



# DNR's Strategic Land Asset Management

A primer on How the DNR Intends to Work With Others  
to Manage the Public Land Asset in Minnesota

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# Strategic Land Asset Management (SLAM) is all about;

*“Increasing the Value of Minnesota’s Land  
Asset for Current and Future Generations”*

# Strategic Land Asset Management (SLAM) is a Commitment to;

- A coordinated and comprehensive process by which we as an agency decide which lands the state owns or has an interest in so that our goals are met;
- A process by which we continuously review these lands to ensure conservation values are optimized over time;
- A commitment to engage partners and stakeholders in our land asset management decision making.

# Portfolio Management

- Strategic Land Asset Management is an ongoing effort to review our portfolio of land ownership or lands that we have an interest in;
  - ❖ to assure that the values for which they originally became public are still relevant,
  - ❖ determine what changes we should make to our land ownership to increase their value to the citizens of the state,
  - ❖ and to do it in cooperation with other units of government or stakeholders so that they might realize increases in value as well.

# Why is it important to accelerate our SLAM efforts now?

- Increased scrutiny of Trust Fund Land management
- The opportunities for funding land acquisitions or exchanges has significantly increased due to LSOHC, Clean Water and Outdoor Recreation funding.
- Integration of our efforts will lead to more efficiency in the department and better, more strategic outcomes.
- In counties that have adopted no-net-increase in public land resolutions it has become more difficult to acquire key parcels.

# Context of Strategic Land Asset Management

Total Land Acres in Minnesota.....51.2 million acres  
(includes federal, state, county, tribal, and private)

Percent of Total Acres that is Public.....25.5%

- Percent of Public Acres that is State.....68%
- Percent of Public Acres that is County...22 %

# State Managed Land Types

School Trust Fund.....2.5 million acres

University Trust .....25.8 thousand acres

Acquired.....1.5 million acres

Federal, State Lease.....83.4 thousand acres

Consolid. Conserv.....1.55 million acres

Volstead.....31.5 thousand acres

# Methods to Accomplish Land Asset Management

- Real estate management tools include the sale, acquisition or exchange of state land parcels with other public or private parcels;
- Acquiring interest in land asset management through easements or leasing;
- Moving status from parcels through condemnation or exchange with other state land parcels;
- Engaging others in helping us to determine the optimal mix of land ownership or lands that we have an interest in.

# Objectives of Land Asset

## Management May Include, But Not be Limited to;

- Protecting significant natural resources
- Increasing and maintaining access to public lands
- Improving management efficiencies through consolidations or acquisition of inholdings
- Increasing revenue potential from Trust Fund Lands
- Enhancing management in the context of landscapes
- Assisting local governments with managing their land asset to reduce infrastructure cost and enhance revenue development opportunities
- Provide a wide range of outdoor recreation opportunities throughout the state

# How Will the DNR Accelerate Strategic Land Asset Management in Minnesota?

- The DNR will be pursuing strategic land asset management through county projects within each of the four DNR Regions in the state, so that mutually beneficial outcomes are realized for both state and counties.
- A Strategic Land Asset Management Leadership Team will develop statewide goals and objectives and oversee the establishment of policies, procedures, and funding strategies necessary to institutionalize Land Asset Management in the department.

# Regional Pilot Projects

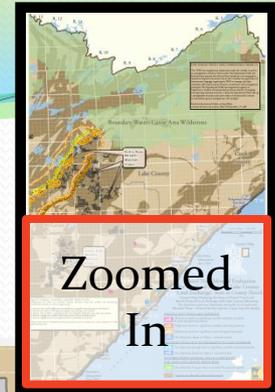
R1; Roseau County, Phase 2 will involve selling parcels of state trust fund lands, then purchasing other key parcels of county land, in lieu of an exchange.

R2; Exchange of approximately 4000 acres of School Trust Fund Land in Lake County for county tax forfeit acres, identify parcels for sale, and acquire key parcels.

R3; Assess and implement a land exchange in Kanabec County involving School Trust Fund Land for productive tax forfeit lands.

