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### AT A GLANCE

#### Conserve and Manage Natural Resources

- Manage 1.3 million acres of wildlife management areas, 193,000 acres of scientific and natural areas, and 4.3 million acres of state forests
- Manage fisheries in 4,400 fishing lakes and over 18,800 miles of fishable streams and rivers in Minnesota
- Manage over 1,250 groundwater observation wells

#### Get People Outdoors

- Operate 73 state parks and recreation areas, 43 state forest campgrounds, and nine state waysides
- Manage 2.4 million license sales and 1.4 million boat and vehicle registrations
- Provide more than 29,340 miles of trails for hiking, biking, snowmobiles, off-highway vehicles, horseback riding, and cross-county skiing
- Manage 1,700 public water accesses, 390 fishing piers, and 35 water trails

#### Build the Economy

- Provide recreation opportunities that support to the state's \$11.7 billion outdoor recreation economy, which contributes 2.6 percent in value to the State GDP (U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, 2022), including \$700 million in direct local economic impacts from state park visitors (Minnesota State Park Visitor Survey, 2022)
- Manage 12 million acres of state mineral rights, including those on School Trust Lands, contributing directly to the state's economy
- Contribute to Minnesota's \$17.4 billion (according to 2022 estimate) forest products economy and meet forest certification requirements through forest management on 5 million acres of state lands, including 2.5 million acres of School Trust Lands

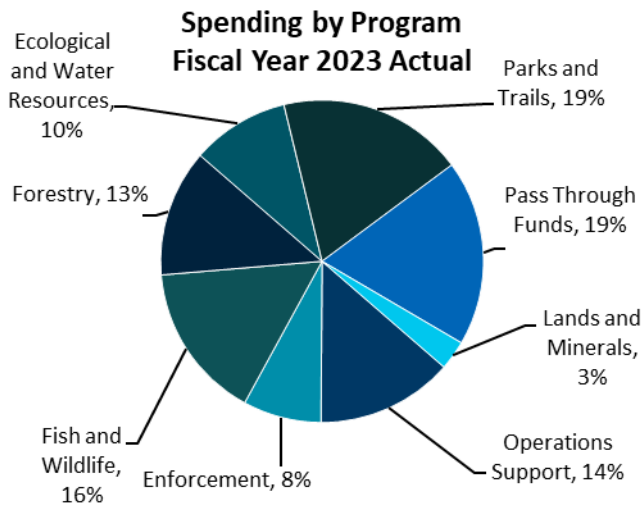
#### Serve the Public

- Respond to over 94,500 calls and emails from the public received by the DNR Information Center
- Ensure the health and safety of employees and visitors at 3,000 facilities statewide
- Deliver information via the DNR website, which has 60 million pages viewed by 11.5 million users
- Protect people and property from wildfires and other natural disaster emergencies

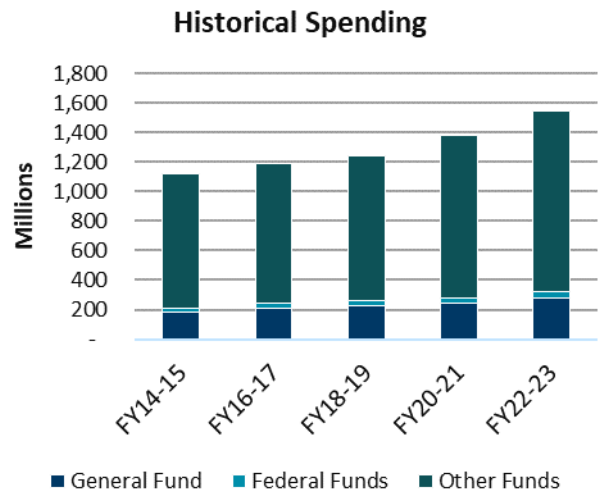
### PURPOSE

**The mission of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is to work with Minnesotans to conserve and manage natural resources, to provide outdoor recreation opportunities, and to provide for commercial uses of natural resources in a way that creates a sustainable quality of life.**

## BUDGET



Source: Budget Planning & Analysis System (BPAS)



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

The DNR operates out of over 50 funds, reflecting the diverse services and programs delivered by its seven divisions and four regions. Together, the Game and Fish Fund and Natural Resources Fund comprise approximately 27 percent of budgeted expenditures for fiscal years 2024-25. This spending focuses on conserving and managing natural resources so Minnesotans can enjoy the outdoors today and into the future.

In the 2024-25 biennium, the General Fund is accounting for an unusually large share of DNR's budgeted expenditures at 30 percent. This is due to the significant one-time investment of General Fund resources in DNR's Get Out MORE (Modernize Outdoor Recreation Experiences) initiative. From a base funding perspective, the DNR's major General Fund expenditures typically relate to operating state parks and trails, managing state forests and responding to wildfires. Additionally, the DNR makes payments on behalf of the state to counties and Tribal Nations as required by statute and legal agreements. These county and tribal payments constitute almost 17 percent of the DNR's General Fund spending.

Legacy Amendment funds that come to DNR are invested for clean water, parks and trails, and outdoor heritage (e.g., fish and wildlife habitat) activities, and Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) appropriations focus on protection, conservation, preservation, and enhancement of the state's air, water, land, fish, wildlife, and other natural resources. Together, these Legacy and ENRTF funds account for approximately 27 percent of the DNR's budget.

## STRATEGIES

To accomplish its mission, the DNR uses the following long-term strategic framework:

1. **Minnesota's waters, natural lands, and diverse fish and wildlife habitats are conserved and enhanced.**

The DNR works closely with partners to achieve this goal by:

- Enhancing management of surface waters and groundwater—through monitoring, permitting, education, and compliance—to ensure sustainability and quality
- Working with farmers, landowners, local officials, and the public to promote conservation and enhancement of forests, prairies, grasslands, and wetlands
- Proactively identifying and preventing the spread of invasive species
- Inventorying and monitoring the status of natural lands, waters, wildlife, and plants
- Implementing climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies through public land management activities and assistance to private landowners

2. **Minnesota’s outdoor recreation opportunities meet the needs of new and existing participants so all benefit from nature.** The DNR seeks to engage more Minnesotans in outdoor activities to benefit health, community, and conservation by:
  - Managing the state’s parks, trails, forests, recreation areas, and other lands to provide quality, accessible visitor experiences and attract new users
  - Modernizing our world-class camping, boating access, and other water-based recreation-infrastructure through the recent \$150 million Get Out MORE (Modernize Outdoor Recreation Experiences) investment that focuses on enhancing access and welcoming new users to public lands and outdoor recreation facilities to support outdoor recreation experiences
  - Providing affordable outdoor learning experiences to beginners by implementing programs, such as the “I Can!” and “Learn to Hunt” Programs and the online Minnesota Outdoor Skills and Stewardship Series
  - Promoting user-friendly, digital recreation information, available through new websites and mobile apps
  
3. **Minnesota’s natural resources contribute to strong and sustainable job markets, economies and communities.** While ensuring strong environmental stewardship, the DNR helps generate billions of dollars a year for the state through outdoor recreation, forest products, and mineral and water resources, by:
  - Maintaining diverse, healthy, and productive forests that meet third party certification standards while also providing a sustainable and predictable source of timber for Minnesota’s forest products industry
  - Continuously improving the foundation of knowledge used to provide science-based guidance for environmental review and permit decisions for mining and reclamation in Minnesota
  - Fostering sustainable communities by improving data management systems to provide better access to and analysis of groundwater and surface water data
  - Leasing mineral rights and real estate and selling land and timber from the School Trust portfolio
  - Managing public lands, fish and wildlife populations, and facilities such as public water accesses and forest roads to support outdoor recreation experiences
  
4. **The DNR demonstrates operational excellence and continuous improvement in service to Minnesotans.** The DNR strives to continually improve services offered by:
  - Ensuring the health and safety of employees and visitors at DNR facilities
  - Employing a diverse workforce that reflects the communities we serve
  - Improving access to parks, trails, and other DNR facilities for people of all abilities
  - Maintaining work standards that reinforce positive and professional conduct, promote diversity and inclusion, and support staff training and development
  - Increasing energy efficiency and renewable energy use to reduce costs and reduce the environmental impact of our operations
  - Developing continuous improvement projects to improve efficiency of operations and customer satisfaction

Through the DNR’s mission and goals as well as Governor Walz’s One Minnesota strategic priorities, the agency partners with Minnesotans to ensure that Minnesota’s abundant natural resources and outdoor places benefit all Minnesotans. These efforts contribute to broader outcomes for Minnesota. For example, the DNR helps to improve the health and wellbeing of children and families by advancing connections to the outdoors. The agency also advances diversity, equity, and inclusion by striving to ensure its facilities, lands, and engagement processes are welcoming and accessible, and its services are equitable across economic and cultural communities.

Finally, the DNR’s work is rooted in natural resources management and environmental protection. Thriving natural systems are critical for thriving communities. By managing for the sustained health of natural resources,

the DNR contributes to community health and economic opportunity. In this work, the agency is committed to mitigating and adapting to climate change and enhancing the climate resiliency of natural systems and communities now and into the future. These outcomes are achieved through the agency's responsible and thoughtful use of public funds for managing Minnesota's natural resources and continual improvements that lead to improved operational efficiency and transparency.

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Department of Natural Resources legal authority comes from Minnesota Statutes:

84 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=84> )

84A-84D (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/part/CONSERVATION> )

85-87A (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/part/RECREATION> )

88-91 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/part/FORESTRY> )

92-94 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/part/LANDS+AND+MINERALS> )

97-102 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/part/GAME+AND+FISH> )

103A (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=103A> )

127A (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=127A> )

# Natural Resources

# Agency Expenditure Overview

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
<b><u>Expenditures by Fund</u></b>								
1000 - General	135,038	142,341	178,463	340,993	173,813	175,213	176,410	179,632
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue	8,810	9,319	12,503	11,816	11,295	11,548	11,295	11,548
2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue	151,491	144,995	170,214	187,594	177,258	170,035	177,258	170,035
2050 - Environment & Natural Resources	62,347	38,475	63,168	90,359				
2100 - Water Recreation	18,644	19,518	23,027	30,943	26,940	26,895	27,428	27,886
2101 - Snowmobile	14,418	15,725	14,616	18,584	16,501	16,469	16,654	16,771
2102 - All-Terrain Vehicle	9,717	9,497	10,331	14,098	10,012	9,982	10,201	10,329
2103 - Off-Highway Motorcycle	465	569	573	675	640	636	656	666
2104 - Off-Road Vehicle	902	1,052	1,186	2,327	1,757	1,753	1,778	1,793
2106 - State Park	18,441	22,374	21,439	26,334	24,708	24,652	26,941	26,939
2107 - State Pks & Trls Lott In Lieu	5,650	8,467	7,375	12,089	8,879	8,864	9,069	9,367
2109 - Local Trls Grants Lott In Lieu	1,124	1,109	1,262	1,339	1,301	1,301	1,301	1,301
2110 - Zoos Lottery In Lieu	660	380	510	810	510	510	510	510
2111 - Nongame	0	0	0					
2112 - Invasive Species	3,923	4,536	4,106	5,078	4,596	4,593	7,651	7,653
2113 - Forest Management Investment	15,196	16,718	14,086	19,278	16,612	16,590	16,657	16,722
2114 - Mineral Management	3,006	3,587	3,344	7,025	3,604	3,599	4,190	4,196
2115 - Mining Administration Account	1,021	937	1,151	668	678	679	678	679
2116 - Cross Country Ski	317	296	307	345	345	345	345	345
2117 - Natural Resource Misc Statutory	6,194	6,634	7,700	9,908	8,650	8,444	9,075	8,869
2118 - Land Acquisition	146	964	209	302	302	302	302	302
2119 - State Land & Water Conservation	1,790	5,097	3,522	7,577	7,254	6,253	7,754	6,753
2120 - Water Management Account	5,291	4,288	6,061	6,772	6,423	6,417	8,403	9,387
2121 - Rgnl Pks and Trls Lott In Lieu			400	600	600	600	600	600
2122 - Underserved Comms Lott In Lieu			16	1,384	600	600	600	600
2200 - Game and Fish (Operations)	92,291	100,262	98,897	110,123	105,175	104,911	105,306	105,193
2201 - Computerized Lic Deer/Bear Mgmt	592	576	687	952	1,215	1,205	1,215	1,205
2202 - Deer Habitat Improvement	7,223	8,998	8,623	8,749	8,748	8,706	8,748	8,706
2203 - Waterfowl Habitat Improvement	391	608	536	750	650	650	650	650
2204 - Trout And Salmon Management	984	1,170	1,204	1,350	1,350	1,200	1,350	1,200
2205 - Pheasant Habitat Improvement	353	414	480	450	550	550	550	550
2206 - Wild Rice Management	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38



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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
2207 - Wildlife Acquisition Surcharge	835	1,199	977	900	900	900	900	900
2208 - Wild Turkey Management	136	147	190	230	350	350	350	350
2209 - Heritage Enhancement	13,374	17,593	19,815	28,524	20,061	20,037	20,744	20,892
2211 - Walleye Stamp Account	175	145	175	175	200	150	200	150
2212 - Peace Officer Training Account	113	154	81	190	136	136	136	136
2213 - Wolf Management & Monitoring	277	268	485	600	600	600	600	600
2300 - Outdoor Heritage	101,122	139,673	158,961	234,446				
2302 - Clean Water	9,032	8,903	11,963	16,690			14,350	14,450
2303 - Parks and Trails	34,109	31,178	36,600	86,181			37,728	42,520
2401 - Reinvest In Minnesota-Gifts	3,880	5,365	8,058	19,750	14,392	13,425	14,392	13,425
2403 - Gift	2,068	2,477	2,063	2,821	2,748	2,896	2,748	2,896
2801 - Remediation	377	1,050	683	695	12,672	10,515	12,672	10,515
3000 - Federal	20,694	26,228	26,682	77,670	99,138	74,400	99,138	74,400
3015 - ARP-State Fiscal Recovery	353	1,254						
3800 - Permanent School	303	517	440	1,474	706	706	724	736
<b>Total</b>	<b>753,313</b>	<b>805,095</b>	<b>923,208</b>	<b>1,389,656</b>	<b>772,907</b>	<b>737,655</b>	<b>838,295</b>	<b>812,395</b>
Biennial Change				754,456		(802,302)		(662,174)
Biennial % Change				48		(35)		(29)
Governor's Change from Base								140,128
Governor's % Change from Base								9

## Expenditures by Program

Lands and Minerals	17,294	20,488	24,758	35,973	27,805	27,749	29,078	29,228
Ecological and Water Resources	69,838	80,668	95,039	159,282	103,575	107,730	119,154	124,968
Forestry	109,426	103,780	113,687	163,255	122,239	123,500	123,163	125,094
Parks and Trails	125,967	149,313	162,436	328,569	143,644	139,833	184,470	185,818
Fish and Wildlife	111,660	126,210	140,728	295,802	154,723	121,682	158,190	126,156
Enforcement	63,698	64,930	70,332	72,573	69,187	69,237	70,497	71,191
Operations Support	110,412	110,329	131,808	143,613	136,400	133,128	138,400	135,128
Pass Through Funds	145,018	149,377	184,419	190,589	15,334	14,796	15,343	14,812
<b>Total</b>	<b>753,313</b>	<b>805,095</b>	<b>923,208</b>	<b>1,389,656</b>	<b>772,907</b>	<b>737,655</b>	<b>838,295</b>	<b>812,395</b>

## Expenditures by Category

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# Agency Expenditure Overview

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Compensation	255,142	264,221	289,590	307,181	296,688	300,900	323,414	332,086
Operating Expenses	263,470	292,241	317,888	624,577	362,317	342,199	387,696	370,929
Grants, Aids and Subsidies	184,218	192,837	241,134	259,599	59,174	52,680	72,457	67,504
Capital Outlay-Real Property	41,170	46,171	66,055	194,373	50,902	38,352	50,902	38,352
Other Financial Transaction	9,313	9,625	8,542	3,926	3,826	3,524	3,826	3,524
<b>Total</b>	<b>753,313</b>	<b>805,095</b>	<b>923,208</b>	<b>1,389,656</b>	<b>772,907</b>	<b>737,655</b>	<b>838,295</b>	<b>812,395</b>

Total Agency Expenditures	753,313	805,095	923,208	1,389,656	772,907	737,655	838,295	812,395
Internal Billing Expenditures	113,813	122,429	128,551	123,604	104,837	104,837	104,837	104,837
<b>Expenditures Less Internal Billing</b>	<b>639,500</b>	<b>682,666</b>	<b>794,657</b>	<b>1,266,052</b>	<b>668,070</b>	<b>632,818</b>	<b>733,458</b>	<b>707,558</b>

<b><u>Full-Time Equivalents</u></b>	<b>2,519.60</b>	<b>2,681.70</b>	<b>2,681.15</b>	<b>2,678.50</b>	<b>2,398.80</b>	<b>2,276.25</b>	<b>2,564.43</b>	<b>2,467.46</b>
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# Agency Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
<b>1000 - General</b>								
Balance Forward In	2,756	15,252	7,076	147,548				
Direct Appropriation	104,592	106,703	281,465	156,946	131,868	131,868	134,465	136,287
Open Appropriation	81,059	70,213	79,550	89,470	92,033	94,672	92,033	77,512
Transfers Out	39,245	38,050	41,075	49,056	50,088	51,327	50,088	34,167
Cancellations	574	4,750	1,004	3,915				
Balance Forward Out	13,551	7,027	147,548					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>135,038</b>	<b>142,341</b>	<b>178,463</b>	<b>340,993</b>	<b>173,813</b>	<b>175,213</b>	<b>176,410</b>	<b>179,632</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				242,077		(170,430)		(163,414)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				87		(33)		(31)
Governor's Change from Base								7,016
Governor's % Change from Base								2
Full-Time Equivalents	628.70	628.04	626.10	626.09	596.91	571.63	600.02	585.29

## 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In	23,866	23,184	33,370	22,216	23,608	27,749	23,608	27,749
Receipts	12,762	20,579	9,087	12,676	16,375	14,164	16,375	14,164
Internal Billing Receipts	6	18	7	7	7	7	7	7
Transfers In	4,187	3,684	3,928	4,226	2,593	3,355	2,593	3,355
Transfers Out	8,942	4,796	11,668	3,694	3,532	5,105	3,532	5,105
Balance Forward Out	23,063	33,332	22,214	23,608	27,749	28,615	27,749	28,615
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>8,810</b>	<b>9,319</b>	<b>12,503</b>	<b>11,816</b>	<b>11,295</b>	<b>11,548</b>	<b>11,295</b>	<b>11,548</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				6,190		(1,476)		(1,476)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				34		(6)		(6)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	6.97	5.77	2.70	2.70	2.70	2.70	2.70	2.70

## 2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In	75,909	72,292	85,890	85,070	72,862	56,277	72,862	56,277
Receipts	141,268	152,876	171,806	175,888	161,032	161,447	161,032	161,447
Internal Billing Receipts	110,972	118,533	126,495	123,164	102,731	102,801	102,731	102,801
Transfers In	1,664	1,514	2,437	1,343	211	211	211	211
Transfers Out	2,806	3,404	4,846	1,845	570	570	570	570

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# Agency Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Balance Forward Out	64,544	78,283	85,072	72,862	56,277	47,330	56,277	47,330
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>151,491</b>	<b>144,995</b>	<b>170,214</b>	<b>187,594</b>	<b>177,258</b>	<b>170,035</b>	<b>177,258</b>	<b>170,035</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				61,322		(10,515)		(10,515)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				21		(3)		(3)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	447.95	464.37	471.13	471.14	376.59	361.58	376.59	361.58

## 2050 - Environment & Natural Resources

Balance Forward In	59,407	44,857	49,844	43,502				
Direct Appropriation	46,632	41,125	58,994	46,395	0	0	0	0
Open Appropriation	48	46	43	77	0	0	0	0
Transfers In	2,262	1,271	289	385				
Transfers Out	1,501	275						
Cancellations	1,120	1,362	2,501					
Balance Forward Out	43,380	47,188	43,502					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>62,347</b>	<b>38,475</b>	<b>63,168</b>	<b>90,359</b>				
Biennial Change in Expenditures				52,705		(153,527)		(153,527)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				52		(100)		(100)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	36.46	38.32	41.07	30.09				

## 2100 - Water Recreation

Balance Forward In	640	1,727	231	3,932	136	136	136	136
Direct Appropriation	19,255	19,255	26,613	26,915	26,663	26,663	27,151	27,654
Open Appropriation	123	123	109	172	217	172	217	172
Receipts	64	63	65	60	60	60	60	60
Transfers In	10,449	10,478	10,555	11,128	11,936	12,018	11,936	12,018
Transfers Out		300	58					
Cancellations	10,530	11,596	10,555	11,128	11,936	12,018	11,936	12,018
Balance Forward Out	1,357	231	3,933	136	136	136	136	136
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>18,644</b>	<b>19,518</b>	<b>23,027</b>	<b>30,943</b>	<b>26,940</b>	<b>26,895</b>	<b>27,428</b>	<b>27,886</b>

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# Agency Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Biennial Change in Expenditures				15,809		(135)		1,344
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				41		(0)		2
Governor's Change from Base								1,479
Governor's % Change from Base								3
Full-Time Equivalents	93.08	97.70	102.70	102.70	101.14	99.89	103.63	105.22

## 2101 - Snowmobile

Balance Forward In	559	2,629	441	2,221	186	186	186	186
Direct Appropriation	16,316	16,316	16,316	16,396	16,316	16,316	16,469	16,618
Open Appropriation	69	66	64	125	157	125	157	125
Receipts	31	35	15	28	28	28	28	28
Transfers In	6,920	6,952	6,990	7,351	7,885	7,937	7,885	7,937
Cancellations	6,961	9,831	6,990	7,351	7,885	7,937	7,885	7,937
Balance Forward Out	2,515	441	2,220	186	186	186	186	186
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>14,418</b>	<b>15,725</b>	<b>14,616</b>	<b>18,584</b>	<b>16,501</b>	<b>16,469</b>	<b>16,654</b>	<b>16,771</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				3,058		(230)		225
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				10		(1)		1
Governor's Change from Base								455
Governor's % Change from Base								1
Full-Time Equivalents	37.66	41.51	32.13	32.13	31.72	31.39	32.30	32.54

## 2102 - All-Terrain Vehicle

Balance Forward In	565	2,786	201	1,163	132	102	132	102
Direct Appropriation	10,989	8,834	11,234	12,953	9,838	9,838	10,027	10,185
Open Appropriation	61	63	61	114	144	114	144	114
Transfers In	1,960	1,968	1,991	2,111	2,262	2,282	2,262	2,282
Transfers Out		150						
Cancellations	2,021	3,817	1,991	2,111	2,262	2,282	2,262	2,282
Balance Forward Out	1,837	188	1,165	132	102	72	102	72
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>9,717</b>	<b>9,497</b>	<b>10,331</b>	<b>14,098</b>	<b>10,012</b>	<b>9,982</b>	<b>10,201</b>	<b>10,329</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				5,215		(4,435)		(3,899)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				27		(18)		(16)
Governor's Change from Base								536

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# Agency Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Governor's % Change from Base								3
Full-Time Equivalents	30.72	34.31	34.55	34.55	33.41	32.49	34.13	33.81

## 2103 - Off-Highway Motorcycle

Balance Forward In	16	129	1	32				
Direct Appropriation	565	565	590	627	620	620	636	650
Open Appropriation	15	14	14	16	20	16	20	16
Transfers In	319	320	321	337	362	365	362	365
Cancellations	323	457	321	337	362	365	362	365
Balance Forward Out	127	1	31					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>666</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				213		28		74
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				21		2		6
Governor's Change from Base								46
Governor's % Change from Base								4
Full-Time Equivalents	2.08	2.15	2.10	2.10	2.10	2.10	2.16	2.21

## 2104 - Off-Road Vehicle

Balance Forward In	344	1,073	15	570				
Direct Appropriation	1,647	1,647	1,727	1,741	1,737	1,737	1,758	1,777
Open Appropriation	14	13	13	16	20	16	20	16
Transfers In	1,129	1,132	1,137	1,193	1,280	1,288	1,280	1,288
Transfers Out		150						
Cancellations	1,167	2,648	1,137	1,193	1,280	1,288	1,280	1,288
Balance Forward Out	1,064	15	569					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>1,052</b>	<b>1,186</b>	<b>2,327</b>	<b>1,757</b>	<b>1,753</b>	<b>1,778</b>	<b>1,793</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				1,559		(3)		58
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				80		(0)		2
Governor's Change from Base								61
Governor's % Change from Base								2
Full-Time Equivalents	3.23	4.12	3.66	3.66	3.66	3.66	3.74	3.81

## 2106 - State Park

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# Agency Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Balance Forward In	3,317	5,687	4,742	7,383	5,222	4,693	5,222	4,693
Direct Appropriation	18,954	18,934	21,934	22,184	22,184	22,184	24,417	24,471
Open Appropriation	119	109	112	141	178	141	178	141
Receipts	1,675	1,889	2,034	1,848	1,817	1,791	1,817	1,791
Transfers In	295	534	136	137	137	137	137	137
Transfers Out		150						
Cancellations	298	609	136	137	137	137	137	137
Balance Forward Out	5,621	4,021	7,383	5,222	4,693	4,157	4,693	4,157
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>18,441</b>	<b>22,374</b>	<b>21,439</b>	<b>26,334</b>	<b>24,708</b>	<b>24,652</b>	<b>26,941</b>	<b>26,939</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				6,957		1,587		6,107
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				17		3		13
Governor's Change from Base								4,520
Governor's % Change from Base								9
Full-Time Equivalents	127.88	141.22	140.27	140.27	130.64	121.57	144.17	135.43

## 2107 - State Pks & Trls Lott In Lieu

Balance Forward In		1,468		1,225				
Direct Appropriation	7,056	7,056	8,556	10,806	8,806	8,806	8,996	9,309
Open Appropriation	45	47	44	58	73	58	73	58
Transfers Out		100						
Cancellations		3						
Balance Forward Out	1,451		1,226					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>5,650</b>	<b>8,467</b>	<b>7,375</b>	<b>12,089</b>	<b>8,879</b>	<b>8,864</b>	<b>9,069</b>	<b>9,367</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				5,347		(1,721)		(1,028)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				38		(9)		(5)
Governor's Change from Base								693
Governor's % Change from Base								4
Full-Time Equivalents	39.36	42.63	43.84	43.84	43.84	43.84	44.99	46.89

## 2109 - Local Trls Grants Lott In Lieu

Balance Forward In		35		38				
Direct Appropriation	1,140	1,140	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300
Open Appropriation			0	1	1	1	1	1

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# Agency Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Cancellations		66						
Balance Forward Out	16		38					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>1,124</b>	<b>1,109</b>	<b>1,262</b>	<b>1,339</b>	<b>1,301</b>	<b>1,301</b>	<b>1,301</b>	<b>1,301</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				368		1		1
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				16		0		0
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	0.09	0.13	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10

## 2110 - Zoos Lottery In Lieu

Direct Appropriation	660	380	510	810	510	510	510	510
Open Appropriation			0					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>510</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				280		(300)		(300)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				27		(23)		(23)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2111 - Nongame

Direct Appropriation	1,300	1,000	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,150
Open Appropriation	0	0	0					
Transfers Out	1,300	1,000	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,150
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>					
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		0		0
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(45)				
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								

## 2112 - Invasive Species

Balance Forward In		723		485				
Direct Appropriation	4,582	4,582	4,582	4,582	4,582	4,582	7,637	7,642
Open Appropriation	10	9	8	11	14	11	14	11
Transfers In	1,185	1,174	1,108	1,186	1,186	1,186	1,186	1,186



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# Agency Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Cancellations	1,185	1,953	1,108	1,186	1,186	1,186	1,186	1,186
Balance Forward Out	669		484					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>3,923</b>	<b>4,536</b>	<b>4,106</b>	<b>5,078</b>	<b>4,596</b>	<b>4,593</b>	<b>7,651</b>	<b>7,653</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				725		5		6,120
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				9		0		67
Governor's Change from Base								6,115
Governor's % Change from Base								67
Full-Time Equivalents	24.88	26.27	20.26	20.26	18.97	17.74	26.21	25.01

## 2113 - Forest Management Investment

Balance Forward In		1,990	202	2,688				
Direct Appropriation	17,005	17,005	16,505	16,505	16,505	16,505	16,550	16,637
Open Appropriation	72	71	67	85	107	85	107	85
Transfers In	10,558	10,340	9,323	9,401	9,615	9,710	9,615	9,710
Transfers Out		1,300						
Cancellations	10,558	11,378	9,323	9,401	9,615	9,710	9,615	9,710
Balance Forward Out	1,881	10	2,687					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>15,196</b>	<b>16,718</b>	<b>14,086</b>	<b>19,278</b>	<b>16,612</b>	<b>16,590</b>	<b>16,657</b>	<b>16,722</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				1,450		(162)		15
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				5		(0)		0
Governor's Change from Base								177
Governor's % Change from Base								1
Full-Time Equivalents	108.81	110.65	122.31	122.31	114.61	107.31	114.88	108.11

## 2114 - Mineral Management

Balance Forward In		291		1,020				
Direct Appropriation	3,283	3,283	4,351	5,989	3,583	3,583	4,169	4,180
Open Appropriation	6,430	3,211	5,570	1,971	21	868	21	868
Transfers Out	6,418	3,198	5,557	1,955		852		852
Cancellations		0						
Balance Forward Out	290		1,020					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>3,006</b>	<b>3,587</b>	<b>3,344</b>	<b>7,025</b>	<b>3,604</b>	<b>3,599</b>	<b>4,190</b>	<b>4,196</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				3,776		(3,166)		(1,983)

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# Agency Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				57		(31)		(19)
Governor's Change from Base								1,183
Governor's % Change from Base								16
Full-Time Equivalents	16.84	18.10	17.02	17.02	16.09	15.21	19.64	18.83

## 2115 - Mining Administration Account

Balance Forward In	1,212	1,139	1,023	330	296	248	296	248
Receipts	948	820	459	634	630	627	630	627
Balance Forward Out	1,139	1,023	330	296	248	196	248	196
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>1,021</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>1,151</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>679</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(138)		(462)		(462)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(7)		(25)		(25)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	6.54	7.94	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.25

## 2116 - Cross Country Ski

Balance Forward In	382	489	595	353	338	323	338	323
Receipts	421	405	65	330	330	330	330	330
Transfers Out	10	10						
Balance Forward Out	476	588	353	338	323	308	323	308
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>345</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				39		38		38
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				6		6		6
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	0.78	0.73	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.41

## 2117 - Natural Resource Misc Statutory

Balance Forward In	10,976	11,708	12,836	13,145	11,195	10,392	11,195	10,392
Receipts	4,993	4,960	5,391	5,363	5,252	5,351	5,252	5,351
Internal Billing Receipts	2,543	2,799	1,860	2,476	2,214	2,214	2,214	2,214
Transfers In	1,812	2,271	2,618	2,595	2,595	2,595	3,020	3,020

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# Agency Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Balance Forward Out	11,587	12,305	13,146	11,195	10,392	9,894	10,392	9,894
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>6,194</b>	<b>6,634</b>	<b>7,700</b>	<b>9,908</b>	<b>8,650</b>	<b>8,444</b>	<b>9,075</b>	<b>8,869</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				4,779		(514)		336
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				37		(3)		2
Governor's Change from Base								850
Governor's % Change from Base								5
Full-Time Equivalents	27.30	32.28	37.78	37.78	37.78	37.78	37.78	37.78

## 2118 - Land Acquisition

Balance Forward In	3,792	3,930	3,002	2,802	2,652	2,502	2,652	2,502
Receipts	283	36	8	152	152	152	152	152
Balance Forward Out	3,930	3,002	2,801	2,652	2,502	2,352	2,502	2,352
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>302</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(599)		93		93
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(54)		18		18
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2119 - State Land & Water Conservation

Balance Forward In		537		1,474				
Direct Appropriation	1,250	2,250	2,250	2,250	2,250	2,250	2,750	2,750
Open Appropriation	1	1	1	3	4	3	4	3
Receipts	1,055	2,329	2,745	3,850	5,000	4,000	5,000	4,000
Cancellations		20						
Balance Forward Out	517		1,474					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>1,790</b>	<b>5,097</b>	<b>3,522</b>	<b>7,577</b>	<b>7,254</b>	<b>6,253</b>	<b>7,754</b>	<b>6,753</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				4,212		2,408		3,408
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				61		22		31
Governor's Change from Base								1,000
Governor's % Change from Base								7
Full-Time Equivalents	1.43	1.70	1.77	1.77	1.77	1.77	1.77	1.77

## 2120 - Water Management Account

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# Agency Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Balance Forward In	19	648		355				
Direct Appropriation	5,894	5,894	6,394	6,394	6,394	6,394	8,374	9,364
Open Appropriation	29	26	23	23	29	23	29	23
Cancellations	16	2,279						
Balance Forward Out	635		355					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>5,291</b>	<b>4,288</b>	<b>6,061</b>	<b>6,772</b>	<b>6,423</b>	<b>6,417</b>	<b>8,403</b>	<b>9,387</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				3,254		7		4,957
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				34		0		39
Governor's Change from Base								4,950
Governor's % Change from Base								39
Full-Time Equivalents	29.95	26.60	32.03	32.03	30.02	28.10	41.84	45.92

## 2121 - Rgnl Pks and Trls Lott In Lieu

Direct Appropriation			400	600	600	600	600	600
<b>Expenditures</b>			<b>400</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				1,000		200		200
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						20		20
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2122 - Underserved Comms Lott In Lieu

Balance Forward In				384				
Direct Appropriation			400	1,000	600	600	600	600
Balance Forward Out			384					
<b>Expenditures</b>			<b>16</b>	<b>1,384</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				1,400		(200)		(200)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						(14)		(14)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2200 - Game and Fish (Operations)

Balance Forward In	3,963	8,786	2,459	6,241	2,489	2,499	2,489	2,499
Direct Appropriation	92,622	92,621	98,700	102,395	101,083	101,083	101,214	101,365

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# Agency Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Open Appropriation	1,101	1,045	645	773	962	794	962	794
Receipts	4,862	4,904	4,810	4,758	4,714	4,666	4,714	4,666
Transfers In	999	1,056	1,279	1,479	1,553	1,633	1,553	1,633
Transfers Out	1,653	1,640	1,476	1,555	1,574	1,573	1,574	1,573
Cancellations	1,583	4,109	1,279	1,479	1,553	1,633	1,553	1,633
Balance Forward Out	8,020	2,402	6,240	2,489	2,499	2,558	2,499	2,558
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>92,291</b>	<b>100,262</b>	<b>98,897</b>	<b>110,123</b>	<b>105,175</b>	<b>104,911</b>	<b>105,306</b>	<b>105,193</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				16,467		1,066		1,479
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				9		1		1
Governor's Change from Base								413
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	499.83	546.69	525.79	525.79	497.89	472.92	498.68	474.63

## 2201 - Computerized Lic Deer/Bear Mgmt

Balance Forward In	1,673	2,142	2,593	2,895	2,905	2,643	2,905	2,643
Receipts	1,036	1,016	989	962	953	940	953	940
Balance Forward Out	2,118	2,582	2,895	2,905	2,643	2,378	2,643	2,378
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>1,215</b>	<b>1,205</b>	<b>1,215</b>	<b>1,205</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				470		781		781
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				40		48		48
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	2.02	2.09	1.98	1.98	1.98	1.98	1.98	1.98

## 2202 - Deer Habitat Improvement

Balance Forward In		1,323		43				
Direct Appropriation	8,546	8,546	8,546	8,546	8,546	8,546	8,546	8,546
Open Appropriation			120	160	202	160	202	160
Cancellations		871						
Balance Forward Out	1,323		43					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>7,223</b>	<b>8,998</b>	<b>8,623</b>	<b>8,749</b>	<b>8,748</b>	<b>8,706</b>	<b>8,748</b>	<b>8,706</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				1,151		82		82
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				7		0		0

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# Agency Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	55.39	63.46	63.96	63.96	60.59	57.46	60.59	57.46

## 2203 - Waterfowl Habitat Improvement

Balance Forward In	1,118	1,326	1,300	1,314	1,104	990	1,104	990
Receipts	563	549	550	540	536	531	536	531
Balance Forward Out	1,289	1,267	1,314	1,104	990	871	990	871
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>650</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				286		14		14
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				29		1		1
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	0.43	0.42	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04

## 2204 - Trout And Salmon Management

Balance Forward In	1,608	1,729	1,667	1,556	1,292	1,018	1,292	1,018
Receipts	1,105	1,107	1,093	1,086	1,076	1,066	1,076	1,066
Balance Forward Out	1,729	1,667	1,556	1,292	1,018	884	1,018	884
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>984</b>	<b>1,170</b>	<b>1,204</b>	<b>1,350</b>	<b>1,350</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>1,350</b>	<b>1,200</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				400		(4)		(4)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				19		(0)		(0)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	4.64	10.12	10.85	10.85	10.85	10.85	10.85	10.85

## 2205 - Pheasant Habitat Improvement

Balance Forward In	604	771	876	925	997	965	997	965
Receipts	520	518	529	522	518	513	518	513
Balance Forward Out	771	874	925	997	965	928	965	928
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>550</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				163		170		170
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				21		18		18

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# Agency Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2206 - Wild Rice Management

Balance Forward In	61	63	61	77	69	75	69	75
Receipts	40	36	53	30	44	44	44	44
Balance Forward Out	63	61	77	69	75	81	75	81
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		0		0
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				0		0		0
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2207 - Wildlife Acquisition Surcharge

Balance Forward In	3,520	4,088	4,300	4,745	5,187	5,624	5,187	5,624
Receipts	1,395	1,409	1,423	1,342	1,337	1,332	1,337	1,332
Balance Forward Out	4,080	4,298	4,745	5,187	5,624	6,056	5,624	6,056
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>1,199</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>900</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(157)		(77)		(77)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(8)		(4)		(4)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	3.07	0.42	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.64

## 2208 - Wild Turkey Management

Balance Forward In	634	719	790	839	853	749	853	749
Receipts	220	216	239	244	246	249	246	249
Balance Forward Out	718	789	839	853	749	648	749	648
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>350</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				137		280		280
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				48		67		67
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

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# Agency Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base FY26 FY27		Governor's Recommendation FY26 FY27	
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## 2209 - Heritage Enhancement

Balance Forward In	25	2,949	25	2,837				
Direct Appropriation	16,138	15,988	22,539	25,597	19,947	19,947	20,630	20,802
Open Appropriation			89	90	114	90	114	90
Cancellations	3	1,320						
Balance Forward Out	2,786	25	2,838					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>13,374</b>	<b>17,593</b>	<b>19,815</b>	<b>28,524</b>	<b>20,061</b>	<b>20,037</b>	<b>20,744</b>	<b>20,892</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				17,373		(8,241)		(6,703)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				56		(17)		(14)
Governor's Change from Base								1,538
Governor's % Change from Base								4
Full-Time Equivalents	76.48	75.61	75.59	75.59	71.59	67.88	75.73	73.06

## 2211 - Walleye Stamp Account

Balance Forward In	244	227	238	216	193	144	193	144
Receipts	158	156	153	152	151	149	151	149
Balance Forward Out	227	238	216	193	144	143	144	143
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>150</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				30		0		0
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				9		0		0
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2212 - Peace Officer Training Account

Balance Forward In		23		54				
Direct Appropriation	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135
Open Appropriation			0	1	1	1	1	1
Cancellations		4						
Balance Forward Out	22		54					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>136</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				4		1		1
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				2		0		0



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# Agency Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2213 - Wolf Management & Monitoring

Balance Forward In	1,295	1,362	1,434	1,275	993	708	993	708
Receipts	343	336	327	318	315	311	315	311
Balance Forward Out	1,360	1,430	1,275	993	708	419	708	419
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				541		115		115
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				99		11		11
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2300 - Outdoor Heritage

Balance Forward In	66,492	69,201	68,163	60,953				
Direct Appropriation	107,684	137,460	154,020	173,324	0	0	0	0
Open Appropriation	88	87	87	169	0	0	0	0
Transfers In	185	180						
Transfers Out	498	211						
Cancellations	6,795	4,526	2,356					
Balance Forward Out	66,034	62,517	60,953					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>101,122</b>	<b>139,673</b>	<b>158,961</b>	<b>234,446</b>				
Biennial Change in Expenditures				152,611		(393,407)		(393,407)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				63		(100)		(100)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								
Full-Time Equivalents	39.40	55.68	59.47	36.81				

## 2302 - Clean Water

Balance Forward In	3,557	3,411	2,890	3,736				
Direct Appropriation	8,735	8,730	12,780	12,870	0	0	14,350	14,450
Open Appropriation	86	75	64	84	0	0	0	0
Cancellations	0	448	34					

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# Agency Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Balance Forward Out	3,346	2,865	3,737					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>9,032</b>	<b>8,903</b>	<b>11,963</b>	<b>16,690</b>			<b>14,350</b>	<b>14,450</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				10,718		(28,653)		147
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				60		(100)		1
Governor's Change from Base								28,800
Governor's % Change from Base								
Full-Time Equivalents	58.34	60.90	63.23	47.08			72.00	72.00

## 2303 - Parks and Trails

Balance Forward In	29,064	28,879	34,975	41,727				
Direct Appropriation	33,081	33,735	43,580	44,396	0	0	37,728	42,520
Open Appropriation	41	45	52	58	0	0	0	0
Transfers In			23					
Transfers Out			23					
Cancellations	8	4	281					
Balance Forward Out	28,068	31,478	41,726					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>34,109</b>	<b>31,178</b>	<b>36,600</b>	<b>86,181</b>			<b>37,728</b>	<b>42,520</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				57,494		(122,781)		(42,533)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				88		(100)		(35)
Governor's Change from Base								80,248
Governor's % Change from Base								
Full-Time Equivalents	39.71	48.77	52.41	13.45			44.00	44.00

## 2400 - Endowment

Balance Forward In	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Receipts	0	0	0					
Balance Forward Out	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

## 2401 - Reinvest In Minnesota-Gifts

Balance Forward In	31,075	34,934	38,895	41,305	30,896	25,590	30,896	25,590
Receipts	126	1,091	2,559	1,697	1,442	1,226	1,442	1,226
Transfers In	14,641	12,573	22,006	12,517	12,517	12,517	12,517	12,517
Transfers Out	7,067	4,378	14,098	4,873	4,873	4,873	4,873	4,873

