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### AT A GLANCE

- Small agency of conservation professionals
- Local conservation delivery system
- Governing board of local officials, citizens, and agency partners
- Focus on conservation of private lands (78 percent of Minnesota)
- Transition to comprehensive watershed plans by 2025 (61 plans in total). Since 2014:
  - 27 approved *One Watershed, One Plan* plans
  - 23 *One Watershed, One Plan* plans in progress
- Collaborative model for results including, since 1987:
  - 66,421 conservation practices installed
  - 8,522 easements funded
  - 21,353 wetland credits deposited into the state's wetland bank
- 238 local government accountability assessments completed annually

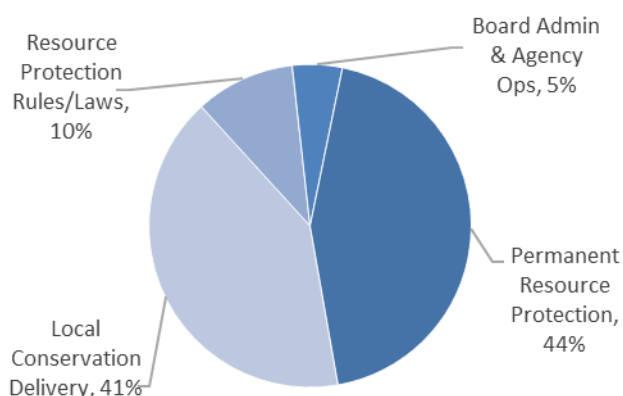
### PURPOSE

The Board of Water and Soil Resources' (BWSR's) mission is to improve and protect Minnesota's water and soil resources by working in partnership with local organizations and private landowners. The agency has a unique business model that is designed to:

- Operate as an efficient state-level source of technical and financial assistance to the local government delivery system.
- Target implementation of conservation practices and projects that support local goals and meet state objectives.
- Focus on Minnesota's private lands.

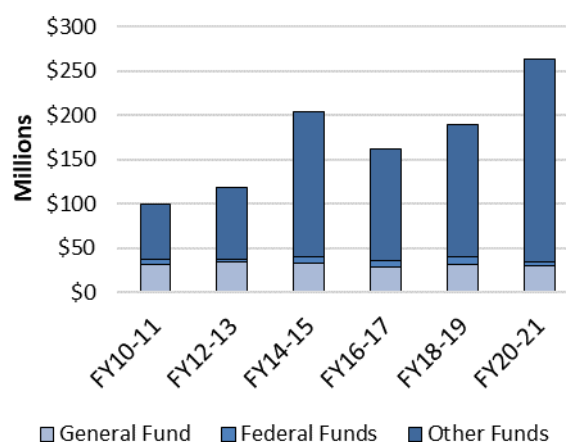
### BUDGET

**Spending by Program  
FY 2021 Actual**



Source: Budget Planning and Analysis System (BPAS)

**Historical Spending**



Other Funds includes BWSR's CWF and OHF Legacy appropriations  
Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

Funding for agency operations and conservation activities comes from a mix of state and federal funds. The clean water fund (CWF) and outdoor heritage fund (OHF) make up the majority of BWSR's budget. The other funds category is made up of these two legacy funds in addition to transfers from other agencies, the environment and natural resources trust fund, and special revenue funds.

Approximately 83 percent of BWSR's budget is distributed to local governments and landowners for conservation programs, projects, and easements. The remaining 17 percent is retained for agency programs and agency operations, of which personnel is the largest expenditure.