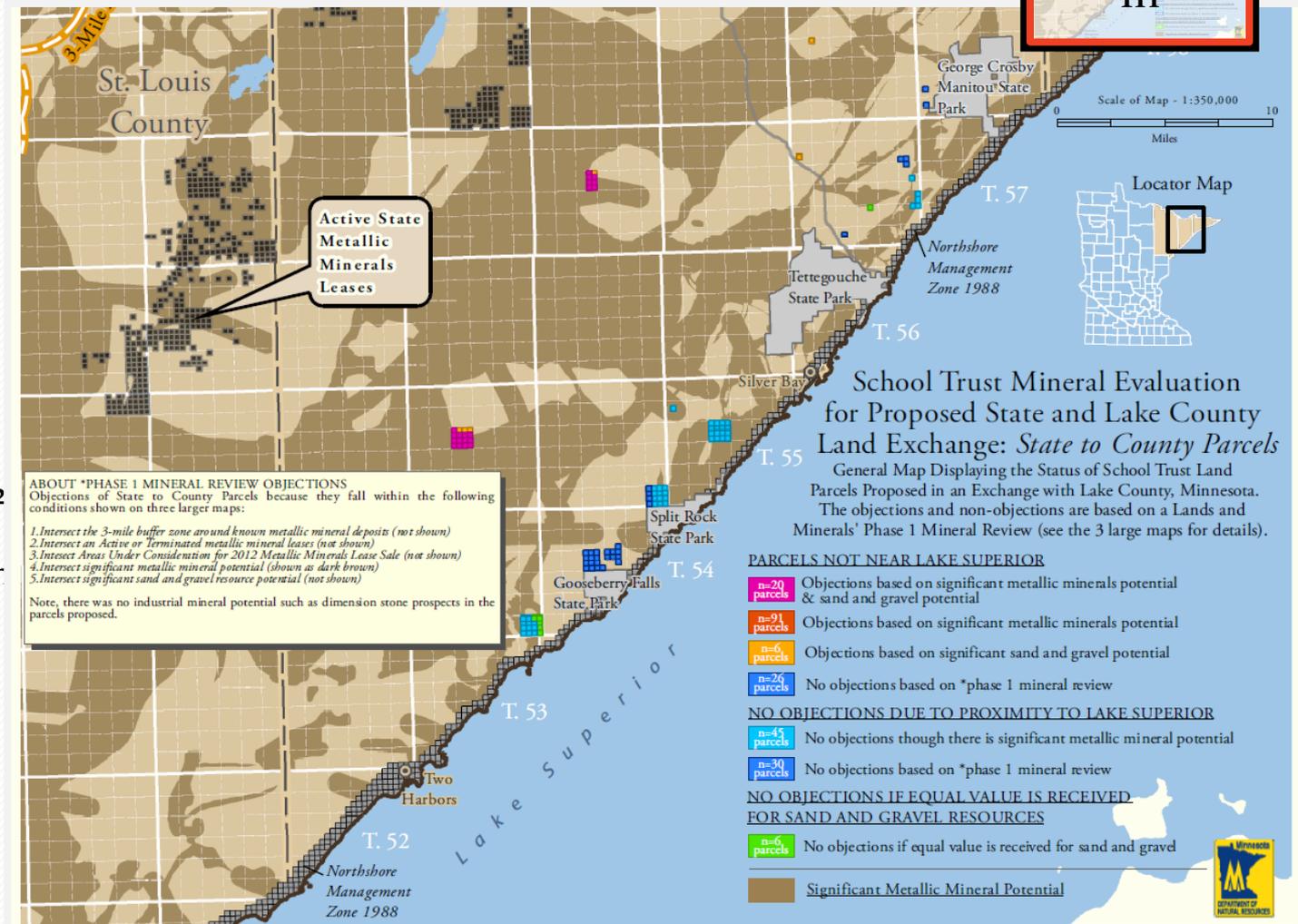
R4; Acquire and designate additional parcels as necessary in Renville and Redwood Counties to provide for a continuous linear corridor along the Minnesota River.