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# Agency Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Balance Forward Out	34,895	38,855	41,304	30,896	25,590	21,035	25,590	21,035
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>3,880</b>	<b>5,365</b>	<b>8,058</b>	<b>19,750</b>	<b>14,392</b>	<b>13,425</b>	<b>14,392</b>	<b>13,425</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				18,562		9		9
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				201		0		0
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	16.39	24.56	22.69	22.67	22.67	22.67	22.67	22.67

## 2403 - Gift

Balance Forward In	6,158	6,651	6,973	7,780	7,721	7,735	7,721	7,735
Receipts	2,370	3,140	2,871	2,762	2,762	2,721	2,762	2,721
Internal Billing Receipts		77						
Transfers Out		500						
Balance Forward Out	6,460	6,815	7,781	7,721	7,735	7,560	7,735	7,560
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>2,068</b>	<b>2,477</b>	<b>2,063</b>	<b>2,821</b>	<b>2,748</b>	<b>2,896</b>	<b>2,748</b>	<b>2,896</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				340		760		760
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				7		16		16
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	5.28	5.46	5.53	5.53	5.53	5.53	5.53	5.53

## 2801 - Remediation

Balance Forward In	21,605	21,568	22,540	23,610	24,176	12,141	24,176	12,141
Direct Appropriation	117	117	117	117	117	117	117	117
Receipts	144	1,932	1,636	1,144	520	220	520	220
Transfers In	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3
Cancellations	6	127	2	3	3	3	3	3
Balance Forward Out	21,487	22,442	23,610	24,176	12,141	1,963	12,141	1,963
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>12,672</b>	<b>10,515</b>	<b>12,672</b>	<b>10,515</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(49)		21,809		21,809
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(3)		1,583		1,583
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

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# Agency Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Full-Time Equivalents	1.59	2.07	2.36	2.36	2.36	2.36	2.36	2.36

## 3000 - Federal

Balance Forward In	1,982	1,983	2,191	1,959	1,951	1,951	1,951	1,951
Receipts	20,554	26,242	26,450	77,662	99,138	74,400	99,138	74,400
Balance Forward Out	1,842	1,997	1,959	1,951	1,951	1,951	1,951	1,951
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>20,694</b>	<b>26,228</b>	<b>26,682</b>	<b>77,670</b>	<b>99,138</b>	<b>74,400</b>	<b>99,138</b>	<b>74,400</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				57,429		69,186		69,186
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				122		66		66
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	44.26	55.69	54.60	140.79	172.20	144.65	172.20	144.65

## 3015 - ARP-State Fiscal Recovery

Balance Forward In		0						
Direct Appropriation	1,000	1,730						
Cancellations	647	476						
Balance Forward Out	0							
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>1,254</b>						
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(1,607)		0		0
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(100)				
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								
Full-Time Equivalents		2.51	0.07					

## 3800 - Permanent School

Balance Forward In	13,708	13,981	12,071	12,197	12,063	12,054	12,063	12,036
Receipts	48,870	34,771	34,080	27,539	27,633	29,202	27,633	29,202
Internal Billing Receipts	293	317	338	338	338	338	338	338
Transfers In	8,562	6,431	7,662	4,202	3,509	3,619	3,527	3,649
Transfers Out	14,386	13,900	12,425	12,656	12,446	12,546	12,464	12,576
Cancellations	42,475	28,695	28,752	17,745	17,999	19,455	17,999	19,455
Balance Forward Out	13,978	12,071	12,197	12,063	12,054	12,168	12,036	12,120

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# Agency Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>1,474</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>736</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				1,095		(502)		(454)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				134		(26)		(24)
Governor's Change from Base								48
Governor's % Change from Base								3
Full-Time Equivalents	2.06	2.71	2.76	2.76	2.75	2.75	2.85	2.93

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# Agency Change Summary

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
<b>Direct</b>				
<b>Fund: 1000 - General</b>				
FY2025 Appropriations	157,006	157,006	157,006	314,012
<b>Base Adjustments</b>				
All Other One-Time Appropriations		(25,198)	(25,198)	(50,396)
Approved Transfer Between Appropriation				
Allocated Reduction	(60)	(60)	(60)	(120)
Minnesota Paid Leave Allocation		120	120	240
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>156,946</b>	<b>131,868</b>	<b>131,868</b>	<b>263,736</b>
<b>Change Items</b>				
Operating Adjustment		1,777	3,599	5,376
Legal Costs		2,000	2,000	4,000
Establish Hydrogen and Helium Permitting Program		660	660	1,320
Public Safety Preparedness		420	420	840
Prevent and Manage Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species		(330)	(330)	(660)
Protecting and Managing Groundwater		(1,680)	(1,680)	(3,360)
Reduce Local Trail Connection Grants		(250)	(250)	(500)
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>156,946</b>	<b>134,465</b>	<b>136,287</b>	<b>270,752</b>
<b>Fund: 2050 - Environment &amp; Natural Resources</b>				
FY2025 Appropriations	46,395	46,395	46,395	92,790
<b>Base Adjustments</b>				
All Other One-Time Appropriations		(46,395)	(46,395)	(92,790)
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>46,395</b>			
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>46,395</b>			
<b>Fund: 2100 - Water Recreation</b>				
FY2025 Appropriations	26,915	26,915	26,915	53,830
<b>Base Adjustments</b>				
All Other One-Time Appropriations		(330)	(330)	(660)
Current Law Base Change		78	78	156
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>26,915</b>	<b>26,663</b>	<b>26,663</b>	<b>53,326</b>
<b>Change Items</b>				
Operating Adjustment		488	991	1,479
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>26,915</b>	<b>27,151</b>	<b>27,654</b>	<b>54,805</b>
<b>Fund: 2101 - Snowmobile</b>				
FY2025 Appropriations	16,396	16,396	16,396	32,792
<b>Base Adjustments</b>				
All Other One-Time Appropriations		(80)	(80)	(160)

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	FY25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>16,396</b>	<b>16,316</b>	<b>16,316</b>	<b>32,632</b>
<b>Change Items</b>				
Operating Adjustment		153	302	455
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>16,396</b>	<b>16,469</b>	<b>16,618</b>	<b>33,087</b>
<b>Fund: 2102 - All-Terrain Vehicle</b>				
<b>FY2025 Appropriations</b>	<b>12,953</b>	<b>12,953</b>	<b>12,953</b>	<b>25,906</b>
<b>Base Adjustments</b>				
All Other One-Time Appropriations		(3,154)	(3,154)	(6,308)
Current Law Base Change		39	39	78
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>12,953</b>	<b>9,838</b>	<b>9,838</b>	<b>19,676</b>
<b>Change Items</b>				
Operating Adjustment		189	347	536
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>12,953</b>	<b>10,027</b>	<b>10,185</b>	<b>20,212</b>
<b>Fund: 2103 - Off-Highway Motorcycle</b>				
<b>FY2025 Appropriations</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>1,254</b>
<b>Base Adjustments</b>				
All Other One-Time Appropriations		(7)	(7)	(14)
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>1,240</b>
<b>Change Items</b>				
Operating Adjustment		16	30	46
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>1,286</b>
<b>Fund: 2104 - Off-Road Vehicle</b>				
<b>FY2025 Appropriations</b>	<b>1,741</b>	<b>1,741</b>	<b>1,741</b>	<b>3,482</b>
<b>Base Adjustments</b>				
All Other One-Time Appropriations		(4)	(4)	(8)
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>1,741</b>	<b>1,737</b>	<b>1,737</b>	<b>3,474</b>
<b>Change Items</b>				
Operating Adjustment		21	40	61
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>1,741</b>	<b>1,758</b>	<b>1,777</b>	<b>3,535</b>
<b>Fund: 2106 - State Park</b>				
<b>FY2025 Appropriations</b>	<b>22,184</b>	<b>22,184</b>	<b>22,184</b>	<b>44,368</b>
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>22,184</b>	<b>22,184</b>	<b>22,184</b>	<b>44,368</b>
<b>Change Items</b>				
Operating Adjustment		2,233	2,287	4,520
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>22,184</b>	<b>24,417</b>	<b>24,471</b>	<b>48,888</b>

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	FY25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
<b>Fund: 2107 - State Pks &amp; Trls Lott In Lieu</b>				
FY2025 Appropriations	10,806	10,806	10,806	21,612
Base Adjustments				
All Other One-Time Appropriations		(2,000)	(2,000)	(4,000)
Forecast Base	10,806	8,806	8,806	17,612
Change Items				
Operating Adjustment		190	503	693
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>10,806</b>	<b>8,996</b>	<b>9,309</b>	<b>18,305</b>
<b>Fund: 2109 - Local Trls Grants Lott In Lieu</b>				
FY2025 Appropriations	1,300	1,300	1,300	2,600
Forecast Base	1,300	1,300	1,300	2,600
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>2,600</b>
<b>Fund: 2110 - Zoos Lottery In Lieu</b>				
FY2025 Appropriations	810	810	810	1,620
Base Adjustments				
All Other One-Time Appropriations		(300)	(300)	(600)
Forecast Base	810	510	510	1,020
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>1,020</b>
<b>Fund: 2111 - Nongame</b>				
FY2025 Appropriations	1,150	1,150	1,150	2,300
Forecast Base	1,150	1,150	1,150	2,300
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>2,300</b>
<b>Fund: 2112 - Invasive Species</b>				
FY2025 Appropriations	4,582	4,582	4,582	9,164
Forecast Base	4,582	4,582	4,582	9,164
Change Items				
Operating Adjustment		205	210	415
Prevent and Manage Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species		2,850	2,850	5,700
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>4,582</b>	<b>7,637</b>	<b>7,642</b>	<b>15,279</b>
<b>Fund: 2113 - Forest Management Investment</b>				
FY2025 Appropriations	16,505	16,505	16,505	33,010
Base Adjustments				
Approved Transfer Between Appropriation				
Forecast Base	16,505	16,505	16,505	33,010
Change Items				



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	FY25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
Operating Adjustment		45	132	177
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>16,505</b>	<b>16,550</b>	<b>16,637</b>	<b>33,187</b>
<b>Fund: 2114 - Mineral Management</b>				
<b>FY2025 Appropriations</b>	<b>5,989</b>	<b>5,989</b>	<b>5,989</b>	<b>11,978</b>
<b>Base Adjustments</b>				
All Other One-Time Appropriations		(2,406)	(2,406)	(4,812)
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>5,989</b>	<b>3,583</b>	<b>3,583</b>	<b>7,166</b>
<b>Change Items</b>				
Operating Adjustment		256	267	523
Establish Gas Leasing Program		330	330	660
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>5,989</b>	<b>4,169</b>	<b>4,180</b>	<b>8,349</b>
<b>Fund: 2119 - State Land &amp; Water Conservation</b>				
<b>FY2025 Appropriations</b>	<b>2,250</b>	<b>2,250</b>	<b>2,250</b>	<b>4,500</b>
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>2,250</b>	<b>2,250</b>	<b>2,250</b>	<b>4,500</b>
<b>Change Items</b>				
Right-Size State Land and Water Conservation Funding		500	500	1,000
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>2,250</b>	<b>2,750</b>	<b>2,750</b>	<b>5,500</b>
<b>Fund: 2120 - Water Management Account</b>				
<b>FY2025 Appropriations</b>	<b>6,394</b>	<b>6,394</b>	<b>6,394</b>	<b>12,788</b>
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>6,394</b>	<b>6,394</b>	<b>6,394</b>	<b>12,788</b>
<b>Change Items</b>				
Operating Adjustment		300	300	600
Protecting and Managing Groundwater		1,680	2,670	4,350
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>6,394</b>	<b>8,374</b>	<b>9,364</b>	<b>17,738</b>
<b>Fund: 2121 - Rgnl Pks and Trls Lott In Lieu</b>				
<b>FY2025 Appropriations</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>1,200</b>
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>1,200</b>
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>1,200</b>
<b>Fund: 2122 - Underserved Comms Lott In Lieu</b>				
<b>FY2025 Appropriations</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>
<b>Base Adjustments</b>				
All Other One-Time Appropriations		(400)	(400)	(800)
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>1,200</b>
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>1,200</b>

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	FY25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
<b>Fund: 2200 - Game and Fish (Operations)</b>				
<b>FY2025 Appropriations</b>	<b>102,395</b>	<b>102,395</b>	<b>102,395</b>	<b>204,790</b>
<b>Base Adjustments</b>				
All Other One-Time Appropriations		(1,975)	(1,975)	(3,950)
Current Law Base Change		663	663	1,326
Approved Transfer Between Appropriation				
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>102,395</b>	<b>101,083</b>	<b>101,083</b>	<b>202,166</b>
<b>Change Items</b>				
Operating Adjustment		131	282	413
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>102,395</b>	<b>101,214</b>	<b>101,365</b>	<b>202,579</b>
<b>Fund: 2202 - Deer Habitat Improvement</b>				
<b>FY2025 Appropriations</b>	<b>8,546</b>	<b>8,546</b>	<b>8,546</b>	<b>17,092</b>
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>8,546</b>	<b>8,546</b>	<b>8,546</b>	<b>17,092</b>
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>8,546</b>	<b>8,546</b>	<b>8,546</b>	<b>17,092</b>
<b>Fund: 2209 - Heritage Enhancement</b>				
<b>FY2025 Appropriations</b>	<b>25,597</b>	<b>25,597</b>	<b>25,597</b>	<b>51,194</b>
<b>Base Adjustments</b>				
All Other One-Time Appropriations		(5,500)	(5,500)	(11,000)
Current Law Base Change		(150)	(150)	(300)
Approved Transfer Between Appropriation				
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>25,597</b>	<b>19,947</b>	<b>19,947</b>	<b>39,894</b>
<b>Change Items</b>				
Operating Adjustment		683	855	1,538
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>25,597</b>	<b>20,630</b>	<b>20,802</b>	<b>41,432</b>
<b>Fund: 2212 - Peace Officer Training Account</b>				
<b>FY2025 Appropriations</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>270</b>
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>270</b>
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>270</b>
<b>Fund: 2300 - Outdoor Heritage</b>				
<b>FY2025 Appropriations</b>	<b>173,324</b>	<b>173,324</b>	<b>173,324</b>	<b>346,648</b>
<b>Base Adjustments</b>				
One-Time Legacy Fund Appropriations		(173,324)	(173,324)	(346,648)
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>173,324</b>			
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>173,324</b>			
<b>Fund: 2302 - Clean Water</b>				

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	FY25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
<b>FY2025 Appropriations</b>	<b>12,870</b>	<b>12,870</b>	<b>12,870</b>	<b>25,740</b>
<b>Base Adjustments</b>				
One-Time Legacy Fund Appropriations		(12,870)	(12,870)	(25,740)
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>12,870</b>			
<b>Change Items</b>				
Clean Water Legacy – Aquifer Monitoring for Water Supply Planning		2,350	2,350	4,700
Clean Water Legacy– County Geologic Atlas Part B (Groundwater)		100	100	200
Clean Water Legacy – Modernize Minnesota’s Culvert System		1,400	1,500	2,900
Clean Water Legacy – Fish Contamination Assessment		550	550	1,100
Clean Water Legacy – Lake IBI Assessment		1,525	1,525	3,050
Clean Water Legacy – Freshwater Mussel Restoration		350	350	700
Clean Water Legacy – Nonpoint Source Restoration and Protection Activities		2,175	2,175	4,350
Clean Water Legacy – Stream Flow Monitoring		2,825	2,825	5,650
Clean Water Legacy – Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies		2,375	2,375	4,750
Clean Water Legacy - Tool Development and Evaluation		700	700	1,400
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>12,870</b>	<b>14,350</b>	<b>14,450</b>	<b>28,800</b>
<b>Fund: 2303 - Parks and Trails</b>				
<b>FY2025 Appropriations</b>	<b>44,396</b>	<b>44,396</b>	<b>44,396</b>	<b>88,792</b>
<b>Base Adjustments</b>				
One-Time Legacy Fund Appropriations		(44,396)	(44,396)	(88,792)
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>44,396</b>			
<b>Change Items</b>				
Parks and Trail Legacy –DNR Parks and Trails		24,312	27,218	51,530
Parks and Trail Legacy – Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails		12,156	13,609	25,765
Parks and Trails Legacy – Coordinate Among Partners		614	687	1,301
Parks and Trail Legacy - Sales Tax Proposal Interaction - DNR		646	1,006	1,652
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>44,396</b>	<b>37,728</b>	<b>42,520</b>	<b>80,248</b>
<b>Fund: 2801 - Remediation</b>				
<b>FY2025 Appropriations</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>234</b>
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>234</b>
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>234</b>
<b>Open</b>				
<b>Fund: 1000 - General</b>				
<b>FY2025 Appropriations</b>	<b>83,836</b>	<b>83,836</b>	<b>83,836</b>	<b>167,672</b>
<b>Base Adjustments</b>				
Forecast Open Appropriation Adjustment	2,225	3,316	4,664	7,980
November Forecast Adjustment	(105)	(643)	(914)	(1,557)

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	FY25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
February Forecast Adjustment	3,514	5,524	7,086	12,610
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>89,470</b>	<b>92,033</b>	<b>94,672</b>	<b>186,705</b>
<b>Change Items</b>				
Reduce Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT)			(17,160)	(17,160)
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>89,470</b>	<b>92,033</b>	<b>77,512</b>	<b>169,545</b>
<b>Fund: 2050 - Environment &amp; Natural Resources</b>				
<b>FY2025 Appropriations</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>154</b>
<b>Base Adjustments</b>				
All Other One-Time Appropriations		(77)	(77)	(154)
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>77</b>			
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>77</b>			
<b>Fund: 2100 - Water Recreation</b>				
<b>FY2025 Appropriations</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>344</b>
<b>Base Adjustments</b>				
Forecast Open Appropriation Adjustment		45		45
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>389</b>
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>389</b>
<b>Fund: 2101 - Snowmobile</b>				
<b>FY2025 Appropriations</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>Base Adjustments</b>				
Forecast Open Appropriation Adjustment		32		32
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>282</b>
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>282</b>
<b>Fund: 2102 - All-Terrain Vehicle</b>				
<b>FY2025 Appropriations</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>228</b>
<b>Base Adjustments</b>				
Forecast Open Appropriation Adjustment		30		30
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>258</b>
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>258</b>
<b>Fund: 2103 - Off-Highway Motorcycle</b>				
<b>FY2025 Appropriations</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Base Adjustments</b>				
Forecast Open Appropriation Adjustment		4		4
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>36</b>

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	FY25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
<b>Fund: 2104 - Off-Road Vehicle</b>				
FY2025 Appropriations	16	16	16	32
Base Adjustments				
Forecast Open Appropriation Adjustment		4		4
Forecast Base	16	20	16	36
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Fund: 2106 - State Park</b>				
FY2025 Appropriations	141	141	141	282
Base Adjustments				
Forecast Open Appropriation Adjustment		37		37
Forecast Base	141	178	141	319
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>319</b>
<b>Fund: 2107 - State Pks &amp; Trls Lott In Lieu</b>				
FY2025 Appropriations	58	58	58	116
Base Adjustments				
Forecast Open Appropriation Adjustment		15		15
Forecast Base	58	73	58	131
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>131</b>
<b>Fund: 2109 - Local Trls Grants Lott In Lieu</b>				
FY2025 Appropriations	1	1	1	2
Forecast Base	1	1	1	2
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Fund: 2112 - Invasive Species</b>				
FY2025 Appropriations	11	11	11	22
Base Adjustments				
Forecast Open Appropriation Adjustment		3		3
Forecast Base	11	14	11	25
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Fund: 2113 - Forest Management Investment</b>				
FY2025 Appropriations	85	85	85	170
Base Adjustments				
Forecast Open Appropriation Adjustment		22		22

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	FY25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>192</b>
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>192</b>
<b>Fund: 2114 - Mineral Management</b>				
<b>FY2025 Appropriations</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Base Adjustments</b>				
Forecast Open Appropriation Adjustment	1,955	5		5
February Forecast Adjustment			852	852
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>1,971</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>889</b>
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>1,971</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>889</b>
<b>Fund: 2119 - State Land &amp; Water Conservation</b>				
<b>FY2025 Appropriations</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Base Adjustments</b>				
Forecast Open Appropriation Adjustment		1		1
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Fund: 2120 - Water Management Account</b>				
<b>FY2025 Appropriations</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Base Adjustments</b>				
Forecast Open Appropriation Adjustment		6		6
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Fund: 2200 - Game and Fish (Operations)</b>				
<b>FY2025 Appropriations</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>1,288</b>
<b>Base Adjustments</b>				
Forecast Open Appropriation Adjustment	129	318	150	468
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>962</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>1,756</b>
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>962</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>1,756</b>
<b>Fund: 2202 - Deer Habitat Improvement</b>				
<b>FY2025 Appropriations</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>320</b>
<b>Base Adjustments</b>				
Forecast Open Appropriation Adjustment		42		42
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>362</b>
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>362</b>
<b>Fund: 2209 - Heritage Enhancement</b>				

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
<b>FY2025 Appropriations</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>180</b>
<b>Base Adjustments</b>				
Forecast Open Appropriation Adjustment		24		24
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>204</b>
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>204</b>
<b>Fund: 2212 - Peace Officer Training Account</b>				
<b>FY2025 Appropriations</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Fund: 2300 - Outdoor Heritage</b>				
<b>FY2025 Appropriations</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>338</b>
<b>Base Adjustments</b>				
One-Time Legacy Fund Appropriations		(169)	(169)	(338)
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>169</b>			
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>169</b>			
<b>Fund: 2302 - Clean Water</b>				
<b>FY2025 Appropriations</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>168</b>
<b>Base Adjustments</b>				
One-Time Legacy Fund Appropriations		(84)	(84)	(168)
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>84</b>			
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>84</b>			
<b>Fund: 2303 - Parks and Trails</b>				
<b>FY2025 Appropriations</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>116</b>
<b>Base Adjustments</b>				
One-Time Legacy Fund Appropriations		(58)	(58)	(116)
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>58</b>			
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>58</b>			
<b>Dedicated</b>				
<b>Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue</b>				
<b>Planned Spending</b>	<b>11,816</b>	<b>11,295</b>	<b>11,548</b>	<b>22,843</b>
<b>Forecast Base</b>	<b>11,816</b>	<b>11,295</b>	<b>11,548</b>	<b>22,843</b>
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>11,816</b>	<b>11,295</b>	<b>11,548</b>	<b>22,843</b>
<b>Fund: 2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue</b>				
<b>Planned Spending</b>	<b>187,594</b>	<b>177,258</b>	<b>170,035</b>	<b>347,293</b>

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# Agency Change Summary

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
Forecast Base	187,594	177,258	170,035	347,293
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>187,594</b>	<b>177,258</b>	<b>170,035</b>	<b>347,293</b>
<b>Fund: 2100 - Water Recreation</b>				
Planned Spending	82	60	60	120
Forecast Base	82	60	60	120
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>Fund: 2101 - Snowmobile</b>				
Planned Spending	28	28	28	56
Forecast Base	28	28	28	56
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Fund: 2102 - All-Terrain Vehicle</b>				
Planned Spending		30	30	60
Forecast Base		30	30	60
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Fund: 2106 - State Park</b>				
Planned Spending	2,233	2,346	2,327	4,673
Forecast Base	2,233	2,346	2,327	4,673
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>2,233</b>	<b>2,346</b>	<b>2,327</b>	<b>4,673</b>
<b>Fund: 2115 - Mining Administration Account</b>				
Planned Spending	668	678	679	1,357
Forecast Base	668	678	679	1,357
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>1,357</b>
<b>Fund: 2116 - Cross Country Ski</b>				
Planned Spending	345	345	345	690
Forecast Base	345	345	345	690
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>690</b>
<b>Fund: 2117 - Natural Resource Misc Statutory</b>				
Planned Spending	9,908	8,650	8,444	17,094
Forecast Base	9,908	8,650	8,444	17,094
Change Items				
Support State Parks and Recreation Areas		425	425	850
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>9,908</b>	<b>9,075</b>	<b>8,869</b>	<b>17,944</b>



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# Agency Change Summary

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
<b>Fund: 2118 - Land Acquisition</b>				
Planned Spending	302	302	302	604
Forecast Base	302	302	302	604
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>604</b>
<b>Fund: 2119 - State Land &amp; Water Conservation</b>				
Planned Spending	3,850	5,000	4,000	9,000
Forecast Base	3,850	5,000	4,000	9,000
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>3,850</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>9,000</b>
<b>Fund: 2200 - Game and Fish (Operations)</b>				
Planned Spending	3,263	3,280	3,184	6,464
Forecast Base	3,263	3,280	3,184	6,464
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>3,263</b>	<b>3,280</b>	<b>3,184</b>	<b>6,464</b>
<b>Fund: 2201 - Computerized Lic Deer/Bear Mgmt</b>				
Planned Spending	952	1,215	1,205	2,420
Forecast Base	952	1,215	1,205	2,420
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>1,215</b>	<b>1,205</b>	<b>2,420</b>
<b>Fund: 2203 - Waterfowl Habitat Improvement</b>				
Planned Spending	750	650	650	1,300
Forecast Base	750	650	650	1,300
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>1,300</b>
<b>Fund: 2204 - Trout And Salmon Management</b>				
Planned Spending	1,350	1,350	1,200	2,550
Forecast Base	1,350	1,350	1,200	2,550
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>1,350</b>	<b>1,350</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>2,550</b>
<b>Fund: 2205 - Pheasant Habitat Improvement</b>				
Planned Spending	450	550	550	1,100
Forecast Base	450	550	550	1,100
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>1,100</b>
<b>Fund: 2206 - Wild Rice Management</b>				
Planned Spending	38	38	38	76
Forecast Base	38	38	38	76
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>76</b>

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# Agency Change Summary

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
<b>Fund: 2207 - Wildlife Acquisition Surcharge</b>				
Planned Spending	900	900	900	1,800
Forecast Base	900	900	900	1,800
Total Governor's Recommendations	900	900	900	1,800
<b>Fund: 2208 - Wild Turkey Management</b>				
Planned Spending	230	350	350	700
Forecast Base	230	350	350	700
Total Governor's Recommendations	230	350	350	700
<b>Fund: 2211 - Walleye Stamp Account</b>				
Planned Spending	175	200	150	350
Forecast Base	175	200	150	350
Total Governor's Recommendations	175	200	150	350
<b>Fund: 2213 - Wolf Management &amp; Monitoring</b>				
Planned Spending	600	600	600	1,200
Forecast Base	600	600	600	1,200
Total Governor's Recommendations	600	600	600	1,200
<b>Fund: 2401 - Reinvest In Minnesota-Gifts</b>				
Planned Spending	19,750	14,392	13,425	27,817
Forecast Base	19,750	14,392	13,425	27,817
Total Governor's Recommendations	19,750	14,392	13,425	27,817
<b>Fund: 2403 - Gift</b>				
Planned Spending	2,821	2,748	2,896	5,644
Forecast Base	2,821	2,748	2,896	5,644
Total Governor's Recommendations	2,821	2,748	2,896	5,644
<b>Fund: 2801 - Remediation</b>				
Planned Spending	555	12,555	10,398	22,953
Forecast Base	555	12,555	10,398	22,953
Total Governor's Recommendations	555	12,555	10,398	22,953
<b>Fund: 3000 - Federal</b>				
Planned Spending	77,670	99,138	74,400	173,538
Forecast Base	77,670	99,138	74,400	173,538
Total Governor's Recommendations	77,670	99,138	74,400	173,538

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# Agency Change Summary

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
<b>Fund: 3800 - Permanent School</b>				
Planned Spending	4	4	4	8
Forecast Base	4	4	4	8
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>
 <b>Revenue Change Summary</b>				
<b>Dedicated</b>				
<b>Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue</b>				
Forecast Revenues	12,676	16,375	14,164	30,539
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>12,676</b>	<b>16,375</b>	<b>14,164</b>	<b>30,539</b>
 <b>Fund: 2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue</b>				
Forecast Revenues	175,888	161,032	161,447	322,479
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>175,888</b>	<b>161,032</b>	<b>161,447</b>	<b>322,479</b>
 <b>Fund: 2100 - Water Recreation</b>				
Forecast Revenues	60	60	60	120
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>120</b>
 <b>Fund: 2101 - Snowmobile</b>				
Forecast Revenues	28	28	28	56
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>56</b>
 <b>Fund: 2106 - State Park</b>				
Forecast Revenues	1,848	1,817	1,791	3,608
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>1,848</b>	<b>1,817</b>	<b>1,791</b>	<b>3,608</b>
 <b>Fund: 2115 - Mining Administration Account</b>				
Forecast Revenues	634	630	627	1,257
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>1,257</b>
 <b>Fund: 2116 - Cross Country Ski</b>				
Forecast Revenues	330	330	330	660
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>660</b>
 <b>Fund: 2117 - Natural Resource Misc Statutory</b>				
Forecast Revenues	5,363	5,252	5,351	10,603
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>5,363</b>	<b>5,252</b>	<b>5,351</b>	<b>10,603</b>

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# Agency Change Summary

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
<b>Fund: 2118 - Land Acquisition</b>				
Forecast Revenues	152	152	152	304
Total Governor's Recommendations	152	152	152	304
<b>Fund: 2119 - State Land &amp; Water Conservation</b>				
Forecast Revenues	3,850	5,000	4,000	9,000
Total Governor's Recommendations	3,850	5,000	4,000	9,000
<b>Fund: 2200 - Game and Fish (Operations)</b>				
Forecast Revenues	4,758	4,714	4,666	9,380
Total Governor's Recommendations	4,758	4,714	4,666	9,380
<b>Fund: 2201 - Computerized Lic Deer/Bear Mgmt</b>				
Forecast Revenues	962	953	940	1,893
Total Governor's Recommendations	962	953	940	1,893
<b>Fund: 2203 - Waterfowl Habitat Improvement</b>				
Forecast Revenues	540	536	531	1,067
Total Governor's Recommendations	540	536	531	1,067
<b>Fund: 2204 - Trout And Salmon Management</b>				
Forecast Revenues	1,086	1,076	1,066	2,142
Total Governor's Recommendations	1,086	1,076	1,066	2,142
<b>Fund: 2205 - Pheasant Habitat Improvement</b>				
Forecast Revenues	522	518	513	1,031
Total Governor's Recommendations	522	518	513	1,031
<b>Fund: 2206 - Wild Rice Management</b>				
Forecast Revenues	30	44	44	88
Total Governor's Recommendations	30	44	44	88
<b>Fund: 2207 - Wildlife Acquisition Surcharge</b>				
Forecast Revenues	1,342	1,337	1,332	2,669
Total Governor's Recommendations	1,342	1,337	1,332	2,669
<b>Fund: 2208 - Wild Turkey Management</b>				
Forecast Revenues	244	246	249	495
Total Governor's Recommendations	244	246	249	495

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# Agency Change Summary

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
<b>Fund: 2211 - Walleye Stamp Account</b>				
Forecast Revenues	152	151	149	300
Total Governor's Recommendations	152	151	149	300
<b>Fund: 2213 - Wolf Management &amp; Monitoring</b>				
Forecast Revenues	318	315	311	626
Total Governor's Recommendations	318	315	311	626
<b>Fund: 2401 - Reinvest In Minnesota-Gifts</b>				
Forecast Revenues	1,697	1,442	1,226	2,668
Total Governor's Recommendations	1,697	1,442	1,226	2,668
<b>Fund: 2403 - Gift</b>				
Forecast Revenues	2,762	2,762	2,721	5,483
Total Governor's Recommendations	2,762	2,762	2,721	5,483
<b>Fund: 2801 - Remediation</b>				
Forecast Revenues	1,144	520	220	740
Total Governor's Recommendations	1,144	520	220	740
<b>Fund: 3000 - Federal</b>				
Forecast Revenues	77,662	99,138	74,400	173,538
Total Governor's Recommendations	77,662	99,138	74,400	173,538
<b>Fund: 3800 - Permanent School</b>				
Forecast Revenues	27,539	27,633	29,202	56,835
Total Governor's Recommendations	27,539	27,633	29,202	56,835
<b>Non-Dedicated</b>				
<b>Fund: 1000 - General</b>				
Forecast Revenues	989	934	974	1,908
Total Governor's Recommendations	989	934	974	1,908
<b>Fund: 2050 - Environment &amp; Natural Resources</b>				
Forecast Revenues	3	3	3	6
Total Governor's Recommendations	3	3	3	6
<b>Fund: 2100 - Water Recreation</b>				
Forecast Revenues	16,779	16,779	16,779	33,558

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# Agency Change Summary

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>16,779</b>	<b>16,779</b>	<b>16,779</b>	<b>33,558</b>
<b>Fund: 2101 - Snowmobile</b>				
Forecast Revenues	5,455	9,102	7,178	16,280
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>5,455</b>	<b>9,102</b>	<b>7,178</b>	<b>16,280</b>
<b>Fund: 2102 - All-Terrain Vehicle</b>				
Forecast Revenues	7,515	7,515	7,715	15,230
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>7,515</b>	<b>7,515</b>	<b>7,715</b>	<b>15,230</b>
<b>Fund: 2103 - Off-Highway Motorcycle</b>				
Forecast Revenues	311	311	331	642
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>642</b>
<b>Fund: 2104 - Off-Road Vehicle</b>				
Forecast Revenues	151	151	151	302
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>302</b>
<b>Fund: 2106 - State Park</b>				
Forecast Revenues	20,620	21,620	21,620	43,240
<b>Change Items</b>				
Support State Parks and Recreation Areas		2,794	2,794	5,588
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>20,620</b>	<b>24,414</b>	<b>24,414</b>	<b>48,828</b>
<b>Fund: 2107 - State Pks &amp; Trls Lott In Lieu</b>				
Forecast Revenues	2	2	2	4
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Fund: 2111 - Nongame</b>				
Forecast Revenues	1,153	1,147	1,143	2,290
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>1,153</b>	<b>1,147</b>	<b>1,143</b>	<b>2,290</b>
<b>Fund: 2112 - Invasive Species</b>				
Forecast Revenues	2,566	2,566	2,566	5,132
<b>Change Items</b>				
Prevent and Manage Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species		2,150	4,300	6,450
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>2,566</b>	<b>4,716</b>	<b>6,866</b>	<b>11,582</b>
<b>Fund: 2113 - Forest Management Investment</b>				
Forecast Revenues	4,784	4,742	4,706	9,448

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# Agency Change Summary

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>4,784</b>	<b>4,742</b>	<b>4,706</b>	<b>9,448</b>
<b>Fund: 2114 - Mineral Management</b>				
Forecast Revenues	4,518	5,331	5,183	10,514
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>4,518</b>	<b>5,331</b>	<b>5,183</b>	<b>10,514</b>
<b>Fund: 2119 - State Land &amp; Water Conservation</b>				
Forecast Revenues	1,700	500	2,500	3,000
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>3,000</b>
<b>Fund: 2120 - Water Management Account</b>				
Forecast Revenues	7,567	7,557	7,548	15,105
<b>Change Items</b>				
Protecting and Managing Groundwater		157	2,935	3,092
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>7,567</b>	<b>7,714</b>	<b>10,483</b>	<b>18,197</b>
<b>Fund: 2200 - Game and Fish (Operations)</b>				
Forecast Revenues	102,211	98,479	97,360	195,839
<b>Change Items</b>				
Honoring Disabled Veterans with Reduced Cost Angling and Hunting Licenses		(66)	(320)	(386)
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>102,211</b>	<b>98,413</b>	<b>97,040</b>	<b>195,453</b>
<b>Fund: 2202 - Deer Habitat Improvement</b>				
Forecast Revenues	7,890	7,751	7,617	15,368
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>7,890</b>	<b>7,751</b>	<b>7,617</b>	<b>15,368</b>
<b>Fund: 2209 - Heritage Enhancement</b>				
Forecast Revenues	28	28	28	56
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Fund: 2210 - Lifetime Fish &amp; Wildlife Trust</b>				
Forecast Revenues	2,331	2,298	2,270	4,568
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>2,331</b>	<b>2,298</b>	<b>2,270</b>	<b>4,568</b>
<b>Fund: 2300 - Outdoor Heritage</b>				
Forecast Revenues	2	2	2	4
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Fund: 2302 - Clean Water</b>				
Forecast Revenues	2	2	2	4

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**Agency Change Summary**

*(Dollars in Thousands)*

	FY25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Fund: 2303 - Parks and Trails</b>				
Forecast Revenues	3	3	3	6
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Fund: 2801 - Remediation</b>				
Forecast Revenues	1	1	1	2
<b>Total Governor's Recommendations</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>



# Department of Natural Resources

## FY 2026-27 Biennial Budget Change Item

### Change Item Title: Operating Adjustment

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Fund					
Expenditures	0	1,777	3,599	3,599	3,599
Other Funds					
Expenditures	0	4,928	6,576	6,576	6,576
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	0	6,705	10,175	10,175	10,175
<b>FTEs</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>58</b>

### Recommendation:

The Governor recommends additional funding of \$6.7 million in FY 2026 and \$10.2 million in each subsequent year from the General Fund and other funds to help address operating cost increases at the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

### Rationale/Background:

The cost of operations rises each year due to increases in employer-paid health care contributions, FICA and Medicare, along with other salary and compensation-related costs. Other operating costs, like rent and lease, fuel and utilities, and IT and legal services also grow. This cost growth puts pressure on agency operating budgets that remain flat year to year.

Agencies face challenging decisions to manage these rising costs within existing budgets, while maintaining the services Minnesotans expect. From year to year, agencies find ways to become more efficient with existing resources. For the DNR, the following efficiencies have been implemented to help offset rising operating costs:

- Transitioned from payment boxes to electronic payments across our parks system to increase efficiency, improve customer service and reduce costs in park permit fulfillment process;
- Implemented a prioritization structure to ensure existing resources are targeted at the most critical information technology (IT) projects and all IT needs are accounted for in the long-range plan; and,
- Simplified budgeting processes to minimize administrative effort and maximize strategic use of existing resources.

For FY 2026-27, agencies will need to continue to find additional efficiencies and leverage management tools to help address budget pressures. Holding open vacancies in certain programs or delaying hiring in other programs are examples of ways agencies manage through constrained operating budgets. Such decisions are difficult and must be weighed against a program’s ability to conduct business with less staffing and its impact to service delivery.

Without additional resources to address these cost pressures, services delivered to Minnesotans will be impacted.

### Proposal:

The Governor recommends increasing agency operating budgets to support current services. For the DNR this funding will help cover expected growth in employee compensation and insurance costs.

**Dollars in Thousands**

<b>Net Impact by Fund</b>	<b>FY 26</b>	<b>FY 27</b>	<b>FY 25-27</b>	<b>FY 28</b>	<b>FY 29</b>	<b>FY 28-29</b>
General Fund	1,777	3,599	5,376	3,599	3,599	7,198
Natural Resources Fund	4,096	5,409	9,505	5,409	5,409	10,818
Game & Fish Fund	814	1,137	1,951	1,137	1,137	2,274
Permanent School Fund	18	30	48	30	30	60
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>6,705</b>	<b>10,175</b>	<b>16,880</b>	<b>10,175</b>	<b>10,175</b>	<b>20,350</b>

**Results:**

This recommendation is intended to help the DNR address rising cost pressures and mitigate impacts to current levels of service and information to the public.

# Department of Natural Resources

## FY 2026-27 Biennial Budget Change Item

### Change Item Title: Legal Costs

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Fund				
Expenditures	2,000	2,000	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	2,000	2,000	0	0
FTEs	0	0	0	0

### Recommendation:

The Governor recommends \$2 million annually from the General Fund in FY26 and FY27 to support the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources’ (DNR’s) legal costs associated with the ongoing development and defense of major agency decisions and actions. While these funds are intended to cover anticipated costs in FY26/27, they are available through FY29 if not fully expended, given the ongoing nature of these costs.

### Rationale/Background:

The DNR regularly makes natural resource and environmental regulatory, leasing, public land and resource management, and related decisions and takes a range of other actions affecting Minnesotans. An important underpinning of the administrative process is that these decisions and actions are subject to challenge in federal or state court, administrative forums at the state and federal level, and before local units of government. These challenges come from applicants and various other interests dissatisfied with the agency’s decisions, as well as from individuals and entities affected by other DNR actions.

The majority of these challenges are relatively modest in cost and are managed within program budgets. However, over approximately the last decade, there has been a marked increase in the number of highly contested matters that impose an entirely different scale of legal costs on DNR due to their complexity, duration, and scope. Many of these relate to DNR regulatory and resource management decisions. DNR’s ability to defend its process and decisions is critical to ensuring robust and consistent application of state statutes and rules and the protection and use of public resources, something on which project advocates and opponents, regulated parties, and the general public all depend.

Developing and defending agency decisions and actions on these major matters is expensive and puts a significant burden on agency resources. The costs, which are largely outside of agency control, can include in-house legal counsel, outside legal counsel, Attorney General’s Office fees, expert witness fees, Office of Administrative Hearings costs, records management, other related defense preparation expenses, and potential settlement costs in lieu of litigation. The DNR’s current operating budget does not include ongoing funding for these large legal expenses; and fund accountability severely limits the DNR’s ability to redirect funding from other programs, even if that were an otherwise acceptable alternative.

### Proposal:

This proposal provides \$2 million annually from the General Fund in FY26 and FY27 for legal costs associated with adequately developing and defending major agency decisions and actions on an ongoing basis. In the context of this document “develop” refers to the legal work done prior to a final decision to develop findings of fact and other legal support of the decision.

Similar appropriations have been made in prior years. These appropriations, however, have been one-time in nature and do not address the DNR's ongoing need. Due to the simultaneous ramp-up of several complex legal actions, these prior appropriations will be fully spent within FY25. The requested funds are necessary to develop and defend agency decisions and actions in the coming years. Because this need is ongoing, these funds are intended to cover anticipated costs in FY26/27 but are available through FY29 if not fully expended.

**Impact on Children and Families:**

Much of DNR's work focuses on protecting, managing and providing access to our natural resources, in the interest of both current and future generations. Consequently, this work has a particular impact on children and families, who have a strong interest in ongoing access to the state's natural resources, ensuring that DNR's decisions and actions are science-based, well-considered, and effectively implemented. Importantly, this proposal will allow the DNR to develop and defend its decisions and actions on major matters without reducing resources available for other essential agency work that also meets the needs of children and families.