## STRATEGIES

BWSR's mission is implemented through the following core functions:

- Serve as the statewide soil conservation agency
- Direct private land soil and water conservation programs through the actions of soil and water conservation districts, counties, cities, townships, watershed districts, and other water management organizations
- Link water resource planning with comprehensive land use planning
- Provide resolution of water policy conflicts and issues
- Oversee comprehensive local water management
- Provide a forum (through the board) for local issues, priorities, and opportunities to be incorporated into state public policy
- Coordinate state and federal resources to realize local priorities
- Administer implementation of the Wetland Conservation Act and Riparian Protection laws

BWSR accomplishes its mission through these key strategies:

- Developing programs that address priority state and local resource concerns (such as keeping water on the land, maintaining healthy soils, reducing pollutants in ground and surface water, assuring biological diversity, and reducing flood potential)
- Prioritizing on-the-ground conservation projects in the best locations to achieve multiple benefits and measurable improvements to water and habitat resources
- Ensuring compliance with environmental laws, rules, and regulations
- Implementing agency operations through board and administrative leadership, internal business systems, planning and effectiveness evaluation, and operational support, including the board and board management, financial and accounting services, legislative and public relations, communications, and human resources

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The legal authority for the Board of Water and Soil Resources comes from the following Minnesota Statutes:

M.S. 103A <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=103A>  
M.S. 103B <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=103B>  
M.S. 103C <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=103C>  
M.S. 103D <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=103D>  
M.S. 103E <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=103E>  
M.S. 103F <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=103F>  
M.S. 103G <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=103G>

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Enacted Budget	
	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25
<b><u>Expenditures by Fund</u></b>								
1000 - General	21,096	8,728	22,276	12,796	15,268	15,268	61,943	58,131
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue	1,115	2,388	1,339	1,562	1,111	1,111	1,111	1,111
2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue	4,853	10,507	7,874	11,810	6,468	4,193	6,468	4,193
2050 - Environment & Natural Resources	7,938	3,337	4,322	5,309				
2300 - Outdoor Heritage	19,462	18,608	10,609	49,583			16,478	
2302 - Clean Water	75,884	84,947	57,898	117,075			78,064	78,063
3000 - Federal	3,723	1,646	3,869	2,204	1,682	1,550	1,682	1,550
<b>Total</b>	<b>134,070</b>	<b>130,161</b>	<b>108,186</b>	<b>200,339</b>	<b>24,529</b>	<b>22,122</b>	<b>165,746</b>	<b>143,048</b>
Biennial Change				44,294		(261,874)		269
Biennial % Change				17		(85)		0
Enacted Budget Change from Base								262,143
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								562

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# Agency Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Enacted Budget	
	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25
1000 - General								
Balance Forward In	180	2,116	286	3,895				
Direct Appropriation	23,046	7,033	25,884	8,901	15,268	15,268	61,943	58,131
Cancellations	0	174						
Balance Forward Out	2,129	247	3,894					
Expenditures	21,096	8,728	22,276	12,796	15,268	15,268	61,943	58,131
Biennial Change in Expenditures				5,248		(4,536)		85,002
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				18		(13)		242
Enacted Budget Change from Base								89,538
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								293

## 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In	1,715	1,917	3,835	2,259	1,500	1,285	1,500	1,285
Receipts	681	3,669	1,408	1,076	1,096	1,096	1,096	1,096
Transfers In	745	1,185						
Transfers Out	109	698	1,644	273	200	200	200	200
Balance Forward Out	1,916	3,685	2,260	1,500	1,285	1,070	1,285	1,070
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>1,115</b>	<b>2,388</b>	<b>1,339</b>	<b>1,562</b>	<b>1,111</b>	<b>1,111</b>	<b>1,111</b>	<b>1,111</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(602)		(679)		(679)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(17)		(23)		(23)
Enacted Budget Change from Base								0
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								0

## 2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In	2,783	3,435	1,046	5,759	420	315	420	315
Receipts	6,455	8,924	10,410	5,726	5,618	3,343	5,618	3,343
Transfers In	922		4,011	6,195	745	745	745	745
Transfers Out	1,992	922	1,832	5,450				
Balance Forward Out	3,315	930	5,762	420	315	210	315	210
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>4,853</b>	<b>10,507</b>	<b>7,874</b>	<b>11,810</b>	<b>6,468</b>	<b>4,193</b>	<b>6,468</b>	<b>4,193</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				4,324		(9,023)		(9,023)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				28		(46)		(46)
Enacted Budget Change from Base								0
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								0

