



## Department of Natural Resources Fact Sheet



### 2008 POLICY FACT SHEET Facilities Management Account

#### Summary

This initiative proposes to reserve the proceeds from the sale of Department of Natural Resources (DNR) administrative sites for the purpose of supporting the acquisition and development of DNR field offices. The DNR, as authorized by M.S. 94.16, now sells land and deposits the proceeds from sales, including the sale of administrative sites, in a land acquisition account to use for acquisition of lands in the outdoor recreational system as established in MS 86A.

#### Background

Staff currently reports to 182 work sites. DNR has developed a facilities master planning process to help position work sites in a more strategic manner. Management principles applied in the master plan include:

- ◆ Provide sufficient, but not excessive, facilities to accomplish the work of the DNR
- ◆ Assure that each investment of funds in facilities is the most reasonable and careful choice
- ◆ Render the optimum utility from each facility

#### It is needed because

DNR has targeted facilities management as a way to contain costs and improve productivity. Better progress can be made if current facility assets are realigned and the proceeds of the sale of administrative sites are reinvested in fewer work locations.

Using the proceeds from the sale of administrative sites to reinvest in consolidated sites is beneficial in several ways:

- ◆ Faster implementation of a planned facility investment package designed to control future costs,
- ◆ Reduce DNR's carbon footprint by reducing square footage and improving energy performance, and
- ◆ Allow flexibility to leverage partnerships with local government units.

#### Key measures and outcomes

The timely development of working facilities contributes to the productive work of the DNR by:

- ◆ More effectively meeting business and customer needs by repositioning sites, and
- ◆ Containing increases in facility costs over time.

#### Financial Implications

Fiscal impacts:

- ◆ Proceeds from the sale of administrative lands will be allocated to an account where they can be used for administrative sites in support of the outdoor recreation system,
- ◆ Using funds from this account will reduce, but not eliminate, future bonding requests for the acquisition and renovation of administrative sites, and
- ◆ Render the optimum utility from each facility.

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The DNR as authorized by 94.16 now sells land and deposits the proceeds from sales in a land acquisition account to use for acquisition of lands in the outdoor recreational system established in 86A. This includes the proceeds from the sale of administrative sites. DNR proposes to reserve the proceeds from the sale of administrative sites for the purpose of supporting the acquisition and development of regional and field offices in support of DNR work.