**Equity and Inclusion:**

This proposal will allow the DNR to adequately develop and defend its decisions and actions regarding some of the state's most challenging natural resource issues. While all Minnesotans have an interest in DNR's decisions and actions on these issues, rural communities, low-income communities and communities of color are disproportionately affected by some of these matters and would also be disproportionately affected if the DNR exercises its limited capacity to redirect other agency resources to address major legal costs. As such, they have a particular interest in ensuring the agency is adequately funded to develop and defend those decisions and actions.

**Tribal Consultation:**

Does this proposal have a substantial direct effect on one or more of the Minnesota Tribal governments?

- Yes
- No

While this proposal is not expected to have a substantial direct effect on Minnesota Tribal governments, the DNR has been holding meetings with interested Tribal Nations and commits to ongoing conversations and any necessary follow up.

**IT Costs:**

None

**Results:**

This proposal will allow the DNR to develop and defend its regulatory, leasing and related decisions, as well as other agency actions.

**Statutory Change(s):**

None

# Department of Natural Resources

## FY 2026-27 Biennial Budget Change Item

### Change Item Title: Establish Hydrogen and Helium Permitting Program

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Fund				
Expenditures	660	660	660	660
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	660	660	660	660
<b>FTEs</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>

#### Recommendation:

The Governor recommends \$660,000 annually from the General Fund starting in FY26 to hire staff who will develop and manage a legislatively-authorized gas production permitting program in Minnesota. These staff will serve as subject matter experts in gas production and permitting for the exploration and extraction of Minnesota’s newly discovered gas reserves.

#### Rationale/Background:

Helium-rich pressurized gas was discovered in northeastern Minnesota in 2011. A successful appraisal well was subsequently drilled nearby in February 2024. The company that drilled that appraisal well has announced plans to drill two additional test borings in 2024 and collect data that could support commercial production as early as 2025. Recognizing the state’s lack of regulation around extraction of this new resource, legislation was enacted in 2024 to fund a technical advisory committee that would make permitting recommendations under a temporary framework during while rules were developed to put in place a permanent regulatory structure for gas production in Minnesota.

Concurrent to the rulemaking process, the DNR commissioner is required to recommend a temporary regulatory framework for gas production to the legislature by January 15, 2025. The temporary framework must then be approved by the legislature prior to the issuance of any temporary permits. The DNR could receive, and process permit applications for gas production under the temporary regulatory framework as early as Summer 2025 if these approvals are given during the 2025 legislative session.

This proposal is needed to bring on the staff necessary to administer a gas production and permitting program in response to existing and expected interest in commercial exploration and extraction of gas.

#### Proposal:

This proposal invests \$660,000 annually to the DNR from the General Fund starting in FY26 to hire staff who will start and manage a gas exploration and production permitting program in the state. These staff will serve as subject matter experts in gas production and permitting for the mining of Minnesota’s newly discovered gas reserves.

#### Impact on Children and Families:

It is important to all Minnesotans, including children and families, that new industrial development be conducted in a way that is protective of the environment as well as public health and safety. This proposal provides the staff needed to ensure the DNR effectively executes its permitting responsibilities.

**Equity and Inclusion:**

This proposal does not have a direct impact (positive or negative) on equity and inclusion activities or initiatives.

**Tribal Consultation:**

Does this proposal have a substantial direct effect on one or more of the Minnesota Tribal governments?

Yes

No

Ensuring that DNR has adequate staffing to regulate this new industry is generally supported by Minnesota’s Tribal governments. While this staffing proposal does not directly affect Tribal governments, the DNR continues to meet every other month with Tribes to discuss mining related topics. The 2024 gas legislation and resulting regulatory work has been brought up at a number of these meetings. The DNR will continue to discuss the gas regulatory work with the Tribes at these meetings. DNR will take Tribal, stakeholder, and public input on the interim permitting proposal prior to a legislative proposal.

**IT Costs**

None

**Results:**

The DNR will measure the number of permit applications received for gas extraction and production, the time needed to review and make permitting decisions, and will continue to review the effectiveness of the permitting program to meet our goals for environmental protection.

**Statutory Change(s):**

None

# Department of Natural Resources

## FY 2026-27 Biennial Budget Change Item

### Change Item Title: Establish Gas Leasing Program

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Minerals Management Account				
Expenditures	330	330	330	330
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	330	330	330	330
<b>FTEs</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

### Recommendation:

The Governor recommends \$330,000 annually from the Minerals Management Account starting in FY26 for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to establish and operate a legislatively-authorized leasing program for gas exploration and production of state-managed mineral rights. These funds will be used to hire staff who will lease state-managed mineral rights for gas exploration and development, provide title research and file the necessary legal documents to confirm mineral ownership, review exploration plans for drilling on state leases, and complete drill site inspections. This request represents an approximately 2% increase to the Lands and Minerals Division’s total FY26/27 budget.

### Rationale/Background:

Helium-rich gas was first encountered in northeastern Minnesota during exploratory drilling for metallic minerals in 2011. A successful appraisal well was then drilled by a helium exploration company in 2024. The appraisal well is located on a forty-acre parcel of private mineral interests, and the helium reservoir that it intersected likely extends into state-managed mineral rights on the surrounding properties. Strong interest in leasing state-managed mineral rights for gas exploration and development was demonstrated in June 2024 when a helium exploration company submitted a request to lease more than 34,000 acres of state-managed mineral rights within a four-township area that includes the discovery site.

Recognizing the potential economic impact of Minnesota helium reserves, the legislature granted the DNR authority to lease state-managed mineral rights for gas exploration and production in 2024. The legislation directed DNR to identify required information for lease applications and to negotiate the terms of each lease on a case-by-case basis, accounting for the unique geological and environmental aspects of each proposal, control of adjacent lands, and best interests of the state. The legislation also established a maximum primary lease term of five years and set minimum thresholds for rental, royalty and bonus rate considerations. The DNR is also allowed to require financial assurance in lease applications to ensure reclamation of exploration and/or production sites. No funds were appropriated for DNR leasing and lease management work.

While the DNR has well-established leasing and lease management programs for ferrous and non-ferrous minerals, leasing state-managed mineral rights for gas exploration and production and managing active gas leases present new challenges with different needs. The DNR’s long history with regulating exploration drilling for metallic minerals in Minnesota does not fully translate to gas drilling. Different drilling methods and machinery are used to target gas resources and, without prior experience with this industry, the DNR must bring on staff capacity and expertise to effectively lease state minerals, administer lease terms and regulate the exploration activity.

**Proposal:**

This proposal invests \$330,000 annually beginning in FY26 to fund two staff positions to establish and implement a gas leasing program at DNR. This team includes an attorney and production site inspector. This staff will prepare leases of state-managed mineral rights for gas exploration and development, provide title research and file the necessary legal documents to confirm mineral ownership, review exploration plans for drilling on state lands, and complete drill site inspections.

**Impact on Children and Families:**

Revenue generated from state gas leases, which are associated with School Trust Lands, will benefit children and families by supporting K-12 public education and local communities.

**Equity and Inclusion:**

Unlike current hard rock mineral potential in the state, which is largely situated in the northeast part of the state, gas potential in Minnesota covers a larger part of the state—ranging from the Iowa border to the Helium discovery in the northeast near Babbitt. Gas exploration on state-managed minerals may provide new economic growth opportunities for communities and therefore potentially benefit a wide range of Minnesotans.

**Tribal Consultation:**

Does this proposal have a substantial direct effect on one or more of the Minnesota Tribal governments?

Yes

No

The DNR continues to meet every other month with Tribes to discuss mineral related topics. The legislation requiring a regulatory framework for gas exploration and production, as well as the DNR efforts to manage gas lease requests, have been discussed at a number of these meetings. Tribal feedback to date has been focused on ensuring a regulatory structure is put in place prior to any commercial gas extraction or production and that there is Tribal input on the final rule language for permitting and environmental review. Economic development opportunities have been discussed, and the Department of Revenue has agreed to consult with Tribes on future tax or fee proposals related to gas. The DNR has been holding meetings with interested Tribal Nations and commits to ongoing conversations and any necessary follow up.

**IT Costs**

None

**Results:**

The DNR will measure results through tracking appraisal and production well inspections and compliance with standards. We also will track the number of gas leases offered on sections containing state minerals.

**Statutory Change(s):**

None



# Department of Natural Resources

## FY 2026-27 Budget Change Item

### Change Item Title: Public Safety Preparedness

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Fund				
Expenditures	420	420	420	420
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	420	420	420	420
<b>FTEs</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

### Recommendation:

The Governor recommends \$420,000 annually from the General Fund beginning in FY26 for ongoing training, equipment maintenance and storage, and coordination with partner agencies for conservation officer public safety responses. This funding is essential for conservation officers to continue to participate in and support partner public safety agencies in general public safety responses. This request represents less than a 1% increase to the Enforcement Division’s total FY26/27 budget.

### Rationale/Background:

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) conservation officers are licensed peace officers whose overall mission, like all law enforcement personnel, is protecting public safety. Their regular responsibilities revolve around protecting Minnesota’s natural resources and the safety of the people who use them. In that role, they focus on fish and game protection, education and enforcement, recreational safety and enforcement, and natural resource protection.

Additionally, conservation officers are part of the statewide fabric of law enforcement and routinely assist their state and local partners when called upon. In more recent years, conservation officers have been called to assist with larger public safety responses that require training, equipment, and coordination beyond what is included for conservation officers. In order to continue to provide this public safety service, conservation officers need to receive ongoing expanded training to stay ready and available for providing this assistance. This training includes topics related to First Amendment rights, rights of the media, legal authority, and other civil processes.

Along with ongoing training costs, it is equally important that officers maintain their personal protective equipment and that the DNR maintains and stores equipment needed to safely engage in public safety responses. These events generally occur with little or no pre-planning, so it is important that equipment used for these responses is deployment-ready at all times.

### Proposal:

This proposal invests \$420,000 annually from the General Fund beginning in FY26 to provide ongoing training and equipment for general public safety law enforcement responses. Law enforcement officers are expected to perform potentially high-risk activities and must receive ongoing training to ensure officers understand their role, the tactics to be performed, and the legal ramifications if they are not followed. Funding this proposal will ensure public safety response training is incorporated into conservation officer annual training plans, which will enhance and round out the current training program.

### Impact on Children and Families:

When conservation officers are involved in public safety responses, it is because events dictate there is a broader public safety need than what local jurisdictions can address without assistance. Minnesota’s children

and families depend on law enforcement, including conservation officers, to ensure their safety during these events. It is essential that conservation officers have the proper equipment and training to be effective in these situations so people and communities can live, learn, and work while feeling safe.

**Equity and Inclusion:**

Communities of color and economically disadvantaged communities are frequently among those most affected when public safety is not maintained and criminal behavior is not addressed. In addition, unfunded expenditures related to maintaining public safety in connection with protests and civil unrest would have a direct impact on the Enforcement Division’s future hiring ability, including for the Conservation Officer Prep Program, which is aimed specifically at recruiting diverse candidates as conservation officers. In the decade since it began, the program has been instrumental in increasing the Division’s staff diversity and making it more representative of Minnesota as a whole.

**Tribal Consultation:**

Does this proposal have a substantial direct effect on one or more of the Minnesota Tribal governments?

- Yes
- No

Conservation officers routinely work with tribal public safety partners and with Tribal members off Tribal lands. This proposal ensures conservation officers are prepared as well as possible when, and if, public safety concerns arise on or near Tribal lands, or when they’re working to ensure the safety of the public, including Tribal members. The DNR continues to consult and work in partnership with Tribal governments and commits to ongoing conversations and any necessary follow up.

**IT Costs**

None

**Results:**

This proposal will ensure the DNR has the proper training and equipment to ensure conservation officers can protect themselves and the public when they are called to assist with urgent and high-visibility public safety needs.

**Statutory Change(s):**

None

# Department of Natural Resources

## FY 2026-27 Biennial Budget Change Item

### Change Item Title: Support State Parks and Recreation Areas

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Fund				
Revenues (Sales Taxes)	182	182	182	182
State Park Account				
Expenditures*	0	0	0	0
Revenues	2,794	2,794	2,794	2,794
State Parks and Trails License Plate Account (see DPS- Transportation budget book)				
Expenditures	425	425	425	425
Revenues	425	425	425	425
Legacy Funds				
Revenues	11	11	11	11
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	(2,987)	(2,987)	(2,987)	(2,987)
<b>FTEs</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

\*The associated spending increase of \$2.3 million annually is shown on our “Operating Adjustment” request.

### Recommendation:

The Governor recommends increasing revenues from vehicle permits and state park license plates by \$3.4 million annually beginning in FY26 to maintain visitor services at Minnesota state parks and recreation areas. A majority of the increased revenues deposited into the State Park Account (\$2.3 million annually) will allow the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to continue to provide the interpretive programming, facility and grounds maintenance, visitor safety services, and resource protection that visitors currently enjoy at state parks and recreation areas (Please see our “Operating Adjustment” proposal). The remaining revenues deposited to the State Park Account will help reduce the structural deficit in that account. This proposal also generates approximately \$182,000 of General Fund revenues and \$11,000 of Legacy Fund revenues annually from sales tax.

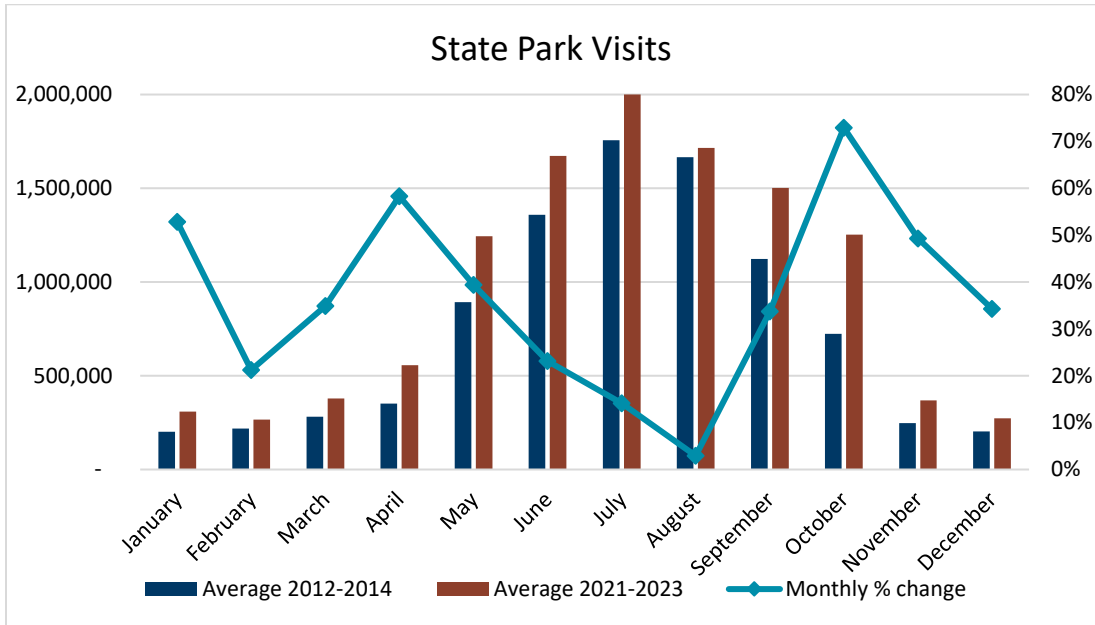
### Rationale/Background:

Minnesota state parks and recreation areas advance a key agency priority of connecting people to the outdoors. Time spent outdoors is known to improve people’s quality of life through health and wellness benefits. Minnesota state parks and recreation areas serve 11.2 million visitors each year, a number that is continually growing. Of these visitors, about 1.1 million are overnight visitors. These state parks and recreation areas are a cornerstone of Minnesota’s \$11.7 billion outdoor recreation economy, which contributes 2.6% in value to the State GDP (U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, 2022). In addition to meeting basic visitor service and operational needs, state parks and recreation areas also offer services and amenities to attract the next generation of outdoor recreation enthusiasts such as the popular I Can! programs.

The State Park Account in the Natural Resources Fund is instrumental in providing the resources necessary to operate and maintain state parks and recreation areas. Revenue into this account comes from state park vehicle permit fees and visitor service fees, such as camping and lodging reservations, facility rentals and special-use permits. Significant funding to support state park and recreation area operations has also historically been provided from the General Fund.

There has been a decade-long trend of increased visitation to state parks and recreation areas. Visitation remains at historically high levels, even following a record peak in 2020 and 2021. For example, state park permit sales were 61 percent higher in FY2024 than they were in FY2012. The new, sustained high level of use has put significant operational and maintenance pressures on state parks and recreation areas as park staff work to maintain the quality-of-service Minnesotans expect and steward the natural resources that parks protect.

As can be seen from the following graph, visits to state parks and recreation areas are up in all seasons, with the largest percentage increases in use in the spring and fall months. For example, visits in May, September and October are at levels similar to June averages from a decade ago. People are visiting and relying on state parks and recreation areas year-round and more than ever.



**Proposal:**

This proposal provides additional revenues beginning in FY26 for sustaining current operations and maintenance at state park and recreation areas. This proposal is funded by increasing the daily and annual vehicle permit and license plate fees as indicated in the table below. The increases in fees would go into effect July 1, 2025 and would provide approximately \$2.8 million in additional revenue to the State Park Account and \$425,000 to the State Parks and Trails License Plate Account.

State Park Vehicle Permit Category	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Number of Permits Sold (3-year average FY2022-FY24 unless otherwise specified)
<b>Specialty License Plate</b>	\$60	\$70	(FY24) <b>42,440</b>
Annual Permit	\$35	\$45	220,836
Annual 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vehicle Permit	\$26	\$35	4,434
Annual Disability Permits	\$12	\$20	3,812
Annual Motorcycle Permit	\$30	\$40	1,400
<b>Total Annual Permits</b>			<b>230,482</b>
Daily Permits	\$7	\$10	228,507
Group Daily Permits	\$5	\$8	3,046
<b>Total Daily Permits</b>			<b>231,553</b>

The funds will be used to help sustain current operations and maintenance with a focus on direct and on-the-ground benefits to visitors (for more information on the use of State Parks Account revenues, please see DNR's "Operating Adjustment" proposal). This includes important services to meet public health and safety needs -- such as restroom and shower cleaning, campsite security, vegetation clearing, and mowing high-use hiking trails--and ongoing work to connect people to the outdoors and protect natural and cultural resources. Without this funding, DNR's ability to maintain basic services across state parks and recreation areas will be reduced. New revenues into the State Park Account will also help address the account's structural deficit.

**Impact on Children and Families:**

This proposal will help ensure that the DNR can continue to serve the many children and families who visit state parks and recreation areas each year. Public health research into outdoor recreation participation has demonstrated associated health and wellness benefits for children, including increased ability to focus and learn as well as positive impacts on mental and physical health. This proposal supports the state park and recreation area system so that these known health and wellness benefits are available to children and families from all backgrounds throughout Minnesota.

This proposal is also aligned with the Minnesota Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights, which envisions a state where all Minnesota children and families are inspired to engage with the natural world in ways that support physical activity, mental well-being, creativity and appreciation for nature. Two of the rights specifically identified in the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights are allowing every Minnesota child to 1) explore and play outdoors in a safe, welcoming and culturally affirming place and 2) to camp under the stars and safely build a campfire.

**Equity and Inclusion:**

Studies show that there are barriers to participation in outdoor recreation activities for people of color. This funding supports existing programs that help make the outdoors more accessible to new users and work to eliminate known barriers to participation. Of note, the DNR has a Library Pass Program that allows people to borrow a park vehicle permit from their local library, removing the cost of the vehicle permit as a barrier to visiting state parks and recreation areas.

**Tribal Consultation:**

Does this proposal have a substantial direct effect on one or more of the Minnesota Tribal governments?

- Yes
- No

While this proposal does not have a known substantial direct effect on one or more of Minnesota Tribal governments, the DNR has been holding meetings with interested Tribal Nations and commits to ongoing conversations and any necessary follow up.

**IT Costs:**

None

**Results:**

This proposal will result in direct benefits to visitors of state parks and recreation areas. The DNR will be able to measure visitation numbers, as well as the delivery of visitor services. For example, measures include the availability of clean restrooms and showers, the availability of well-maintained campsites and day-use areas, the completion of basic maintenance for health and safety and the availability of staff to support visitor needs and security.

This proposal will also result in continuing natural and cultural resource management. Natural or cultural areas that are under greater pressure from increased use or climate change will receive priority attention, which can be

measured as acres protected/enhanced and/or the number and location of outdoor spaces that are specifically designed to enhance resiliency to climate change.

Finally, this proposal will allow DNR to continue to maintain current services, which will benefit visitors, local communities and economic development, which are measured through DNR's visitor and economic impact surveys.

**Statutory Change(s):**

M.S. 85.052, 85.055 and 168.1295

# Department of Natural Resources

## FY 2026-27 Biennial Budget Change Item

### Change Item Title: Prevent and Manage Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Invasive Species Account				
Expenditures*	2,850	2,850	2,850	2,850
Revenues	2,150	4,300	4,300	4,300
General Fund				
Expenditures	(330)	(330)	(330)	(330)
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	370	(1,780)	(1,780)	(1,780)
<b>FTEs</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>

\*Additional expenditures supported by the revenues in this proposal are included the department’s “Operating Adjustment” proposal.

#### Recommendation:

The Governor recommends \$2.85 million annually beginning in FY26 from the Invasive Species Account in the Natural Resources Fund to prevent and manage the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS) in Minnesota. These funds will strengthen the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources’ (DNR’s) AIS regulatory and technical work for invasive aquatic plant management grants, further our capacity to manage invasive aquatic plant or animal management permits, improve our ability to respond to potential new AIS discoveries, support the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC), and address the Invasive Species Account structural deficit. This proposal generates General Fund savings by instead covering some existing AIS activities in the Invasive Species Account. This request includes a watercraft registration AIS surcharge increase that would be effective on January 1, 2026, and represents an approximately 1% increase to the Ecological and Water Resources Division’s total FY26/27 budget.

These increased revenues also support DNR’s proposal that provides funding needed to help address the rising cost of operations (See the “Operating Adjustment” proposal).

#### Rationale/Background:

Minnesotans value the state’s lakes, rivers, and other natural water resources. These resources are under constant threat from invasive species. Reducing new introductions, preventing the spread of invasive species and managing their impacts is part of the DNR’s mission and is vital to Minnesota’s legacy of healthy and vibrant waters. AIS are spread by people through recreation and other human activities and can also move from one waterbody to connected lakes and rivers. AIS will continue to have serious economic, environmental, and recreational impacts as Minnesota’s economy grows and recreational opportunities expand.

Effectively managing AIS requires a robust and multi-faceted approach, which in Minnesota is supported by an existing AIS surcharge paid by watercraft owners on watercraft registrations. These registrations are valid for three years. A frontline approach that has been successful is utilizing well-trained watercraft inspectors and decontamination equipment to educate users and prevent the spread of AIS at water accesses around the state. This effort is complemented by AIS management through mechanical removal and treatment. Through an additional community-first approach, the DNR provides financial and technical support for AIS prevention and management to community partners such as lake associations, Tribal governments, and local government units (LGUs). Along with these prevention and management efforts, DNR, MAISRC, other researchers, and local partners continue to conduct cutting edge research to improve current education and management efforts and to identify long term solutions to AIS in Minnesota’s waters.

The AIS watercraft surcharge was increased from \$5 to \$10.60 in 2019, the first increase in 25 years. However, the 2019 adjustment did not resolve a structural deficit in the Invasive Species Account nor provide for the additional capacity and grant funding that this proposal would.

This request is consistent with the Environment and Climate Change priorities contained within the One Minnesota Plan as well as DNR’s strategic priorities of addressing climate change and proactively managing natural resource issues.

**Proposal:**

This proposal invests \$2.85 million annually, beginning in FY26, for critical investments in the DNR’s AIS work and in MAISRC to protect the health of our aquatic ecosystems and safeguard our lakes, streams, and waterways. This proposal generates General Fund savings by funding existing AIS activities in the Invasive Species Account. These investments, and a reduction in the Invasive Species Account’s structural deficit, will be funded by an increase in the watercraft registration AIS surcharge effective as of January 1, 2026. The DNR receives most of these revenues in the second half of the year, so the estimates above correctly reflect anticipated revenues in FY26.

This proposal consists of the following elements:

- \$660,000 for financial and technical support grants to lake associations, Tribal Nations, and LGUs for invasive aquatic plant management, including pilot projects with local partners;
- \$660,000 to increase the DNR’s responsiveness to new and existing AIS populations and introduction pathways, technical assistance for long-term lake vegetation management plans and permitting, and AIS grant management support; and
- \$1,200,000 to MAISRC to sustain their research program, engage with managers and practitioners to translate research results into actionable recommendations, and support the long-term accessibility of AIS management tools such as the AIS Explorer and the AIS Detectors community science program.

Currently the 3-year watercraft registration surcharge for all watercraft is \$10.60. This proposal would increase the surcharge in a scaled way, based on risk and total registration cost. The three-year AIS surcharge for all types of watercraft would also include \$5 support AIS research at the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center.

Watercraft registration type	Watercraft Registration Cost (A)	Proposed AIS Surcharge (includes \$5 for MAISRC) (B)	Total Cost for 3 -years (A+B)	Annualized Total Cost (A+B) / 3
Owned by Non-profit	\$8.00	\$14.00	\$22.00	\$7.33
Sailboats up to 19'	\$23.00	\$20.00	\$43.00	\$14.33
Rental or Lease up to 19'	\$14.00	\$25.00	\$39.00	\$13.00
Rental/Lease Personal Watercraft	\$85.00	\$25.00	\$110.00	\$36.67
Non-motorized (over 10')	\$22.00	\$20.00	\$42.00	\$14.00
Personal Watercraft	\$85.00	\$25.00	\$110.00	\$36.67
Pleasure craft less than 17'	\$36.00	\$25.00	\$61.00	\$20.33
Pleasure craft 17' to 19'	\$59.00	\$29.00	\$88.00	\$29.33
Pleasure craft 19' to 26'	\$113.00	\$38.00	\$151.00	\$50.33
Pleasure craft 26' to 40'	\$164.00	\$50.00	\$214.00	\$71.33
Pleasure craft 40' and over	\$209.00	\$62.00	\$271.00	\$90.33
Dealer's License	\$142.00	\$50.00	\$192.00	\$64.00
19' + for hire w/ an operator	\$164.00	\$50.00	\$214.00	\$71.33

\*Watercraft are registered every 3 years



Approximately \$210,000 of the new revenues will be utilized in DNR’s “Operating Adjustment” proposal.

**Impact on Children and Families:**

This proposal will help to preserve Minnesota’s clean waters, high quality fishing, and remarkable recreational opportunities enjoyed by many of the state’s children and families. Preventing the spread of AIS preserves these resources and opportunities for future generations.

**Equity and Inclusion:**

Preventing the spread and managing the impact of invasive species in Minnesota serves to benefit all Minnesotans by preserving Minnesota’s clean water, world-class fishing, and water recreation opportunities. As Minnesota seeks to expand and advance recreational opportunities for traditionally underrepresented or marginalized communities, DNR’s work to protect those recreational opportunities is critically important. This funding will increase program capacity to reach out to underserved and new audiences. These efforts include engaging groups and communities through AIS prevention and management activities, translating materials, and removing other barriers to AIS prevention, such as crafting outreach to groups new to water recreation. The proposal also will help protect waters for Tribal nations and immigrant communities reliant on healthy waters for subsistence fishing.

**Tribal Consultation:**

Does this proposal have a substantial direct effect on one or more of the Minnesota Tribal governments?

- Yes
- No

Though we do not anticipate substantial direct effects to any Tribal governments, we frequently partner with Minnesota’s Tribal Nations on AIS issues such as newly infested waters or watercraft inspections and anticipate the proposal will allow us to build on these existing partnerships. Tribal governments also partner with DNR and can receive AIS grants for public awareness initiatives. The DNR has been holding meetings with interested Tribal Nations and commits to ongoing conversations and any necessary follow up.

**IT Costs**

None

**Results:**

This investment will more than double the investment in AIS management grants, including adding capacity for multi-year pilot projects; lower the response time for AIS management permit application requests, thereby enabling permittees to treat invasive aquatic plants earlier in the growing season; enhance the DNR’s ability to provide support to lake vegetation management plans; add capacity to reach out to underserved and new audiences; and increase overall efficiency in responding to requests for technical support, invasive species control permits, and reports of potential new invasive species infestations and the ability for staff to engage on more complicated projects. This investment will offer stable long-term support to MAISRC, which will maximize the benefits of MAISRC’s research and outreach programs. MAISRC will continue to provide coordinated, inclusive leadership to establish AIS research priorities and facilitate cutting-edge research that addresses the greatest AIS needs in Minnesota. Outcomes of this research will continue to be disseminated through strategic communications and outreach programs to empower AIS managers, practitioners, and the public, making lasting impacts across the state. Data collected as a result of this investment will improve the DNR’s ability to assess AIS infestations; aquatic habitat; and the needs of LGUs, lake associations and Tribal governments.

**Statutory Change(s):**

M.S. 86B.415 subd. 7

# Department of Natural Resources

## FY 2026-27 Biennial Budget Change Item

### Change Item Title: Protecting and Managing Groundwater

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Water Management Account				
Expenditures*	1,680	2,670	2,670	2,670
Revenues	157	2,935	2,935	2,935
General Fund				
Expenditures	(1,680)	(1,680)	(1,680)	(1,680)
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	(157)	(1,945)	(1,945)	(1,945)
<b>FTEs</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>

\*Additional expenditures supported by the revenues in this proposal are included the department’s “Operating Adjustment” proposal.

#### Recommendation:

The Governor recommends \$1.68 million in FY26 and \$2.67 million annually beginning in FY27 from the Water Management Account to strengthen and enhance groundwater management and improve water use permitting efficiency by increasing groundwater permit application fees and certain water use rates to support this critical investment. This investment ensures key staffing and resources are devoted to groundwater management, including groundwater technical analyses, permitting, and compliance work. This proposal also generates General Fund savings by moving some activities currently supported by General Fund appropriations for both Ecological and Water Resources and Lands and Minerals Divisions to the Water Management Account. This proposal is effective on January 1, 2026.

These increased revenues also support DNR’s proposal that provides funding needed to help address the rising cost of operations (See the “Operating Adjustment” proposal).

#### Rationale/Background:

Groundwater is vital to Minnesota’s present and future prosperity, supplying 75% of Minnesota’s drinking water and 90% of water for agricultural irrigation. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has legal responsibility to manage the state’s groundwater resources sustainably. Effectively carrying out these responsibilities translates to good water management promoted in the Governor’s One Minnesota environmental priorities. While Minnesota generally has abundant groundwater resources, current groundwater use and projected demand outpace supply in some areas of the state. When regulating large users of groundwater, the DNR must thoroughly analyze and evaluate potential sustainability impacts while fairly and efficiently considering permit applications.

Demands on the DNR’s water appropriations permitting program have increased significantly in recent years. Technical analyses for large water appropriations permits have grown more sophisticated to better demonstrate how permits protect and ensure sustainable use of water resources. This increasing technical complexity is essential both to ensure sustainable management and to withstand the more frequent legal challenges to our appropriation decisions. At the same time, community and business growth have increased demand for groundwater, leading to well interference issues and water use conflicts that require additional complex technical analyses. Funding for program staffing has not kept pace with the increased demands, which has led to a two-year backlog of appropriations permit applications needing in-depth technical analysis.

The growth in resources needed to ensure sustainable groundwater management has outstripped funding from the current groundwater permitting and user fee structures, as these fees have remained unchanged since 2005 and 2008 respectively. These individual water use permit application fees and water use rates are a critical funding source for DNR’s groundwater management efforts and are not reflective of the significant resources needed to ensure the sustainable use of Minnesota’s groundwater resources.

Application fees for Work in Public Waters permits, and certain summer water use fees, were increased during the 2023 legislative session. The revenue from those increases was primarily used to support public waters hydrology work, a drainage engineer position, and address a structural imbalance in the water management account. This proposal, however, focuses specifically on the resources needed to manage groundwater effectively and sustainably in Minnesota.

**Proposal:**

The proposal invests \$1.68 million in FY26 and \$2.67 million annually beginning in FY27 from the Water Management Account to strengthen and enhance groundwater management and improve water use permitting efficiency. Funding increases are supported by increases in water use permit application fees and water use fee rates.

The staff positions supported by this investment beginning in FY27 include:

- Appropriations Hydrologist: This position will support areas with the highest permitting workloads/advance water use permitting efficiency;
- Two Groundwater Technical Unit Experts: These hydrologist positions will support the increased need for technical analyses for the largest and most complex permitting projects; and,
- Three Permitting and Compliance Specialists: These positions will support area and appropriations hydrologists and groundwater protection specialists by gathering information in the permitting process, performing accountability checks, collecting preliminary information on complaints/compliance actions; and managing permitting and compliance data and records

This proposal also generates General Fund savings by moving some activities currently supported by General Fund appropriations for both Ecological and Water Resources and Lands and Minerals Divisions to the Water Management Account. The increased investment and General Fund savings will be supported entirely by updates to water use permit application fees and certain changes to water use fees. These fee changes are reflected in the table below and are effective January 1, 2026.

	<b>Current Value</b>	<b>Proposed Value</b>
<b>Permit Application Fee</b>	\$150	\$600
<b>Water Use Fees</b>		
Flat Rate (First 50 MG)	\$140	\$200
Each 1MG from 51MG to 100MG	\$3.50/MG	\$6/MG
MG Rate increase for each additional 50MG from 100 MG to 500 MG	\$0.50/MG	\$1/MG
MG Rate cap	\$8/MG	\$15/MG
Maximum fee for first class city	\$250,000	\$325,000
Maximum fee for an entity holding three or fewer permits	\$60,000	\$75,000
Maximum fee for an entity holding four or five permits	\$90,000	\$125,000
Maximum fee for an entity holding more than five permits	\$300,000	\$400,000

	<b>Current Value</b>	<b>Proposed Value</b>
Minimum Agricultural Water-Use Processing Fee	\$20	\$100
Maximum Agricultural Irrigation Permit Fee	\$750/year	\$1,500/year

*1 MG = 1 million gallons*

The minimum water-use processing fee in the table above is for agricultural irrigation permits where water is not appropriated under the permit in a given year, or if the permit is suspended for more than seven consecutive days between May and October.

A portion of the new revenues (estimated at \$300,000 annually) will be utilized in DNR’s “Operating Adjustment” proposal.

**Impact on Children and Families:**

Groundwater supplies 75% of Minnesota’s drinking water. The United Nations has long established the human right to safe drinking water, and Minnesota’s water laws recognize the domestic water supply as the highest priority consumptive use. Ensuring sustainable access to drinking water is a key duty of the DNR, and one that can particularly impact children and families, for example, in preventing or remedying domestic well interferences that can result from high volume appropriations near shallower domestic wells. DNR’s success in administering and overseeing Minnesota’s sustainable groundwater use efforts is bolstered by the sufficient staffing levels afforded in this proposal.

**Equity and Inclusion:**

A significant number of well interference complaints come from elderly, disabled, and low-income residents, as well as people for whom English is not the primary language. It is imperative that the DNR ensure that permitted uses provide for access to drinking water for all Minnesotans, especially for the state’s most vulnerable residents and in areas where groundwater resources may be limited. This proposal will strengthen the systems that support these demographics.

**Tribal Consultation:**

Does this proposal have a substantial direct effect on one or more of the Minnesota Tribal governments?

Yes

No

Tribal governments that hold water use permits from the DNR would be affected by the proposal’s water permit/use rate increase. Tribal governments that maintain their own Tribal water use permitting/regulatory system could be more indirectly affected. However, even Tribal governments that don’t hold state-issued permits regulating water use are expected to have significant interest in the proposal as it will bolster the DNR’s groundwater use regulatory program. This is a significant interest of multiple Tribal governments.

The DNR believes that Tribal governments will generally be supportive of efforts to enhance the DNR’s groundwater management program. For example, the White Earth Nation specifically inquired about legislative opportunities to support the DNR in strengthening its groundwater management program during a consultation on June 27, 2024.

The DNR has been holding meetings with interested Tribal Nations and commits to ongoing conversations and any necessary follow up.

**IT Costs:**

None

**Results:**

DNR Groundwater Management Program strategic goals that will be enhanced by this proposal include:

- All aquifers are within sustainability thresholds for water levels – with a performance measure focused on the number of downward sloping trends in aquifer water levels.
- All appropriators of groundwater have the necessary/required permits – with a performance measure focused on the number of appropriators without required DNR/MDH permits.
- The backlog of permits requiring in-depth technical analysis (namely, aquifer testing) is reduced in terms of the length of time an individual project awaits review. The increase in groundwater technical expertise provided by the proposal, along with continued internal process efficiencies, could halve the technical review backlog.

**Statutory Change(s):**

M.S. 103G.271 and 103G.301

# Department of Natural Resources

## FY 2026-27 Biennial Budget Change Item

### Change Item Title: Right-Size State Land and Water Conservation Funding

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
State Land and Water Conservation Account				
Expenditures	500	500	500	500
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	500	500	500	500
<b>FTEs</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Recommendation:

The Governor recommends increasing the annual appropriation from the State Land and Water Conservation Account to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) by \$500,000 beginning in FY26 in anticipation of increased federal appropriations to Minnesota. This proposal reflects increased funding to Minnesota under the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) that was reauthorized with the federal [Dingell Act](#) of March 2019 and permanently funded in August 2020 under the federal [Great American Outdoors Act](#) (GAOA).

#### Rationale/Background:

Minnesota is awarded funds each year as part of Section 6 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Act. These funds are deposited in the State Land and Water Conservation Account in the Natural Resources Fund. Fifty percent of the funds appropriated to Minnesota under the LWCF Act must be used for state land acquisition for, and development of, the state outdoor recreation system (as defined in M.S. 86A), and for the administrative expenses necessary to maintain eligibility for the federal LWCF. The other 50% of LWCF funds must be granted out to local communities as part of the outdoor recreation grant program established in M.S. 85.019 and administered by the DNR.

Federal appropriations from the LWCF to Minnesota have increased as a result of the GAOA. These increased deposits into the State Land and Water Conservation Account have grown the balance in recent years. Beginning in FY26-27, the DNR expects at least \$5 million to be deposited into the account annually.

#### Proposal:

This proposal increases the appropriation to the DNR from the State Land and Water Conservation Account in the Natural Resources Fund by \$500,000 starting in FY26, bringing the total appropriation to \$2.5 million. This investment ensures that the additional federal funding will be used for high-priority land acquisition for, and development of, the state outdoor recreation system, and for outdoor recreation grants to local communities.

#### Impact on Children and Families:

This proposal will enhance opportunities for children and families to participate in quality outdoor recreation experiences. Public health research into outdoor recreation participation has demonstrated an associated health and wellness benefits for children, including increased ability to focus and learn as well as positive impacts on mental and physical health. This proposal supports the outdoor recreation system at the state and local levels so that these known health and wellness benefits are available to children and families from all backgrounds throughout Minnesota.

This proposal is also aligned with the Minnesota Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights, which envisions a state where all Minnesota children and families are inspired to engage with the natural world in ways that support physical

activity, mental well-being, creativity and appreciation for nature. Two of the rights specifically identified in the Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights are allowing every Minnesota child to 1) explore and play outdoors in a safe, welcoming and culturally affirming place and 2) to camp under the stars and safely build a campfire.

**Equity and Inclusion:**

Minnesota’s population is diversifying and aging. These changes play an important role in the demand for, and value placed on, outdoor recreation opportunities, and how nature-based recreation providers choose to serve their communities. Studies show that people of color face barriers to participation in outdoor recreation activities. This proposal enhances funding that supports programs that help make the outdoors more accessible to new users, works to break down known barriers of participation, and will help support a positive impact to these and other underserved communities.

As part of the funding requirements, all projects under this proposal will create accessible outdoor recreation opportunities. This is documented in the recreational site plans for each project and confirmed through in-person final inspections.

**Tribal Consultation:**

Does this proposal have a substantial direct effect on one or more of the Minnesota Tribal governments?

Yes

No

While this proposal does not have a known substantial direct effect on one or more of Minnesota Tribal governments, the DNR has been holding meetings with interested Tribal Nations and commits to ongoing conversations and any necessary follow up.

**IT Costs:**

None

**Results:**

The increased appropriation will allow for greater numbers of local projects to be funded each year and support enhanced investments for projects in state parks and recreation areas. The number of additional projects will vary based on the scope and nature of the state and local projects completed with LWCF each year. Currently, on average (FY23-25) only about 25% of requested projects are able to be funded. In FY25 the average grant award was about \$270,000, and 10 grants were funded with LWCF funds. This proposal will allow an addition 2-3 projects to be funded each year, depending on the project size.

**Statutory Change(s):**

None

# Department of Natural Resources

## FY 2026-27 Biennial Budget Change Item

### Change Item Title: Return Remaining Drought-Killed Seedlings Funds

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Fund					
Expenditures	0	(3,915)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	0	(3,915)	0	0	0
<b>FTEs</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Recommendation:

The Governor recommends returning the unused portion of a one-time appropriation for replanting drought-killed seedlings to the General Fund. These funds helped forest landowners replant seedlings killed during the droughts of 2021 and 2022. The need for this funding was lower than the amount anticipated at the time of the appropriation. This proposal results in a savings of \$3.9 million in the General Fund. This proposal helps ensure fiscal responsibility while carrying out the DNR’s mission.

#### Rationale/Background:

Given the state’s fiscal outlook, cost savings are a necessary step to ensure fiscal stability. This proposal returns the unused funding appropriated for drought-killed seedlings on state, county, Tribal, and private lands during the 2021 and 2022 droughts. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) notified eligible parties of the availability of this funding and granted funds to all who requested them. Due to lower than anticipated drought-related seedling mortality on some forest lands, the appropriation exceeded the statewide need. The appropriation is currently available until June 30, 2027.

#### Proposal:

This proposal returns the balance of \$3.9 million from a past appropriation for replanting drought-killed seedlings. This funding addressed seedlings killed by the droughts in 2021 and 2022. The need has been satisfied and the remaining balance can help improve the state’s fiscal outlook.

#### Results:

The impact of this proposal is minimal because this appropriation exceeded the ultimate need. The DNR has replanted the impacted seedlings on state-managed lands and provided funding to eligible parties that requested it. The DNR does not anticipate additional uses for these funds.