# Lake County Map: Mineral Resource Evaluations



## Phase 1 Mineral Review Objection Criteria:

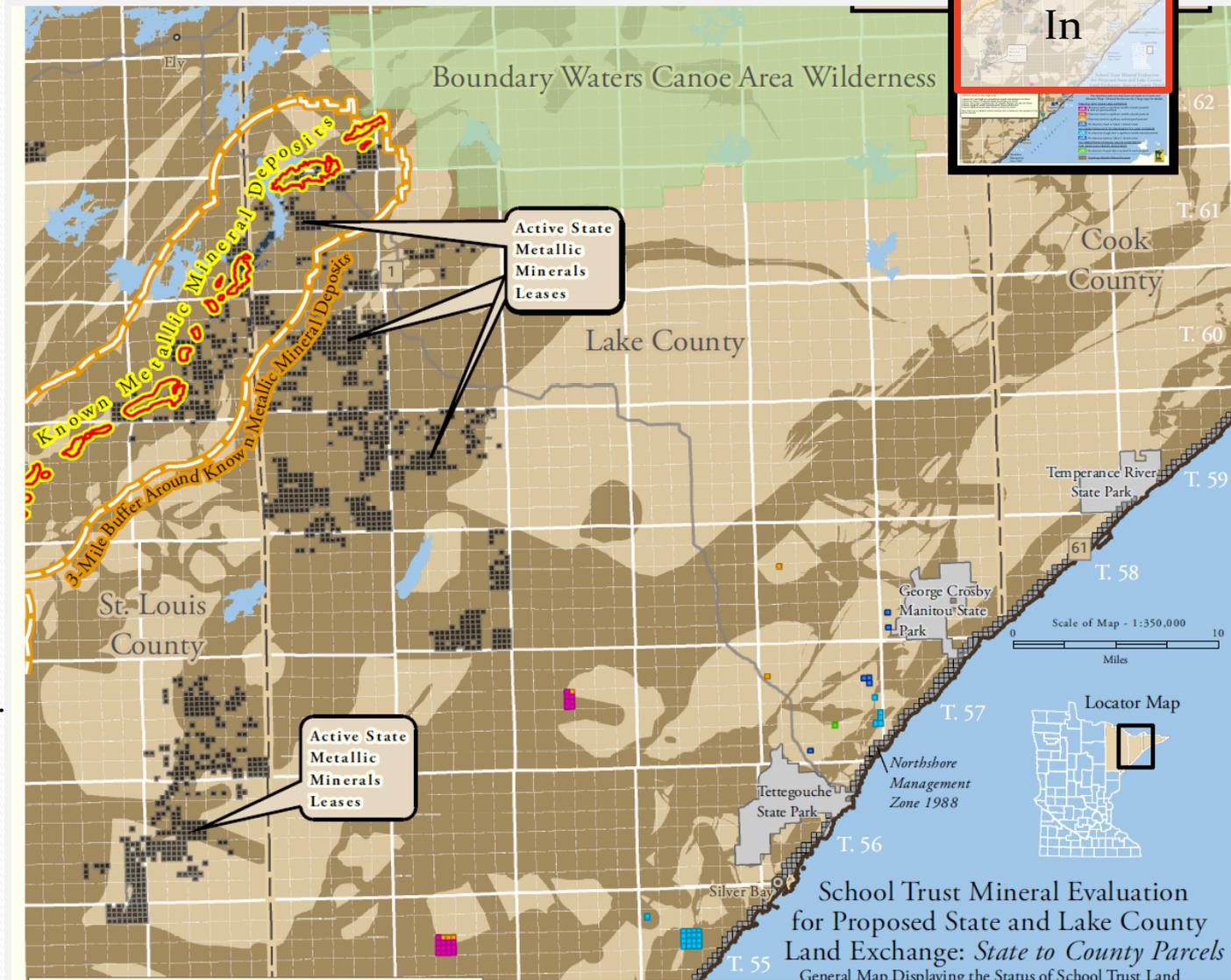
- Intersect the 3-mile buffer zone around **known metallic mineral deposits**
- Intersect an active or terminated **metallic minerals leases**
- Intersect areas under consideration for 2012 metallic minerals **lease sale** (not shown on this map)
- Intersect significant **metallic minerals potential**
- Intersect significant **sand and gravel potential**



