

2020 CAPITAL INVESTMENT REQUEST:

BUILDING ONE MINNESOTA THROUGH

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND
ASSET PRESERVATION**



The Lake Bronson Dam (pictured) is a high-hazard dam that requires significant repairs.

Governor Tim Walz and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan have recommended \$196.3 million for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), of which \$144.5 million would be dedicated to public safety and asset preservation:

- *Natural Resources Asset Preservation: \$70 million*
- *Betterment of Buildings: \$25 million*
- *Wildfire Aviation Infrastructure: \$9.5 million*
- *Dam Safety Repair, Reconstruction, or Removal: \$20 million*
- *Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant Assistance Program: \$20 million*

**NATURAL RESOURCES
ASSET PRESERVATION (NRAP)**



The DNR manages a wide array of assets that serve all Minnesotans.

This request would allow the DNR to:

- Repair and preserve existing buildings to keep assets in safe, usable conditions.
- Replace aging water and wastewater systems to meet health and environmental standards.
- Renew and replace roads, trails, culverts, and bridges on state land.
- Repair campsites, hatcheries, monitoring wells, and water control structures.
- Complete the mine hoist repair at Lake Vermilion-Soudan Underground Mine State Park.

**BETTERMENT OF
BUILDINGS**



The DNR reconstructs or replaces buildings that are unsafe, no longer serve their intended purpose, or have reached the end of their useful life. This request would allow the DNR to:

- Maintain statutorily required storage of mineral exploration samples at the Hibbing Drill Core Library.
- Update campground shower buildings at Scenic State Park.
- Replace inadequate or unsafe office and storage space statewide.
- Make efficiency and safety investments at the Badoura State Forest Nursery.
- Improve efficiency and security at hatcheries.



Fire response at Andover.

**WILDFIRE AVIATION
INFRASTRUCTURE**



The DNR responds to wildfires and other safety needs, which requires having safe, secure, and efficient areas which house air operations. This request would allow the DNR to:

- Construct and replace wildfire aviation infrastructure in Hibbing, Grand Rapids, and Brainerd.

DAM SAFETY REPAIR, RECONSTRUCTION, OR REMOVAL

The DNR maintains the structural integrity of dams to prevent public safety hazards and to maintain water levels on rivers and lakes. This request would allow the DNR to:

- Rehabilitate the Lake Bronson Dam, a high-hazard dam that risks loss of life or serious economic loss if failure were to occur.

FLOOD HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The DNR works to mitigate flood risk across the state by providing grants to communities for removing damaged and at-risk residential structures from floodplains, and constructing levees, pumping stations, and multi-purpose flood impoundments. This request would allow the DNR to:

- Support flood risk reduction projects in Afton, Austin, Breckenridge, Carver, Faribault, Jordan, Montevideo, Moorhead, Waseca, and more.



Deterioration of the Swan River Bridge.



Roof of the Oldenberg shower building at Jay Cooke State Park.



The Collinwood Lake Dam prior to rehabilitation.

For more information, review the [10-year Capital Asset Plan \(mndnr.gov/reports\)](https://mndnr.gov/reports).