#### Tribal Consultation:

Does this proposal have a substantial direct effect on one or more of the Minnesota Tribal governments?

Yes  
 No

#### Statutory Change(s):

None



**Change Item Title: Clean Water Legacy – Aquifer Monitoring for Water Supply Planning**

<b>Fiscal Impact (\$000s)</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>	<b>FY 2029</b>
Clean Water Fund				
Expenditures	2,350	2,350	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	2,350	2,350	0	0
<b>FTEs</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Recommendation:**

The Governor recommends \$2.35 million annually in FY26 and FY27 from the Clean Water Fund for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to collect aquifer level data, analyze groundwater levels and flow dynamics, develop groundwater models, and work with stakeholders to plan for sustainable water supplies throughout Minnesota.

This funding will support the DNR’s contributions to a long-term partnership between Minnesota executive branch water agencies and local governments to fix and prevent water quality problems and prevent groundwater overuse.

**Rationale/Background:**

The management of water resources is one of the most challenging environmental issues facing Minnesota over the next 50 years, and it is a key economic driver for the state’s growth and development. The DNR partners with other Minnesota water agencies and with local governments in using the Clean Water Fund to prevent waters from becoming impaired, to restore impaired waters, and to protect long-term water supplies from overuse and contamination. The ultimate goal is to ensure that Minnesotans can drink water, swim, and fish without adverse health effects. [Minnesota’s Legacy](#) website and an interagency biennial [Clean Water Fund Performance Report](#) describe agency water quality improvement efforts and outcomes. The specific uses of the Clean Water Fund are treated as new initiatives each biennium.

In Minnesota, growth in demand for water resources is outpacing population growth. As water use increases, planning for adequate water supply is crucial to preventing water shortages, protecting drinking water, and protecting groundwater-connected lakes, streams, and wetlands, especially highly sensitive trout streams and calcareous fens. Many areas of the state still lack important groundwater information needed for water supply planning.

Because groundwater is below the earth’s surface, long-term data from observation wells is needed to understand trends in groundwater levels. The DNR manages a statewide network of groundwater-level monitoring wells in partnership with Soil and Water Conservation Districts and volunteers. DNR staff analyze water-level trends together with data on precipitation, land use changes, and groundwater use to evaluate if the use is sustainable. This involves modeling, aquifer tests, and other technical analyses to better understand how aquifers are depleted and replenished.

**Proposal:**

This proposal invests \$2.35 million annually in FY26 and FY27 to support DNR staff, contracts with outside vendors, and operating expenses to accomplish the following in close collaboration with many state and local partners:

- Expand and maintain a statewide network of groundwater level observation wells;
- Automate data collection and long-term data management with enhanced technology;
- Complete modeling and technical analyses to inform economic development, infrastructure investment, efficiency efforts, and permit decisions;
- Work with stakeholders to ensure groundwater is managed sustainably, including helping small communities develop water supply plans and providing educational workshops; and,
- Compile information for interagency Groundwater Restoration and Protection Strategies (GRAPS) reports.

**Impact on Children and Families:**

Groundwater is the source of drinking water for 75% of Minnesotans and supports Minnesota’s robust economy and natural resources. Water, in sufficient supply and quality, is essential to the health and quality of life of Minnesota’s children and families. The long-term data and analysis supported by this funding allows public water suppliers to make smart decisions based on current water-level information and trends to help ensure sustainable public water supplies today and tomorrow. Furthermore, many private domestic well users live in rural areas that may lack reliable water resources and are therefore especially vulnerable to the impacts of unsustainable water use. This proposal helps ensure and protect their access to water, a critical resource for children and families.

**Equity and Inclusion:**

Access to safe drinking water and adequate supplies of water to support economic and recreational activities are important to future generations of all Minnesotans. Many private domestic well users live in rural areas that may lack reliable water resources and are therefore especially vulnerable to the impacts of unsustainable water use. Implementing this proposal will help ensure safe drinking water and adequate water supplies for all.

**Tribal Consultation:**

Does this proposal have a substantial direct effect on one or more of the Minnesota Tribal governments?

Yes

No

Though no Tribal governments are expected to be directly affected by the proposal in a substantial way, many of Minnesota’s Tribal nations rely on groundwater for their drinking water, including many private domestic wells. This proposal will help support sustainable long-term access to drinking water and groundwater-dependent resources of cultural significance to tribal nations. The DNR has been holding meetings with interested Tribal Nations and commits to ongoing conversations and any necessary follow up.

**IT Costs**

None

**Results:**

The Clean Water Fund is helping DNR fill gaps in groundwater level data throughout the state, accounting for the addition or upgrading of at least 594 of the 1,255 wells where DNR currently monitors aquifer levels. The goal is to grow the network to 1,500 wells. Managing and maintaining the network includes decommissioning some older wells and upgrading some existing wells with automated equipment to collect 24/7 data. The number of wells in the network can fluctuate from year to year as older wells are decommissioned.

Groundwater-level data are delivered via the interagency [cooperative groundwater monitoring website](#). The number of long-term groundwater monitoring network wells in Minnesota (including DNR water-level monitoring wells) is featured as a performance measure in the interagency biennial [Clean Water Fund Performance Report](#).

The DNR analyzes water level trends in aquifers that have at least 20 years of data. This trend analysis (Figure 1) helps identify problem areas and supports better planning by local governments and water users. The trend analysis is updated every 5 years. Recent DNR analyses of groundwater/surface water interactions are being used to develop groundwater sustainability thresholds that ensure groundwater pumping does not negatively impact groundwater-dependent water resources.

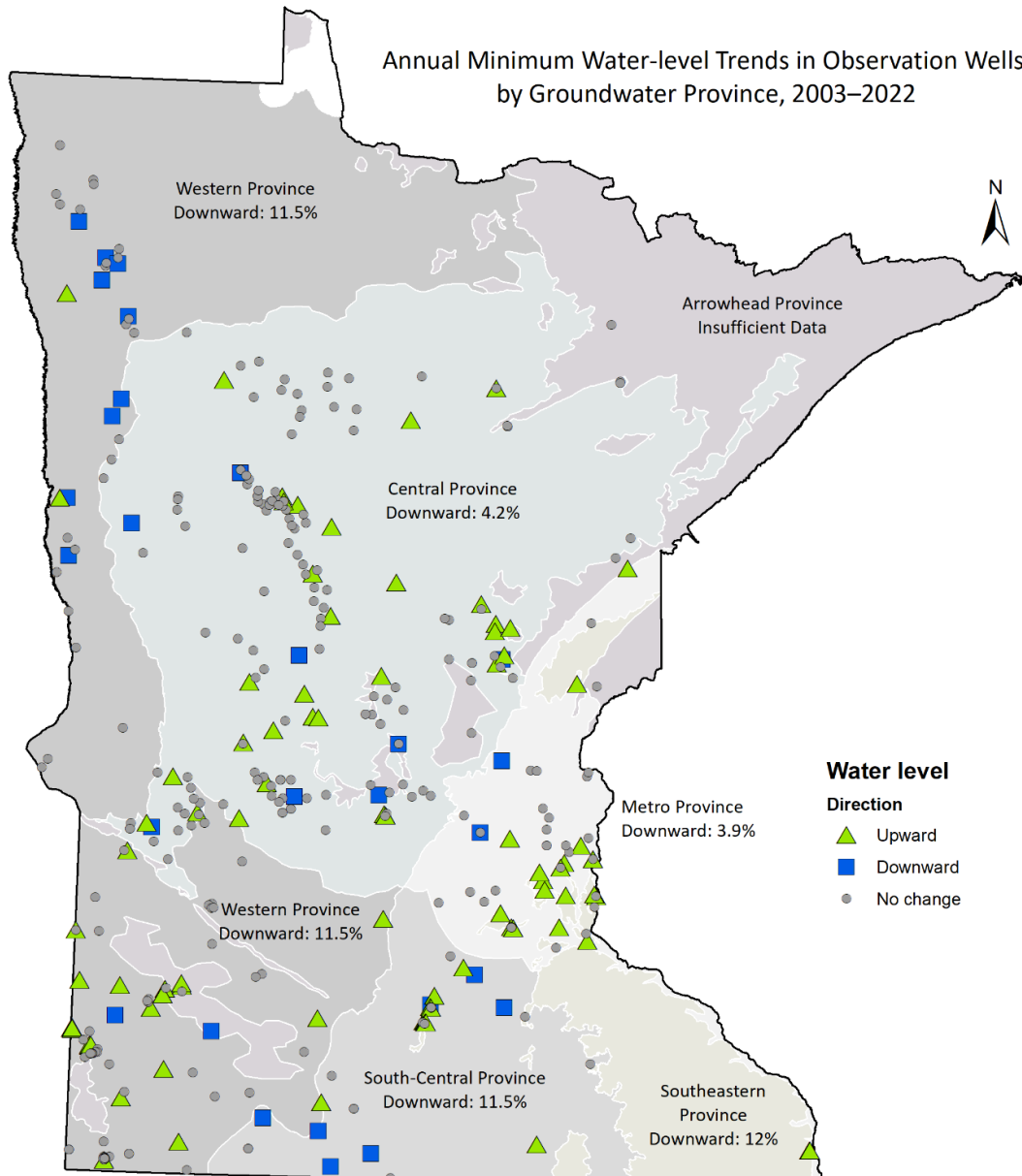


Figure 1. Water-level trends by groundwater province from 2003 to 2022 for aquifers that have enough monitoring data (at least 20 years' worth) to enable trend analysis. This trend analysis is updated every 5 years.

**Statutory Change(s):**

None

# Department of Natural Resources

## FY 2026-27 Biennial Budget Change Item

### Change Item Title: Clean Water Legacy– County Geologic Atlas Part B (Groundwater)

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Clean Water Fund				
Expenditures	100	100	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	100	100	0	0
<b>FTEs</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Recommendation:

The Governor recommends \$100,000 annually in FY26 and FY27 from the Clean Water Fund for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to collaborate with the Minnesota Geological Survey (MGS) on accelerating and completing County Geologic Atlases that provide critical groundwater and geology information to local governments.

This funding will support the DNR’s contributions to a long-term partnership of Minnesota executive branch water agencies and local governments to support sustainable access to clean, safe drinking water.

#### Rationale/Background:

The management of water resources is one of the most challenging environmental issues facing Minnesota over the next 50 years, and is a key economic driver for the state’s growth and development. The DNR partners with other Minnesota water agencies and with local governments in using the Clean Water Fund to prevent waters from becoming impaired, to restore impaired waters and to protect long-term water supplies from overuse and contamination. The ultimate goal is ensuring that Minnesotans can drink water, swim, and fish without adverse health effects. [Minnesota’s Legacy](#) website and an interagency biennial [Clean Water Fund Performance Report](#) describe agency water quality improvement efforts and outcomes. The specific uses of the Clean Water Fund are treated as new initiatives each biennium.

A geologic atlas provides essential information about a region’s geology and groundwater, including the location and depth of aquifers, direction of water flow, pollution sensitivity, connections to surface waters, and other characteristics such as the natural quality and age of groundwater. This information is essential for local planning and environmental protection efforts.

Water supply planning, source water protection, and well sealing are examples of local programs that need geologic and groundwater information. County Geologic Atlas information is also commonly used for permit applications, resource management, monitoring needs, and emergency response to contaminant releases.

The DNR works closely with the MGS to develop county atlases that convey geology and groundwater information and interpretations to government units at all levels, but especially local governments. The MGS focuses on geology (Part A reports) and the DNR focuses on groundwater (Part B reports).

Atlases are initiated by requests from counties, who contribute money and data to the development of Part A reports. The Clean Water Fund has significantly accelerated the completion and enhanced the value of County Geologic Atlases.

**Proposal:**

This proposal invests \$100,000 annually in FY26 and FY27 to help the DNR and the MGS acquire the data and information necessary to continue completing County Geologic Atlases at the current rate (see Results). It also improves the quality of County Geologic Atlases by enabling the DNR to collect additional subsurface geologic samples, expanding the number of sites sampled for water chemistry, starting the process of installing a research well to collect stratified groundwater data from multiple aquifers, and purchasing and repairing equipment.

**Impact on Children and Families:**

Groundwater provides the drinking water for 75% of Minnesotans and supports Minnesota’s robust economy and natural resources. Water, in sufficient supply and quality, is essential to the health and quality of life of Minnesota’s children and families. The geologic and aquifer data collected with this funding provides public water suppliers with information to make smart decisions based on the most current understanding of aquifers to help ensure sustainable public water supplies for today and tomorrow. Furthermore, many private domestic well users live in rural areas that may lack reliable water resources and are therefore vulnerable to the impacts of unsustainable water use. The proposal will help to ensure and protect their access to water, a critical resource for children and families.

**Equity and Inclusion:**

Access to safe drinking water and adequate supplies of water to support economic and recreational activities are important to future generations of all Minnesotans. Many private domestic well users live in rural areas that may lack reliable water resources and are therefore vulnerable to the impacts of unsustainable water use. Implementing this proposal will help ensure and protect access to clean drinking water for all.

**Tribal Consultation:**

Does this proposal have a substantial direct effect on one or more of the Minnesota Tribal governments?

- Yes
- No

Though no Tribal governments are expected to be directly affected by the proposal in a substantial way, many of Minnesota’s Tribal nations will benefit from the information in completed County Geologic Atlases. This proposal will help support sustainable long-term access to drinking water and groundwater-dependent resources of cultural significance to tribal nations. The DNR has been holding meetings with interested Tribal Nations and commits to ongoing conversations and any necessary follow up.

**IT Costs**

None

**Results:**

The DNR, in partnership with the MGS, completes about four geologic atlases annually throughout the state (see status in Figure 1). The number of counties completing a geologic atlas for groundwater sustainability is a key performance measure in the interagency biennial [Clean Water Fund Performance Report](#). Atlases are being completed at the planned rate and counties continue to step up to participate. With continued and consistent funding, completion of Part A (geology) atlases for all Minnesota counties is expected around 2035, followed by completion of Part B (groundwater) atlases around 2040.

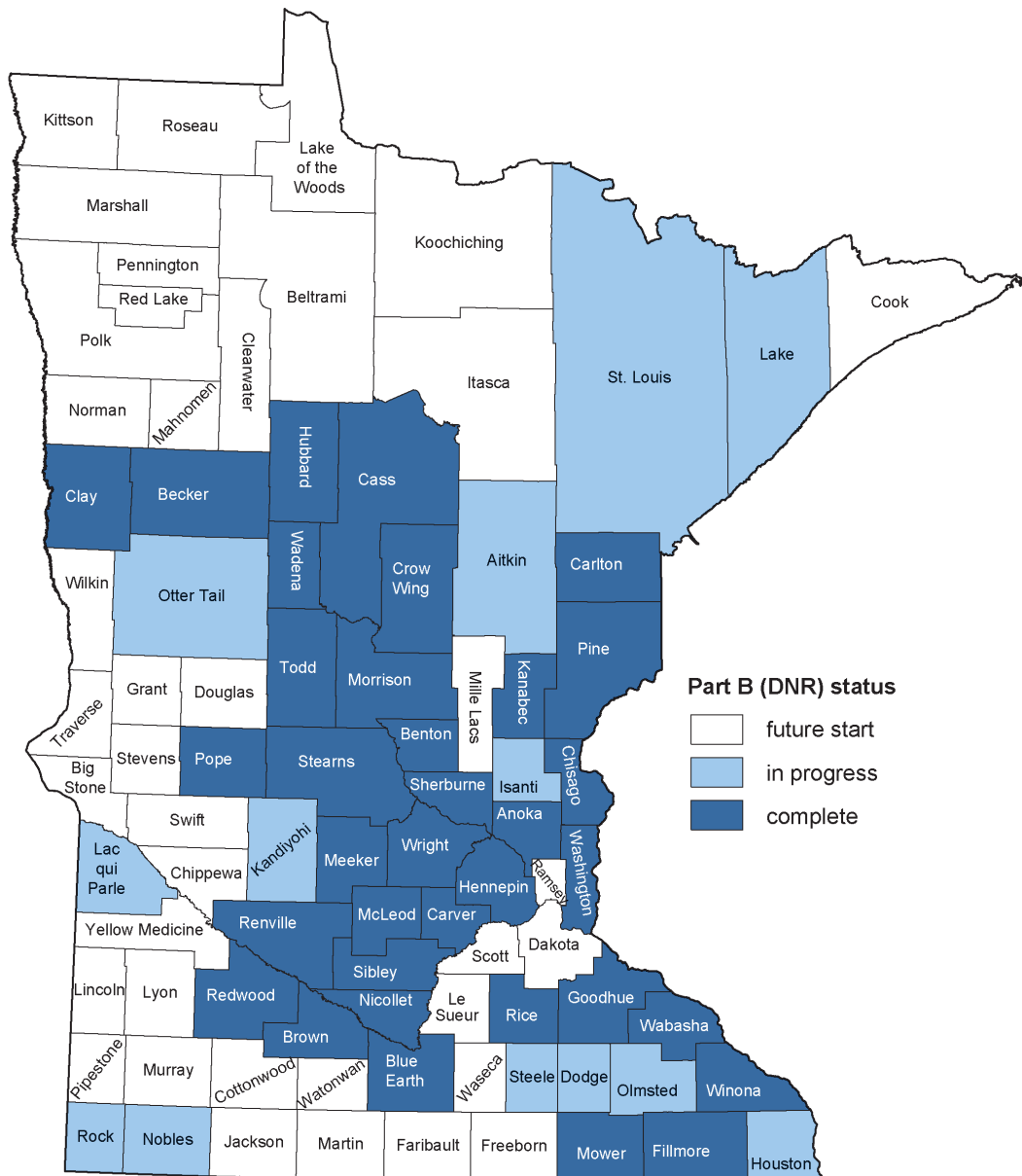


Figure 1. Status of County Geologic Atlases (Part B - Groundwater) as of September 2024.

**Statutory Change(s):**

None

# Department of Natural Resources

## FY 2026-27 Biennial Budget Change Item

### Change Item Title: Clean Water Legacy – Modernize Minnesota’s Culvert System

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Clean Water Fund				
Expenditures	1,400	1,500	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	1,400	1,500	0	0
FTEs	2.5	2.5	0	0

#### Recommendation:

The Governor recommends \$1.4 million in FY26 and \$1.5 million in FY27 from the Clean Water Fund for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to provide one-time financial and technical assistance for counties and other local governments to modernize culvert systems to address climate resiliency, restore fish communities, and reduce sediment loads. This funding will support the DNR’s contributions to a long-term partnership of Minnesota’s executive branch water agencies and local governments to fix and prevent water quality problems.

#### Rationale/Background:

The management of water resources is one of the most challenging environmental issues facing Minnesota over the next 50 years, and is a key economic driver for the state’s growth and development. The DNR partners with other Minnesota water agencies and with local governments in using the Clean Water Fund to prevent waters from becoming impaired, to restore impaired waters, and to protect long-term water supplies from overuse and contamination. The ultimate goal is ensuring that Minnesotans can drink water, swim, and fish without adverse health effects. [Minnesota’s Legacy](#) website and an interagency biennial [Clean Water Fund Performance Report](#) describe agency water quality improvement efforts and outcomes. The specific uses of the Clean Water Fund are treated as new initiatives each biennium.

Climate change has significantly increased runoff and flow in Minnesota’s watercourses, stressing outdated culvert systems across the state. Minnesota’s public roads intersect the state’s natural perennial flowing watercourses at approximately 65,000 locations. Many of these crossings are failing and need replacement. The DNR [Culvert Replacement Incentives Program](#) provides financial and technical assistance for counties and other local governments to modernize culvert systems for climate resiliency and to address water quality impairments by restoring fish communities and reducing sediment loads. The program aims to accelerate local government adoption of modern designs not only directly, for projects completed through the program, but also indirectly over time as local decision-makers see the return on investment and consider pursuing future such projects with other funding.

#### Proposal:

This proposal invests \$1.4 million in FY26 and \$1.5 million in FY27 to continue modernizing Minnesota’s culvert systems with funding focused on providing 25% cost-share grants to local governments for construction costs. Technical assistance involves fielding site-specific inquiries, collecting field data, conducting geomorphic assessments, modeling, and design work. DNR staff will work with county and local governments to develop modern designs at an estimated 10 to 14 sites per year in FY2026-27, compared to approximately 10 sites per year in FY24-25.

**Impact on Children and Families:**

Water quality impairments and the loss of road infrastructure have direct and indirect effects on public health, recreation and Minnesota’s economy, all of which are essential to making Minnesota the best place for families and children. DNR’s efforts to support effective implementation projects helps achieve better water quality outcomes for all Minnesotans.

**Equity and Inclusion:**

Clean water is important to current and future generations of Minnesotans, who will benefit from the protection of surface waters that support healthy ecosystems, access to outdoor recreational opportunities, and strong economies for all. Implementing this proposal will help protect the state’s road infrastructure and the ability of disparate groups to safely fish, swim, and participate in other water recreation activities.

**Tribal Consultation:**

Does this proposal have a substantial direct effect on one or more of the Minnesota Tribal governments?

- Yes
- No

Though no Tribal governments are expected to be directly affected by the proposal in a substantial way, many of Minnesota’s Tribal nations practice subsistence fishing. Restoring fish passage helps to protect and improve the health of Minnesota’s waters and the opportunities to harvest fish. The DNR has been holding meetings with interested Tribal Nations and commits to ongoing conversations and any necessary follow up.

**IT Costs**

None

**Results:**

Interest in the program in its first biennium (FY24-25) is strong. To date, 20 projects have been considered, of which one was installed and three were approved for construction. Most of the rest are in various stages discussion and planning en route to grant submittal and construction approval. The program is on track to meet the goal of around 16 projects in the first biennium.

Replacing culverts that are not functioning properly with modern designs will restore biological communities by improving fish and wildlife passage; improve water quality and reduce flood damage by stabilizing stream channels and reconnecting streams to floodplains, which also facilitates reductions in nitrate and phosphorous; make roads and other stream crossing infrastructure safer and more climate-resilient; and lower long-term maintenance costs.

**Statutory Change(s):**

None



**Change Item Title: Clean Water Legacy – Fish Contamination Assessment**

<b>Fiscal Impact (\$000s)</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>	<b>FY 2029</b>
Clean Water Fund				
Expenditures	550	550	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	550	550	0	0
<b>FTEs</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Recommendation:**

The Governor recommends \$550,000 annually in FY26 and FY27 from the Clean Water Fund for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to assess mercury, polychlorinated biphenyl (PCBs), and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in fish. The resulting data are used by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) to establish fish consumption advisories, by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) to develop water quality standards and assess impairment status, and by multiple agencies to monitor trends across the state.

**Rationale/Background:**

The management of water resources is one of the most challenging environmental issues facing Minnesota over the next 50 years, and is a key economic driver for the state’s growth and development. The DNR partners with other Minnesota water agencies and with local governments in using the Clean Water Fund to prevent waters from becoming impaired, to restore impaired waters, and to protect long-term water supplies from overuse and contamination. The ultimate goal is ensuring that Minnesotans can drink water, swim, and fish without adverse health effects. [Minnesota’s Legacy](#) website and an interagency biennial [Clean Water Fund Performance Report](#) describe agency water quality improvement efforts and outcomes. The specific uses of the Clean Water Fund are treated as new initiatives each biennium.

Good water quality supports the healthy consumption of locally caught fish that are low in contaminants. Mercury is a long-standing concern, as mercury levels in fish in many waters across Minnesota require people to limit their fish consumption. Since 1990, the DNR has managed a program to assess fish contaminants, collaborating closely with the MPCA and the MDH to determine mercury and other contaminant levels in fish from lakes and rivers. Mercury level data from the DNR has been the basis for MDH fish consumption advisories. Measuring mercury levels in fish also helps agencies track progress to reduce mercury pollution.

PFAS (a group of synthetic chemicals used in a wide array of consumer and industrial products since the 1940s) are now receiving more attention as contaminants of concern and are now recognized as a global pollutant. They do not easily break down, resulting in a relatively permanent reservoir that continues to impact the environment. Several are known to be hazardous to human health. In recent years, DNR coordinated with MDH and MPCA to request funding to ramp up the sampling of PFAS in fish and integrate PFAS analysis into the fish contaminant assessment program. The most common PFAS found in fish is perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS). Based on past testing (since 2004, as funding allowed), PFOS contamination appears pervasive across Minnesota in fish, soil, drinking water, and other waters.

Many Minnesota lakes and streams potentially contaminated by PFOS (and other PFAS) have not been tested for these contaminants in fish, and those lakes and streams known to be contaminated need continued monitoring.

PFOS doesn't follow the bioaccumulation patterns typical of mercury and PCBs; therefore, systematic and enhanced sampling is needed to better understand how it accumulates and revise fish consumption advice accordingly.

**Proposal:**

This proposal invests \$550,000 annually in FY26 and FY27 to continue accelerating fish contamination assessment for mercury and PCBs and to ramp up assessment for PFAS compounds in close collaboration with MPCA and MDH. The funding will be used to add approximately 80 lakes and river sampling sites per year for mercury analysis and approximately 45 waterbodies per year for PFAS analysis. PFAS sampling will be targeted to waters previously tested and found to be impaired, waters not previously tested but suspected to be near PFAS sources, and waters particularly important for fish harvest.

The DNR Fish Contaminants Monitoring Program uses this funding to pay for lab testing under contract with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (for mercury and PCBs) and the Minnesota Department of Health or private laboratories (for PFAS). Labor and materials for collecting the fish (as part of DNR fishery surveys) are paid for through the Game and Fish Fund and the increased processing of fish tissue for PFAS will be paid through the Clean Water Fund.

**Impact on Children and Families:**

Many Minnesota families rely on fish harvested from Minnesota lakes and rivers as a food resource. This proposal funds data collection to support updates to state guidelines with current information that helps families make smart decisions about fish consumption. Following consumption advisories is especially important for pregnant people and young children, who are among the most vulnerable to health impacts from bioaccumulative pollutants such as mercury and PFAS.

This proposal is also aligned with the Minnesota Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights, which envisions a state where all Minnesota children and families are inspired to engage with the natural world in ways that support physical activity, mental well-being, creativity and appreciation for nature and has a goal of allowing every Minnesota child to catch and eat a fish safely.

**Equity and Inclusion:**

This proposal will help enhance the ability of all Minnesotans to know and follow fish consumption advisories. People more reliant on healthy fisheries for subsistence fishing, often including Tribal members and members of some immigrant communities, would specifically benefit.

**IT Costs**

None

**Tribal Consultation:**

Does this proposal have a substantial direct effect on one or more of the Minnesota Tribal governments?

- Yes
- No

Though no Tribal governments are expected to be directly affected by the proposal in a substantial way, it should be noted that any of Minnesota’s Tribal nations may be affected if fish are not safe to consume. Tribal representatives on the Clean Water Council have previously requested an expansion of effort to understand contaminants in fish tissue. The DNR has been holding meetings with interested Tribal Nations and commits to ongoing conversations and any necessary follow up.

**Results:**

The Clean Water Fund has enabled DNR to sample fish in an additional 80 lake and river sites each year, for a total (to date) of about 1,260 waterbodies it otherwise would have been unable to sample. DNR fish contamination assessment data is shared with MPCA to aid water quality monitoring and MDH to inform fish consumption advisories, with site-specific advice where available.

Long-term trend analysis for mercury in fish is updated every five years and summarized in the “mercury trends” section of the interagency biennial [Clean Water Fund Performance Report](#). The most recent analysis (Figure 1) shows that mercury in game fish is not yet responding to reduced local emissions, but these reductions likely have prevented a steeper upward trend. The time lag between emission reductions and response is likely several decades; therefore, it is too soon to see a measurable response. Most of the mercury in Minnesota’s lakes and rivers comes from sources outside the state, and global emissions of mercury have increased. These results underscore the need for long-term, consistent monitoring.

Integrating PFAS analysis in the contamination assessment program will help agencies understand the distribution of PFAS and revise fish consumption advice accordingly. It will also support efforts to set water quality standards for PFAS regarding the safe consumption of fish and to designate PFAS-associated impairments in Minnesota waters.

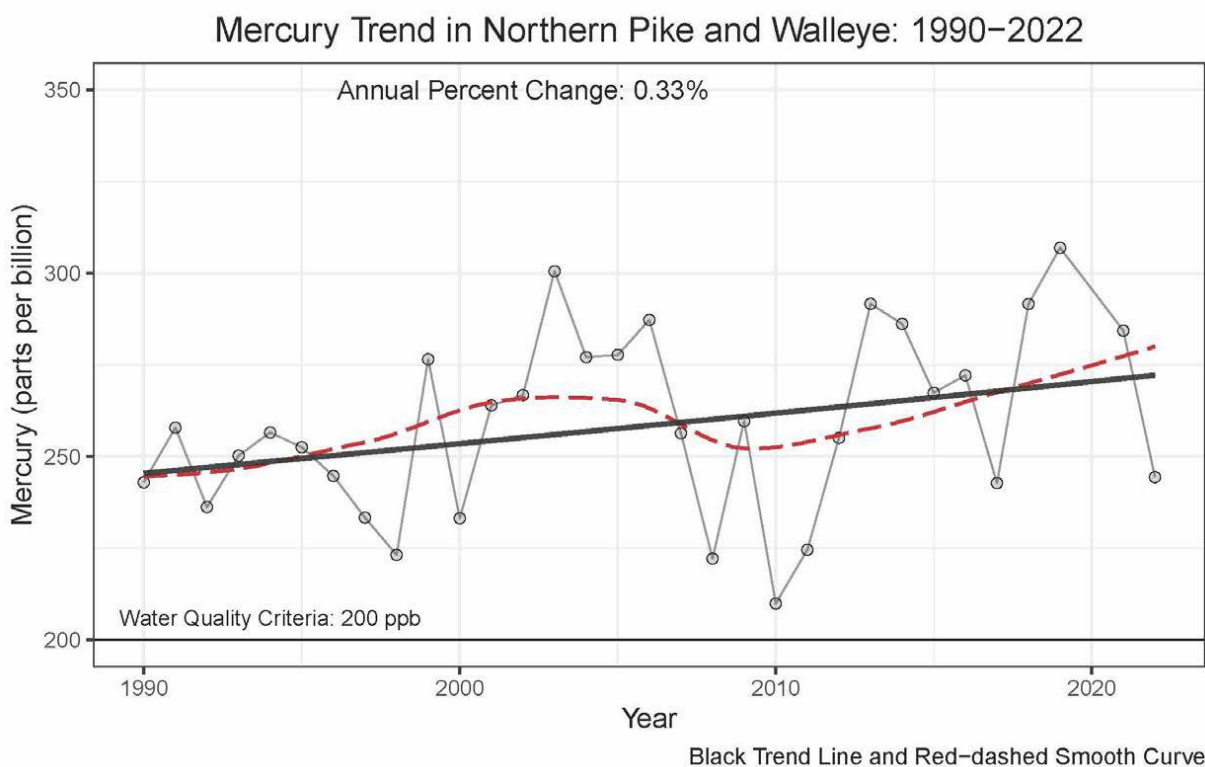


Figure 1 The current mercury in fish tissue trend from 1990 to 2022. Trend analysis focuses on Northern Pike and Walleye. Trends are not evaluated for rivers. The results show a significant upward trend of 0.33% (0.0033) per year on average in mercury concentration. Minnesota’s water standard for mercury in edible fish tissue—200 parts per billion (ppb)—is shown for reference because it is the threshold above which lakes and streams are designated as impaired.

**Statutory Change(s):**

None

## Department of Natural Resources

### FY 2026-27 Biennial Budget Change Item

#### Change Item Title: Clean Water Legacy – Lake Index of Biological Integrity (IBI) Assessment

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Clean Water Fund				
Expenditures	1,525	1,525	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	1,525	1,525	0	0
<b>FTEs</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Recommendation:

The Governor recommends \$1.5 million annually in FY26 and FY27 from the Clean Water Fund for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to measure the biological integrity of fish populations in lakes. This work directly supports Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) lake water quality assessments and provides information to help prioritize lake protection and restoration efforts.

This funding supports the DNR’s participation in a long-term partnership of Minnesota’s executive branch water agencies and local governments to monitor, fix, and prevent water quality problems, and to protect Minnesota’s lake heritage.

#### Rationale/Background:

The management of water resources is one of the most challenging environmental issues facing Minnesota over the next 50 years, and is a key economic driver for the state’s growth and development. The DNR partners with other Minnesota water agencies and with local governments in using the Clean Water Fund to prevent waters from becoming impaired, to restore impaired waters, and to protect long-term water supplies from overuse and contamination. The ultimate goal is ensuring that Minnesotans can drink water, swim, and fish without adverse health effects. [Minnesota’s Legacy](#) website and an interagency biennial [Clean Water Fund Performance Report](#) describe agency water quality improvement efforts and outcomes. The specific uses of the Clean Water Fund are treated as new initiatives each biennium.

The DNR [Lake IBI program](#) samples fish from a wide range of lakes and completes detailed statistical analysis to calculate an Index of Biological Integrity (IBI) score for every lake studied. “Biological integrity” refers to the type and abundance of species found in a lake and how they vary from what biologists expect for a high-quality lake of that type. For example, healthy shallow lakes have different indicator species than deep lakes, and healthy lakes with irregular shorelines have more fish species than lakes with rounder shorelines. The IBI score provides a holistic picture of a lake’s condition over time, complementing MPCA water quality data such as phosphorus amounts and water clarity. A critical element is to sample and analyze the entire fish community, including non-game fish that are often more sensitive to watershed and shoreline disturbance. In the past, DNR fishery surveys included game fish only; the Clean Water Fund allows the DNR to include non-game fish in surveys of lakes selected for biological assessment. Interpretation of fish IBI scores also involves analyzing shoreline habitat survey data.

The DNR’s lake IBI work is integral to the MPCA’s water quality monitoring and assessment program. DNR and MPCA staff collaborate to select lakes for biological assessment. The IBI scores and interpretation are the main basis for determining whether lakes are supporting aquatic life. Assessed lakes found to be biologically exceptional or fully supporting are identified as potential priorities for protection, especially those at risk of

shoreline development and land use changes. Assessed lakes found to be impaired for aquatic life are added to Minnesota’s impaired waters list and (together with lakes found to be vulnerable to impairment) are identified as potential priorities for restoration. For these lakes, DNR staff use a rigorous process to study and identify stressors, similar to the MPCA’s process to identify biological community stressors in rivers and streams. Identifying aquatic life stressors is a key part of watershed restoration and protection efforts.

**Proposal:**

This proposal invests \$1.5 million annually in FY26 and FY27 to continue the systematic biological assessment of Minnesota’s lakes. The funding enables staff to:

- Finish developing assessment tools to expand fish IBI to lakes in the Lake Superior Basin;
- Annually complete around 135 fish IBI surveys, 75 shoreline habitat surveys, and 50 to 200 coldwater lake habitat surveys, in coordination with MPCA’s intensive watershed monitoring schedule;
- Interpret the resulting data to assess whether lakes are meeting aquatic life standards; and,
- Identify and write watershed reports on lake biological community stressors related to aquatic life impairments in coordination with the MPCA’s water quality stressor identification schedule.

**Impact on Children and Families:**

Lake IBI assessments help Minnesota families know where the cleanest, highest-quality lakes are located. It can inform their choices for recreation and their efforts to protect or restore lakes that do not meet standards and need help. This proposal is also aligned with the Minnesota Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights, which envisions a state where all Minnesota children and families are inspired to engage with the natural world in ways that support physical activity, mental well-being, creativity, and appreciation for nature, and has a goal of allowing every Minnesota child to catch and eat a fish safely.

**Equity and Inclusion:**

Clean water is important to all future generations of Minnesotans, who will benefit from the protection of surface waters that support healthy ecosystems, access to outdoor recreational opportunities, and strong economies for all. Implementation of this proposal will enhance the ability of disparate groups to safely fish, swim, and participate in other water recreation activities.

**IT Costs:**

None

**Tribal Consultation:**

Does this proposal have a substantial direct effect on one or more of the Minnesota Tribal governments?

Yes

No

DNR staff consult with Minnesota Tribal governments throughout the planning, sampling, and assessment of lakes. Tribal partners are invited to propose lakes for sampling and assessment, including lakes within and external to reservation boundaries through an MPCA-led watershed planning process. DNR Fish IBI Program staff share proposed lakes and schedules with Tribal governments through Fisheries spring coordination meetings and written proposals for lakes within reservation boundaries. Similarly, results are shared via coordination meetings and reports. Three Minnesota Tribal governments (Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe) have authority to oversee standards development and certifications under the Clean Water Act for waters located within reservation boundaries. Monitoring, assessment, and stressor identification are coordinated between MPCA, the DNR Fish IBI program, and Tribal governments that have the authority to oversee standards development and certifications under the Clean Water Act for waters within reservation boundaries.

## Results:

Lake IBI data and interpretation are the primary basis for assessing whether lakes support aquatic life standards. The program has assessed nearly 800 lakes to date (see results in Figure 1). Of the assessed lakes, around 77% fully support aquatic life (see [map of percentages by watershed](#)). Approximately 17% of lakes contain exceptional fish communities [map of percentages by watershed](#) that can be targeted for protection with more stringent water quality standards and voluntary protection efforts. For impaired and vulnerable lakes, stressor investigations have identified eutrophication and physical habitat alterations as the most common stressors to fish communities.

A major accomplishment in 2020 to 2024 was collaborating with the MPCA on the new aquatic life standards for coldwater species. MPCA rulemaking is in process to implement the new standards and several watersheds are being monitored and assessed. As part of this effort, the lake IBI program has identified over 700 coldwater lakes.

DNR fish IBI data and lake stressor analyses are published as stand-alone watershed reports or incorporated in MPCA watershed stressor identification reports addressing both lakes and streams. All are available on the [MPCA watersheds website](#) by watershed and as the [Stressor Identification Report publication series](#) in the Minnesota Water Research Digital Library. Information from these reports appears in MPCA watershed restoration and protection strategy reports and many comprehensive watershed management plans and related implementation efforts to improve fish communities in lakes.

Fish IBI and related lake plant community metrics are also included in the DNR's Watershed Health Assessment Framework (WHAF) tool, in the [WHAF for Lakes](#) module. Finally, the program has published several papers and reports (see the [program website](#)) documenting the science behind the biological assessment of lakes and summarizing some of the results.

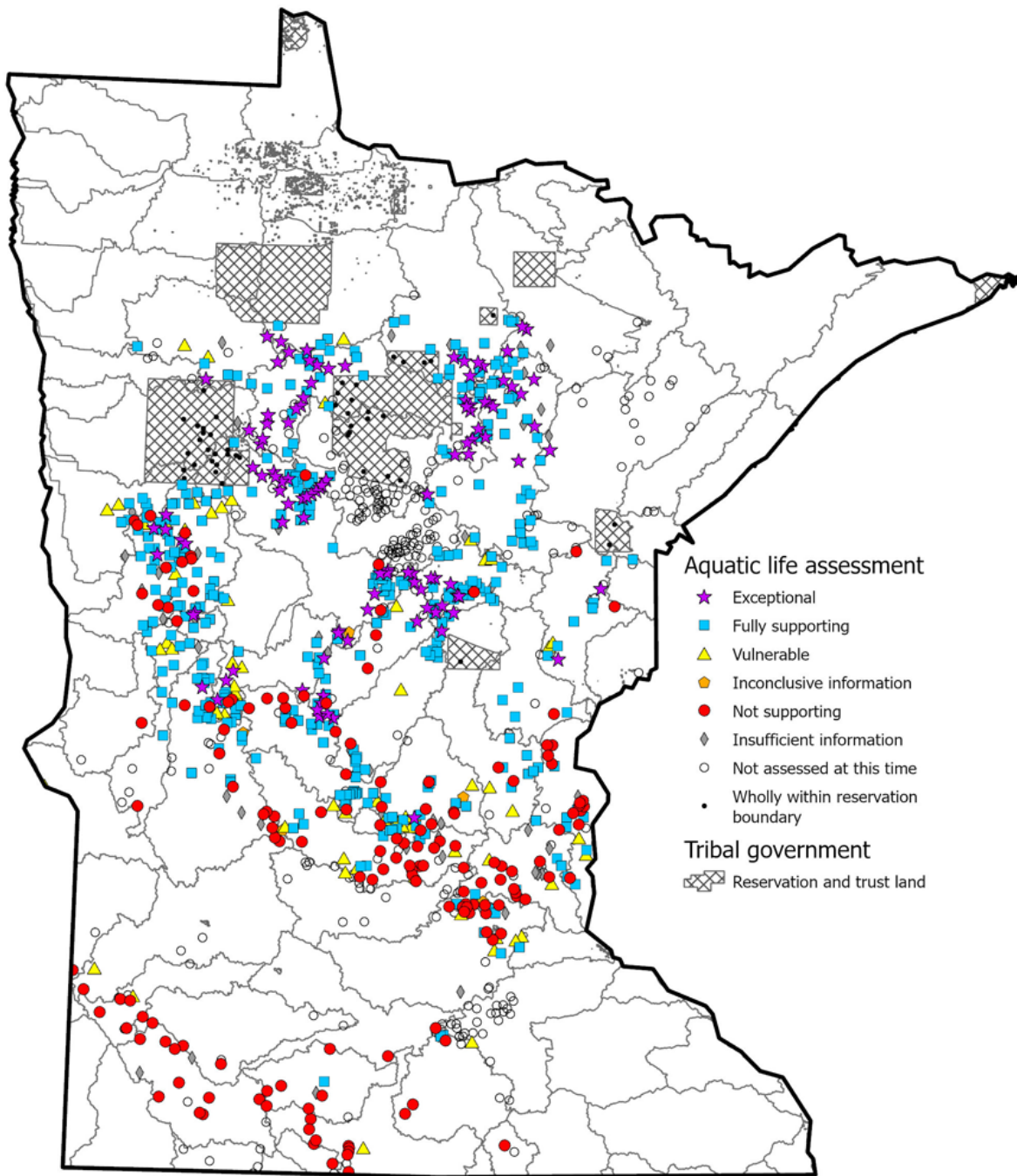


Figure 1. Minnesota lakes sampled with fish-based Index of Biological Integrity (IBI) protocols.

