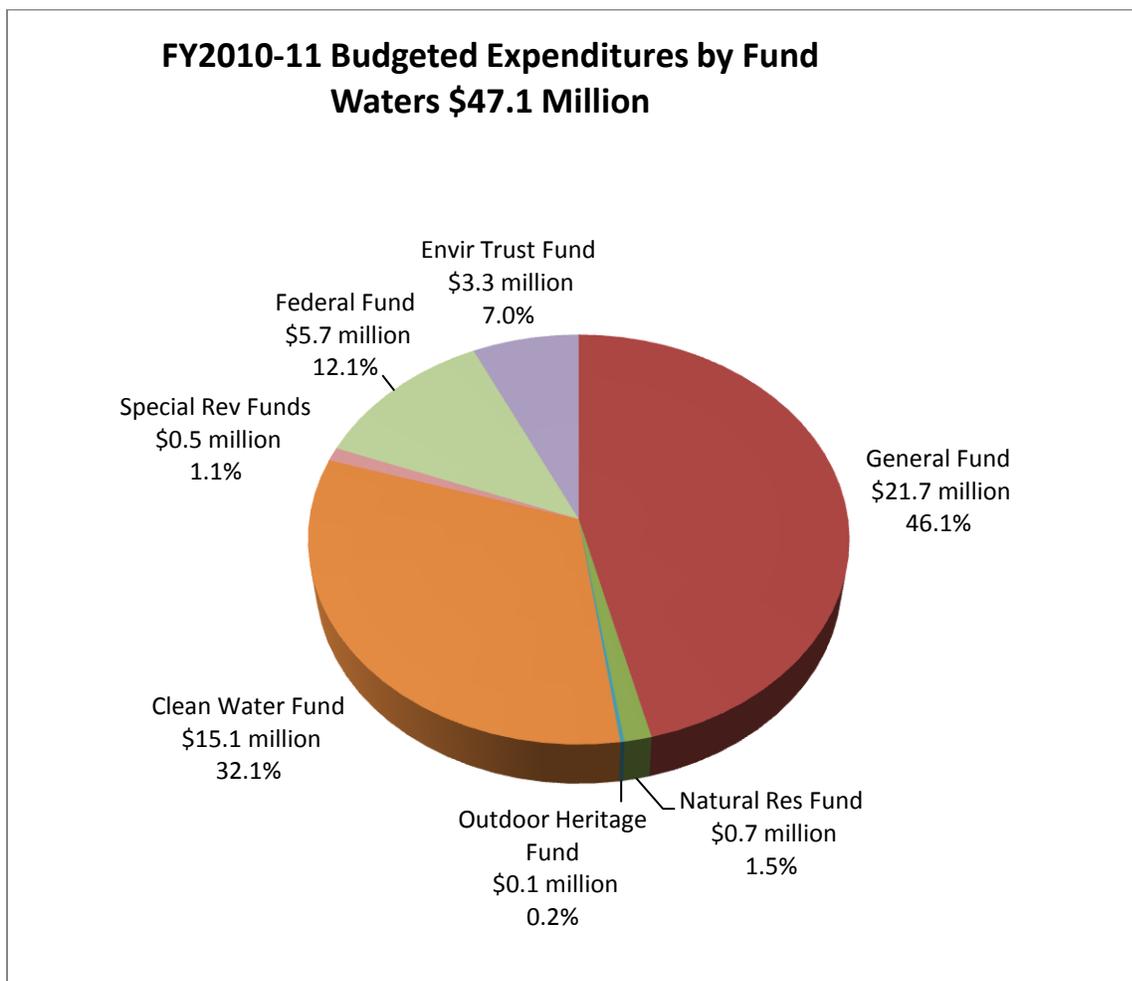
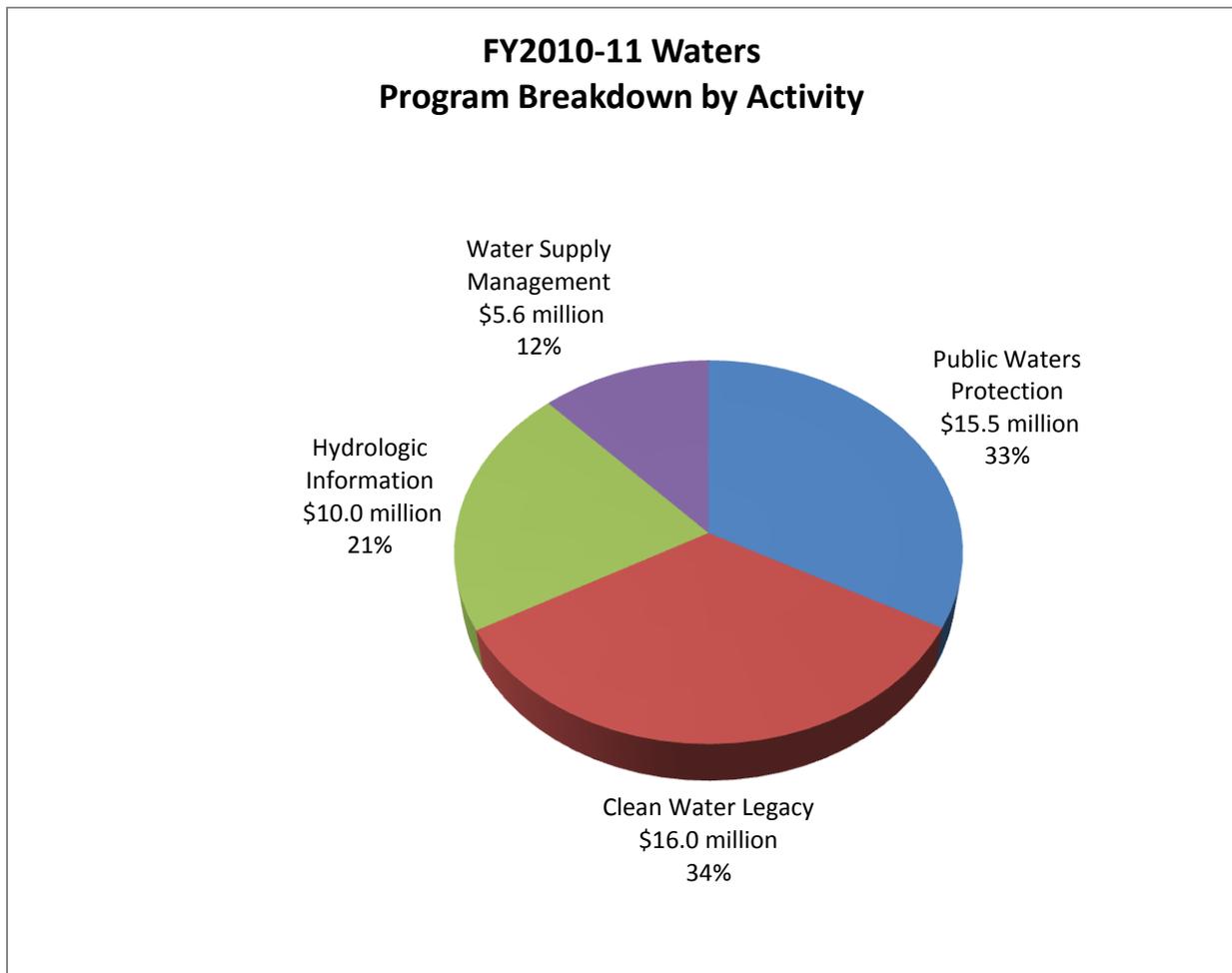


Water Resources

The Division of Waters maintains the physical integrity of Minnesota’s wetlands, lakes, rivers and ground water resources. The division works with local units of governments and the public to measure rainfall, lake levels, stream flow, and ground water levels. They also gather and interpret water resources data to describe how human activities impact the hydrologic system and how negative impacts can be mitigated. The division regulates over 21,000 public waters basins and 69,200 miles of rivers and streams. Floodplains, shore lands and wild and scenic rivers are managed cooperatively with local units of governments. For more information on the DNR Division of Waters, please visit: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/index.html>





Public waters protection is responsible for regulating activities that protect, enhance and restore the state's waters and watersheds, regulates filling, excavating, water level controls, bridges, and shore protection.

Clean water legacy is funding provided by the increase of 3/8 of 1% in the state sales tax to protect, enhance, and restore water quality in lakes, rivers and streams, and to protect groundwater and drinking water sources.

Hydrologic information for decision making is responsible for ground water studies and pumping tests, gauging data to support analysis and decisions, county ground water mapping, and technical surface water studies to resolve lake level or flooding issues.

Water supply management is responsible for balancing water demands and resource sustainability.