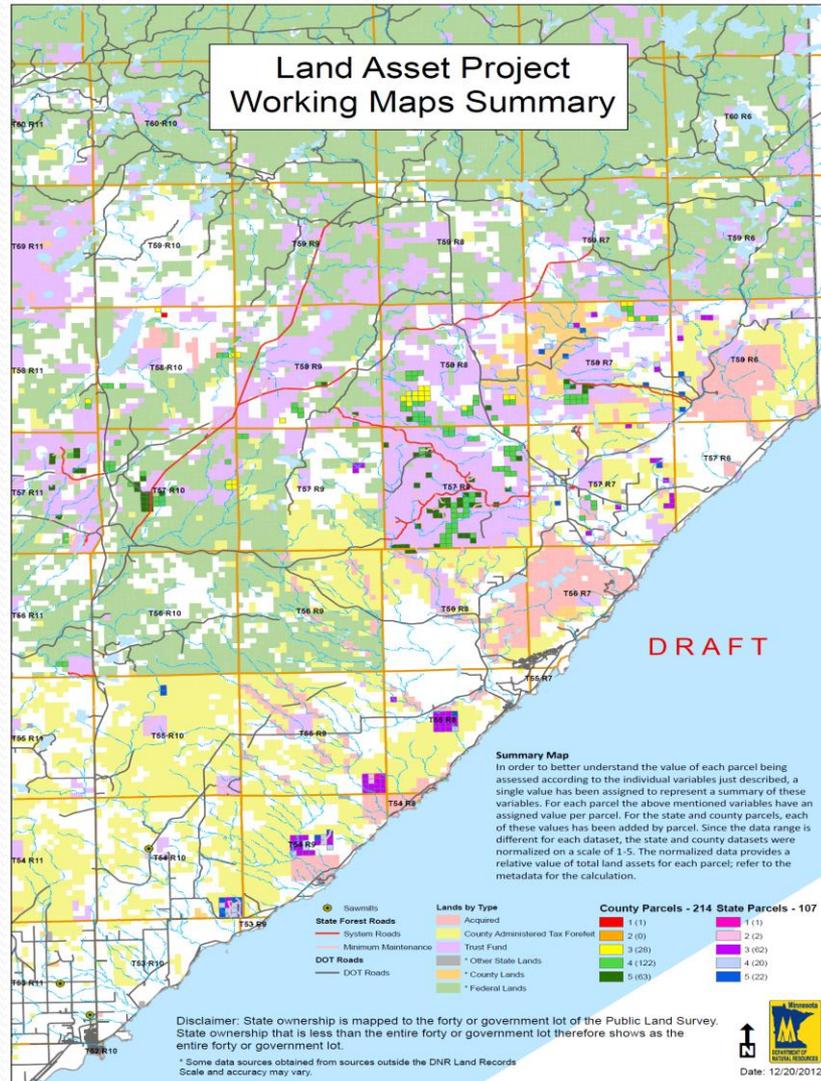
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## Phase 1 Mineral Information:

- Dark brown signifies significant **metallic minerals** potential.
- The **known metallic mineral deposits** are shown as red and yellow polygons.
- There is a **3-mile buffer around known metallic mineral deposits** symbolized as an orange and white polygon.
- **Active state metallic minerals leases** are shown as black polygons.
- **Expired or terminated state metallic minerals leases** are not shown on this map due to map scale.
- **Sand and gravel** resources were evaluated at a parcel-by-parcel (~40 ac.) site evaluation.