**Statutory Change(s):**

None

# Department of Natural Resources

## FY 2026-27 Biennial Budget Change Item

### Change Item Title: Clean Water Legacy – Freshwater Mussel Restoration

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Clean Water Fund				
Expenditures	350	350	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	350	350	0	0
<b>FTEs</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Recommendation:

The Governor recommends \$350,000 annually in FY26 and FY27 from the Clean Water Fund for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to scale up the production and restoration of native mussel species and place them into their natural habitats. Native mussels are efficient natural water filters, removing sediment, nutrients, and bacteria. They also provide habitat for other aquatic species.

#### Rationale/Background:

The management of water resources is one of the most challenging environmental issues facing Minnesota over the next 50 years, and is a key economic driver for the state’s growth and development. The DNR partners with other Minnesota water agencies and with local governments in using the Clean Water Fund to prevent waters from becoming impaired, to restore impaired waters, and to protect long-term water supplies from overuse and contamination. The ultimate goal is ensuring that Minnesotans can drink water, swim, and fish without adverse health effects. [Minnesota’s Legacy](#) website and an interagency biennial [Clean Water Fund Performance Report](#) describe agency water quality improvement efforts and outcomes. The specific uses of the Clean Water Fund are treated as new initiatives each biennium.

Freshwater mussels are a key contributor to fishable and swimmable waters in Minnesota. They are nature’s water filter, removing bacteria and excess nutrients. They also provide habitat and food resources for sportfish and other aquatic life. However, freshwater mussels have declined, largely due to human impacts such as historical overharvest, dam construction, and pollution from urban and agricultural runoff. Even after collective efforts to improve water quality and connectivity, many mussel species are no longer present in sufficient numbers to repopulate rivers and streams. The DNR expanded this program in FY24 to alleviate this constraint by restoring mussels in sufficient numbers to become self-sustaining populations. The program builds on years of work to develop the expertise to hatch and grow native freshwater mussels and restore their populations in Minnesota rivers.

#### Proposal:

This proposal invests \$350,000 annually in FY26 and FY27 to scale up the production of six native mussel species and place them into their natural habitats in at least three different watersheds. The funding supports staff, contracts with outside vendors, and operating expenses necessary to collect, rear, distribute the mussels and to monitor their success in becoming self-sustaining.

#### Impact on Children and Families:

Water quality impairments have direct and indirect effects on public health, recreation, and Minnesota’s economy, all of which are essential to making Minnesota the best place for families and children. Clean water is especially important for children because ingesting toxins is more harmful to children than adults. As part of a



comprehensive approach to water management, this proposal helps to ensure and protect access to clean water, a critical resource for children and families.

**Equity and Inclusion:**

Clean water is important to all future generations of Minnesotans, who will benefit from the protection of surface waters that support healthy ecosystems, access to outdoor recreational opportunities, and strong economies for all. Implementation of this proposal will help ensure clean drinking water and enhance the ability of all Minnesotans to safely fish, swim, and participate in other water recreation activities. It also helps to ensure and protect access to clean drinking water for all.

**Tribal Consultation:**

Does this proposal have a substantial direct effect on one or more of the Minnesota Tribal governments?

Yes

No

Though no Tribal governments are expected to be directly affected by the proposal in a substantial way, many of Minnesota’s Tribal Nations practice subsistence fishing. Restoring native mussels helps to protect and improve the health of Minnesota’s waters. The DNR has been holding meetings with interested Tribal Nations and commits to ongoing conversations and any necessary follow up.

**IT Costs:**

None

**Results:**

In FY2024, the program moved into a new facility and built custom ponds necessary to start ramping up the mussel propagation work. Staff also released a total of about 3,300 juvenile mussels representing four sensitive species into the Cannon River (at two sites), Cedar River (three sites), Mississippi River (three sites), and the Straight River (one site). Reintroductions are also planned in the Minnesota River. Juvenile mussels reintroduced earlier (using other funds) were found to be healthy and showed signs of reproduction, suggesting that they are likely to become self-sustaining populations.

Successful reintroductions will re-establish the water cleansing and nutrient processing capacity that mussel populations provide. They will improve water quality and restore the biotic communities that mussels support and that fish and wildlife depend on.

**Statutory Change(s):**

None

# Department of Natural Resources

## FY 2026-27 Biennial Budget Change Item

### Change Item Title: Clean Water Legacy – Nonpoint Source Restoration and Protection Activities

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Clean Water Fund				
Expenditures	2,175	2,175	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	2,175	2,175	0	0
<b>FTEs</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Recommendation:

The Governor recommends \$2.175 million annually in FY26 and FY27 from the Clean Water Fund for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to support local comprehensive watershed management planning and implementation efforts and provide technical assistance with implementation efforts to protect and improve water quality. This includes DNR assistance on many stream restorations and special initiatives related to lake protection, forest stewardship planning, and local land use ordinances. The funding will support the DNR’s participation in a long-term partnership of Minnesota’s executive branch water agencies and local governments to fix and prevent water quality problems.

#### Rationale/Background:

The management of water resources is one of the most challenging environmental issues facing Minnesota over the next 50 years, and is a key economic driver for the state’s growth and development. The DNR partners with other Minnesota water agencies and with local governments in using the Clean Water Fund to prevent waters from becoming impaired, to restore impaired waters, and to protect long-term water supplies from overuse and contamination. The ultimate goal is ensuring that Minnesotans can drink water, swim, and fish without adverse health effects. [Minnesota’s Legacy](#) website and an interagency biennial [Clean Water Fund Performance Report](#) describe agency water quality improvement efforts and outcomes. The specific uses of the Clean Water Fund are treated as new initiatives each biennium.

DNR support for comprehensive watershed management plans (CWMPs) developed under the One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P) program benefits local government partners and the DNR. DNR’s involvement and expertise have helped ensure that plans are informed by the best available watershed science and interdisciplinary perspectives on resource management priorities (e.g. Fisheries, Wildlife, Forestry). Relationships formed or strengthened in the process often foster ongoing collaboration as implementation efforts advance from ideas to installations. Staff provide input when local water managers prioritize implementation efforts and facilitate early coordination.

DNR staff provide technical assistance ranging from identifying project sites, to design assistance, to construction oversight on about 60 to 90 actual, planned, or proposed implementation projects each year – often complex and challenging multi-year streambank stabilization, stream restoration, or dam removal or modification projects. This technical assistance is informed by a decade of stream geomorphology surveys, studies, and resulting expertise from our Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies work.

This program also includes special water quality initiatives that draw on other unique areas of DNR expertise:

- DNR lake experts supply the MPCA and local governments with annually updated data sets essential for prioritizing lake protection ([Phosphorus Sensitivity](#), [Hydrology](#), [Protection Cost-Benefit](#)). These are included in the [WHAF for Lakes](#) module in the DNR Watershed Health Assessment Framework (WHAF) to facilitate integrated analysis with other lake health data;
- A DNR land use expert works with local communities to help them implement [model shoreland ordinances](#) that go beyond statewide minimum standards for water quality to better address problems related to contemporary shoreland development and climate trends; and,
- DNR forestry staff collaborate with the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) and Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) to write [forest stewardship plans](#) for privately owned forest land owners, targeted to subwatersheds where water quality is at risk from shoreline development and land use changes. This work aids local efforts to protect 75% of the watershed around priority lakes, including keeping forested lands forested and well-managed. The 75% goal is based on research by the DNR and others, reflected in separately developed [landscape-scale forest stewardship plans](#).

**Proposal:**

This proposal invests \$2.175 million annually in FY26 and FY27 to continue the work described above with some changes as described below. The funding will support staff, contracts with outside vendors for forest stewardship planning, and operating expenses.

- Our regional technical assistance to implementation projects will ramp up as more CWMPs are completed;
- Our engagement in CWMPs will shift to supporting plan updates and amendments. The role of state agencies is to compile, interpret, and distill current, relevant scientific information and tools in the right amount at the right time; and,
- Forest stewardship planning work may shift from mainly north central Minnesota to mainly southeastern Minnesota.

**Impact on Children and Families:**

Local governments will be able to make smart decisions and implement projects that help Minnesota achieve cleaner water for drinking, swimming, and fishing. Water quality impairments have direct and indirect effects on public health, recreation and Minnesota’s economy, all of which are essential to making Minnesota the best place for families and children. Clean water is especially important for children because ingesting toxins is more harmful to children than adults. The DNR’s efforts to support effective planning and implementation of projects help to achieve better water quality outcomes for all Minnesotans.

**Equity and Inclusion:**

Clean water is important to all future generations of Minnesotans, who will benefit from the protection of surface waters that support healthy ecosystems, access to outdoor recreational opportunities and strong economies for all. Implementing this proposal will help ensure and protect access to clean drinking water for all.

**Tribal Consultation:**

Does this proposal have a substantial direct effect on one or more of the Minnesota Tribal governments?

- Yes
- No

Though no Tribal governments are expected to be directly affected by the proposal in a substantial way, many of Minnesota’s Tribal Nations practice subsistence fishing. Effective planning and implementation will help to protect and improve the health of Minnesota’s waters, including important areas for wild rice. The DNR has been holding meetings with interested Tribal Nations and commits to ongoing conversations and any necessary follow up.

**IT Costs**

None

**Results:**

Some of the most notable achievements and results include the following:

- Actively participated in advisory committees for all CWMP development projects to date;
- Designed and helped local governments implement award-winning and other successful stream restoration projects. Some are featured on the DNR Legacy Funded Projects website under [Protecting and restoring lakes, rivers, and groundwater](#);
- Recommended a suite of stream projects to reduce sediment in a southeastern Minnesota subwatershed in a report based on detailed DNR sediment source analysis. The report helped an SWCD apply for 16 years of federal funding and is a model for future delivery of such recommendations for other watersheds;
- Developed a [model shoreland ordinance](#) and an [Innovative Shoreland Standards Showcase](#) highlighting more than 85 ordinances from over 35 Minnesota counties and other local governments across the state that go beyond minimum standards to protect water quality. Since 2012, at least 20 local governments (county, city, or township) have adopted a higher shoreland standard after working with DNR experts; and,
- Wrote more than 315 forest stewardship plans including 37,500 acres in high-priority watersheds, aiding local implementation outreach and technical assistance efforts. Much of this was in north central Minnesota watersheds in the Upper Mississippi River Basin, helping protect St. Cloud and Twin Cities drinking water. Landowners with plans have enrolled over 20,000 acres in long-term easements and used at least \$200,000 in cost-share to implement best management practices that help protect water quality.

**Statutory Change(s):**

None

# Department of Natural Resources

## FY 2026-27 Biennial Budget Change Item

### Change Item Title: Clean Water Legacy – Stream Flow Monitoring

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Clean Water Fund				
Expenditures	2,825	2,825	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	2,825	2,825	0	0
<b>FTEs</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Recommendation:

The Governor recommends \$2.8 million annually in FY26 and FY27 from the Clean Water Fund for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to collect stream flow data. The data is used to calculate pollutant loads for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)'s water quality assessments and for flood forecasting.

This funding will support the DNR's efforts that contribute to a long-term partnership of Minnesota's executive branch water agencies and local governments to fix and prevent water quality problems, and to ensure sustainable use.

#### Rationale/Background:

The management of water resources is one of the most challenging environmental issues facing Minnesota over the next 50 years, and is a key economic driver for the state's growth and development. The DNR partners with other Minnesota water agencies and with local governments in using the Clean Water Fund to prevent waters from becoming impaired, to restore impaired waters, and to protect long-term water supplies from overuse and contamination. The ultimate goal is ensuring that Minnesotans can drink water, swim, and fish without adverse health effects. [Minnesota's Legacy](#) website and an interagency biennial [Clean Water Fund Performance Report](#) describe agency water quality improvement efforts and outcomes. The specific uses of the Clean Water Fund are treated as new initiatives each biennium.

The Clean Water Fund has enabled the DNR to expand a network of stream flow gages critical for MPCA water quality assessments and flood forecasting. The MPCA uses the stream flow data to calculate pollution loads for Total Maximum Daily Loads, a key piece of the agency's water quality assessment program to meet federal Clean Water Act requirements. The data are also used to evaluate trends in base flow conditions, determine the frequency and magnitude of floods and low flows, and help assess changes in land use and watershed conditions and the potential effects of climate change. This information helps set goals and objectives for implementation efforts identified in comprehensive watershed management plans.

#### Proposal:

This proposal invests \$2.8 million annually in FY26 and FY27 to maintain existing sites, service and replace equipment as needed, serve the data collected at gage stations through an interagency website (see Results), and support analysis of data for use by others. This work involves upgrading and calibrating existing stream gages and collecting, compiling, analyzing, and distributing the data. The Clean Water Fund supports 177 permanent monitoring sites out of 271 total stations.

**Impact on Children and Families:**

Minnesota communities and local governments will be able to make smart decisions based on the most current water level information and trends. Decisions about infrastructure for public safety, including structures in floodplains and other low-lying areas, rely on accurate stream and river flows, all of which are essential to keeping children and families safe. Accurate and timely flood forecasts protect all Minnesotans by helping people understand safe water recreation opportunities and avoid dangerous flooding situations.

**Equity and Inclusion:**

Clean water is important to all future generations of Minnesotans, who will benefit from the protection of surface waters that support healthy ecosystems, access to outdoor recreational opportunities and strong economies for all. Implementation of this proposal will help ensure the availability of clean drinking water and enhance the ability of disparate groups to safely fish, swim, and participate in other water recreation activities.

**Tribal Consultation:**

Does this proposal have a substantial direct effect on one or more of the Minnesota Tribal governments?

- Yes
- No

Though no Tribal governments are expected to be directly affected by the proposal in a substantial way, it should be noted that many of Minnesota’s Tribal Nations may benefit from access to water level and flood information related to their decisions about infrastructure and public safety around water. The DNR has been holding meetings with interested Tribal Nations and commits to ongoing conversations and any necessary follow up.

**IT Costs:**

None

**Results:**

The DNR stream flow monitoring program has achieved its goal for establishing long-term monitoring sites. The program annually collects over 1,000 stream flow measurements and compiles records at continuous gage sites. The [Cooperative Stream Gaging Website](#) provides a portal for agencies and the public to see stream flow data, site photos, water quality information, and links to other information. A Monthly Hydrologic Conditions Report provides general trend information on water resources using climatic data, lake and river gages and groundwater monitoring information.

**Statutory Change(s):**

None

# Department of Natural Resources

## FY 2026-27 Biennial Budget Change Item

### Change Item Title: Clean Water Legacy – Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2026	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Clean Water Fund				
Expenditures	2,375	2,375	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	2,375	2,375	0	0
<b>FTEs</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Recommendation:

The Governor recommends \$2.375 million annually in FY26 and FY27 from the Clean Water Fund to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for providing state and local partners with technical expertise, data, and analysis that helps identify and target restoration and protection strategies. This funding will support the DNR’s participation in a long-term partnership of Minnesota’s executive branch water agencies and local governments to fix and prevent water quality problems.

#### Rationale/Background:

The management of water resources is one of the most challenging environmental issues facing Minnesota over the next 50 years, and is a key economic driver for the state’s growth and development. The DNR partners with other Minnesota water agencies and with local governments in using the Clean Water Fund to prevent waters from becoming impaired, to restore impaired waters, and to protect long-term water supplies from overuse and contamination. The ultimate goal is ensuring that Minnesotans can drink water, swim, and fish without adverse health effects. [Minnesota’s Legacy](#) website and an interagency biennial [Clean Water Fund Performance Report](#) describe agency water quality improvement efforts and outcomes. The specific uses of the Clean Water Fund are treated as new initiatives each biennium.

Minnesota has experienced widespread changes in hydrology that affect water management and watershed health, including impacts to infrastructure, farmland, water quality, stream stability, and aquatic habitat. Agencies and local governments rely on DNR data, analysis, and technical expertise to help identify holistic solutions that address the root causes of many water quality problems and simultaneously address other resource concerns.

For example, many impaired or nearly impaired streams are plagued by excessive sediment, often with related nutrient pollution problems, that impact aquatic life. DNR clean water specialists conduct stream geomorphology surveys and studies to monitor stream channel stability trends and determine how much sediment in a stream is from streambanks vs. upland erosion. This enables projects to be sited and designed more effectively (which the same staff assist with, in the DNR Clean Water Fund “Nonpoint Restoration and Protection” proposal). Without this information, local implementers might miss the mark on targeting primary sources of sediment in restoration efforts. DNR stream survey data and expertise are also used in the Minnesota Pollution Control (MPCA)’s stream stressor identification process to help identify the key factors causing water quality impairments.

Until recently, Minnesota lacked consistent, complete data on hydrologic change in watersheds. DNR hydrologists developed a rigorous evaluation method to address this gap and evaluated all watersheds that had the necessary data. The resulting watershed Evaluation of Hydrologic Change analyses are helping local partners better understand the types and magnitude of hydrologic change that has occurred in their watersheds. A water balance table generated by the analysis can be used to help plan water storage efforts.

The DNR Watershed Health Assessment Framework (WHAF) is a [web-based tool](#) that invites users to visualize and explore watershed health via maps, health scores, reports, and interactive modules on special topics such as lakes, and land use. The web app enables anyone with internet access to view extensive data at multiple watershed scales without specialized software.

**Proposal:**

This proposal invests \$2.375 million annually in FY26 and FY27 to continue contributing highly specialized expertise in watershed science that helps the MPCA and local partners build watershed models, identify stressors, prioritize waters for protection, and develop watershed restoration and protection strategies. The funding primarily supports staff and operating expenses.

Major activities will include:

- Conducting 20 to 40 new stream geomorphology surveys per year, entering the data into a new database, and establishing an online portal to aid collaboration with many users, such as MPCA staff investigating water quality stressors, local governments implementing stream restorations, and practitioners developing tools to do this work more efficiently;
- Completing several subwatershed stream sediment source studies and accelerating the development of management recommendations for local partners based on such studies;
- Partnering with regional staff from the other Minnesota water agencies to help local partners interpret and apply information from watershed-specific Evaluation of Hydrologic Change analyses; and,
- Continuing WHAF maintenance and enhancements and helping resource managers use new modules such as WHAF for Lakes incorporating the latest science and data sets to help resource managers explore restoration and protection options at multiple watershed scales.

**Impact on Children and Families:**

Water quality impairments have direct and indirect effects on public health, recreation, and Minnesota’s economy, all of which are essential to making Minnesota the best place for families and children. DNR’s efforts to help assess water quality and understand the factors causing impairments are essential to effective implementation planning and projects to achieve better water quality outcomes for all Minnesotans.

**Equity and Inclusion:**

Clean water is important to all Minnesotans, who will benefit from the protection of surface waters that support healthy ecosystems, access to outdoor recreational opportunities and strong economies. Implementation of this change item will help ensure clean drinking water and enhance the ability of disparate groups to safely fish, swim and participate in other water recreation activities.

**Tribal Consultation:**

Does this proposal have a substantial direct effect on one or more of the Minnesota Tribal governments?

- Yes
- No

Though no Tribal governments are expected to be directly affected by the proposal in a substantial way, many of Minnesota’s Tribal Nations practice subsistence fishing, harvest wild rice and rely on clean, safe drinking water. The DNR’s efforts to help target projects and practices as part of a comprehensive effort to support healthy ecosystems and clean water will be of general interest to Minnesota’s tribal governments. The DNR has been holding meetings with interested Tribal Nations and commits to ongoing conversations and any necessary follow up.



**IT Costs**

<i>Category</i>	<i>FY 2026</i>	<i>FY 2027</i>	<i>FY 2028</i>	<i>FY 2029</i>	<i>FY 2030</i>	<i>FY 2031</i>
Payroll	165	165				
Professional/Technical Contracts						
Infrastructure						
Hardware						
Software						
Training						
Enterprise Services						
Staff costs (MNIT or agency)						
<b>Total</b>						
MNIT FTEs	1	1				
Agency FTEs						

**Results:**

DNR staff will continue to share their expertise, data and analyses related to watershed hydrology, geomorphology, and connectivity with the MPCA, local government partners and others to help determine the cause of water quality impairments and directly inform restoration and protection projects on the ground.

Several major efforts have come to fruition or are nearing completion. Chief examples include the following:

- Developing the Evaluation of Hydrologic Change methodology, completing evaluations for 65 gages, and summarizing the results in 47 technical summaries available as a publication series in the [Minnesota Water Research Digital Library](#);
- Developing a database and entering a decade’s worth of data from hundreds of stream geomorphology surveys; and,
- Developed a new [WHAF for Lakes](#) module featuring integrated analysis of multiple datasets, including some that are annually updated (MPCA water quality metrics and certain DNR lake datasets) and other datasets such as DNR Fish IBI scores, Score Your Shore, and Lakes of Biological Significance.

**Statutory Change(s):**

None

# Department of Natural Resources

## FY 2026-27 Biennial Budget Change Item

### Change Item Title: Clean Water Legacy – Tool Development and Evaluation

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Clean Water Fund				
Expenditures	700	700	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	700	700	0	0
<b>FTEs</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Recommendation:

The Governor recommends \$700,000 annually in FY26 and FY27 from the Clean Water Fund for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to continue high-technology tool development and evaluation efforts that support of DNR’s participation in a long-term partnership of Minnesota’s executive branch water agencies and local governments to fix and prevent water quality problems.

#### Rationale/Background:

The management of water resources is one of the most challenging environmental issues facing Minnesota over the next 50 years, and it is a key economic driver for the state’s growth and development. The DNR partners with other Minnesota water agencies and with local governments in using the Clean Water Fund to prevent waters from becoming impaired, to restore impaired waters, and to protect long-term water supplies from overuse and contamination. The ultimate goal is to ensure that Minnesotans can drink water, swim, and fish without adverse health effects. [Minnesota’s Legacy](#) website and an interagency biennial [Clean Water Fund Performance Report](#) describe agency water quality improvement efforts and outcomes. The specific uses of the Clean Water Fund are treated as new initiatives each biennium.

LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) data provides a fine-scale, detailed digital representation of the landscape. It is used to derive other digital data products including several that accurately show how water flows across the landscape. The DNR maintains and provides access to LIDAR-derived elevation data widely used for watershed modeling. This extremely valuable dataset helps local governments prioritize, target, design and predict the effectiveness of implementation projects identified in comprehensive local watershed management plans (CWMPs). This reduces the need for field assessments and enhances the accuracy of the predicted effectiveness of those projects.

The DNR Forestry Division is reducing the water quality impacts of timber harvesting by annually monitoring forest management guidelines and BMPs at about 85 selected logging sites per year in Minnesota’s forested watersheds, with a focus on potential impacts to water resources. Staff analyze BMP implementation data along with watershed characteristics (slope, soils, etc.) and disturbance patterns (logging, blowdown, fire, etc.) to identify risks to water quality and strategies to reduce these risks. The final step is outreach to forest landowners/managers, and loggers, aimed at mitigating these risks and ensuring full implementation of water quality BMPs. This program also helps Minnesota meet its forest certification goals

#### Proposal:

This proposal invests \$700,000 annually in FY26 and FY27 to continue maintaining and hosting elevation data online on the [MnTOPO website](#) and a much-utilized [travel-time tool](#), and continue evaluating and taking steps to

mitigate water quality impacts from logging, via the forestry BMP monitoring program. The funding will support DNR and MNIT staff, contracts with outside vendors, and operating expenses.

**Impact on Children and Families:**

Local governments will be able to make smart decisions and implement projects that help Minnesota achieve cleaner water for drinking, swimming and fishing. Water quality impairments have direct and indirect effects on public health, recreation and Minnesota’s economy, all of which are essential to making Minnesota the best place for families and children. Clean water is especially important for children, because ingesting toxins is more harmful to children than adults. The DNR’s efforts to support effective planning and implementation of projects help to achieve better water quality outcomes for all Minnesotans.

**Equity and Inclusion:**

The water quality impairments this proposal will address, in some instances, disproportionately affect low-income groups and people of color. Implementing this proposal will help ensure clean drinking water for all and enhance the ability of all Minnesotans to safely fish, swim and participate in other water recreation activities.

**Tribal Consultation:**

Does this proposal have a substantial direct effect on one or more of the Minnesota Tribal governments?

- Yes
- No

Though no Tribal government is expected to be directly affected by the proposal in a substantial way, Minnesota’s Tribal Nations will benefit from having this updated elevation data and the best management practices developed as a result of this proposal. Effective planning and implementation will help to protect and improve the health of Minnesota’s waters, including important areas for wild rice. The DNR has been holding meetings with interested Tribal Nations and commits to ongoing conversations and any necessary follow up.

**IT Costs**

<i>Category</i>	<i>FY 2026</i>	<i>FY 2027</i>	<i>FY 2028</i>	<i>FY 2029</i>	<i>FY 2030</i>	<i>FY 2031</i>
Payroll	330	330				
Professional/Technical Contracts						
Infrastructure						
Hardware						
Software						
Training						
Enterprise Services						
Staff costs (MNIT or agency)						
<b>Total</b>						
MNIT FTEs	2	2				
Agency FTEs						

**Results:**

The MNIT staff who serve as DNR LIDAR stewards have excelled in building a broad coalition of support for the acquisition, enhancement, and use of LIDAR data in Minnesota, especially for watershed modeling. Working across state agencies to develop and maintain state standards ensures more consistent use of hydrography-related data for prioritizing and targeting implementation projects in comprehensive watershed management plans. The 3D Geomatics Committee of the Minnesota Geospatial Council ensures diverse, interdisciplinary public- and private-sector participation in promoting the planning, funding, acquisition, and management of LIDAR and related three-dimensional data and derived products, including those essential for watershed modeling.

To date, DNR Forestry BMP monitoring program staff have completed monitoring on over 600 timber harvest sites in targeted watersheds in forested Minnesota watersheds. The report [A Watershed Approach to Site-level Forest Management Guideline Monitoring: Summary Results for 2014-2018](#) (available on the Minnesota Forest Resources Council's [Site-Level Monitoring](#) website) describes the BMP monitoring program and how the Clean Water Fund helped it shift to a watershed-based approach. More recent results on the same website. Watershed-based monitoring and spatial trend analysis of the results have allowed the program to deliver targeted outreach to improve implementation trends.

**Statutory Change(s):**

None

# Department of Natural Resources

## FY 2026-27 Biennial Budget Change Item

### Change Item Title: Parks and Trail Legacy – DNR Parks and Trails

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Parks and Trails Legacy Fund				
Expenditures	24,312	27,218	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	24,312	27,218	0	0
<b>FTEs</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Recommendation:

The Governor recommends \$24.3 million in FY26 and \$27.2 million in FY27 from the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to advance the strategic directions of the 25-year Parks and Trails Legacy Plan within Minnesota’s state parks, recreation areas and trails. The strategic directions involve connecting more people to the outdoors, creating new and expanded park and trail opportunities, revitalizing existing infrastructure and restoring natural resources, and coordinating with partners.

#### Rationale/Background:

The Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment created the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund (Legacy Fund), which is an important source of funding for creating and improving parks, recreation areas, and trails of state and regional significance. The DNR relies on the Legacy Fund to supplement traditional sources of funding available for state parks, recreation areas and trails. The Legacy Fund dollars allow the DNR to offer more and more diverse programming (such as *I Can!* programs focused on groups and individuals underrepresented in the outdoors), accelerate rehabilitation and improvement of aging park and trail infrastructure (e.g., trail development to serve new users, accessibility improvements to existing facilities, replacing aging shower buildings), and protect and restore more acres of the amazing natural resources that draw visitors to the state parks and trail system. While the Legacy Fund plays an important role in revitalizing and enhancing the state parks and trails system, it does not take the place of critical State Park Fund, General Fund, and bond-financed investments and operating dollars.

In addition to supplementing funding available for the state parks and trails system, the Legacy Fund is also relied upon by the Metropolitan Council and the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission (GMRPTC) to supplement funding for parks and trails of regional significance. The DNR, GMRPTC, and Metropolitan Council work together to advance a coordinated approach to achieve outcomes for the Legacy Fund. For the FY26-27 biennium, the three partner agencies support the following distribution from the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund: 40% to the DNR, 40% to the Metropolitan Council, and 20% for the GMRPTC, as well as approximately 1% allocated “off the top” for coordination and joint data gathering and outreach efforts. This percentage distribution was first recommended by the 2011 Park and Trails Legacy Funding Workgroup and has continued through FY24/25.

#### Proposal:

This proposal provides the DNR with \$24.3 million in FY26 and \$27.2 million in FY27 from the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund. With these funds, the DNR will continue to advance the four pillars of the 25-year Parks and Trails Legacy Plan:

- **Connecting People to the Outdoors.** The DNR will continue to promote and provide innovative programs and special events that educate, interpret and build outdoor stewardship skills. Legacy funds are especially important to supplement DNR’s interpretive programming and better serve underrepresented groups. For example, the *I Can!* series reaches out to new park and trail users to teach skills such as camping, paddling, archery, and more, which is crucial to DNR’s goal of connecting new and more diverse communities to the outdoors. DNR also is piloting a transportation grants program to provide bus trips to state park and recreation areas for lower income youth and community groups.
- **Revitalizing Infrastructure and Restoring Natural Resources** The 25-year Parks and Trails Legacy Plan emphasizes the importance of supplementing traditional sources of funding to enhance the ability to care for natural resources and existing facilities. The DNR will continue to manage, renew and restore natural landscapes within state parks and recreation areas and along state trails. The DNR will also support high-quality outdoor recreational experiences by accelerating the renewal of built infrastructure and increased accessibility. This will include, for example, updated and enhanced campgrounds, trails, and trail bridges along with site restoration and energy efficiency projects.
- **Acquire Land, Create Opportunities.** Without Legacy funding, land acquisition and new development would take place at a much slower pace. The DNR pursues the highest-priority acquisitions that provide key connections and/or preserve important natural and cultural resources. These include state park and recreation area inholdings and critical segments for state trail corridors. The DNR also pursues limited new development projects that create recreation opportunities to meet the demands of increasing visitation.
- **Coordinate with Partners.** The DNR’s Legacy-funded work includes coordination with other outdoor recreation providers, thus ensuring a seamless and cost-effective system of parks and trails in Minnesota. There is also a separate proposal (“Coordinate with Partners”) to support specific projects shared by the DNR, the Metropolitan Council and the GMRPTC to advance the shared goals of the 25-year Parks and Trails Legacy Plan.

### Impact on Children and Families:

Legacy funding for state parks, recreation areas, and trails supplements existing funding and provides enhanced benefits to Minnesota families and children that would not be available otherwise. The outdoor recreation and interpretive programming offered with Legacy funding provides unforgettable experiences for almost 200,000 participants each year, many of whom are families and children. From programs on snakes and fossils to cave tours, visitors to state parks, recreation areas, and trails appreciate opportunities to learn about nature and the outdoors. Connecting new users to the outdoors and building relationships with nature will have lifelong benefits for Minnesotans’ health and well-being. Without Legacy Fund support, these programs -- as well as quality facilities that enhance access to state parks, recreation areas, and trails -- would be limited. Legacy investments in camping, lodging, biking, and accessibility infrastructure ensure that families with children have the facilities to enjoy unforgettable experiences at state parks, recreation areas, and trails.

This proposal also aligns with the Minnesota Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights, which envisions a state where all Minnesota children and families are inspired to engage with the natural world. These experiences support physical activity, mental well-being, creativity, and appreciation for nature, allowing every Minnesota child to hike, hunt, or forage on public lands and protect and preserve our environment for future generations.

### Equity and Inclusion:

Legacy funding helps to make the outdoors accessible to all Minnesotans, including removing barriers for people who wish to recreate at state parks, recreation areas, and trails by enhancing accessibility and promoting skill-building. For example, the DNR relies on Legacy Funding to enhance outreach to diverse audiences regarding the low-cost, skill-building *I Can!* programs through a variety of media and languages. Participants in the popular *I Can! Camp* program, in particular, have been more ethnically diverse than state park visitors or the population of Minnesota as a whole.

### Tribal Consultation:

Does this proposal have a substantial direct effect on one or more of the Minnesota Tribal governments?

Yes

No

While this proposal does not have a known substantial direct effect on one or more of Minnesota's Tribal governments, the DNR will conduct Tribal consultations as appropriate on any interpretive programming, or development or rehabilitation projects that might have a cultural or historic impact to Tribal Nations. Additionally, the DNR has been holding meetings with interested Tribal Nations and commits to ongoing conversations and any necessary follow up.

### IT Costs

None

### Results:

In keeping with the strategic directions defined in the 25-Year Parks and Trails Legacy Plan, the DNR has invested Parks and Trails Legacy funds to expand and improve outdoor recreation opportunities across the state. Key indicators of success include:

- **Getting more people outdoors.** State park permit sales, overnight stays, and program participation have all increased since 2009. Each year the *I Can!* skill-building programs provide opportunities for diverse audiences to engage in outdoor recreation. Surveys have shown that there is growing diversity among state park visitors, a sign that these investments are helping to encourage more people to get outdoors.
  - **Unique experiences:** Launched in June 2021, the library pass program offers library patrons the ability to check-out a free state parks library pass from 100 libraries located in lower income communities throughout the state. In FY24, 3,812 passes were checked out statewide, an increase in use from the previous two years. In addition, over 2,000 Minnesota children attended naturalist-led programs at state parks thanks to Legacy-funded transportation grants. DNR awarded grants of up to \$5,000, which supported 23 bus trips to and from state parks.
- **Creating new opportunities and acquisitions; revitalizing existing infrastructure.** The Parks and Trails Legacy Fund accelerates development projects aimed at improving aging infrastructure and invigorating visitor services. For example, in FY22-24 the DNR accomplished the following thanks to Legacy funding:
  - **Camping, lodging and increased accessibility:** Designed, developed and enhanced amenities at 8 state parks, including signage and wayfinding at Judge C.R. Magney, Monson Lake and Charles Lindberg state parks and new and accessible shower buildings at Bear Head Lake, Scenic, and Maplewood state parks. Design work also started on a shower building at Lake Shetek State Park. Work is also underway in FY25 for rehabilitation of the Lakeview Campground at Sibley State Park.
  - **Visitor centers:** Designed and developed a new visitor center at Glendalough State Park.
  - **Biking:** Developed new segments of the Casey Jones and Gitchi Gami state trails and the bike trail at Itasca State Park. Rehabilitated and repaved segments of the Casey Jones State Trail and segments of the Minnesota Valley State Trail in Fort Snelling State Park and Shakopee.
  - **Trail bridges:** Replaced decking and railings on two historic railroad bridges on Root River State Trail. Structurally rehabilitated two bridges on the Shooting Star State Trail and two bridges on Great River Ridge State Trail. Replaced bridges on both the Gateway and Arrowhead State Trails.
  - **Clean energy:** Installed 3 renewable energy systems (i.e., photovoltaic arrays) at Gilbert OHV State Recreation Area and at Afton and Camden state parks. Similar installations are in progress at Itasca and Buffalo River state parks.
- **Restoring native landscapes.** Since the start of Legacy funding, the pace of native plant restoration and prescribed burning at state parks, recreation areas, and trails has increased by about 25% and control of invasive plants has increased by nearly 150%.

### Statutory Change(s):

None

# Department of Natural Resources

## FY 2026-27 Biennial Budget Change Item

### Change Item Title: Parks and Trail Legacy – Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Parks and Trails Legacy Fund				
Expenditures	12,156	13,609	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	12, 156	13,609	0	0
<b>FTEs</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Recommendation:

The Governor recommends \$12.2 million in FY26 and \$13.6 million in FY27 from the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund to support the Parks and Trails Legacy Grant Program for the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission (GMRPTC). This funding provides grants to local governments in Greater Minnesota to connect people to the outdoors and help create new parks and trails of regional significance and maintain existing ones.

#### Rationale/Background:

The 2013 Legislature established the GMRPTC to advance system planning in Greater Minnesota and to provide recommendations to the legislature for grants funded by the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund. The scope of this work is for parks and trails of regional significance in counties, cities and Tribal governments outside the seven-county metropolitan area (M.S. 85.536).

The GMRPTC provides the leadership, system planning, and strategic direction for the Greater Minnesota Parks and Trails Legacy Grant Program, while the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) acts as the fiscal agent and administers the grants in accordance with requirements from the Minnesota Office of Grants Management. This continues the partnership approach of recent biennia, with the GMRPTC providing leadership for the grant program and regional parks and trails system planning in Greater Minnesota, and the DNR providing grant management services. Up to 4.5% of the total appropriation may be used for the GMRPTC to carry out system planning and maintain an Executive Director and necessary support functions, and up to 2.5% of the total appropriation may be used for DNR’s actual costs to manage the grants. Examples of grant management activities include grant oversight, monitoring, contracting, reviewing and processing reimbursements, and ensuring all required natural and cultural resource reviews are completed.

In addition to supplementing funding available for parks and trails of regional significance in Greater Minnesota, the Legacy Fund is also relied upon by the DNR and the Metropolitan Council to enhance the state parks and trails and Twin Cities metropolitan area parks and trails systems, respectively. The DNR, the GMRPTC, and the Metropolitan Council work together to advance a coordinated approach to achieve outcomes for the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund. For the FY26-27 biennium, the three partner agencies support the following distribution from the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund: 40% to the DNR, 40% to the Metropolitan Council, and 20% for the GMRPTC, as well as approximately 1% allocated “off the top” for coordination and joint data gathering and outreach efforts. This percentage distribution was first recommended by the 2011 Park and Trails Legacy Funding Workgroup and has continued through FY24-25.



**Proposal:**

This proposal invests \$12.2 million in FY26 and \$13.6 million in FY27 for a competitive grant program in Greater Minnesota that will help create a seamless system of outdoor recreation across the state and achieve the goals of the 25-year Parks and Trails Legacy Plan. This program provides grants to local and Tribal governments to create and maintain outdoor recreation opportunities of regional significance. These grants, as well as the system planning work of the GMRPTC, play a critical role to enhance outdoor recreation participation, conserve important natural features, connect people to the outdoors, and contribute to local economic benefits throughout Greater Minnesota. The GMRPTC will continue to lead the Greater Minnesota Parks and Trails Legacy Grant Program by guiding system planning, the application process, and grant selection. The DNR will continue to work closely with the GMRPTC and provide grant management for funded projects, as well as technical assistance to grant applicants and recipients.

Since 2010, Legacy Funds have been used to acquire more than 2,500 acres of land for regional parks and to build or rehabilitate more than 500 miles of regional trails in Greater Minnesota. These important acquisition and infrastructure projects have provided new recreation opportunities in rapidly growing areas. The acreage acquired and trail miles built vary from year to year due to a number of factors, including land prices, construction costs, and specific project goals.

**Impact on Children and Families:**

This proposal helps achieve priorities for children and families by promoting and developing high-quality outdoor recreation opportunities in Greater Minnesota. Outdoor recreation enhances the physical and mental health of children. Connecting new users to the outdoors and building relationships with nature will nurture lifelong benefits for Minnesotans’ health and well-being.

This proposal also aligns with the Minnesota Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights, which envisions a state where all Minnesota children and families are inspired to engage with the natural world. These experiences support physical activity, mental well-being, creativity, and appreciation for nature, allowing every Minnesota child to hike, hunt, or forage on public lands and protect and preserve our environment for future generations.

**Equity and Inclusion:**

A key goal of the 25-year Parks and Trails Legacy Plan is to make the outdoors accessible to all Minnesotans, including communities of color in urban and rural Minnesota and people with disabilities. To continue to serve current visitors and to invite and welcome new and diverse audiences to enjoy the outdoors, the Legacy programs are guided by the target audiences in the 25-year Plan including youth and young adults, families with children, racial and ethnic minorities, new immigrants, people with disabilities and older adults.

**Tribal Consultation:**

Does this proposal have a substantial direct effect on one or more of the Minnesota Tribal governments?

- Yes
- No

Minnesota’s Tribal governments are eligible grant recipients of the Parks and Trails Legacy Grant Program. This has been the case since a 2022 statute change to the program. This change allows grant funding opportunities to tribal communities that were previously unavailable. The DNR has been holding meetings with interested Tribal Nations and commits to ongoing conversations and any necessary follow up.

**IT Costs**

None

**Results:**

This program provides grants to local and Tribal governments to create and maintain outdoor recreation opportunities of regional or statewide significance in Greater Minnesota. Performance measures include:

- The number and type of grants (i.e., grants for regional parks or regional trails) and dollars awarded;
- The outcomes achieved by the grants (e.g., acres acquired, parks and trails developed, and satisfaction of park and trail users); and,
- Economic trends and benefits resulting from Greater Minnesota parks and trails of regional significance.

Since 2010, Legacy funds have been used to acquire approximately 2,590 acres of land for regional parks and build or rehabilitate more than 530 miles of regional trails in Greater Minnesota. These important projects, most of which were completed in rapidly growing areas, provided the land and infrastructure for new recreational opportunities. The number of acres acquired and trail miles built varied from year to year due to a number of factors, including land prices, construction costs and specific project differences.

<i>Type of Measure</i>	<i>Name of Measure</i>	<i>Current Value</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Projected Value (without)</i>	<i>Projected Value (with)</i>	<i>Date</i>
Quantity	Number of grants	30-40	FY24-25	0	30-35	FY26-27
Results	Regional Park Acres Acquired	53	FY24-25	0	50	FY26-27
Results	Trails Miles Developed and/or Rehabilitated	34	FY24-25	0	30	FY26-27

**Statutory Change(s):**

None

# Department of Natural Resources

## FY 2026-27 Biennial Budget Change Item

### Change Item Title: Parks and Trails Legacy – Coordinate Among Partners

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Parks and Trails Legacy Fund				
Expenditures	614	687	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	614	687	0	0
<b>FTEs</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Recommendation:

The Governor recommends \$614,000 in FY26 and \$687,000 in FY27 from the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund to advance a coordinated approach for a seamless system of parks and trails in Minnesota. Inter-agency work supported by this proposal includes integrated research and planning, managing content on integrated web-based systems, facilitating the work of the Parks and Trails Legacy Advisory Committee (PTLAC), evaluating habitat restoration projects, and engaging underrepresented youth and people of color in the health and wellness benefits of nature-based outdoor recreation.

#### Rationale/Background:

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission (GMRPTC), and the Metropolitan Council work together to advance a coordinated approach to achieve the desired outcomes of the 25-Year Parks and Trails Legacy Plan. This plan was developed through an extensive statewide engagement process. The plan identifies four strategic priorities: connect people and the outdoors; acquire land, create opportunities; take care of what we have; and coordinate among partners. These strategic priorities guide state and regional parks and trails systems that are administered by different providers across the state. Coordination is essential to achieve the vision laid out in the 25-Year Parks and Trails Legacy Plan, to ensure that the principles Minnesotans identified for the use of Legacy Funds are achieved, and to serve Minnesotans who seek quality, connected and accessible outdoor recreation opportunities.