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY20	Actual FY21	Actual FY22	Estimate FY23	Forecast Base FY24 FY25		Enacted Budget FY24 FY25	
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**2050 - Environment & Natural Resources**

Balance Forward In	13,318	5,740	4,593	1,074				
Direct Appropriation	94	868	993	4,268	0	0	0	0
Transfers In		922						
Transfers Out	169		189	33				
Cancellations	20		2					
Balance Forward Out	5,286	4,193	1,074					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>7,938</b>	<b>3,337</b>	<b>4,322</b>	<b>5,309</b>				
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(1,643)		(9,631)		(9,631)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(15)		(100)		(100)
Enacted Budget Change from Base								0
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								

**2300 - Outdoor Heritage**

Balance Forward In	38,164	27,369	23,528	30,589				
Direct Appropriation	5,963	11,661	19,604	21,589	0	0	16,478	0
Transfers Out	457		530	2,595				
Cancellations	5		1,405					
Balance Forward Out	24,203	20,422	30,588					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>19,462</b>	<b>18,608</b>	<b>10,609</b>	<b>49,583</b>			<b>16,478</b>	
Biennial Change in Expenditures				22,122		(60,192)		(43,714)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				58		(100)		(73)
Enacted Budget Change from Base								16,478
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								

**2302 - Clean Water**

Balance Forward In	48,634	51,417	38,134	46,681				
Direct Appropriation	71,950	66,484	68,584	73,216	0	0	78,064	78,063
Transfers In	2,851	3,466	3,168	2,674			1,505	1,505
Transfers Out	3,146	3,466	4,280	5,496			1,505	1,505
Cancellations		50	1,024					
Balance Forward Out	44,405	32,903	46,683					

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# Agency Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY20	Actual FY21	Actual FY22	Estimate FY23	Forecast Base FY24 FY25		Enacted Budget FY24 FY25	
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>75,884</b>	<b>84,947</b>	<b>57,898</b>	<b>117,075</b>			<b>78,064</b>	<b>78,063</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				14,142		(174,973)		(18,846)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				9		(100)		(11)
Enacted Budget Change from Base								156,127
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								

## 3000 - Federal

Balance Forward In	289	208	547	474	104		104	
Receipts	3,695	1,783	3,794	1,834	1,578	1,550	1,578	1,550
Balance Forward Out	262	345	473	104				
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>3,723</b>	<b>1,646</b>	<b>3,869</b>	<b>2,204</b>	<b>1,682</b>	<b>1,550</b>	<b>1,682</b>	<b>1,550</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				703		(2,841)		(2,841)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				13		(47)		(47)
Enacted Budget Change from Base								0
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								0

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25
<b>Direct</b>				
<b>Fund: 1000 - General</b>				
<b>FY2023 Appropriations</b>	<b>8,901</b>	<b>8,901</b>	<b>8,901</b>	<b>17,802</b>
<b>Base Adjustments</b>				
All Other One-Time Appropriations		(1,000)	(1,000)	(2,000)
Current Law Base Change		(472)	(472)	(944)
Biennial Appropriations		7,839	7,839	15,678
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>8,901</b>	<b>15,268</b>	<b>15,268</b>	<b>30,536</b>
<b>Change Items</b>				
Maintain Current Service Levels		189	370	559
Climate – Accelerated Soil Health Practices		10,557	10,557	21,114
Climate Adaptation – Accelerated Water Storage and Treatment		8,500	8,500	17,000
Climate - Habitat Enhancement Landscape Program		2,000	2,000	4,000
Climate – Private Lands Grassland/Working Land Restoration Easements for Carbon Sequestration		10,500	10,500	21,000
Climate – Private lands Peatland Restoration for Carbon Sequestration		4,000	5,000	9,000
Climate - Mitigation and Resiliency for RIM Easements		2,000	2,000	4,000
Support for Tribal Liaison		129	136	265
Natural Resources Block Grant (NRBG) Increase		1,250	1,250	2,500
Area II MN River Basin Project		50	50	100
Conservation Reserve Program State Incentives		3,000		3,000
Habitat-Friendly Utilities Program		500	500	1,000
Lawns to Legumes		2,000	2,000	4,000
Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) Reserve Program		2,000		2,000
<b>Total Enacted Budget</b>	<b>8,901</b>	<b>61,943</b>	<b>58,131</b>	<b>120,074</b>
<b>Fund: 2050 - Environment &amp; Natural Resources</b>				
<b>FY2023 Appropriations</b>	<b>4,268</b>	<b>4,268</b>	<b>4,268</b>	<b>8,536</b>
<b>Base Adjustments</b>				
All Other One-Time Appropriations		(4,268)	(4,268)	(8,536)
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>4,268</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Enacted Budget</b>	<b>4,268</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Fund: 2300 - Outdoor Heritage</b>				
<b>FY2023 Appropriations</b>	<b>21,589</b>	<b>21,589</b>	<b>21,589</b>	<b>43,178</b>
<b>Base Adjustments</b>				
One-Time Legacy Fund Appropriations		(21,589)	(21,589)	(43,178)
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>21,589</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Change Items</b>				
Recommendations of the Outdoor Heritage Council		16,478		16,478
<b>Total Enacted Budget</b>	<b>21,589</b>	<b>16,478</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16,478</b>