# Lake County Land Asset Exchange Map

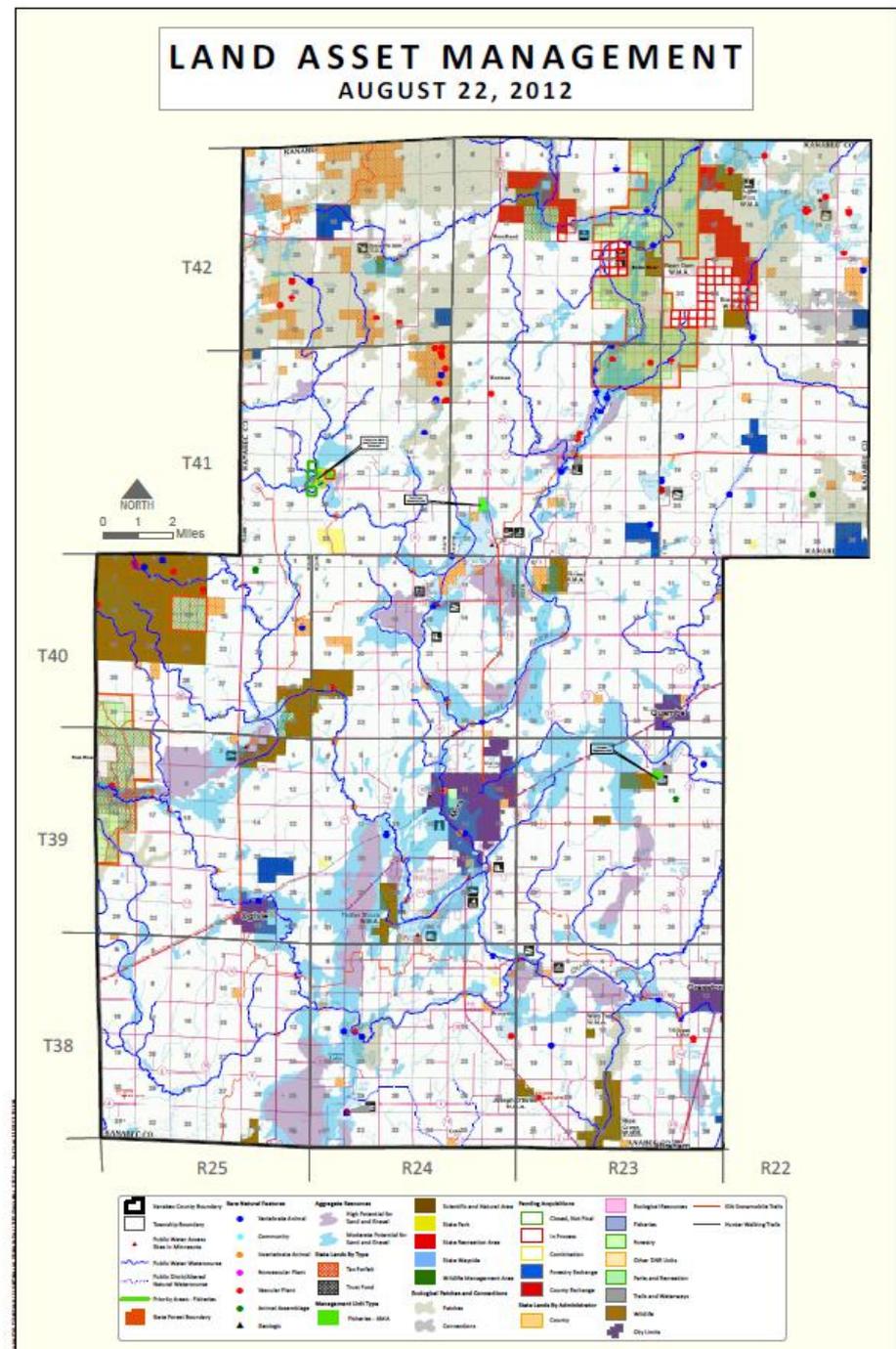


# R3, Kanabec County Project Map

Planning for exchange of  
about 3000 + acres of Trust  
Fund Lands for County Tax  
Forfeited Acres.

Objectives include:

- consolidate ownerships,
- improve access,
- increase revenue potential  
from trust lands.





## Additional SLAM Projects in 2013

Analysis of remaining industrial lands in Minnesota for future protection.

Sax-Zim exchange project of Trust Fund Lands for productive forest lands.

Kittson County sale and acquisition project

Pennington County sale and acquisition project

R J Dorer Land Asset Management Planning project

# Goals for the Land Asset Management Leadership Team

- **Improve departmental decision making related to land asset management.** Establish decision-making frameworks that ensure consistency and collaboration in land asset management decision-making and improve collaboration with others – at the county, watershed or regional level.

# Goals for Land Asset Management Leadership Team Continued

- **Improve land asset management policies and processes.** Develop and implement changes to policies and procedures that hinder the efficient management of the state's land assets.
- **Improve management and administration of land assets.** Recommend changes to land asset management that optimize conservation outcomes and provide for ease in administration of these assets.

# Metrics for Measuring SLAM Success

- Providing more outdoor recreational opportunities closer to where people live through strategic acquisitions.
- Reducing the number of miles of property boundaries between state lands and private lands for management efficiencies.
- Reducing inholdings in State Parks, Forests, etc.
- Increasing the average size of state land holdings by divesting of smaller stand alone parcels.
- Increasing access to state lands through acquisitions and easements.

# Benefits of SLAM

- Better relationships with Counties and other local units of government.
- Greater ability to strategically purchase additional land in counties with no-net-increase in public ownership.
- More summer chance wood available.
- Reduced costs to forest industries and loggers due to better access and less property lines to consider.
- Increased revenue opportunities from state lands.
- Better chance of future funding for strategic acquisitions from LSOHC, LCCMR, etc.
- Other

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