A major goal for all outdoor recreation providers is to increase and diversify participation in nature-based outdoor recreation. The primary driving factor behind this is concern for missed opportunities in outdoor activities among young adults and their children, older adults, urban residents, and communities of color. Ongoing and coordinated data collection, research and program evaluation will help our joint efforts to increase outdoor recreation access and participation.

For the FY26-27 biennium, the three partner agencies support the following distribution from the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund: 40% to the DNR, 40% to the Metropolitan Council, and 20% for the GMRPTC, as well as approximately 1% allocated “off the top” for coordination and joint data-gathering and outreach efforts. This percentage distribution was first recommended by the 2011 Parks and Trails Legacy Funding Workgroup and has continued through FY24-25. The products and benefits of this proposal are shared among these three implementing agencies.

## Proposal:

This proposal invests \$614,000 in FY26 and \$687,000 in FY27 to build on previous appropriations from the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund related to coordination and research. The goals and objectives of this proposal are as follows:

- **Research and system planning** – Coordinated action continues to be needed across the three systems to understand who is using state and regional park and trail systems, where visitors are coming from, their satisfaction with facilities and programs and how to better connect target markets to the outdoors. Coordinated research and planning are critical to enhance our understanding of where there may be gaps in the overall system and how to better reach underserved communities. These efforts will help guide future analysis, system planning, and data-driven decision making.
- **Public engagement and web-based systems** – Increasing and diversifying participation in outdoor recreation through coordinated outreach and engagement efforts, especially focusing on youth and underserved communities (both urban and rural), is a priority for all three partner agencies. The Parks and Trails Legacy Plan identifies a goal to provide enhanced, integrated and accessible information for park and trail users. This proposal will advance these goals by maintaining an integrated web discovery tool ([mn.gov/greatoutdoors](http://mn.gov/greatoutdoors)) and seeking new opportunities for promoting outdoor recreation to Minnesota residents and visitors.
- **Support for the Parks and Trails Legacy Advisory Committee** – The mission of the PTLAC is to "champion the 25-year Parks and Trails Legacy Plan by providing recommendations to enhance promotion, coordination, and accountability throughout implementation of the plan" ([www.legacy.mn.gov/ptlac](http://www.legacy.mn.gov/ptlac)). Volunteer committee members advise the partner agencies on the implementation of the Plan. Reimbursement for travel expenses and support for their work makes participation on the PTLAC possible for a diverse group of Minnesotans from across the state.
- **Restoration evaluation** – Evaluation of natural resource restoration projects helps track progress toward habitat restoration goals and guide future investments. This proposal will help achieve legislative mandates for restoration evaluation and ensure that funds invested in these activities are well-spent. This is especially important in the face of climate change.
- **Coordination** – Other priority coordination needs include joint marketing and youth involvement, promoting the health and local economic benefits of outdoor recreation, and inviting and welcoming racially and ethnically diverse audiences to participate in engaging outdoor recreation experiences.

## Impact on Children and Families:

This proposal supports the state's priorities for children and families by ensuring that the partner agencies coordinate together to advance a seamless system of parks and trails across Minnesota. By coordinating efforts, the partners are better able to reach children and families, ensuring that it is easy and convenient to access parks and trails regardless of which government unit manages them. Legacy partners hosted public engagement activities at the state fair and across the state during the 10-year celebration of Legacy, which gave voice to a diversity of Minnesota residents who shared their stories about the meaningfulness of parks and trails in their lives. Families emphasized the importance of coordinating across park and trail systems to support public health benefits, community relationships, and the opportunity to get outdoors and connect with nature. Connecting new users to the outdoors and building these relationships with nature will have lifelong benefits for the health and wellbeing of all Minnesotans, including children and families.

This proposal also aligns with the Minnesota Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights, which envisions a state where all Minnesota children and families are inspired to engage with the natural world. These experiences support physical activity, mental well-being, creativity, and appreciation for nature, allowing every Minnesota child to explore, bike, ride or ski in parks and trails on public lands and protect and preserve our environment for future generations.

**Equity and Inclusion:**

The Parks and Trails Legacy Plan partner agencies and PTLAC seek to make the outdoors accessible to all Minnesotans, including communities of color in urban and rural Minnesota. By sharing information and coordinating efforts, Legacy partners amplify their success with targeted audiences. The 25-year Plan identified target audiences such as youth and young adults, families with children, racial and ethnic minorities, new immigrants, and older adults. Partner agencies continue to serve current visitors and diversify the outdoors by including, inviting, and welcoming targeted audiences to the outdoors.

**Tribal Consultation:**

Does this proposal have a substantial direct effect on one or more of the Minnesota Tribal governments?

Yes

No

While this proposal does not have a known substantial direct effect on one or more of Minnesota's Tribal governments, the DNR has been holding meetings with interested Tribal Nations and commits to ongoing conversations and any necessary follow up.

**IT Costs**

None

**Results:**

This proposal will improve performance for achieving the goals of the 25-year Parks and Trails Legacy Plan and increase effectiveness and efficiency of Parks and Trails Legacy fund investments. Specific results include:

- Hold six PTLAC meetings per year with the completion of an annual work plan designed to monitor, evaluate and recommend how to implement the Parks and Trails Legacy Plan;
- Maintain and enhance the integrated, user-friendly website ([mn.gov/greatoutdoors](http://mn.gov/greatoutdoors)) that describes 836 parks and trails around the state and promote it to the benefit of our target markets;
- Continue to implement shared research priorities across the three systems to gather standardized visitor information;
- Enhance collaboration with the State Arts Board regarding opportunities for art at parks and trails, including piloting an artist-in-residence program;
- Increase engagement among youth and diverse audiences and promote the public health and local economic benefits of outdoor recreation; and,
- Complete annual restoration evaluations and an assessment of natural resource site improvements.

**Statutory Change(s):**

None

# Department of Natural Resources

## FY 2026-27 Biennial Budget Change Item

### Change Item Title: Parks and Trail Legacy – Sales Tax Proposal Interaction – DNR

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Fund				
Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Other Funds				
Expenditures	646	1,006	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	646	1,006	0	0
<b>FTEs</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Recommendation:

The Governor recommends \$646,000 in FY 2026 and \$1.01 million in FY 2027 from the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for DNR parks and trails, greater Minnesota regional parks and trails, and coordinating among partners. This recommendation is the result of an interaction with another Governor’s budget recommendation; it reflects only the allocation of new revenue.

#### Rationale/Background:

An FY 2026-2027 Governor’s budget recommendation in the Tax Aids, Credits, and Refunds budget book titled “Lower Statewide Sales Tax Rate and Expand to Professional Services” includes recommended changes to the state sales tax that would broaden the sales tax base. If enacted, the proposal would increase Parks and Trails Legacy Fund sales tax revenue compared to current forecast amounts.

#### Proposal:

The Governor recommends that any additional sales tax revenue collected due to implementation of the change item “Lower Statewide Sales Tax Rate and Expand to Professional Services” be allocated in the same manner as the Governor recommends for base revenue. This includes – after maintaining a 5 percent reserve per M.S. 85.53 – 1 percent allocated before apportionment for collaborative projects and partnerships, 40 percent to the DNR, 40 percent to the Metropolitan Council, and 20 percent to the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission (GMRPTC). See the change items titled “Parks and Trails Legacy – DNR Parks and Trails”, “Parks and Trails Legacy – Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails”, and “Parks and Trails Legacy – Coordinate Among Partners” for more information on the distribution of funds and for the Governor’s recommended appropriation of base funds for this purpose. This proposal allocates the following new revenue to each program:

Proposal	FY26	FY27	Percent
Coordinate Among Partners	11	17	[1%]
Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails	211	330	20%
DNR Parks and Trails	424	659	40%

#### Tribal Consultation:

Does this proposal have a substantial direct effect on one or more of the Minnesota Tribal governments?

- Yes  
 No

#### Results:

See the change items titled “Parks and Trails Legacy – DNR Parks and Trails”, “Parks and Trails Legacy – Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails”, and “Parks and Trails Legacy – Coordinate Among Partners”.

# Department of Veterans Affairs

## FY 2026-27 Biennial Budget Change Item

### Change Item Title: Honor Disabled Veterans with Reduced Cost Angling and Hunting Licenses

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Game and Fish Fund				
Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Revenues	(66)	(320)	(320)	(320)
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	(66)	(320)	(320)	(320)
<b>FTEs</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Recommendation:

The Governor recommends offering discounted hunting and angling licenses to eligible veterans with a service-connected disability rating between 50% and 99% at the reduced cost of \$5 beginning in March 2026. This fee covers the processing costs of the state’s electronic licensing system and ensures the licenses contribute to federal funding allocations for wildlife conservation. This builds on the current program, which offers free licenses to veterans with 100% service-connected disability ratings. It also still preserves Minnesota’s eligibility for federal Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act funding.

#### Rationale/Background:

Across the United States, efforts to increase the use of public lands and outdoor recreation as a treatment for PTSD and other related conditions in veterans have been gaining increased traction. There are many different non-profits coordinating these efforts for disabled veterans. The United States Congress has also tasked the United States Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Health Administration (VHA), through the Veterans Comprehensive Prevention, Access to Care, and Treatment (COMPACT) Act of 2020, with establishing a Task Force (Task Force) on Outdoor Recreation for Veterans.

One of the main areas that the Task Force is focusing on is identifying barriers that make it challenging for veterans to connect with outdoor recreation opportunities that augment their health and wellness. In many instances, the cost of a license can be a barrier for hunting and fishing activities.

This proposal would reduce the cost of license for service-connected disabled veterans, reduce barriers and create more hunting and angling opportunities for more service-connected disabled veterans.

#### Proposal:

The Governor recommends expanding eligibility of reduced price (\$5) deer firearm, deer archery, deer muzzleloader, small game, and angling licenses to veterans with a service-connected disability rating between 50% and 99% as defined by the United States Veterans Administration starting in March 2026. This builds on the current program, which offers free licenses to service-connected veterans with 100% disability ratings.

The \$5 fee covers the state’s electronic licensing system processing costs and ensures Minnesota maintains access to the federal Pittman-Robertson Act funding, which is partially based on license sales. The change will result in a loss of approximately \$66,000 in revenue in FY26 and \$320,000 annually thereafter beginning in FY27.

#### Dollars in Thousands

Net Impact by Fund	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26-27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 28-29
Game and Fish Fund	(66)	(320)	(386)	(320)	(320)	(640)
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>(66)</b>	<b>(320)</b>	<b>(386)</b>	<b>(320)</b>	<b>(320)</b>	<b>(640)</b>

Fund	Component Description	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26-27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 28-29
Game and Fish Fund	License Revenue	(66)	(320)	(386)	(320)	(320)	(640)

**Impact on Children and Families:**

This proposal will impact the families of service-connected disabled veterans, by creating more opportunities for family outdoor recreation and the associated positive outcomes for the veterans connecting with nature. This proposal will also reduce cost barriers to hunting and fishing.

**Equity and Inclusion:**

Creating new opportunities to connect with nature and reducing cost barriers will have a positive impact on equity and inclusion. In addition to being a protected class, Veterans are representative of a broad cross section of the population, including both metropolitan and Greater Minnesota populations (urban & rural), people with disabilities, Native Americans, Black, Latine/Latinx, African immigrant, Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) and people in the LGBTQIA2S+ communities.

**Tribal Consultation:**

Does this proposal have a substantial direct effect on one or more of the Minnesota Tribal governments?

- Yes
- No

This proposal will directly impact Veteran Minnesota’s Tribal Members. American Indian and Alaskan Native Veterans (AIAN) have one of the highest rates of military service per capita in the country, with 25% of able-bodied, adult AIANs enlisting in the armed forces. They have served in every major conflict involving the United States in the last 200 years.

As with the broader population of Minnesota’s service-connected Veteran population, reducing barriers to outdoor hunting and fishing opportunities off Tribal lands or on lands not held in trust would potentially have mental and physical health benefits for AIANs who experience higher rates of suicide and chronic pain, and who have lower access to mental health services.

- **Suicide Rate:** In 2021, the suicide rate for AIAN veterans was 46.3 per 100,000, the highest of any veteran group.
- **Chronic Pain:** AIAN veterans are more likely to experience chronic pain, especially in their lower back and extremities.
- **Mental Health Services:** Only about a third of AIAN veterans using VA care have access to VA mental health services.

**IT Costs**

The required changes to the electronic licensing system are minimal and can be handled by the existing staff responsible for system maintenance.

**Results:**

The intended result of this proposal is that more service-connected disabled veterans will obtain hunting and fishing licenses. This will be tracked in the future if this proposal becomes law and the new license rates and system come online in 2026.

**Statutory Change(s):**

M.S. 97A.441



# Department of Natural Resources

## FY 2026-27 Biennial Budget Change Item

### Change Item Title: Reduce Local Trail Connection Grants

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Fund					
Expenditures	0	(250)	(250)	(250)	(250)
Revenues	0	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	0	(250)	(250)	(250)	(250)
<b>FTEs</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Recommendation:

The Governor recommends discontinuing the General Fund support for local trail connection grants while leaving the Lottery-in-Lieu funding in place. These grants fund short trail connections between communities and nearby cultural and recreational resources. This proposal results in a General Fund reduction of \$250,000 annually beginning in FY26.

#### Rationale/Background:

Given the state's projected deficit, reductions are being recommended as a necessary step to ensure fiscal stability. This proposal discontinues the General Fund support for local trail connections grants used to help communities link to public resources such as historic sites, open spaces, parks, and other trails. The number of communities impacted by this change is expected to be minimal as this appropriation is a relatively small component of the mix of funding sources that support the Department of Natural Resources' Local Trail Connections Grant Program.

#### Proposal:

This proposal reduces funding for local trail connections grants program by \$250,000 annually beginning in FY26, while maintaining funding for the program from other funds.

#### Results:

This proposal will result in one to two fewer matching grants awarded to local communities, which will likely reduce the number of local trail connections acquired and developed statewide.

#### Tribal Consultation:

Does this proposal have a substantial direct effect on one or more of the Minnesota Tribal governments?

Yes  
 No

#### Statutory Change(s):

None

**Program: Lands and Minerals****Activity: Lands and Minerals**[https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/lands\\_minerals/](https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/lands_minerals/)**AT A GLANCE**

- Manage permits to mine, including inspections, amendments, reclamation and financial assurance
- In the process of developing a regulatory framework for non-petroleum gas extraction and production
- Collect revenue from state-owned mineral resources
- Manage 12 million acres of state-owned mineral rights, including 3.5 million acres of school trust mineral assets
- Calculate in lieu of tax payments of approximately \$39.7 million for distribution to local governments annually
- Manage real estate activities for over 5.6 million acres of state-owned land, including 2.5 million acres of School Trust Lands
- Improve recreation opportunities and natural resource conservation efforts by optimizing the DNR-managed land portfolio through acquisition, exchange, and sale of land and interests in land

**PURPOSE AND CONTEXT**

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) ensures that permitted mining is designed to protect natural resources and sites are properly reclaimed for future use once mining is complete. The DNR's mine permitting and reclamation work promotes a healthy environment with sustainable use of natural resources and contributes to a strong natural resource-based economy.

The DNR regularly evaluates ways to increase access to public lands and connects people to the outdoors by expanding close-to-home recreation opportunities and access to public waters. The DNR's real estate program manages the acquisition, sale, and exchange of public lands and ensures that Minnesota receives the best value for public funds spent to acquire lands.

The DNR's land management responsibilities within the Division of Lands and Minerals include oversight of School and University Trust Lands, which generate revenue through the leasing of state surface lands and mineral rights. These funds go to school districts throughout the state and the University of Minnesota and its students. In addition, the DNR manages minerals on tax-forfeited land, providing revenue to local school districts, counties, cities, and townships.

**SERVICES PROVIDED**

The DNR meets its lands and minerals goals through three bodies of work:

**Permitting and Reclamation**

- Administer permits to mine that are required before metallic mineral mining operations may start on any land, ensuring that these permits include conditions to protect the environment, preserve natural resources, provide for financial assurance, govern mine reclamation, and plan for future use of the land
- Administer water appropriation permits and work in public water permits needed for metallic minerals mining and peat mining, ensuring that these permits include conditions to allow reasonable use, and protect the state's water resources

- Foster transparency and public participation in complex mining projects to give the public enhanced access to information, provide timely updates, and receive public comments
- Ensure permit compliance by inspecting mining operations and monitoring ongoing operations
- Develop and implement a framework for regulating the extraction and production of gases such as hydrogen and helium to ensure environmental protection
- Conduct environmental research to better understand potential water quality and other mining impacts and to evaluate new ways to reduce impacts

### **Minerals Management**

- Gather mineral resource information for traditional metallic and nonmetallic mineral resources as well as nonpetroleum gas such as hydrogen and helium to encourage further exploration and investment
- Maintain the state drill core library that provides access to core samples and other geological information for mineral exploration companies, academic researchers, and other interested parties
- Map the location of sand and gravel to identify future resources and aid in local planning
- Issue state mineral leases through public sales and negotiations
- Review all mineral exploration plans to ensure environmental protection criteria are met and conduct field inspections of the exploration activity on both state and private lands
- Manage payments and mineral valuation claims for tax forfeit properties in accordance with 2024 legislation
- Monitor the terms and conditions of state mineral leases, including performance requirements
- Monitor iron ore being removed from state lands to verify volumes, collect royalties due, and distribute revenues to the School Trust, University Trust, and local communities
- Evaluate the role of Minnesota minerals in a green economy, including green steel, critical minerals, and metals needed for electrification and carbon sequestration

### **Real Estate Management**

- Evaluate the state's land holdings and look for ways to improve habitat, conservation, and recreation through Strategic Land Asset Management
- Acquire land through purchase and donation for outdoor recreation and natural resource protection
- Sell lands on behalf of the Permanent School Fund or to divest of other land that does not best advance the DNR's strategic priorities
- Exchange land with other units of government or private parties to consolidate landholdings or to obtain land better suited for the DNR's land management objectives, subject to final approval by the Land Exchange Board
- Manage applications for utilities and road easements for crossing state lands and waters
- Manage leases on DNR-managed lands for hunting cabins, boathouses, communication towers, agriculture, access to private property, and other purposes
- Coordinate DNR's review and approval of proposed county sales of certain tax forfeited land
- Conduct surveys to identify boundary issues prior to an acquisition, to accurately post the boundaries for existing outdoor recreation units, and to confirm boundaries before extensive development, such as a water access site or campground
- Monitor conservation easements and enforce the terms and conditions of the easements
- Collaborate with counties to develop land record data and calculate annual payments in lieu of taxes

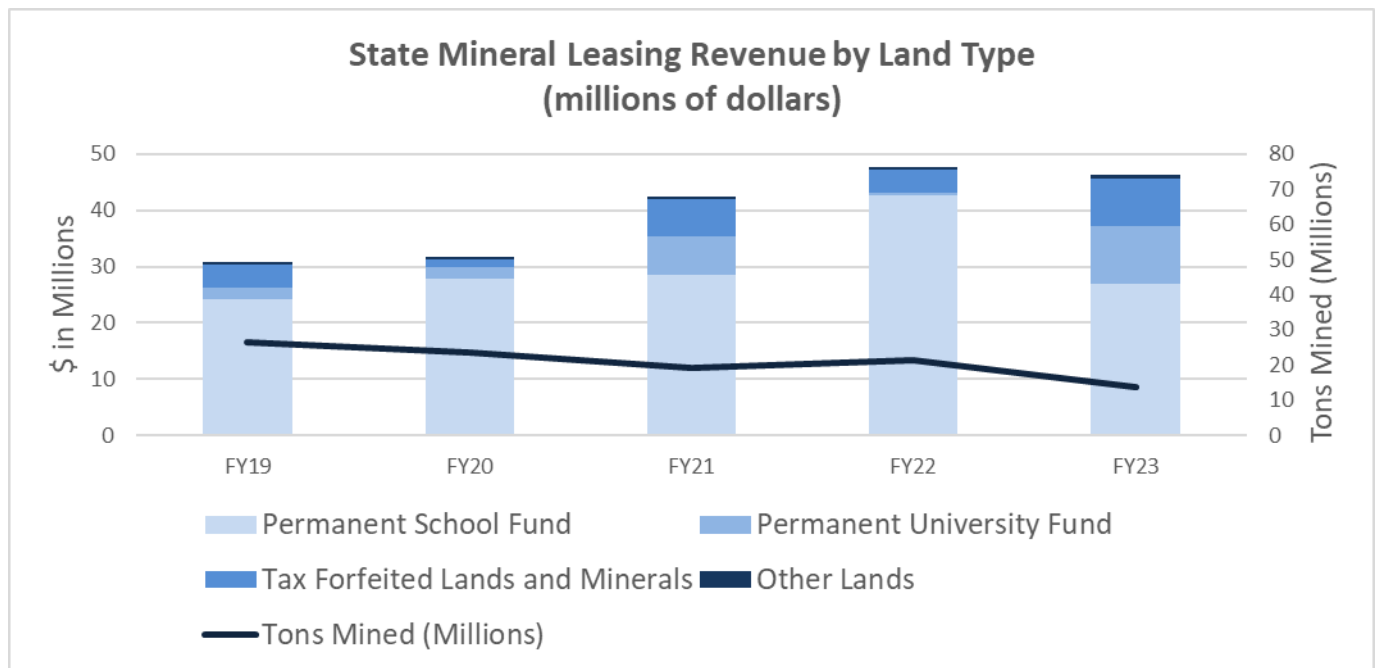
## RESULTS

### Results Performance Measure: Mine land Reclamation

Currently, there are 28 permits to mine covering almost 150,000 acres. Approximately 500 acres of previously mined taconite lands are reclaimed each year. These lands are now ready to support future, non-mining uses (once formally released from a permit to mine).

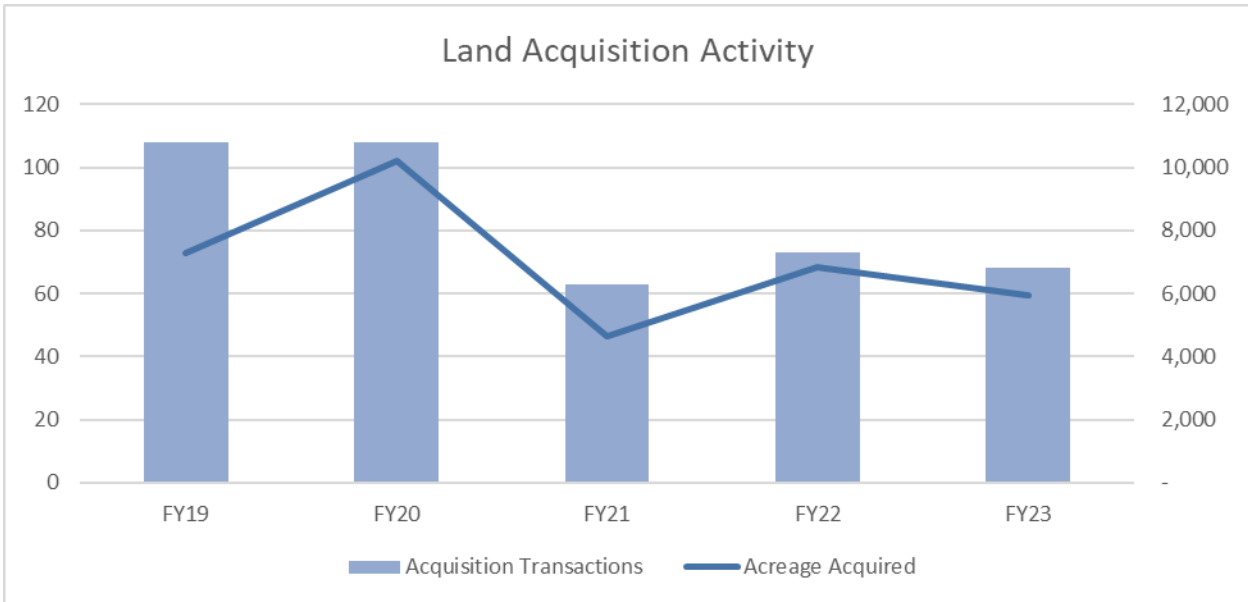
### Quantity Performance Measure: Minerals Management – Annual Mineral Leasing Revenue

Mineral lease revenue fluctuates based on iron mining and steel production and closely tracks economic conditions and global markets. As the graph below illustrates, the total tonnage of state ore mined is not the sole factor in determining revenue. Long-term lease agreements are designed to adjust rates to fluctuating commodity values for iron ore and steel. Fiscal years 2021, 2022, and 2023 generated revenue above the 10-year average of \$38 million per year, despite a decline in the tonnage of ore mined over the same period. This relatively high royalty revenue is influenced by strong prices for ore, as well as a \$13 million royalty payment (FY21) and an \$18.5 million royalty payment (FY23) that Mesabi Metallica was obligated to pay by lease agreements.



### Quantity Performance Measure: Real Estate Management

The DNR advances recreation opportunities and conservation efforts through its real estate management of the public lands it is charged with administering. This includes acquisitions, sales, and exchanges of both fee title and other real estate interests. The graph below shows the number of fee title and easement acquisitions from fiscal year 2019 through fiscal year 2023. DNR experienced a decline in the number of transactions processed and acreage purchased during the pandemic. While the number of transactions has only slightly increased from FY21 levels, the number of acres acquired has slowly been returning to pre-FY20 levels. In FY24, the DNR completed 69 transactions, representing over 10,000 acres of land.



The legal authority for the Division of Lands and Minerals Program come from Minnesota Statutes:

- 84 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=84>)
- 84A (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=84A>)
- 84C (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=84C>)
- 85 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=85>)
- 86A (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=86A>)
- 89 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=89>)
- 92-94 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/part/LANDS+AND+MINERALS>)
- 97A (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=97A>)
- 103G (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/103G>)
- 103I (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=103I>)
- 477A (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=477A>)

# Lands and Minerals

# Activity Expenditure Overview

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
<b><u>Expenditures by Fund</u></b>								
1000 - General	1,674	2,186	3,267	8,956	5,166	5,166	5,609	5,799
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue	4,102	5,448	8,335	7,246	7,244	7,237	7,244	7,237
2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue	5,611	6,291	6,588	8,935	8,565	8,515	8,565	8,515
2050 - Environment & Natural Resources	204	123	116	368				
2100 - Water Recreation	60	60	141	179	160	160	160	160
2101 - Snowmobile	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
2113 - Forest Management Investment	344	344	279	409	344	344	344	344
2114 - Mineral Management	2,993	3,574	3,331	7,009	3,583	3,583	4,169	4,180
2115 - Mining Administration Account	1,021	937	1,151	668	678	679	678	679
2117 - Natural Resource Misc Statutory	569	485	771	1,148	1,148	1,148	1,148	1,148
2118 - Land Acquisition		1						
2120 - Water Management Account	265	411	218	458	338	338	573	573
2200 - Game and Fish (Operations)	344	344	337	352	344	344	344	344
2403 - Gift	0	0	0	3				
3800 - Permanent School	94	273	211	229	222	222	231	236
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,294</b>	<b>20,488</b>	<b>24,758</b>	<b>35,973</b>	<b>27,805</b>	<b>27,749</b>	<b>29,078</b>	<b>29,228</b>
Biennial Change				22,949		(5,177)		(2,425)
Biennial % Change				61		(9)		(4)
Governor's Change from Base								2,752
Governor's % Change from Base								5
<b><u>Expenditures by Category</u></b>								
Compensation	9,204	10,002	10,712	12,936	11,326	11,326	12,599	12,805
Operating Expenses	7,753	9,958	14,019	22,789	16,250	16,194	16,250	16,194
Grants, Aids and Subsidies	63	23	11	40	40	40	40	40
Capital Outlay-Real Property	257	463	3	198	179	179	179	179
Other Financial Transaction	16	43	14	10	10	10	10	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,294</b>	<b>20,488</b>	<b>24,758</b>	<b>35,973</b>	<b>27,805</b>	<b>27,749</b>	<b>29,078</b>	<b>29,228</b>
Total Agency Expenditures	17,294	20,488	24,758	35,973	27,805	27,749	29,078	29,228
Internal Billing Expenditures	3,709	4,020	4,517	4,305	4,140	4,140	4,140	4,140
<b>Expenditures Less Internal Billing</b>	<b>13,585</b>	<b>16,468</b>	<b>20,241</b>	<b>31,668</b>	<b>23,665</b>	<b>23,609</b>	<b>24,938</b>	<b>25,088</b>

**Lands and Minerals**

**Activity Expenditure Overview**

*(Dollars in Thousands)*

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base FY26 FY27		Governor's Recommendation FY26 FY27	
<b><u>Full-Time Equivalents</u></b>	80.71	90.81	88.94	88.91	81.08	78.12	88.79	87.08

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# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
<b>1000 - General</b>								
Balance Forward In	29	291	1,029	2,711				
Direct Appropriation	1,874	2,901	4,937	6,205	5,126	5,126	5,569	5,759
Open Appropriation	949	906	851	921	888	907	888	907
Transfers Out	886	883	840	881	848	867	848	867
Balance Forward Out	291	1,029	2,710					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>1,674</b>	<b>2,186</b>	<b>3,267</b>	<b>8,956</b>	<b>5,166</b>	<b>5,166</b>	<b>5,609</b>	<b>5,799</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				8,362		(1,891)		(815)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				217		(15)		(7)
Governor's Change from Base								1,076
Governor's % Change from Base								10
Full-Time Equivalents	10.47	15.37	15.75	15.75	14.79	14.02	17.90	18.28

## 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In	17,420	14,226	24,391	13,237	15,397	19,548	15,397	19,548
Receipts	5,061	15,657	4,127	8,139	11,643	9,432	11,643	9,432
Internal Billing Receipts		12	0					
Transfers In	2,889	2,330	2,576	2,813	1,104	1,860	1,104	1,860
Transfers Out	7,042	2,373	9,523	1,546	1,352	2,914	1,352	2,914
Balance Forward Out	14,226	24,391	13,236	15,397	19,548	20,689	19,548	20,689
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>4,102</b>	<b>5,448</b>	<b>8,335</b>	<b>7,246</b>	<b>7,244</b>	<b>7,237</b>	<b>7,244</b>	<b>7,237</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				6,032		(1,100)		(1,100)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				63		(7)		(7)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	3.67	3.80	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70

## 2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In	3,245	2,332	2,634	7,482	6,855	6,606	6,855	6,606
Receipts	5,182	6,670	11,435	8,451	8,316	8,313	8,316	8,313
Internal Billing Receipts	4,597	5,607	5,991	5,992	5,992	5,992	5,992	5,992
Transfers In	354	129						
Transfers Out	854	232		143				
Balance Forward Out	2,316	2,609	7,482	6,855	6,606	6,404	6,606	6,404



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# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>5,611</b>	<b>6,291</b>	<b>6,588</b>	<b>8,935</b>	<b>8,565</b>	<b>8,515</b>	<b>8,565</b>	<b>8,515</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				3,622		1,557		1,557
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				30		10		10
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	34.62	36.61	36.71	36.71	31.68	30.37	31.68	30.37

## 2050 - Environment & Natural Resources

Balance Forward In	392	188	484	368				
Direct Appropriation		500						
Cancellations		81						
Balance Forward Out	188	484	368					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>368</b>				
Biennial Change in Expenditures				157		(484)		(484)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				48		(100)		(100)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								
Full-Time Equivalents	2.05	0.95	0.94	0.91				

## 2100 - Water Recreation

Balance Forward In				19				
Direct Appropriation	60	60	160	160	160	160	160	160
Balance Forward Out			19					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>160</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				200		0		0
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				166		0		0
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	0.50	0.47	1.16	1.16	1.16	1.16	1.16	1.16

## 2101 - Snowmobile

Direct Appropriation	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>

# Lands and Minerals

# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		0		0
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				0		0		0
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2113 - Forest Management Investment

Balance Forward In				65				
Direct Appropriation	344	344	344	344	344	344	344	344
Balance Forward Out			65					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>344</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		0		0
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				0		0		0
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2114 - Mineral Management

Balance Forward In		291		1,020				
Direct Appropriation	3,283	3,283	4,351	5,989	3,583	3,583	4,169	4,180
Open Appropriation	6,418	3,198	5,557	1,955		852		852
Transfers Out	6,418	3,198	5,557	1,955		852		852
Cancellations		0						
Balance Forward Out	290		1,020					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>2,993</b>	<b>3,574</b>	<b>3,331</b>	<b>7,009</b>	<b>3,583</b>	<b>3,583</b>	<b>4,169</b>	<b>4,180</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				3,773		(3,174)		(1,991)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				57		(31)		(19)
Governor's Change from Base								1,183
Governor's % Change from Base								17
Full-Time Equivalents	16.84	18.10	17.02	17.02	16.09	15.21	19.64	18.83

## 2115 - Mining Administration Account

Balance Forward In	1,212	1,139	1,023	330	296	248	296	248
Receipts	948	820	459	634	630	627	630	627
Balance Forward Out	1,139	1,023	330	296	248	196	248	196

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# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>1,021</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>1,151</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>679</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(138)		(462)		(462)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(7)		(25)		(25)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	6.54	7.94	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.25

## 2117 - Natural Resource Misc Statutory

Balance Forward In	822	583	284	696	619	438	619	438
Receipts	330	185	1,183	1,071	967	1,071	967	1,071
Internal Billing Receipts	56	2	12	12	12	12	12	12
Balance Forward Out	583	284	696	619	438	361	438	361
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>1,148</b>	<b>1,148</b>	<b>1,148</b>	<b>1,148</b>	<b>1,148</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				865		377		377
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				82		20		20
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	3.62	3.61	7.69	7.69	7.69	7.69	7.69	7.69

## 2118 - Land Acquisition

Balance Forward In			5	5	5	5	5	5
Receipts		6						
Balance Forward Out		5	5	5	5	5	5	5
<b>Expenditures</b>		<b>1</b>						
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(1)		0		0
Biennial % Change in Expenditures								
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								

## 2120 - Water Management Account

Balance Forward In		73		120				
Direct Appropriation	338	338	338	338	338	338	573	573
Balance Forward Out		73		120				

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# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>573</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		0		470
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				0		(0)		69
Governor's Change from Base								470
Governor's % Change from Base								70
Full-Time Equivalents	1.84	2.81	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	1.46	1.46

## 2200 - Game and Fish (Operations)

Balance Forward In				8				
Direct Appropriation	344	344	344	344	344	344	344	344
Balance Forward Out			8					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>344</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				1		(1)		(1)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				0		(0)		(0)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2300 - Outdoor Heritage

Balance Forward In		25	25					
Direct Appropriation	25							
Cancellations			25					
Balance Forward Out	25	25						

## 2403 - Gift

Balance Forward In	28	28	29	30	28	29	28	29
Receipts	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Balance Forward Out	28	29	31	28	29	30	29	30
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>				
Biennial Change in Expenditures				3		(3)		(3)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				10,230		(100)		(100)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								

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**Activity Financing by Fund**

*(Dollars in Thousands)*

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base FY26 FY27		Governor's Recommendation FY26 FY27	
<b>3800 - Permanent School</b>								
Balance Forward In	2,473	2,077	2,170	2,307	2,452	2,205	2,452	2,205
Receipts	36,532	23,802	23,655	16,392	16,486	18,055	16,486	18,055
Internal Billing Receipts	293	314	337	337	337	337	337	337
Transfers In	7,762	5,631	7,089	3,301	3,025	3,135	3,034	3,149
Transfers Out	2,121	1,522	1,644	1,574	1,537	1,518	1,537	1,518
Cancellations	42,475	27,544	28,752	17,745	17,999	19,455	17,999	19,455
Balance Forward Out	2,077	2,170	2,307	2,452	2,205	2,200	2,205	2,200
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>236</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				74		4		27
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				20		1		6
Governor's Change from Base								23
Governor's % Change from Base								5
Full-Time Equivalents	0.56	1.15	1.26	1.26	1.26	1.26	1.31	1.34

## Program: Ecological and Water Resources

## Activity: Ecological and Water Resources

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/ewr/index.html>**AT A GLANCE**

- Help manage state waters and protect public safety during flood events by monitoring water flow in 291 streams and rivers throughout Minnesota
- Help ensure sustainable growth and development while protecting public waters by reviewing and making decisions on 705 public waters permit applications (fiscal year 2024)
- Support drinking water, other water uses, ecosystem protection, and groundwater sustainability by monitoring groundwater levels in 1,250 wells and reviewing and making decisions on 874 water appropriation permit applications (fiscal year 2024)
- Help communities and businesses grow in a water-smart way by developing County Geologic Atlases that profile groundwater resources (32 counties completed to-date)
- Keep people safe and reduce property damage by supporting the removal of 100 buildings in floodplains on average annually
- Sustain rare native plant and animal populations, and provide places for people to enjoy them by managing over 193,000 acres of land in 170 Scientific and Natural Areas (SNAs), including 2 new SNAs added since 2022
- Restore and protect Minnesota's remaining native prairies by managing 15,350 acres (707 acres of which have been added since 2022) in prairie easements
- Map more than 172,000 native plant communities covering over 5.4 million acres, survey over 12,000 native vegetation plots, record 12,576 sites of biodiversity significance covering more than 13.8 million acres, and maintain over 141,582 records of listed species observations since 1987
- Make significant contributions to scientific specimen collections, such as filing 52,000 Minnesota Biological Survey plant specimens with the Bell Museum Herbarium
- Help businesses and communities grow without damaging Minnesota's rare resources by surveying for rare native plants, animals, and habitats throughout the state
- Prevent, monitor and manage terrestrial and aquatic invasive species that threaten Minnesota's natural resources and cause economic damage, including zebra mussels, Eurasian watermilfoil, invasive carp, common buckthorn, and emerald ash borer

**PURPOSE AND CONTEXT**

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) helps realize a vision of healthy lands and waters throughout Minnesota by delivering integrated land and water resource conservation.

The DNR supports sustainable economic development, manages ground and surface water resources, provides outdoor recreation opportunities, enhances rare wildlife and native plant populations, and protects aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems from the negative impacts of invasive species.

In seeking to ensure healthy lands and waters, the DNR works with individuals, landowners, businesses, outdoor recreation enthusiasts, Tribal Nations, local governments, conservation groups, and others who live in Minnesota and those who visit the state. These efforts support thriving communities and healthy Minnesotans.

## SERVICES PROVIDED

The DNR's ecological and water resources work is organized into three main service categories, as highlighted below. Services benefit all Minnesotans, and the DNR has worked to center equity and inclusion in its delivery of services – whether working to ensure that conservation information is available in multiple formats and languages to reach traditionally underrepresented Minnesotans, incorporating early and meaningful engagement with Minnesota's Tribal Nations in regulatory work, or assessing equity impacts of groundwater permitting across the state.

### Conservation Assistance and Regulation Services

- Foster sustainable use of public groundwater and surface water resources
- Oversee and ensure accuracy of the Public Waters Inventory (PWI) for Minnesota's waterbasins and watercourses, including a statewide update to the PWI occurring over the next eight years
- Ensure development activities affecting public waters meet state standards and are sustainable
- Support local governments' management of shorelands and floodplains
- Ensure the safe operation of state-regulated dams and provide dam safety technical assistance to local government and other dam owners as needed
- Review potential environmental impacts of proposed projects and ensure the public has an opportunity to understand and comment on those projects

### Ecosystem Management and Protection Services

- Prevent the spread of terrestrial and aquatic invasive species that can have negative impacts on Minnesota's ecosystems and local economies
- Implement and manage the SNA Program, which protects the state's rarest geological features, wildlife and native plant populations, the ecosystem services they provide, and allows people to visit and enjoy these unique places
- Help landowners protect and manage remnant native prairies
- Conserve and enhance wildlife diversity and provide expanded opportunities to enjoy these extraordinary wildlife resources, through efforts such as the Minnesota Loon Monitoring Program and protecting native prairies for pollinators
- Provide biological diversity data and information on native plant and animal species (including threatened and endangered species), native plant communities, and natural features, so that natural resource management and economic development activities can proceed while also protecting unique and valuable resources

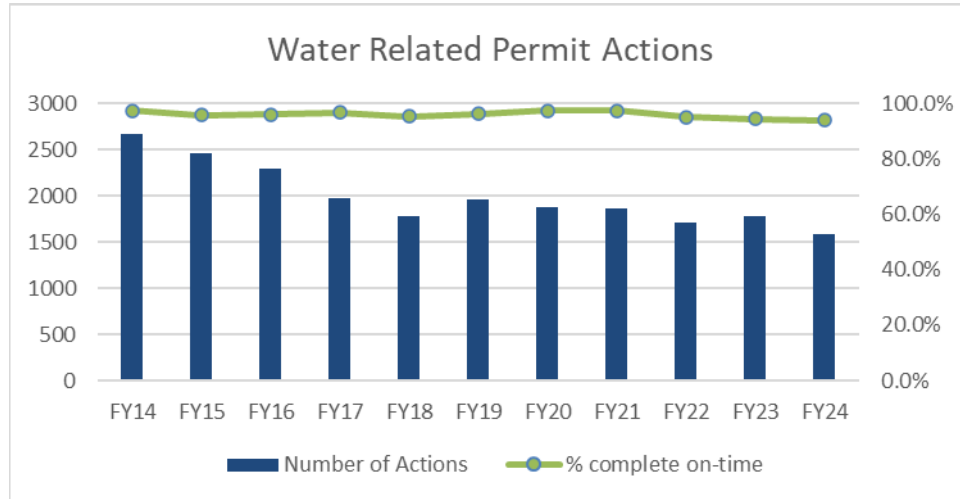
### Inventory, Monitoring, and Analysis Services

- Collect and deliver data on groundwater resources, surface water resources, lake and stream habitats, watershed features, and flood-warning gages
- Provide critical information to regulatory decision-makers so they can make effective and efficient decisions about proposed development activities and projects
- Support access and use of DNR-collected resource data and information by state and local government agencies, conservation organizations, and other interested individuals and organizations
- Coordinate and oversee a \$10 million Get Out MORE (Modernize Outdoor Recreation Experiences) investment in projects to restore streams and modernize water-related infrastructure to support outdoor recreation and climate resilience

## RESULTS

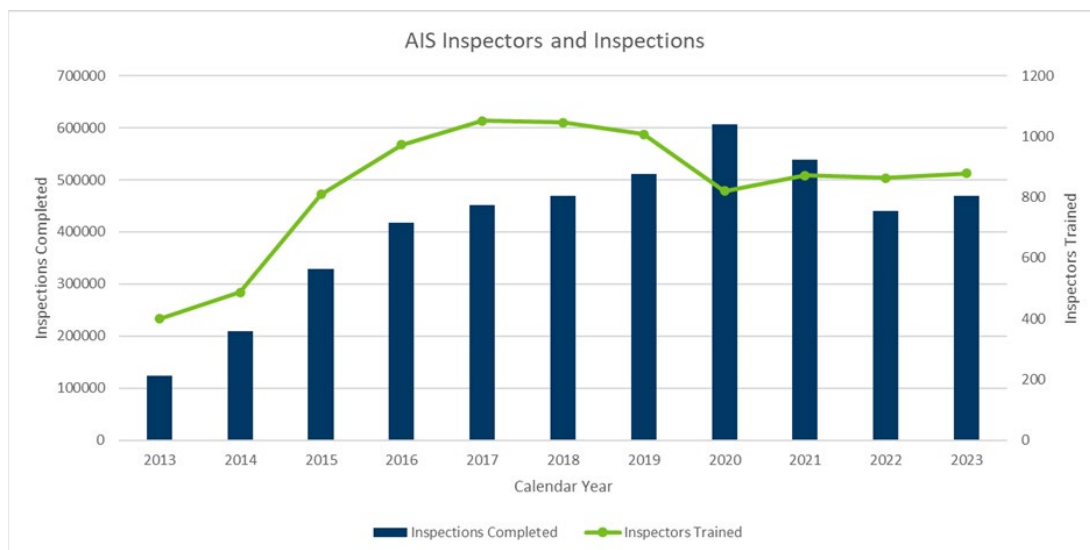
**Quantity Performance Measure: Number of water-related permit actions (including both water appropriation and work in public waters) and percent acted on within 90 days or 150 days**

As reflected in this graph, the number of water-related permit applications the DNR receives varies annually. Regardless of the application volume, the DNR seeks to review and act timely upon all applications, while recognizing that incomplete or more complex applications may take more time. Tier 1 permits, which include less complex General Permit Authorizations and permit renewals that do not require site inspection, have a 90-day goal to reach a permitting decision. The remaining Individual Permits, which are more complex, have a 150-day goal to reach a permitting decision. The DNR makes the vast majority of its permit decisions well within these time goals.