(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25
<b>Fund: 2302 - Clean Water</b>				
<b>FY2023 Appropriations</b>	<b>73,216</b>	<b>73,216</b>	<b>73,216</b>	<b>146,432</b>
<b>Base Adjustments</b>				
One-Time Legacy Fund Appropriations		(73,216)	(73,216)	(146,432)
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>73,216</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Change Items</b>				
Accelerated Implementation		5,500	5,500	11,000
Implementation Funding for Watersheds with Approved Comprehensive Watershed Plans		39,500	39,500	79,000
Surface and Drinking Water Protection Restoration (Projects and Practices)		8,500	8,500	17,000
Watershed Management Transition		1,750	1,750	3,500
Measures Results and Accountability		1,250	1,250	2,500
Shoreland Buffer Compliance		2,000	2,000	4,000
Critical Shoreland Protection		1,500	1,500	3,000
Wetland Restoration Easements		5,000	5,000	10,000
Working Land and Floodplain Easements		2,500	2,500	5,000
Targeted Wellhead Drinking Water Source Protection		2,500	2,500	5,000
Watershed Partners Legacy		500	500	1,000
Tillage and Erosion Survey		425	425	850
Enhancing Landowner Adoption of Soil Health Practices		6,039	6,038	12,077
Conservation Drainage Management and Assistance		1,000	1,000	2,000
Technical Evaluation		100	100	200
<b>Total Enacted Budget</b>	<b>73,216</b>	<b>78,064</b>	<b>78,063</b>	<b>156,127</b>
<b>Dedicated</b>				
<b>Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue</b>				
<b>Planned Spending</b>	<b>1,562</b>	<b>1,111</b>	<b>1,111</b>	<b>2,222</b>
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>1,562</b>	<b>1,111</b>	<b>1,111</b>	<b>2,222</b>
<b>Total Enacted Budget</b>	<b>1,562</b>	<b>1,111</b>	<b>1,111</b>	<b>2,222</b>
<b>Fund: 2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue</b>				
<b>Planned Spending</b>	<b>10,250</b>	<b>5,623</b>	<b>3,348</b>	<b>8,971</b>
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>10,250</b>	<b>5,623</b>	<b>3,348</b>	<b>8,971</b>
<b>Total Enacted Budget</b>	<b>10,250</b>	<b>5,623</b>	<b>3,348</b>	<b>8,971</b>
<b>Fund: 3000 - Federal</b>				
<b>Planned Spending</b>	<b>2,204</b>	<b>1,682</b>	<b>1,550</b>	<b>3,232</b>
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>2,204</b>	<b>1,682</b>	<b>1,550</b>	<b>3,232</b>
<b>Total Enacted Budget</b>	<b>2,204</b>	<b>1,682</b>	<b>1,550</b>	<b>3,232</b>

