

INTERESTED IN SELLING?

If you would like the DNR to consider buying your property, contact the DNR Acquisition Coordinator at land.acquisition.DNR@state.mn.us. Your property will be reviewed to ensure it meets our criteria for land purchases.

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



DONATIONS AND 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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information on the acquisition process, visit our website at: mndnr.gov/lands_minerals/acquisitions.html or contact the DNR Acquisition Coordinator at land.acquisition.DNR@state.mn.us



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ACQUIRING STATE LANDS



HOW DO WE BUY LAND?

The DNR's Division of Lands and Minerals coordinates the acquisition process in cooperation with various DNR divisions. Overall, the DNR takes the following steps to purchase land from a willing seller. The process and timeline can vary depending on due diligence requirements, including surveys, title searches or more complex environmental considerations:

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

HOW DO WE DETERMINE 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.



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

WHAT ARE OUR GOALS FOR BUYING LAND?

- Increase close-to-home outdoor recreation opportunities
- Protect significant natural resources like native prairies or forestlands
- Restore and improve access to state water resources, including trout streams, lakes and rivers
- Protect lands that help mitigate and adapt to climate change
- Consolidate land ownership to create easier-to-manage public lands and larger blocks of habitat
- Expand access to existing public lands