**Results Performance Measure: Number of aquatic invasive species (AIS) inspectors trained, and number of AIS inspections completed**

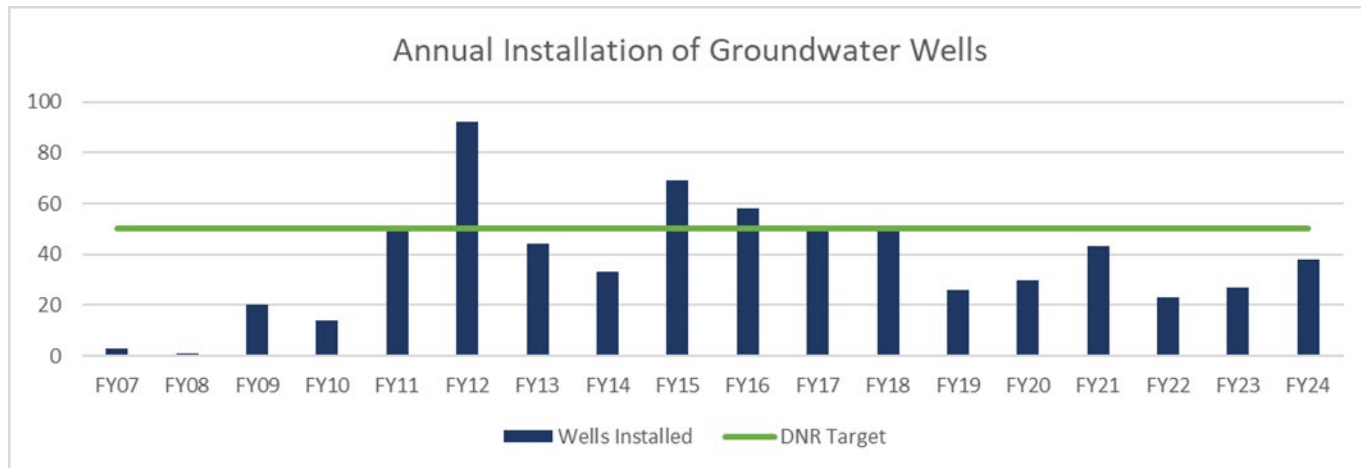
Since 2011, the DNR has partnered with local government units (LGUs) to provide watercraft inspection for AIS around the state. The number of local government partners with authorized inspectors has grown annually, with a large increase in 2015, after Minnesota counties started receiving state AIS prevention aid. These important partnerships have substantially increased watercraft inspections around the state. Due to record high outdoor recreational numbers during the COVID-19 pandemic, watercraft inspection numbers were highest in 2020 (notably, at a time when inspector training, had declined, also due to COVID-19). In calendar year 2023, DNR and authorized local inspectors completed 469,038 watercraft inspections, which makes Minnesota’s watercraft inspection program one of the largest in the nation. Our hybrid online and in-person training program for DNR and local government inspection staff trained 878 watercraft inspectors in 2023.





### Quantity Performance Measure: Number of new groundwater monitoring well installations (50-per-year goal)

The DNR continues to pursue a goal to install 50 new groundwater monitoring wells annually. Although DNR has not recently met the 50 wells per year goal, each year we continue to make progress towards our overall target of approximately 1,500 total observation wells across the state. The number of new wells drilled each year is affected by total available funding and by the cost of each individual well. Individual well cost is largely determined by the depth and complexity of the installation. Information gathered from monitoring wells is critical for efforts to maintain the sustainability of Minnesota’s groundwater systems. This information allows DNR to make timely and informed permit decisions and to help local governments make important public water supply management decisions.



The legal authority for the Ecological and Water Resources Program comes from Minnesota Statutes:

- 84 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=84>)
- 84D (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=84D>)
- 86A (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=86A>)
- 97A (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=97A>)
- 103B-H (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/part/WATER>)
- 115B (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=115B>)
- 116G (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=116G>)

# Ecological and Water Resources

# Activity Expenditure Overview

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
<b><u>Expenditures by Fund</u></b>								
1000 - General	18,758	21,596	22,805	41,705	25,884	25,884	24,211	24,602
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue	203	74	134	100	100	100	100	100
2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue	10,393	7,795	9,480	11,367	4,386	3,754	4,386	3,754
2050 - Environment & Natural Resources	5,157	8,207	11,112	23,230				
2100 - Water Recreation	1,485	1,330	2,058	2,748	2,403	2,403	2,580	2,753
2112 - Invasive Species	3,672	4,047	3,834	4,610	4,222	4,222	7,277	7,282
2117 - Natural Resource Misc Statutory	379	162	482	271	271	271	271	271
2120 - Water Management Account	4,997	3,852	5,821	6,291	6,056	6,056	7,801	8,791
2200 - Game and Fish (Operations)	2,603	2,799	2,653	2,979	2,816	2,816	2,816	2,816
2209 - Heritage Enhancement	2,535	2,882	4,907	3,109	3,008	3,008	3,008	3,008
2300 - Outdoor Heritage	2,959	7,139	7,395	26,179				
2302 - Clean Water	7,488	7,333	9,675	12,160			12,275	12,375
2401 - Reinvest In Minnesota-Gifts	2,670	4,564	4,178	6,800	5,700	5,500	5,700	5,500
2403 - Gift	0	2	9	12	30	39	30	39
2801 - Remediation	305	1,005	588	555	12,555	10,398	12,555	10,398
3000 - Federal	6,232	7,881	9,908	17,166	36,144	43,279	36,144	43,279
<b>Total</b>	<b>69,838</b>	<b>80,668</b>	<b>95,039</b>	<b>159,282</b>	<b>103,575</b>	<b>107,730</b>	<b>119,154</b>	<b>124,968</b>
Biennial Change				103,815		(43,016)		(10,199)
Biennial % Change				69		(17)		(4)
Governor's Change from Base								32,817
Governor's % Change from Base								16
<b><u>Expenditures by Category</u></b>								
Compensation	36,621	39,310	43,032	47,926	43,594	48,206	54,197	60,368
Operating Expenses	26,275	26,688	31,475	86,458	35,485	32,230	38,814	35,559
Grants, Aids and Subsidies	5,775	9,512	14,443	17,138	20,350	15,098	21,997	16,845
Capital Outlay-Real Property	1,074	4,557	5,911	7,700	4,108	12,158	4,108	12,158
Other Financial Transaction	93	601	178	60	38	38	38	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>69,838</b>	<b>80,668</b>	<b>95,039</b>	<b>159,282</b>	<b>103,575</b>	<b>107,730</b>	<b>119,154</b>	<b>124,968</b>
Total Agency Expenditures	69,838	80,668	95,039	159,282	103,575	107,730	119,154	124,968
Internal Billing Expenditures	19,068	18,219	21,660	18,386	11,936	11,936	11,936	11,936

**Ecological and Water Resources**

**Activity Expenditure Overview**

*(Dollars in Thousands)*

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Expenditures Less Internal Billing	50,771	62,448	73,379	140,896	91,639	95,794	107,218	113,032
<b><u>Full-Time Equivalents</u></b>	361.93	391.63	390.41	438.36	349.95	315.19	416.70	391.39

# Ecological and Water Resources

# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
<b>1000 - General</b>								
Balance Forward In	4	2,849	300	14,472				
Direct Appropriation	21,897	19,516	37,083	27,233	25,884	25,884	24,211	24,602
Transfers Out		300						
Cancellations	350	169	104					
Balance Forward Out	2,794	300	14,474					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>18,758</b>	<b>21,596</b>	<b>22,805</b>	<b>41,705</b>	<b>25,884</b>	<b>25,884</b>	<b>24,211</b>	<b>24,602</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				24,156		(12,742)		(15,697)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				60		(20)		(24)
Governor's Change from Base								(2,955)
Governor's % Change from Base								(6)
Full-Time Equivalents	79.85	86.95	81.42	81.42	76.31	72.29	65.93	64.28

## 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In	160	58	83	49	49	49	49	49
Receipts			0					
Transfers In	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Balance Forward Out	57	83	49	49	49	49	49	49
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(44)		(34)		(34)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(16)		(15)		(15)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	1.90	1.21	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90

## 2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In	10,808	9,656	10,793	13,419	11,361	10,781	11,361	10,781
Receipts	9,168	8,861	11,732	9,309	3,806	2,406	3,806	2,406
Internal Billing Receipts	6,371	5,903	7,398	6,837	337	337	337	337
Transfers In		21	375					
Transfers Out		0						
Balance Forward Out	9,583	10,743	13,420	11,361	10,781	9,433	10,781	9,433
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>10,393</b>	<b>7,795</b>	<b>9,480</b>	<b>11,367</b>	<b>4,386</b>	<b>3,754</b>	<b>4,386</b>	<b>3,754</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				2,659		(12,707)		(12,707)

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# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				15		(61)		(61)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	50.49	52.37	52.88	52.88	11.41	11.41	11.41	11.41

## 2050 - Environment & Natural Resources

Balance Forward In	18,449	22,380	22,750	16,880				
Direct Appropriation	10,126	8,576	5,788	6,350	0	0	0	0
Transfers Out	951	98						
Cancellations	1,036	1,201	545					
Balance Forward Out	21,431	21,450	16,881					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>5,157</b>	<b>8,207</b>	<b>11,112</b>	<b>23,230</b>				
Biennial Change in Expenditures				20,978		(34,342)		(34,342)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				157		(100)		(100)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								
Full-Time Equivalents	32.21	34.76	34.62	26.43				

## 2100 - Water Recreation

Balance Forward In		23		345				
Direct Appropriation	1,503	1,503	2,403	2,403	2,403	2,403	2,580	2,753
Cancellations		195						
Balance Forward Out	18		345					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>1,485</b>	<b>1,330</b>	<b>2,058</b>	<b>2,748</b>	<b>2,403</b>	<b>2,403</b>	<b>2,580</b>	<b>2,753</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				1,990		0		527
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				71		0		11
Governor's Change from Base								527
Governor's % Change from Base								11
Full-Time Equivalents	7.89	8.16	12.32	12.32	12.32	12.32	13.39	14.44

## 2111 - Nongame

Direct Appropriation	1,300	1,000	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,150
Transfers Out	1,300	1,000	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,150

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# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27

## 2112 - Invasive Species

Balance Forward In		603		388				
Direct Appropriation	4,222	4,222	4,222	4,222	4,222	4,222	7,277	7,282
Cancellations		779						
Balance Forward Out	550		388					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>3,672</b>	<b>4,047</b>	<b>3,834</b>	<b>4,610</b>	<b>4,222</b>	<b>4,222</b>	<b>7,277</b>	<b>7,282</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				725		0		6,115
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				9		0		72
Governor's Change from Base								6,115
Governor's % Change from Base								72
Full-Time Equivalents	24.88	26.27	20.26	20.26	18.97	17.74	26.21	25.01

## 2117 - Natural Resource Misc Statutory

Balance Forward In	726	634	843	646	640	634	640	634
Receipts	276	344	285	265	265	265	265	265
Balance Forward Out	622	816	646	640	634	628	634	628
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>271</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				212		(211)		(211)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				39		(28)		(28)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	2.33	1.49	2.88	2.88	2.88	2.88	2.88	2.88

## 2118 - Land Acquisition

Balance Forward In	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Balance Forward Out	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

## 2120 - Water Management Account

Balance Forward In	19	575		235				
Direct Appropriation	5,556	5,556	6,056	6,056	6,056	6,056	7,801	8,791
Cancellations	16	2,279						
Balance Forward Out	562		235					

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# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>4,997</b>	<b>3,852</b>	<b>5,821</b>	<b>6,291</b>	<b>6,056</b>	<b>6,056</b>	<b>7,801</b>	<b>8,791</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				3,263		0		4,480
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				37		0		37
Governor's Change from Base								4,480
Governor's % Change from Base								37
Full-Time Equivalents	28.11	23.79	31.57	31.57	29.56	27.64	40.38	44.46

## 2200 - Game and Fish (Operations)

Balance Forward In		223		163				
Direct Appropriation	2,816	2,816	2,816	2,816	2,816	2,816	2,816	2,816
Receipts	1,185	1,174	1,108	1,186	1,186	1,186	1,186	1,186
Transfers Out	1,185	1,174	1,108	1,186	1,186	1,186	1,186	1,186
Cancellations		240						
Balance Forward Out	213		163					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>2,603</b>	<b>2,799</b>	<b>2,653</b>	<b>2,979</b>	<b>2,816</b>	<b>2,816</b>	<b>2,816</b>	<b>2,816</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				229		0		0
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				4		0		0
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	14.64	15.70	14.08	14.08	14.08	14.08	14.08	14.08

## 2209 - Heritage Enhancement

Balance Forward In		176		101				
Direct Appropriation	2,708	2,708	5,008	3,008	3,008	3,008	3,008	3,008
Cancellations		2						
Balance Forward Out	173		101					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>2,535</b>	<b>2,882</b>	<b>4,907</b>	<b>3,109</b>	<b>3,008</b>	<b>3,008</b>	<b>3,008</b>	<b>3,008</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				2,600		(2,000)		(2,000)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				48		(25)		(25)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	15.20	15.45	17.00	17.00	15.92	14.88	15.92	14.88

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
<b>2300 - Outdoor Heritage</b>								
Balance Forward In	15,735	14,372	13,862	10,397				
Direct Appropriation	5,047	6,462	4,151	15,782	0	0	0	0
Transfers Out	306	201						
Cancellations	3,193	1,295	222					
Balance Forward Out	14,323	12,199	10,397					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>2,959</b>	<b>7,139</b>	<b>7,395</b>	<b>26,179</b>				
Biennial Change in Expenditures				23,476		(33,574)		(33,574)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				232		(100)		(100)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								
Full-Time Equivalents	4.97	6.60	4.81	2.05				

## 2302 - Clean Water

Balance Forward In	2,666	2,552	2,218	2,335				
Direct Appropriation	7,310	7,305	9,825	9,825	0	0	12,275	12,375
Cancellations	0	308	34					
Balance Forward Out	2,488	2,216	2,335					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>7,488</b>	<b>7,333</b>	<b>9,675</b>	<b>12,160</b>			<b>12,275</b>	<b>12,375</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				7,014		(21,835)		2,815
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				47		(100)		13
Governor's Change from Base								24,650
Governor's % Change from Base								
Full-Time Equivalents	46.69	47.61	49.19	41.63			58.00	58.00

## 2400 - Endowment

Balance Forward In	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Receipts	0	0	0					
Balance Forward Out	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

## 2401 - Reinvest In Minnesota-Gifts

Balance Forward In	3,270	7,114	7,114	12,435	9,133	6,931	9,133	6,931
Receipts			0					
Transfers In	8,367	5,878	9,498	3,798	3,798	3,798	3,798	3,798



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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Transfers Out	1,891	1,350		300	300	300	300	300
Balance Forward Out	7,076	7,078	12,435	9,133	6,931	4,929	6,931	4,929
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>2,670</b>	<b>4,564</b>	<b>4,178</b>	<b>6,800</b>	<b>5,700</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>5,700</b>	<b>5,500</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				3,744		222		222
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				52		2		2
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	16.39	24.56	22.67	22.67	22.67	22.67	22.67	22.67

## 2403 - Gift

Balance Forward In	548	601	194	236	276	297	276	297
Receipts	54	94	51	52	51	49	51	49
Transfers Out		500						
Balance Forward Out	601	194	236	276	297	307	297	307
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>39</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				19		48		48
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				930		235		235
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2801 - Remediation

Balance Forward In	21,595	21,515	22,540	23,587	24,176	12,141	24,176	12,141
Receipts	144	1,932	1,636	1,144	520	220	520	220
Balance Forward Out	21,435	22,442	23,588	24,176	12,141	1,963	12,141	1,963
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>1,005</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>12,555</b>	<b>10,398</b>	<b>12,555</b>	<b>10,398</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(166)		21,810		21,810
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(13)		1,907		1,907
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	1.31	1.79	2.07	2.07	2.07	2.07	2.07	2.07

## 3000 - Federal

Balance Forward In	63	17	171	8				
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**Activity Financing by Fund**

*(Dollars in Thousands)*

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Receipts	6,181	7,911	9,746	17,158	36,144	43,279	36,144	43,279
Balance Forward Out	12	47	9					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>6,232</b>	<b>7,881</b>	<b>9,908</b>	<b>17,166</b>	<b>36,144</b>	<b>43,279</b>	<b>36,144</b>	<b>43,279</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				12,962		52,349		52,349
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				92		193		193
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	35.07	44.92	43.74	110.20	142.86	116.31	142.86	116.31

**Program: Forestry****Activity: Forest Management**<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/>**AT A GLANCE**

- Manage 60 state forests, covering 4.3 million acres, for clean water, wildlife habitat, quality timber, outdoor recreation, biological diversity and carbon sequestration and storage
- Provide over 25 percent of the Minnesota-sourced wood fiber that keeps the state's forest products industry strong and supports more than 69,000 jobs statewide
- Maintain 2,385 miles of forest roads that provide access for recreation, general public use, fire protection and other emergency response, forest management, and timber production
- Reforest 30,000 acres, on average, of final harvest each year, with an additional 10,000 acres of thinned forest not needing reforestation
- Maintain forest management certification on 5 million acres of DNR-administered lands by meeting criteria established by the independent Forest Stewardship Council and Sustainable Forestry Initiative and audited by a third-party contractor
- Prepare forest stewardship plans for private landowners on 70,000 acres annually through a network of DNR, county, and private consulting foresters, and provide cost share for tree planting and other management projects
- Support communities in addressing harmful pests and maintaining a healthy tree canopy, and the associated health, climate mitigation, and economic benefits
- Engage 53,000 students annually in outdoor education activities statewide at 150 school forest sites

**PURPOSE AND CONTEXT**

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) aims to help sustain community well-being and quality of life by improving the productivity, health, species diversity, accessibility, and use of forests. Healthy forests provide clean water, carbon sequestration and storage, wildlife habitat, biodiversity, outdoor recreation, and forest-related products.

Active forest management helps ensure DNR managed forest lands remain productive, ecologically healthy, and beautiful in the face of wildfires, changes in surrounding land use, climate change, invasive plants, insect pests, and diseases. These lands play a key role in protecting water quality and mitigating greenhouse gas emissions, and provide low-cost, accessible recreation opportunities for all Minnesotans to connect to the outdoors.

Minnesota's forest products industry relies on a sustainable state timber supply. State-administered lands are the largest wood fiber supplier to Minnesota's mills. The industry provides 69,000 jobs and economic benefits worth \$17.4 billion, according to a 2022 estimate. Well-managed forests also provide economic benefits from tourism and outdoor recreation activities like hunting, hiking, horseback riding, birdwatching, snowshoeing, off-highway vehicle riding, and more.

Many Minnesotans benefit from the state's forest management, including conservation groups, hunters, anglers, outdoor enthusiasts, schoolteachers and students, loggers, forestry industry employees, forest managers, and landowners.

## SERVICES PROVIDED

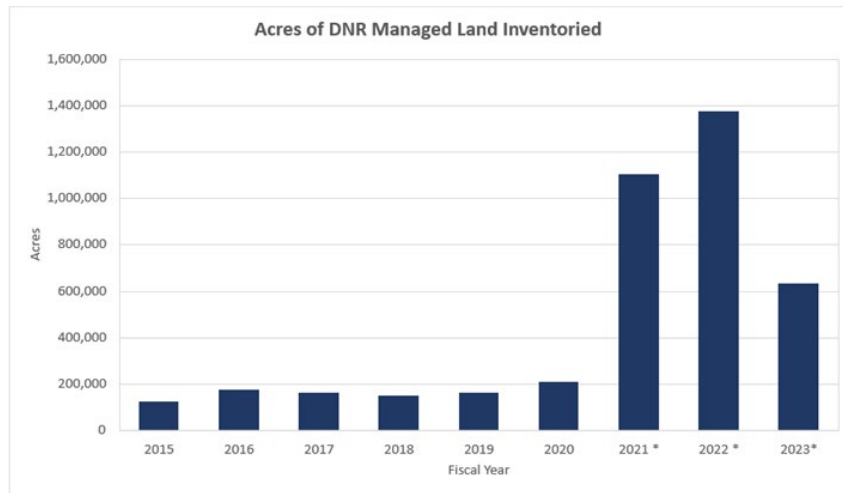
The DNR achieves the state's forestry goals by:

- Improving the health and productivity of DNR-managed forest lands, so they provide economic and community benefits, including clean water, carbon sequestration and storage, abundant wildlife habitat, biological diversity, a sustainable supply of timber, and outdoor recreation opportunities
- Maintaining forest roads and recreational trails for sustainable commercial use and public enjoyment of Minnesota's forests, while providing emergency access to difficult-to-reach locations
- Leading forest management and policy development to sustain and enhance Minnesota's public and private forest lands
- Understanding and valuing tribal perspectives and goals when making forest management decisions, while also following laws, rules, directives, and other legal requirements or obligations imposed by state or federal law
- Providing technical assistance to communities and private landowners through training sessions, printed and online materials, one-on-one visits, cost-share opportunities, and stewardship plans
- Supporting landowners and communities to maintain healthy forests, and all the benefits they provide, in the face of pressure from development, climate change, and invasive species
- Guiding Minnesotans to prevent and address insect and disease infestations
- Advancing public knowledge of the social, economic, and environmental benefits of forest resources
- Implementing the Sustainable Forest Resources Act to gather and incorporate diverse perspectives on forest management
- Managing School Trust Lands for long-term economic returns to the Permanent School Fund based on sound natural resource decisions and practices
- Collaborating with conservation groups, the forest products industry, forest landowners, and other partners to support a robust forest products industry critical to sustainable forest management and Minnesota's economic health

## RESULTS

### Quantity Performance Measure: Acres of DNR Managed Forest Land Inventoried

The DNR must maintain an up-to-date inventory of state forest lands that includes details on tree species, age, size and potential productivity. This allows the DNR to assess timber availability, habitat and other forest values, management goals, carbon storage and sequestration, and research needs. In fiscal year 2021, the DNR began using a more efficient, accurate and data-rich forest inventory method that combines plot-based forest inventory (PBI) and high-density light detection and ranging (LiDAR) data. After a two-year intense inventory effort to create an initial statewide picture, the DNR moved to a more measured pace of PBI plot visits and LiDAR collection in fiscal year 2023. The modernized PBI and LiDAR approach also allows advanced analysis of tree density, forest changes, and carbon storage, which are critical in understanding options for climate change mitigation, sustainable forest management, and invasive species response across all forests in the state. In addition to the acres represented in the chart, the DNR is including data collection from private lands to create a full picture of forest lands in Minnesota.

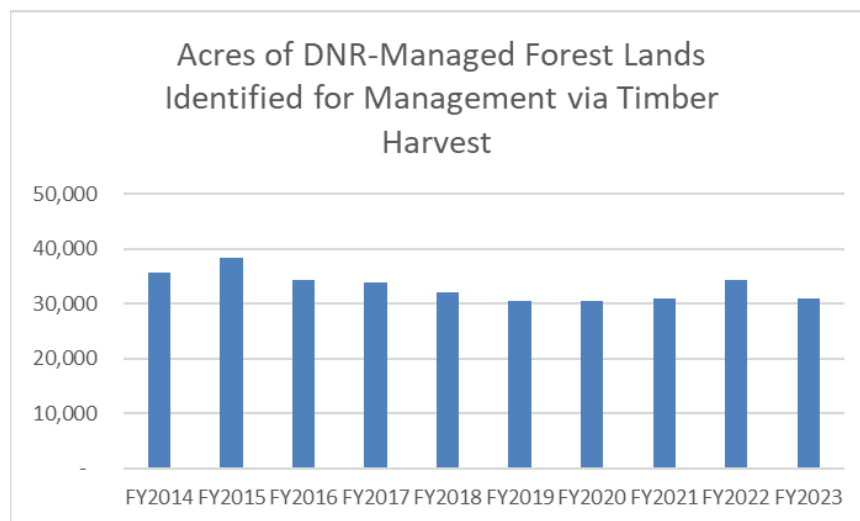


\* Modernized forest inventory approach

### Quantity Performance Measure: Acres of DNR-Managed Forest Lands Identified for Management via Timber Harvest

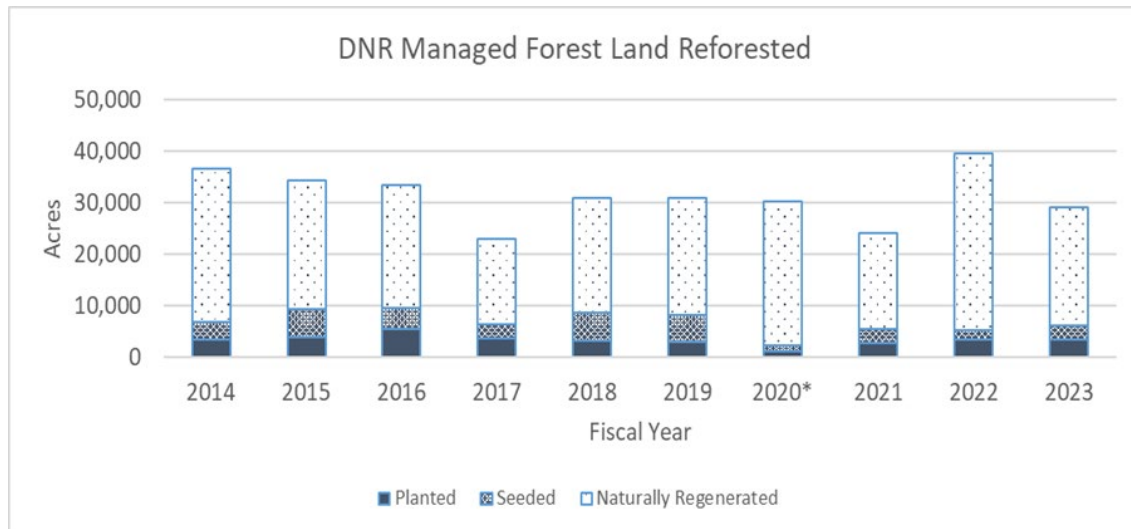
The DNR manages for multiple forest benefits over time, with recognition that “optimal balance” varies across different lands managed by the DNR. Forest benefits include wildlife habitat, biodiversity, wood supply and healthy natural resource economies, carbon storage, recreation, and water quality and quantity. Different tree species and forest cover types, along with young, intermediate, and mature forests, each provide different benefits. Thus, it is important to maintain diverse forests with a mix of forest ages across the landscape.

Timber harvest is one cost-effective tool for initiating the disturbance necessary to create and maintain diverse forests. Not all timber harvests are the same; while some are final harvests followed by reforestation, others are thinnings designed to remove select trees to promote growth of other trees, create habitat openings, address forest health considerations, and advance other management goals. The extent of disturbance achieved by a harvest can be measured in the amount of timber offered for sale that is ultimately sold and harvested. On average, 33,000 of the 5 million acres of forestland managed by the DNR are offered for harvest each year, making available up to 870,000 cords of timber, which is the amount that can be sustainably harvested from DNR-managed forest land on an annual basis. Timber harvest helps the DNR achieve its mandate to sustainably manage the state’s forest resources to achieve economic, environmental, and social goals (M.S. 89A) in support of other natural resource laws and land statutes.



## Quantity Performance Measure: Acres Reforested of DNR Managed Forest Land

To meet sustainability and conservation objectives and comply with state law, the DNR must reforest harvested sites. Reforestation is also needed on sites damaged by storms, drought, pests, or disease. Reforestation approaches include planting seedlings, spreading seed and, where possible, allowing the forest to grow back on its own (natural regeneration). In addition to reforesting state lands, the DNR provides technical and financial support (via cost-share and grants) to Tribal, county and private forest landowners, as well as to Minnesota communities. Enhancing reforestation efforts across all landowner groups provides carbon storage, water quality, wildlife habitat, and other natural resource and economic benefits.



\*2020 totals were adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic

The legal authority for the forest management activity comes from Minnesota Statutes 88, 89, 89A and 90.

88 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=88>)

89 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=89>)

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# Forest Management

# Activity Expenditure Overview

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
<b><u>Expenditures by Fund</u></b>								
1000 - General	26,361	31,915	39,512	52,417	34,900	34,900	35,779	36,362
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue	4,164	3,481	3,267	3,115	3,596	3,608	3,596	3,608
2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue	1,733	894	2,551	6,060	3,991	3,991	3,991	3,991
2050 - Environment & Natural Resources	3,240	82	526	1,358				
2113 - Forest Management Investment	14,780	16,303	13,740	18,784	16,161	16,161	16,206	16,293
2117 - Natural Resource Misc Statutory	3,017	4,292	2,799	2,643	2,893	2,693	2,893	2,693
2118 - Land Acquisition	85	127	111	137	137	137	137	137
2209 - Heritage Enhancement	1,660	1,921	927	7,507	1,617	1,617	1,617	1,617
2300 - Outdoor Heritage	2,286	3,091	3,477	12,758				
2302 - Clean Water	249	254	285	1,032				
2403 - Gift	7	11	16	31	32	32	32	32
3000 - Federal	3,098	4,730	5,306	15,853	15,920	15,869	15,920	15,869
3015 - ARP-State Fiscal Recovery	353							
<b>Total</b>	<b>61,034</b>	<b>67,102</b>	<b>72,517</b>	<b>121,695</b>	<b>79,247</b>	<b>79,008</b>	<b>80,171</b>	<b>80,602</b>
Biennial Change				66,076		(35,957)		(33,439)
Biennial % Change				52		(19)		(17)
Governor's Change from Base								2,518
Governor's % Change from Base								2
<b><u>Expenditures by Category</u></b>								
Compensation	24,947	25,726	27,335	29,247	29,019	28,976	29,943	30,570
Operating Expenses	25,845	29,931	26,084	64,624	37,357	37,439	37,357	37,439
Grants, Aids and Subsidies	7,277	6,751	13,256	24,727	10,714	10,898	10,714	10,898
Capital Outlay-Real Property	2,716	4,340	5,230	2,599	1,672	1,512	1,672	1,512
Other Financial Transaction	249	353	612	498	485	183	485	183
<b>Total</b>	<b>61,034</b>	<b>67,102</b>	<b>72,517</b>	<b>121,695</b>	<b>79,247</b>	<b>79,008</b>	<b>80,171</b>	<b>80,602</b>
Total Agency Expenditures	61,034	67,102	72,517	121,695	79,247	79,008	80,171	80,602
Internal Billing Expenditures	14,885	17,373	15,678	17,606	15,071	15,071	15,071	15,071
<b>Expenditures Less Internal Billing</b>	<b>46,149</b>	<b>49,729</b>	<b>56,839</b>	<b>104,089</b>	<b>64,176</b>	<b>63,937</b>	<b>65,100</b>	<b>65,531</b>

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# Activity Expenditure Overview

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
<b><u>Full-Time Equivalents</u></b>	260.75	272.85	268.19	279.80	259.37	244.75	264.97	254.41



# Forest Management

# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
<b>1000 - General</b>								
Balance Forward In		2,930	4,522	9,135				
Direct Appropriation	28,661	34,166	44,124	47,197	34,900	34,900	35,779	36,362
Transfers Out		300						
Cancellations	12	364		3,915				
Balance Forward Out	2,288	4,518	9,134					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>26,361</b>	<b>31,915</b>	<b>39,512</b>	<b>52,417</b>	<b>34,900</b>	<b>34,900</b>	<b>35,779</b>	<b>36,362</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				33,653		(22,129)		(19,788)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				58		(24)		(22)
Governor's Change from Base								2,341
Governor's % Change from Base								3
Full-Time Equivalents	114.46	124.82	105.56	105.56	99.10	93.04	104.43	101.90

## 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In	4,554	4,286	4,314	4,881	5,235	5,359	5,235	5,359
Receipts	4,618	4,795	4,868	4,434	4,629	4,629	4,629	4,629
Transfers In	956	1,011	1,011	1,073	1,151	1,158	1,151	1,158
Transfers Out	1,799	2,323	2,045	2,038	2,060	2,071	2,060	2,071
Balance Forward Out	4,165	4,288	4,881	5,235	5,359	5,467	5,359	5,467
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>4,164</b>	<b>3,481</b>	<b>3,267</b>	<b>3,115</b>	<b>3,596</b>	<b>3,608</b>	<b>3,596</b>	<b>3,608</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(1,263)		822		822
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(17)		13		13
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	0.33	0.28	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42

## 2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In	2,094	1,897	2,639	2,288	2,729	2,905	2,729	2,905
Receipts	1,418	1,277	2,019	5,917	4,167	4,162	4,167	4,162
Internal Billing Receipts	476	308	546	546	546	546	546	546
Transfers In		68	180	584				
Balance Forward Out	1,778	2,347	2,287	2,729	2,905	3,076	2,905	3,076
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>1,733</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>2,551</b>	<b>6,060</b>	<b>3,991</b>	<b>3,991</b>	<b>3,991</b>	<b>3,991</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				5,983		(629)		(629)

# Forest Management

# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				228		(7)		(7)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	12.27	9.92	13.90	13.90	10.02	8.76	10.02	8.76

## 2050 - Environment & Natural Resources

Balance Forward In	3,525	488	896	1,358				
Direct Appropriation		500	987					
Cancellations		31						
Balance Forward Out	285	876	1,357					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>3,240</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>1,358</b>				
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(1,437)		(1,884)		(1,884)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(43)		(100)		(100)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								
Full-Time Equivalents	0.08		2.02	2.02				

## 2113 - Forest Management Investment

Balance Forward In		1,990	202	2,623				
Direct Appropriation	16,661	16,661	16,161	16,161	16,161	16,161	16,206	16,293
Transfers In	10,558	10,340	9,323	9,401	9,615	9,710	9,615	9,710
Transfers Out		1,300						
Cancellations	10,558	11,378	9,323	9,401	9,615	9,710	9,615	9,710
Balance Forward Out	1,881	10	2,622					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>14,780</b>	<b>16,303</b>	<b>13,740</b>	<b>18,784</b>	<b>16,161</b>	<b>16,161</b>	<b>16,206</b>	<b>16,293</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				1,441		(202)		(25)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				5		(1)		(0)
Governor's Change from Base								177
Governor's % Change from Base								1
Full-Time Equivalents	108.81	110.65	122.31	122.31	114.61	107.31	114.88	108.11

## 2117 - Natural Resource Misc Statutory

Balance Forward In	2,028	2,154	1,448	1,301	1,403	1,254	1,403	1,254
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# Forest Management

# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Receipts	3,063	3,093	2,652	2,745	2,744	2,744	2,744	2,744
Internal Billing Receipts	2,487	2,797	1,846	2,462	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200
Balance Forward Out	2,074	955	1,301	1,403	1,254	1,305	1,254	1,305
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>3,017</b>	<b>4,292</b>	<b>2,799</b>	<b>2,643</b>	<b>2,893</b>	<b>2,693</b>	<b>2,893</b>	<b>2,693</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(1,867)		144		144
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(26)		3		3
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	11.70	14.31	14.14	14.14	14.14	14.14	14.14	14.14

## 2118 - Land Acquisition

Balance Forward In	935	991	918	815	798	781	798	781
Receipts	141	54	8	120	120	120	120	120
Balance Forward Out	991	918	815	798	781	764	781	764
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>137</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				36		26		26
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				17		11		11
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2200 - Game and Fish (Operations)

Open Appropriation	226	223	126	129	150	150	150	150
Transfers Out	226	223	126	129	150	150	150	150

## 2209 - Heritage Enhancement

Balance Forward In		340		690				
Direct Appropriation	1,917	1,917	1,617	6,817	1,617	1,617	1,617	1,617
Cancellations	0	336						
Balance Forward Out	257		690					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>1,660</b>	<b>1,921</b>	<b>927</b>	<b>7,507</b>	<b>1,617</b>	<b>1,617</b>	<b>1,617</b>	<b>1,617</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				4,852		(5,200)		(5,200)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				135		(62)		(62)
Governor's Change from Base								0

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# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	8.15	5.98	4.08	4.08	4.08	4.08	4.08	4.08

## 2300 - Outdoor Heritage

Balance Forward In	7,031	6,859	5,646	1,848				
Direct Appropriation	3,212	2,673	344	10,910	0	0	0	0
Transfers In		180						
Transfers Out	140	10						
Cancellations	997	1,007	665					
Balance Forward Out	6,820	5,603	1,848					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>2,286</b>	<b>3,091</b>	<b>3,477</b>	<b>12,758</b>				
Biennial Change in Expenditures				10,858		(16,235)		(16,235)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				202		(100)		(100)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								
Full-Time Equivalents	0.08	0.03						

## 2302 - Clean Water

Balance Forward In	197	198	216	482				
Direct Appropriation	250	250	550	550	0	0	0	0
Cancellations		0						
Balance Forward Out	198	194	482					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>1,032</b>				
Biennial Change in Expenditures				814		(1,317)		(1,317)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				162		(100)		(100)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								
Full-Time Equivalents	0.96	1.01	0.98	0.12				

## 2403 - Gift

Balance Forward In	299	322	379	433	454	471	454	471
Receipts	29	69	69	52	49	47	49	47
Balance Forward Out	322	379	433	454	471	486	471	486

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# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				29		17		17
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				160		37		37
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 3000 - Federal

Balance Forward In	1,909	1,958	2,020	1,951	1,951	1,951	1,951	1,951
Receipts	3,016	4,722	5,238	15,853	15,920	15,869	15,920	15,869
Balance Forward Out	1,827	1,950	1,951	1,951	1,951	1,951	1,951	1,951
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>3,098</b>	<b>4,730</b>	<b>5,306</b>	<b>15,853</b>	<b>15,920</b>	<b>15,869</b>	<b>15,920</b>	<b>15,869</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				13,331		10,630		10,630
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				170		50		50
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	3.91	5.85	4.78	17.25	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00

## 3015 - ARP-State Fiscal Recovery

Balance Forward In		0						
Direct Appropriation	1,000							
Cancellations	647	0						
Balance Forward Out	0							
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>353</b>							
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(353)		0		0
Biennial % Change in Expenditures								
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								

## 3800 - Permanent School

Balance Forward In	10,919	11,089	9,759	9,498	9,563	9,801	9,563	9,783
Receipts	12,026	10,735	10,285	11,007	11,007	11,007	11,007	11,007
Internal Billing Receipts		3	1	1	1	1	1	1
Transfers Out	11,857	12,065	10,546	10,942	10,769	10,888	10,787	10,918

# Forest Management

# Activity Financing by Fund

*(Dollars in Thousands)*

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Balance Forward Out	11,089	9,759	9,498	9,563	9,801	9,920	9,783	9,872

## Program: Forestry

## Activity: Firefighting

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/>**AT A GLANCE**

- Protect people, property, and natural resources by responding to an average of 960 wildfires per year, averaging 20,800 acres per year (based on 20-year average)
- Issue approximately 65,000 burning permits annually
- Respond in 20 minutes or less to wildfires where the DNR is the first responder
- Maintain 18 county and local Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP) through the Firewise program to help 633 communities reduce wildfire risk and potential impacts
- Coordinate emergency response activities and equipment, and maintain cooperative agreements with national, state, tribal, and local partners
- Provide reimbursable, out-of-state firefighting assistance through the Minnesota Interagency Fire Center and mutual aid agreements

**PURPOSE AND CONTEXT**

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) provides wildfire protection for 45.5 million acres of public and private land. This includes:

- Protecting against loss of life by wildfire
- Reducing property loss and damage to natural resources
- Responding to fire and natural disaster emergencies in Minnesota and cooperating with federal and regional firefighting organizations by staffing national fire incidents
- Preventing wildfires through education, regulation, and a burning-permit system
- Administering prescribed burning for the department and using prescribed fires to reduce burnable materials in natural areas

Wildfire is a natural part of the environment; however, it can cause significant damage. Wildfire protection is critical to protecting people, property, and natural resources in rural and suburban areas. The DNR's protection efforts serve residents, landowners, businesses, rural fire departments, other emergency response partners, and natural resource managers.

State authority over wildfire management began in the early 1900s, after devastating wildfires destroyed Hinckley, Baudette, Chisholm, and Cloquet. Minnesota law mandates that the DNR suppress wildfire throughout the state. Since 1976, the Legislature has made appropriations to ensure funds are available to meet Minnesota's preparedness and suppression needs.