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25
<b>Revenue Change Summary</b>				
<b>Dedicated</b>				
<b>Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue</b>				
Forecast Revenues	1,076	1,096	1,096	2,192
Total Enacted Budget	1,076	1,096	1,096	2,192
<b>Fund: 2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue</b>				
Forecast Revenues	5,726	5,618	3,343	8,961
Total Enacted Budget	5,726	5,618	3,343	8,961
<b>Fund: 3000 - Federal</b>				
Forecast Revenues	1,834	1,578	1,550	3,128
Total Enacted Budget	1,834	1,578	1,550	3,128
<b>Non-Dedicated</b>				
<b>Fund: 1000 - General</b>				
Forecast Revenues	20			
Total Enacted Budget	20			

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
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**Maintain Current Service Levels**

This provision provides additional operating funds to maintain the current level of service delivery at the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR).

<b>1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>740</b>
Expenditures	0	189	370	559	370	370	740

**Accelerated Implementation**

This provision continues an existing program to enhance the capacity of local governments to accelerate implementation of projects and activities that supplement or exceed current state standards for protection, enhancement, and restoration of water quality in lakes, rivers, streams, and groundwater.

<b>2302 - Clean Water Fund Cost (Savings)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>11,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Transfers In	0	29	29	58	0	0	0
Transfers Out	0	29	29	58	0	0	0
Expenditures	0	5,500	5,500	11,000	0	0	0

**Implementation Funding for Watersheds with Approved Comprehensive Watershed Plans**

This provision provides a Clean Water grant program with a federal/local fund match requirement where projects are identified in a water or comprehensive watershed plan developed by local governments and approved by the Board of Water and Soil Resources.

<b>2302 - Clean Water Fund Cost (Savings)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>39,500</b>	<b>39,500</b>	<b>79,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Transfers In	0	790	790	1,580	0	0	0
Transfers Out	0	790	790	1,580	0	0	0
Expenditures	0	39,500	39,500	79,000	0	0	0

**Surface and Drinking Water Protection Restoration (Projects and Practices)**

This provision uses funds to protect, enhance, and restore quality in lakes, rivers, and streams and to protect groundwater and drinking water. Activities include structural and vegetative practices to reduce runoff and retain water on the land, feedlot water quality projects, SSTs abatement grants, and stream bank, stream channel and shoreline protection projects.

<b>2302 - Clean Water Fund Cost (Savings)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,500</b>	<b>8,500</b>	<b>17,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Expenditures	0	8,500	8,500	17,000	0	0	0

**Watershed Management Transition**

This provision funds focused watershed-based implementation plans (One Watershed, One Plan). These plans provide the best mechanism possible to build off current state investments being made in Watershed Restoration and Protection strategies (WRAPS) and Groundwater Restoration and Protection Strategies (GRAPS).

<b>2302 - Clean Water Fund Cost (Savings)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,750</b>	<b>1,750</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Transfers In	0	144	144	288	0	0	0
Transfers Out	0	144	144	288	0	0	0
Expenditures	0	1,750	1,750	3,500	0	0	0

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
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**Measures Results and Accountability**

This provision continues BWSR's previous efforts to provide oversight and accountability for grants to local governments and to measure, track, and communicate results of projects funded with Clean Water funds.

<b>2302 - Clean Water Fund Cost (Savings)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Expenditures	0	1,250	1,250	2,500	0	0	0

**Shoreland Buffer Compliance**

This provision supports soil and water conservation districts' technical assistance to landowners, on-going monitoring and tracking of compliance and assistance in local enforcement of the buffer law.

<b>2302 - Clean Water Fund Cost (Savings)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Transfers In	0	200	200	400	0	0	0
Transfers Out	0	200	200	400	0	0	0
Expenditures	0	2,000	2,000	4,000	0	0	0

**Critical Shoreland Protection**

This provision continues an easement program that provides voluntary shoreland protection on water bodies, with an emphasis on shoreland in watersheds that are critical in protecting the Mississippi River as a drinking water source.

<b>2302 - Clean Water Fund Cost (Savings)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Transfers In	0	180	180	360	0	0	0
Transfers Out	0	180	180	360	0	0	0
Expenditures	0	1,500	1,500	3,000	0	0	0

**Wetland Restoration Easements**

This provision creates permanent easements for de-nitrification and rate and volume control in drained and farmed wetlands.

<b>2302 - Clean Water Fund Cost (Savings)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Expenditures	0	5,000	5,000	10,000	0	0	0

**Working Land and Floodplain Easements**

This provision establishes and restores easements in floodplains and riparian areas through expanding an existing program that enrolls lands that meet riparian and buffer criteria to include larger whole field enrollment. Whole field enrollment allows landowners to continue income-producing conservation practices under a reduced easement payment rate.

<b>2302 - Clean Water Fund Cost (Savings)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Expenditures	0	2,500	2,500	5,000	0	0	0

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**Targeted Wellhead Drinking Water Source Protection**

This provision continues a Clean Water Fund easement and grant program with priority placed on land used within areas that meet certain criteria indicating they have an impact on drinking water.

<b>2302 - Clean Water Fund Cost (Savings)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Transfers In	0	112	112	224	0	0	0
Transfers Out	0	112	112	224	0	0	0
Expenditures	0	2,500	2,500	5,000	0	0	0

**Watershed Partners Legacy**

This provision broadens the Community Partners Program that provides competitive grants or contracts to, non-governmental and tribal governments for implementation projects that protect, enhance, and restore water quality or protect groundwater and drinking water sources from degradation. This provision ensures that Tribal Governments and community groups can be direct recipients of the funds.

<b>2302 - Clean Water Fund Cost (Savings)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Expenditures	0	500	500	1,000	0	0	0

**Tillage and Erosion Survey**

This provision funds a Tillage and Soil Erosion Survey as a long-term program to collect data and produce county, watershed, and state-wide estimates of soil erosion caused by water and wind along with tracking adoption of high residue cropping systems and implementation of cover crops.

<b>2302 - Clean Water Fund Cost (Savings)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Expenditures	0	425	425	850	0	0	0

**Enhancing Landowner Adoption of Soil Health Practices**

This provision supports the Minnesota Office of Soil Health (MOSH) and makes grants to Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) for cover crop and conservation tillage demonstration projects.

<b>2302 - Clean Water Fund Cost (Savings)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,039</b>	<b>6,038</b>	<b>12,077</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Expenditures	0	6,039	6,038	12,077	0	0	0

**Conservation Drainage Management and Assistance**

This provision continues a program that provides financial and technical assistance to Minnesota's Public Drainage Authorities and Soil and Water Conservation Districts to facilitate planning, design, and installation of conservation practices on drainage systems that will result in water quality improvements.

<b>2302 - Clean Water Fund Cost (Savings)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Transfers In	0	50	50	100	0	0	0
Transfers Out	0	50	50	100	0	0	0
Expenditures	0	1,000	1,000	2,000	0	0	0

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**Technical Evaluation**

This provision funds a program that evaluates the effectiveness of habitat restorations funded through the Clean Water Fund to measure the performance of projects and provide recommendations to improve future projects.

<b>2302 - Clean Water Fund Cost (Savings)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Expenditures	0	100	100	200	0	0	0

**Climate – Accelerated Soil Health Practices**

This provision is a financial and technical support program to produce soil health practices that achieve water quality, soil productivity, climate change resiliency, or carbon sequestration benefits or reduce pesticide and fertilizer use. BWSR may provide support to local units of government, private sector organizations, and farmers to establish soil health practices and related practices with climate and water-quality benefits.

<b>1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,557</b>	<b>10,557</b>	<b>21,114</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Expenditures	0	10,557	10,557	21,114	0	0	0

**Climate Adaptation – Accelerated Water Storage and Treatment**

This provision allows BWSR to accelerate implementation of water storage projects. Competitive grants will be made to local governments (counties, soil and water conservation districts, watershed districts, cities) that will control water rates and/or volumes to protect infrastructure, improve water quality and related public benefits, and adapt to the impacts of climate change.

<b>1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,500</b>	<b>8,500</b>	<b>17,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Expenditures	0	8,500	8,500	17,000	0	0	0

**Climate - Habitat Enhancement Landscape Program**

This provision provides statutory authority and continued funding for technical assistance and grants or payments to establish or enhance areas of diverse native vegetation to support declining populations of bees, butterflies, dragonflies, birds, and other wildlife species essential for ecosystems and food production across a wide range of landscape types.

<b>1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Expenditures	0	2,000	2,000	4,000	0	0	0

**Climate – Private Lands Grassland/Working Land Restoration Easements for Carbon Sequestration**

This provision uses funds to purchase conservation easements to protect and/or restore grasslands while allowing limited haying and grazing uses. Grassland and working land restorations can store carbon via higher native plant species diversity which provides greater value for wildlife and pollinators.

<b>1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,500</b>	<b>10,500</b>	<b>21,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Expenditures	0	10,500	10,500	21,000	0	0	0

**Climate – Private lands Peatland Restoration for Carbon Sequestration**

This provision is for a Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) Peatland Easements Program for climate resiliency, adaption, carbon sequestration, and related benefits. Funds will be used to purchase permanent conservation easements to protect or restore wetlands with a focus on peatlands.

<b>1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Expenditures	0	4,000	5,000	9,000	0	0	0

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**Climate - Mitigation and Resiliency for RIM Easements**

This provision enhances existing easements to increase biodiversity and accommodate more intense rainfall events.

<b>1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Expenditures	0	2,000	2,000	4,000	0	0	0

**Support for Tribal Liaison**

This provision will support one Full Time Equivalent (FTE) to be BWSR's tribal relations liaison and coordinator. BWSR is required to consult with Minnesota Tribal governments under state law.

<b>1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>288</b>
Expenditures	0	129	136	265	144	144	288

**Natural Resources Block Grant (NRBG) Increase**

This provision restores funding for natural resources block grants to local governments to implement the Wetland Conservation Act and shoreland management program as well as local water management responsibilities.

<b>1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Expenditures	0	1,250	1,250	2,500	0	0	0

**Area II MN River Basin Project**

This provision is for grants to Area II Minnesota River Basin Projects for floodplain management.

<b>1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Expenditures	0	50	50	100	0	0	0

**Conservation Reserve Program State Incentives**

This provision provides onetime state incentive payments and technical assistance to enrollees in the federal Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Incentives will be based on land valuation and on environmental benefit criteria, including surface water or groundwater pollution reduction, drinking water protection, soil health, pollinator and wildlife habitat, and other conservation enhancements.

<b>1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Expenditures	0	3,000	0	3,000	0	0	0

**Habitat-Friendly Utilities Program**

This provision is a one-time appropriation for the habitat-friendly utilities program to provide financial and technical assistance to promote the successful establishment of native vegetation as part of utility projects.

<b>1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Expenditures	0	500	500	1,000	0	0	0

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**Lawns to Legumes**

This provision is for the lawns to legumes program to provide financial and technical assistance to plant residential landscapes and community spaces with native vegetation and pollinator-friendly forbs and legumes.

<b>1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Expenditures	0	2,000	2,000	4,000	0	0	0

**Recommendations of the Outdoor Heritage Council**

This provision appropriates money for one time environment and natural resources projects recommended by the Outdoor Heritage Council.

<b>2300 - Outdoor Heritage Fund Cost (Savings)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16,478</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16,478</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Expenditures	0	16,478	0	16,478	0	0	0

**Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) Reserve Program**

This provision is for additional grants and payments to soil and water conservation districts to improve soil and water conservation, including for protecting and improving water quality, reducing erosion, improving carbon storage, and increasing biodiversity.

<b>1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Expenditures	0	2,000	0	2,000	0	0	0