**SERVICES PROVIDED**

The DNR protects against the loss of life, property, and natural resources from wildfire and enhances natural resource management through:

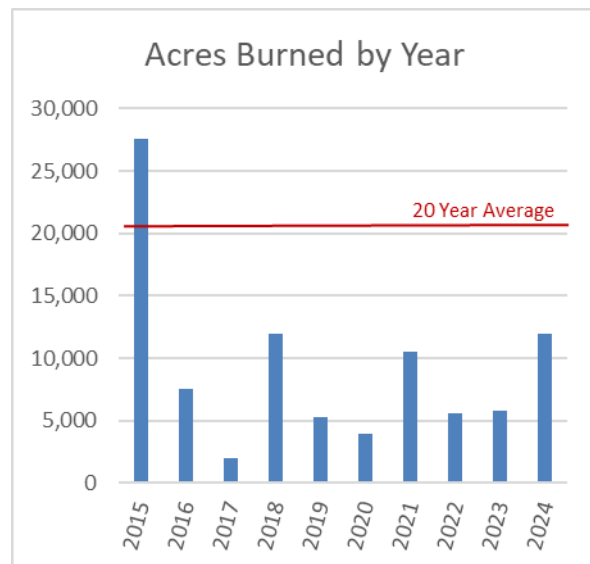
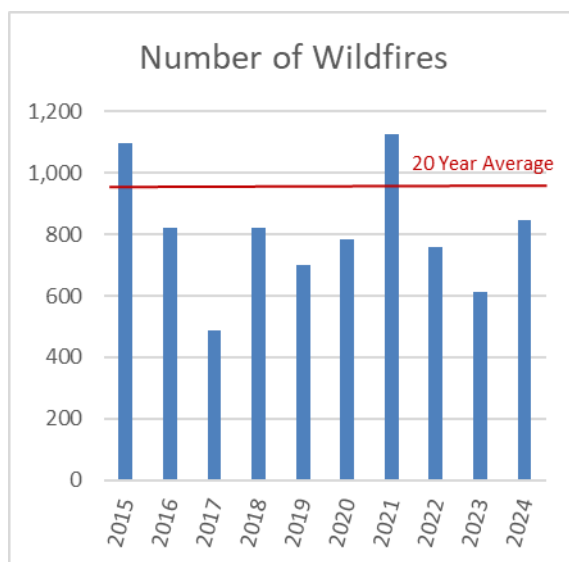
- **Prevention**—Providing educational information and activities, regulating open burning; enforcing state wildfire and open-burning laws, investigating wildfire arson; and helping residents, developers, and local officials identify and reduce the risk of wildfires around homes and communities through the Firewise program

- **Pre-suppression**—Training firefighters and support personnel, operating the Minnesota Interagency Fire Center, maintaining partnerships and aid agreements with other fire protection agencies, tracking and positioning specialized ground and aerial suppression equipment across the state for efficient response, and maintaining an emergency communications network
- **Suppression**— Using trained firefighters, support personnel, public reports, and aerial and ground-based equipment to locate wildfires, seasonally relocating firefighting resources to strategic locations to facilitate rapid response, and controlling the spread of and extinguishing wildfires to minimize their damage
- **Prescribed burning**—Using fire intentionally to prepare sites for reforestation, improve wildlife habitat, maintain natural plant communities, reduce the risk and severity of wildfires, provide valuable fire suppression training, and control insects, diseases, and invasive plants

## RESULTS

### Quantity Performance Measure: Number of fires and acres burned

Wildfire risk levels relate to the weather. The need for wildfire protection can vary from year to year and workloads increase significantly when weather patterns are dry. In 2022 and 2023, drought expanded and intensified across Minnesota, with corresponding increased wildfire risk. Fortunately, drought-ending precipitation statewide improved conditions toward the end of FY24. The number of fires and acres burned in FY23 and FY24 were less than the 20-year average despite the high wildfire risk in the latter half of both FY23 and FY24, the DNR’s wildfire prevention, preparedness and quick-response efforts are key contributors to these outcomes.



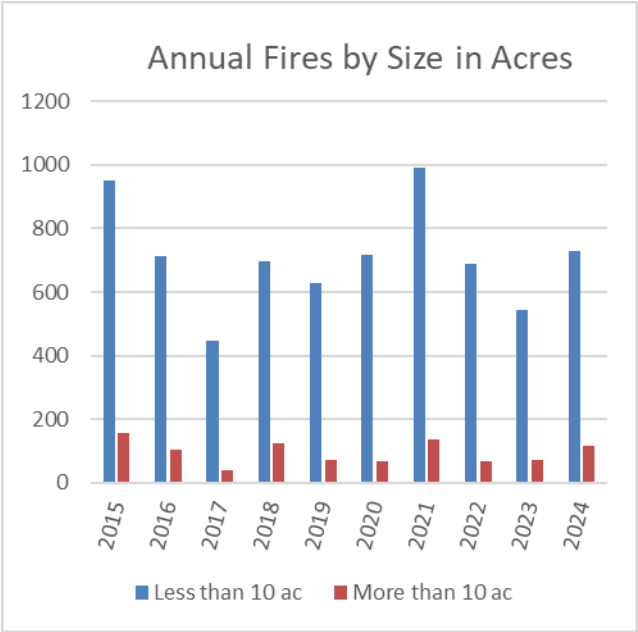
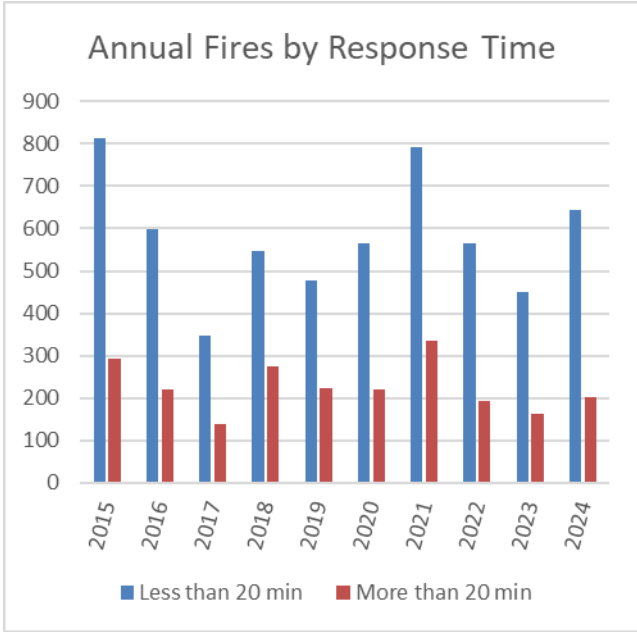
### Quality Performance Measure: Wildfire Size and Response Times

The DNR employs a strategy of responding aggressively to fire starts with the goal of quickly containing the fire. This strategy is key to the success of the DNR’s wildfire suppression efforts. The DNR aims to respond to wildfires quickly (within 20 minutes of report) and keep them small—less than 10 acres. Over the last 10 years, the DNR has responded to 72% of wildfires within 20 minutes on average, and 88% of fires were kept under 10 acres. Once a wildfire escapes an initial attack, suppression costs and damages increase rapidly.

Maintaining a highly skilled and experienced firefighter workforce and pre-positioning equipment is critical to ensuring quick and effective response, as well as reducing overall suppression costs. The graphs below illustrate



DNR’s timely response rate and overall low wildfire size even in periods of high wildfire risk when fires spread faster, burn hotter, and are more likely to lead to catastrophic events.



The legal authority for the firefighting activity comes from Minnesota Statutes: 88.01-88.46 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=88>)

# Firefighting

# Activity Expenditure Overview

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base FY26 FY27		Governor's Recommendation FY26 FY27	
<b><u>Expenditures by Fund</u></b>								
1000 - General	41,354	30,857	36,899	36,589	38,021	39,521	38,021	39,521
2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue	7,038	5,821	4,271	4,971	4,971	4,971	4,971	4,971
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,392</b>	<b>36,678</b>	<b>41,170</b>	<b>41,560</b>	<b>42,992</b>	<b>44,492</b>	<b>42,992</b>	<b>44,492</b>
Biennial Change				(2,341)		4,754		4,754
Biennial % Change				(3)		6		6
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
<b><u>Expenditures by Category</u></b>								
Compensation	19,433	16,843	19,472	15,757	15,757	15,757	15,757	15,757
Operating Expenses	25,278	19,395	21,170	25,249	26,681	28,181	26,681	28,181
Grants, Aids and Subsidies	113	163	252	171	171	171	171	171
Capital Outlay-Real Property	3,384	188	45	165	165	165	165	165
Other Financial Transaction	184	89	230	218	218	218	218	218
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,392</b>	<b>36,678</b>	<b>41,170</b>	<b>41,560</b>	<b>42,992</b>	<b>44,492</b>	<b>42,992</b>	<b>44,492</b>
Total Agency Expenditures	48,392	36,678	41,170	41,560	42,992	44,492	42,992	44,492
Internal Billing Expenditures	6,190	5,738	6,799	6,849	8,498	8,498	8,498	8,498
<b>Expenditures Less Internal Billing</b>	<b>42,203</b>	<b>30,940</b>	<b>34,371</b>	<b>34,711</b>	<b>34,494</b>	<b>35,994</b>	<b>34,494</b>	<b>35,994</b>
<b><u>Full-Time Equivalent</u></b>	<b>223.17</b>	<b>186.53</b>	<b>195.80</b>	<b>195.80</b>	<b>195.80</b>	<b>195.80</b>	<b>195.80</b>	<b>195.80</b>

# Firefighting

# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
<b>1000 - General</b>								
Balance Forward In		191		68				
Direct Appropriation	7,521	7,521	7,521	7,521	7,521	7,521	7,521	7,521
Open Appropriation	33,860	23,262	29,446	29,000	30,500	32,000	30,500	32,000
Cancellations		116						
Balance Forward Out	27		68					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>41,354</b>	<b>30,857</b>	<b>36,899</b>	<b>36,589</b>	<b>38,021</b>	<b>39,521</b>	<b>38,021</b>	<b>39,521</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				1,277		4,054		4,054
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				2		6		6
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	196.98	162.84	174.44	174.44	174.44	174.44	174.44	174.44
<b>2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue</b>								
Balance Forward In	1,233	3,230	3,160	2,383	2,439	2,387	2,439	2,387
Receipts	8,726	3,924	3,839	5,127	5,019	5,017	5,019	5,017
Internal Billing Receipts	374	378	451	559	452	452	452	452
Transfers Out			345	100	100	100	100	100
Balance Forward Out	2,921	1,333	2,383	2,439	2,387	2,333	2,387	2,333
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>7,038</b>	<b>5,821</b>	<b>4,271</b>	<b>4,971</b>	<b>4,971</b>	<b>4,971</b>	<b>4,971</b>	<b>4,971</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(3,617)		700		700
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(28)		8		8
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	26.19	23.69	21.36	21.36	21.36	21.36	21.36	21.36

**Program: Parks and Trails****Activity: Parks and Trails Management**[https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/parks\\_trails/](https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/parks_trails/)**AT A GLANCE**

- Operate and maintain 64 state parks, nine state recreation areas, nine state waysides, and 29 state forest day-use areas
- Maintain more than 1,500 miles of state trails and 3,400 miles of hiking/biking/motorized trails in state parks, recreation areas and forest lands, and manage 22,300 miles of snowmobile trails
- Operate and maintain 141 campgrounds with more than 5,000 campsites, including 93 campgrounds within state parks, 43 within state forests, and five within state recreation areas
- Maintain 1,700 public water accesses, 390 fishing piers, and 35 state water trails
- Provide recreation opportunities that support to the state's \$11.7 billion outdoor recreation economy, which contributes 2.6 percent in value to the State's GDP (U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, 2022), including \$700 million in direct local economic impacts from state park visitors (Minnesota State Park Visitor Survey, 2022)
- Restore and maintain about 256,000 acres of natural lands and help preserve 285 rare species
- Steward 45 historic districts and landmarks, nearly 600 historic structures, and more than 900 archaeological sites
- Deliver 8,600 outdoor educational programs to almost 200,000 participants each year

**PURPOSE AND CONTEXT**

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) aspires to create unforgettable park, trail, and water recreation experiences that inspire people to pass along the love of the outdoors to current and future generations.

State parks and trails improve the lives of individuals, children, and families by connecting them to nature, supporting mental, emotional, and physical health, strengthening local communities and economies, and conserving Minnesota's special places and resources. The importance of state parks and trails to Minnesotans is demonstrated by especially high use in 2020 and 2021 and ongoing numbers of visits to state parks and trails remaining well above historic averages.

The DNR serves out-of-state visitors and Minnesotans alike. There is a state park, trail, recreation area or forest campground within 30 miles of most people in the state. The DNR serves:

- 11.2 million state park visitors each year (82 percent of whom are Minnesotans), including 1.12 million overnight visitors
- 2 million state trail visitors (86 percent of whom are Minnesotans)
- Recreational users of the 203,000 snowmobiles, 375,000 off highway vehicles, and 812,000 watercraft registered in Minnesota
- Local communities, whose economies benefit from \$700 million in state park visitor spending each year

## SERVICES PROVIDED

**The DNR's parks and trails work falls into four major categories.**

**The DNR connects people to the outdoors through state parks, trails, forest recreation areas, and water recreation.** DNR naturalist and outreach programs serve both experienced and beginner outdoor enthusiasts. Skill-building programs enable first-timers to explore the outdoors in a safe, engaging way. Outdoor enthusiasts enjoy innovative facilities, services, and amenities (such as 100 percent reservable campsites, self-directed visitor orientation and the Park Finder web tool), and popular recreational opportunities like mountain biking and paddle boarding. The DNR has received four Governor's Innovation Awards for its outdoor recreation services for Minnesotans.

**The DNR acquires land and creates new recreational and conservation opportunities.** Acquisition and development efforts focus on conserving the state's rich natural and cultural history and meeting future recreation demand. The DNR plans ahead to meet the emerging needs of outdoor enthusiasts and uses technology to attract and retain outdoor recreation users. Recent projects to enhance recreation accessibility include expanding all-terrain track chairs in state parks, accessible campsites, adaptive bike trails, and audio and sensory visitor center exhibits for people with vision impairment. Other projects include new shore-fishing facilities and acquisitions of key state park inholdings.

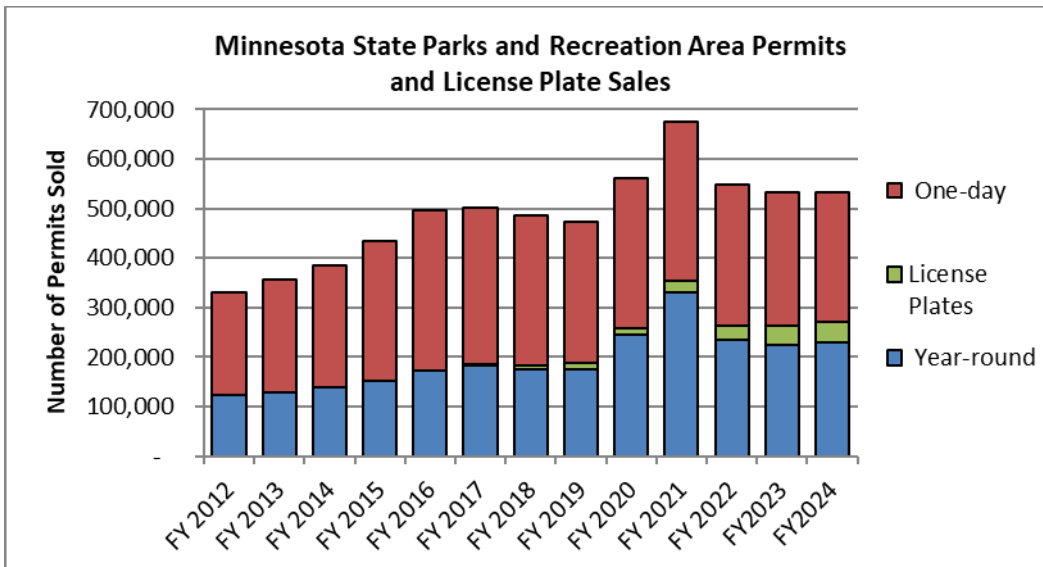
**The DNR takes care of facilities and outdoor infrastructure and the people it serves.** Visitors want high-quality customer service, facilities, and amenities. With this in mind, the DNR improves aging infrastructure and reinvigorates visitor services. The DNR is also updating and improving Minnesota's aging outdoor recreation system. This includes modernizing camping and related infrastructure as well as boat accesses. The DNR also manages unique natural resources for public enjoyment and long-term conservation.

**The DNR works with partners.** The DNR connects with outdoor recreation partners to provide a seamless outdoor recreation system at the local, regional, state and federal level. About 25 percent of the parks and trails budget is devoted to grant programs that pass funding through to local governments to provide near-home outdoor recreation opportunities (see Parks and Trails Community Partnerships narrative).

## RESULTS

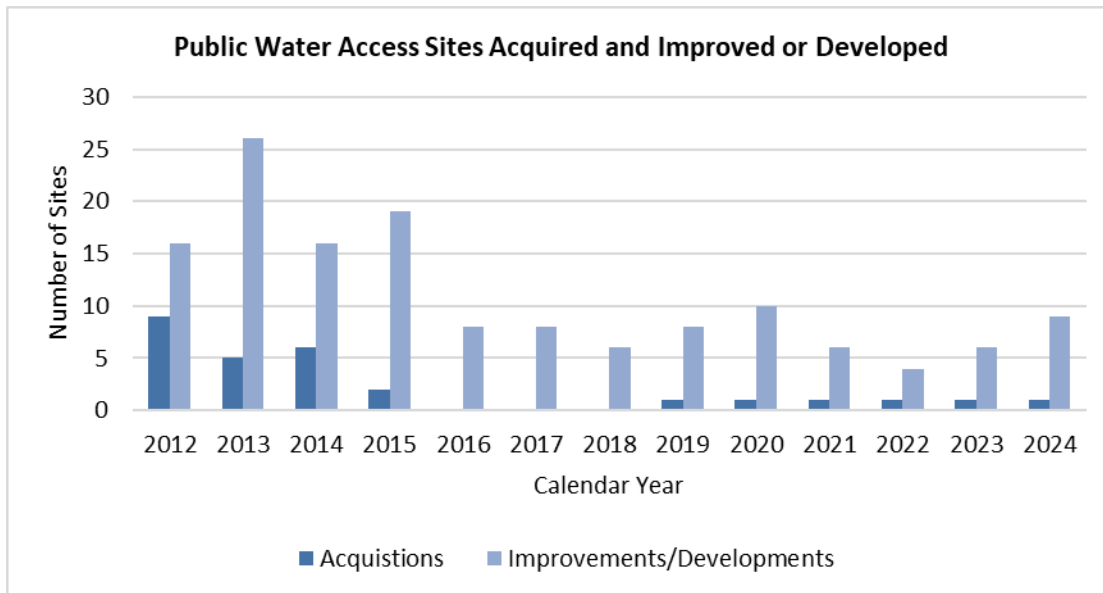
### **Quantity Performance Measure: Number of State Park and Recreation Area Vehicle Permit Sales**

The popularity of state outdoor recreation is on the rise, as illustrated by the increase in state park and recreation area vehicle permits and license plate sales (below). State parks and trails are crucial in supporting healthy communities. State park vehicle permit sales in fiscal years 2020 and 2021 were record-breaking. While more recent sales volume has decreased from that peak, vehicle permit sales were 61 percent higher in fiscal year 2024 than they were in Fiscal Year 2012, and Parks and Trails license plate sales have grown to more than 42,000 annually.



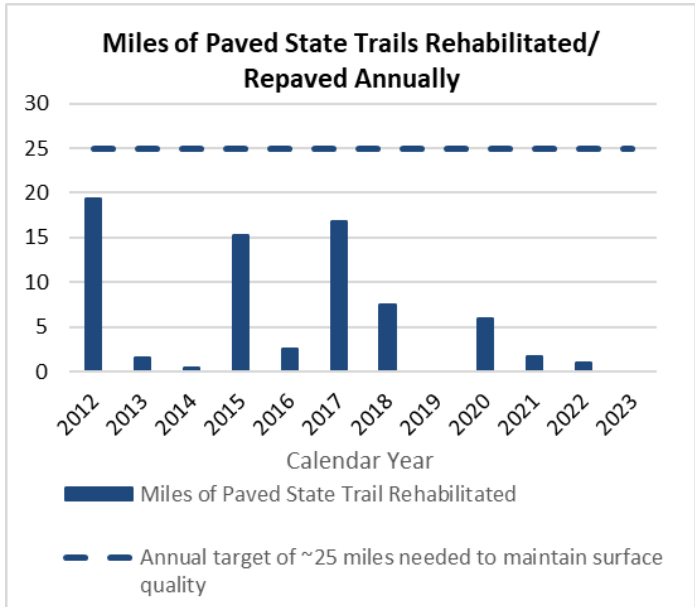
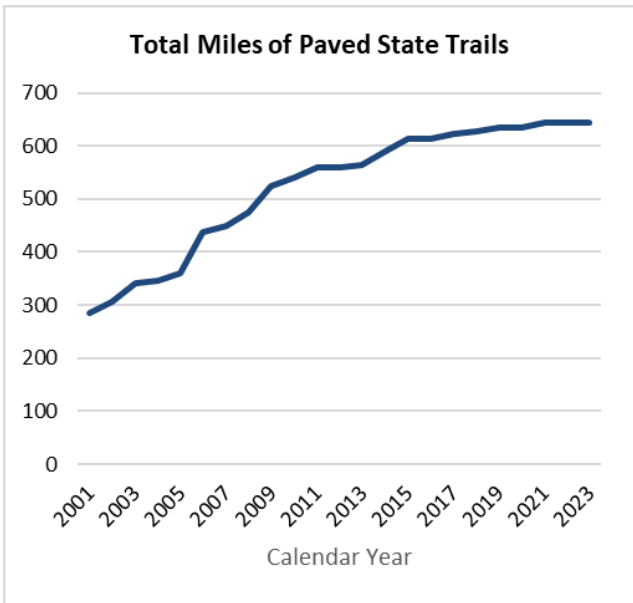
**Quantity Performance Measure: Number of Public Water Access Sites Acquired, Developed, or Improved**

The DNR acquires, develops, and maintains/improves public water accesses for recreational boating, paddling, and angling opportunities. Program focus has shifted from acquiring new public water access sites to developing and improving existing sites. The major goals of the program are to enhance public safety, increase accessibility, reduce stormwater runoff, and provide aquatic invasive species (AIS) boat-cleaning areas. Improvements on public water access sites from Get Out MORE funding are just beginning in 2024, but there will be significant increases in projects in upcoming years.



**Quantity Performance Measure: Miles of Paved State Trails and Miles Rehabilitated/Repaved**

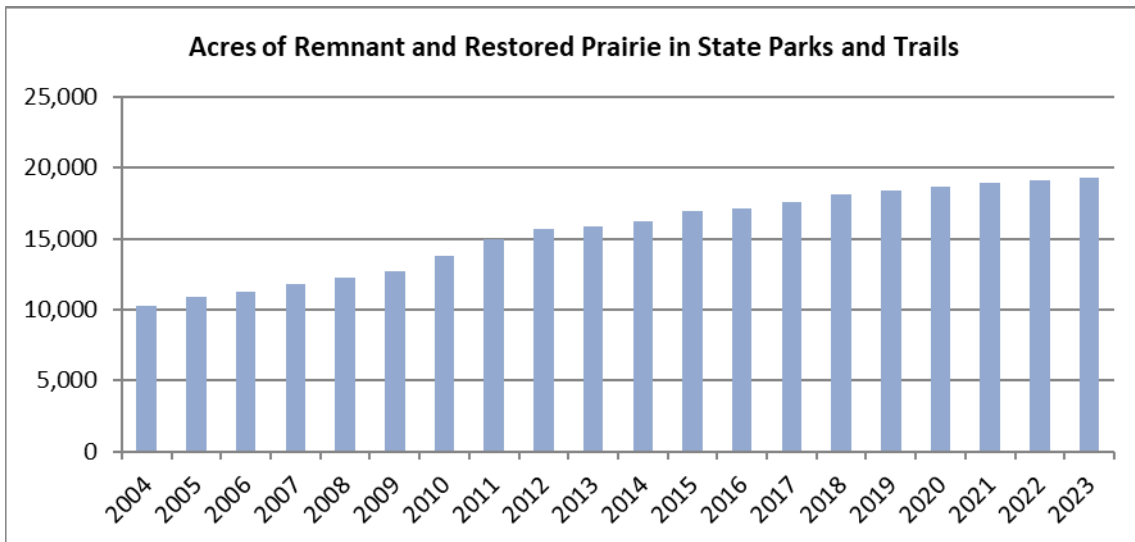
Miles of paved trails for bicycling and multiple uses have more than doubled since 2000, increasing from 271 in 2000 to 645 in 2023. The expanding state trails system provides social and economic benefits to local communities. Trail use at ten state trail locations has increased 17 percent between 2020 and 2022 compared to the two prior years.



The growth of the state trail system has placed pressure on DNR’s resources for operation and maintenance of existing trails. Regular maintenance helps increase visitor satisfaction, keeps trails accessible and safe, and decreases rehabilitation costs. The annual deferred maintenance catch-up need (2023-2032) for DNR trails is \$48 million (DNR 10-year Capital Asset Need Report, 2023).

**Results Performance Measure: Acres of Remnant and Restored Prairie in State Parks and Trail Corridors**

The DNR protects, restores and maintains native plant communities and wildlife in state parks and trail corridors through active management. Native plant community restoration, prescribed burns, and invasive species management activities are conducted on about 20,300 acres in state parks every year. State parks and trails currently include over 19,000 acres of remnant/restored prairie, with the goal of restoring an additional 9,200 acres of prairie by 2038.



These measures illustrate just a handful of the outcomes the DNR achieves through its parks and trails management and operations. More measures and trends can be found at: State Parks and Trails Studies (<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/aboutdnr/reports/pat/index.html>)

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The legal authority for the Parks and Trails Management and Operations Program comes from Minnesota Statute: 86A.05 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=86A.05>)



# Parks and Trails Management

# Activity Expenditure Overview

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
<b><u>Expenditures by Fund</u></b>								
1000 - General	25,368	32,660	38,988	105,007	35,724	35,724	35,474	35,474
2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue	8,583	9,768	11,997	17,994	17,243	14,676	17,243	14,676
2050 - Environment & Natural Resources	7,582	9,857	12,565	32,691				
2100 - Water Recreation	9,995	11,661	12,644	19,081	15,812	15,812	15,812	15,812
2101 - Snowmobile	3,245	4,694	3,539	5,174	4,224	4,224	4,224	4,224
2102 - All-Terrain Vehicle	4,164	3,647	4,312	5,667	3,492	3,492	3,492	3,492
2103 - Off-Highway Motorcycle	223	253	252	305	283	283	283	283
2104 - Off-Road Vehicle	612	823	671	1,215	940	940	940	940
2106 - State Park	18,265	22,115	21,227	26,080	24,424	24,405	26,657	26,692
2107 - State Pks & Trls Lott In Lieu	5,584	8,301	7,264	11,956	8,735	8,735	8,925	9,238
2117 - Natural Resource Misc Statutory	1,057	490	2,061	4,891	3,391	3,391	3,816	3,816
2118 - Land Acquisition	29	19	32	30	30	30	30	30
2119 - State Land & Water Conservation	733	2,767	776	3,724	2,250	2,250	2,750	2,750
2122 - Underserved Comms Lott In Lieu			16	1,384	600	600	600	600
2200 - Game and Fish (Operations)	1,604	2,694	1,958	2,642	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,300
2303 - Parks and Trails	21,561	19,818	24,273	67,076			25,361	28,581
2403 - Gift	108	633	113	295	402	535	402	535
3000 - Federal		183	103					
<b>Total</b>	<b>108,712</b>	<b>130,384</b>	<b>142,789</b>	<b>305,212</b>	<b>119,850</b>	<b>117,397</b>	<b>148,309</b>	<b>149,443</b>
Biennial Change				208,906		(210,754)		(150,249)
Biennial % Change				87		(47)		(34)
Governor's Change from Base								60,505
Governor's % Change from Base								26
<b><u>Expenditures by Category</u></b>								
Compensation	44,641	48,419	53,091	55,656	55,170	55,170	64,688	65,055
Operating Expenses	42,454	54,228	57,935	142,723	60,531	58,135	79,722	80,546
Grants, Aids and Subsidies	7,528	6,049	7,861	8,264	541	541	291	291
Capital Outlay-Real Property	13,852	20,960	23,585	98,402	3,441	3,384	3,441	3,384
Other Financial Transaction	236	728	318	167	167	167	167	167
<b>Total</b>	<b>108,712</b>	<b>130,384</b>	<b>142,789</b>	<b>305,212</b>	<b>119,850</b>	<b>117,397</b>	<b>148,309</b>	<b>149,443</b>

**Parks and Trails Management**

**Activity Expenditure Overview**

*(Dollars in Thousands)*

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Total Agency Expenditures	108,712	130,384	142,789	305,212	119,850	117,397	148,309	149,443
Internal Billing Expenditures	23,005	26,540	28,724	30,193	24,323	24,323	24,323	24,323
<b>Expenditures Less Internal Billing</b>	<b>85,707</b>	<b>103,843</b>	<b>114,065</b>	<b>275,019</b>	<b>95,527</b>	<b>93,074</b>	<b>123,986</b>	<b>125,120</b>
<b><u>Full-Time Equivalents</u></b>	<b>539.22</b>	<b>600.92</b>	<b>585.88</b>	<b>546.70</b>	<b>504.76</b>	<b>481.44</b>	<b>562.44</b>	<b>541.35</b>

# Parks and Trails Management

# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
<b>1000 - General</b>								
Balance Forward In	256	4,041	256	68,320				
Direct Appropriation	28,963	28,876	107,952	36,687	35,724	35,724	35,474	35,474
Cancellations		0	900					
Balance Forward Out	3,851	256	68,320					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>25,368</b>	<b>32,660</b>	<b>38,988</b>	<b>105,007</b>	<b>35,724</b>	<b>35,724</b>	<b>35,474</b>	<b>35,474</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				85,966		(72,547)		(73,047)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				148		(50)		(51)
Governor's Change from Base								(500)
Governor's % Change from Base								(1)
Full-Time Equivalents	183.61	199.91	193.00	193.00	179.39	166.72	179.39	166.72

## 2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In	17,278	18,903	21,523	21,643	20,445	14,527	20,445	14,527
Receipts	10,210	11,582	12,210	16,470	11,467	11,466	11,467	11,466
Internal Billing Receipts	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
Transfers In	268	946	261	679	211	211	211	211
Transfers Out	628	811	353	353	353	353	353	353
Balance Forward Out	18,546	20,851	21,644	20,445	14,527	11,175	14,527	11,175
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>8,583</b>	<b>9,768</b>	<b>11,997</b>	<b>17,994</b>	<b>17,243</b>	<b>14,676</b>	<b>17,243</b>	<b>14,676</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				11,640		1,928		1,928
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				63		6		6
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	41.38	47.78	44.15	44.15	39.25	37.67	39.25	37.67

## 2050 - Environment & Natural Resources

Balance Forward In	13,788	17,904	21,157	21,089				
Direct Appropriation	9,416	12,547	14,179	11,602	0	0	0	0
Transfers In	2,184							
Cancellations	49	49	1,683					
Balance Forward Out	17,757	20,544	21,088					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>7,582</b>	<b>9,857</b>	<b>12,565</b>	<b>32,691</b>				
Biennial Change in Expenditures				27,817		(45,256)		(45,256)

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# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				160		(100)		(100)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								
Full-Time Equivalents	0.84	1.16	0.57	0.35				

## 2100 - Water Recreation

Balance Forward In	253	1,600	231	3,405	136	136	136	136
Direct Appropriation	10,952	10,952	15,752	15,752	15,752	15,752	15,752	15,752
Receipts	64	63	65	60	60	60	60	60
Transfers In	10,289	10,323	10,371	10,897	11,693	11,763	11,693	11,763
Cancellations	10,289	11,047	10,371	10,897	11,693	11,763	11,693	11,763
Balance Forward Out	1,274	231	3,405	136	136	136	136	136
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>9,995</b>	<b>11,661</b>	<b>12,644</b>	<b>19,081</b>	<b>15,812</b>	<b>15,812</b>	<b>15,812</b>	<b>15,812</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				10,069		(101)		(101)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				46		(0)		(0)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	51.20	55.30	53.30	53.30	53.30	53.30	53.30	53.30

## 2101 - Snowmobile

Balance Forward In	265	1,255	265	950				
Direct Appropriation	4,224	4,224	4,224	4,224	4,224	4,224	4,224	4,224
Transfers In	6,860	6,882	6,914	7,265	7,795	7,842	7,795	7,842
Cancellations	6,860	7,402	6,914	7,265	7,795	7,842	7,795	7,842
Balance Forward Out	1,245	265	950					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>3,245</b>	<b>4,694</b>	<b>3,539</b>	<b>5,174</b>	<b>4,224</b>	<b>4,224</b>	<b>4,224</b>	<b>4,224</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				774		(265)		(265)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				10		(3)		(3)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	23.41	25.15	22.69	22.69	22.69	22.69	22.69	22.69

## 2102 - All-Terrain Vehicle

# Parks and Trails Management

# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Balance Forward In	191	1,881	188	887	132	102	132	102
Direct Appropriation	5,067	2,912	5,012	4,912	3,462	3,462	3,462	3,462
Transfers In	1,852	1,858	1,867	1,961	2,105	2,117	2,105	2,117
Cancellations	1,852	2,817	1,867	1,961	2,105	2,117	2,105	2,117
Balance Forward Out	1,094	188	888	132	102	72	102	72
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>4,164</b>	<b>3,647</b>	<b>4,312</b>	<b>5,667</b>	<b>3,492</b>	<b>3,492</b>	<b>3,492</b>	<b>3,492</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				2,167		(2,995)		(2,995)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				28		(30)		(30)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	14.24	16.97	14.92	14.92	14.92	14.92	14.92	14.92

## 2103 - Off-Highway Motorcycle

Balance Forward In	6	41	1	22				
Direct Appropriation	258	258	273	283	283	283	283	283
Transfers In	316	317	318	334	359	361	359	361
Cancellations	316	362	318	334	359	361	359	361
Balance Forward Out	41	1	22					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>283</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				82		9		9
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				17		2		2
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	1.72	1.80	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70

## 2104 - Off-Road Vehicle

Balance Forward In	332	583	15	275				
Direct Appropriation	890	890	930	940	940	940	940	940
Transfers In	1,125	1,129	1,134	1,191	1,278	1,286	1,278	1,286
Cancellations	1,160	1,764	1,134	1,191	1,278	1,286	1,278	1,286
Balance Forward Out	575	15	274					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>1,215</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>940</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				451		(6)		(6)

# Parks and Trails Management

# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				31		(0)		(0)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	2.88	3.79	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40

## 2106 - State Park

Balance Forward In	3,304	5,629	4,742	7,376	5,222	4,693	5,222	4,693
Direct Appropriation	18,848	18,828	21,828	22,078	22,078	22,078	24,311	24,365
Receipts	1,675	1,889	2,034	1,848	1,817	1,791	1,817	1,791
Transfers In	289	530	133	133	133	133	133	133
Transfers Out		150						
Cancellations	289	591	133	133	133	133	133	133
Balance Forward Out	5,563	4,021	7,376	5,222	4,693	4,157	4,693	4,157
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>18,265</b>	<b>22,115</b>	<b>21,227</b>	<b>26,080</b>	<b>24,424</b>	<b>24,405</b>	<b>26,657</b>	<b>26,692</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				6,928		1,522		6,042
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				17		3		13
Governor's Change from Base								4,520
Governor's % Change from Base								9
Full-Time Equivalents	127.52	140.60	139.52	139.52	129.89	120.82	143.42	134.68

## 2107 - State Pks & Trls Lott In Lieu

Balance Forward In		1,417		1,221				
Direct Appropriation	6,985	6,985	8,485	10,735	8,735	8,735	8,925	9,238
Transfers Out		100						
Cancellations		0						
Balance Forward Out	1,401		1,221					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>5,584</b>	<b>8,301</b>	<b>7,264</b>	<b>11,956</b>	<b>8,735</b>	<b>8,735</b>	<b>8,925</b>	<b>9,238</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				5,335		(1,750)		(1,057)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				38		(9)		(6)
Governor's Change from Base								693
Governor's % Change from Base								4
Full-Time Equivalents	39.36	42.63	43.84	43.84	43.84	43.84	44.99	46.89

# Parks and Trails Management

# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27

## 2116 - Cross Country Ski

Full-Time Equivalents	0.05							
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## 2117 - Natural Resource Misc Statutory

Balance Forward In	6,150	7,257	9,361	10,227	8,252	7,777	8,252	7,777
Receipts	348	314	309	321	321	321	321	321
Transfers In	1,812	2,271	2,618	2,595	2,595	2,595	3,020	3,020
Balance Forward Out	7,253	9,351	10,227	8,252	7,777	7,302	7,777	7,302
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>1,057</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>2,061</b>	<b>4,891</b>	<b>3,391</b>	<b>3,391</b>	<b>3,816</b>	<b>3,816</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				5,406		(170)		680
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				350		(2)		10
Governor's Change from Base								850
Governor's % Change from Base								13
Full-Time Equivalents	8.48	11.16	10.76	10.76	10.76	10.76	10.76	10.76

## 2118 - Land Acquisition

Balance Forward In	599	643	627	596	596	596	596	596
Receipts	74	3		30	30	30	30	30
Balance Forward Out	643	627	596	596	596	596	596	596
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				14		(2)		(2)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				29		(3)		(3)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2119 - State Land & Water Conservation

Balance Forward In		537		1,474				
Direct Appropriation	1,250	2,250	2,250	2,250	2,250	2,250	2,750	2,750
Cancellations		20						
Balance Forward Out	517		1,474					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>2,767</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>3,724</b>	<b>2,250</b>	<b>2,250</b>	<b>2,750</b>	<b>2,750</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				999		0		1,000
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				29		0		22
Governor's Change from Base								1,000

# Parks and Trails Management

# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Governor's % Change from Base								22
Full-Time Equivalents	1.43	1.70	1.77	1.77	1.77	1.77	1.77	1.77

## 2122 - Underserved Comms Lott In Lieu

Balance Forward In				384				
Direct Appropriation			400	1,000	600	600	600	600
Balance Forward Out			384					
<b>Expenditures</b>			<b>16</b>	<b>1,384</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				1,400		(200)		(200)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						(14)		(14)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2200 - Game and Fish (Operations)

Balance Forward In		835		342				
Direct Appropriation	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,300
Cancellations		441						
Balance Forward Out	696		342					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>1,604</b>	<b>2,694</b>	<b>1,958</b>	<b>2,642</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>2,300</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				302		0		0
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				7		0		0
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	3.39	4.20	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.85

## 2303 - Parks and Trails

Balance Forward In	25,186	26,612	31,825	36,900				
Direct Appropriation	22,495	22,938	29,651	30,176	0	0	25,361	28,581
Transfers Out			23					
Cancellations	8	4	281					
Balance Forward Out	26,113	29,728	36,900					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>21,561</b>	<b>19,818</b>	<b>24,273</b>	<b>67,076</b>			<b>25,361</b>	<b>28,581</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				49,970		(91,349)		(37,407)



# Parks and Trails Management

# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				121		(100)		(41)
Governor's Change from Base								53,942
Governor's % Change from Base								
Full-Time Equivalents	39.71	48.77	52.41	13.45			43.00	43.00

## 2403 - Gift

Balance Forward In	1,241	1,480	1,645	1,955	2,241	2,408	2,241	2,408
Receipts	348	796	423	581	569	559	569	559
Balance Forward Out	1,480	1,644	1,955	2,241	2,408	2,432	2,408	2,432
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>535</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(333)		529		529
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(45)		130		130
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 3000 - Federal

Receipts		183	103					
<b>Expenditures</b>		<b>183</b>	<b>103</b>					
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(80)		(103)		(103)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures								
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								

## 3800 - Permanent School

Balance Forward In	316	220	142	48	48	48	48	48
Receipts	312	234	140	140	140	140	140	140
Transfers Out	408	312	234	140	140	140	140	140
Balance Forward Out	220	142	48	48	48	48	48	48

**Program: Parks and Trails****Activity: Community Partnerships**<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/recreation/>**AT A GLANCE**

Delivered 380 grants in FY24 totaling \$37.1 million to local governments and organizations for parks and trails, including:

- 76 grants for acquisition and development of local and regional parks and trails
- 184 grants for snowmobile trail maintenance and grooming
- 83 grants for off-highway vehicle trail development and maintenance
- 37 grants for ski trail maintenance and grooming

Aid in the development of local trail systems throughout Minnesota by administering grants to volunteer organizations. These trails systems currently include:

- 21,500 miles of snowmobile trails
- 3,000 miles of off-highway vehicle trails
- 640 miles of cross-country ski trails

**PURPOSE AND CONTEXT**

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) provides grants to organizations and local governments to help create and maintain parks and trails across Minnesota. These local and regional parks and trails complement the state system, creating a seamless system of outdoor recreation that expands Minnesota's outdoor recreation opportunities and contributes to community well-being.

Community partnerships benefit:

- Community members, particularly children and families, who spend time in local and regional parks and trails and experience the health and wellness benefits these spaces provide
- Recreational users of the 203,000 snowmobiles and 375,000 off-highway vehicles (OHVs) registered in Minnesota, as well as the 14,000 cross-country ski passes purchased each year

Community parks and trails partnerships help support thriving local economies. Outdoor recreation contributes 2.6 percent in value to the State's GDP and generates \$11.7 billion for Minnesota's economy (U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, 2022). Local and regional parks and trails are an important part of the state's outdoor recreation system.

**SERVICES PROVIDED**

The DNR provides grants to local governments and organizations for parks and trails acquisition, development, rehabilitation, grooming, maintenance, and operations. These grants are provided via a variety of grant programs focusing on outdoor recreation, regional parks and trails, and local trail connections, as well as grant-in-aid (GIA) programs for snowmobile, off-highway vehicle, and cross-country ski trails. The DNR also distributes federal funding from programs such as the Federal Recreational Trail Program and the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

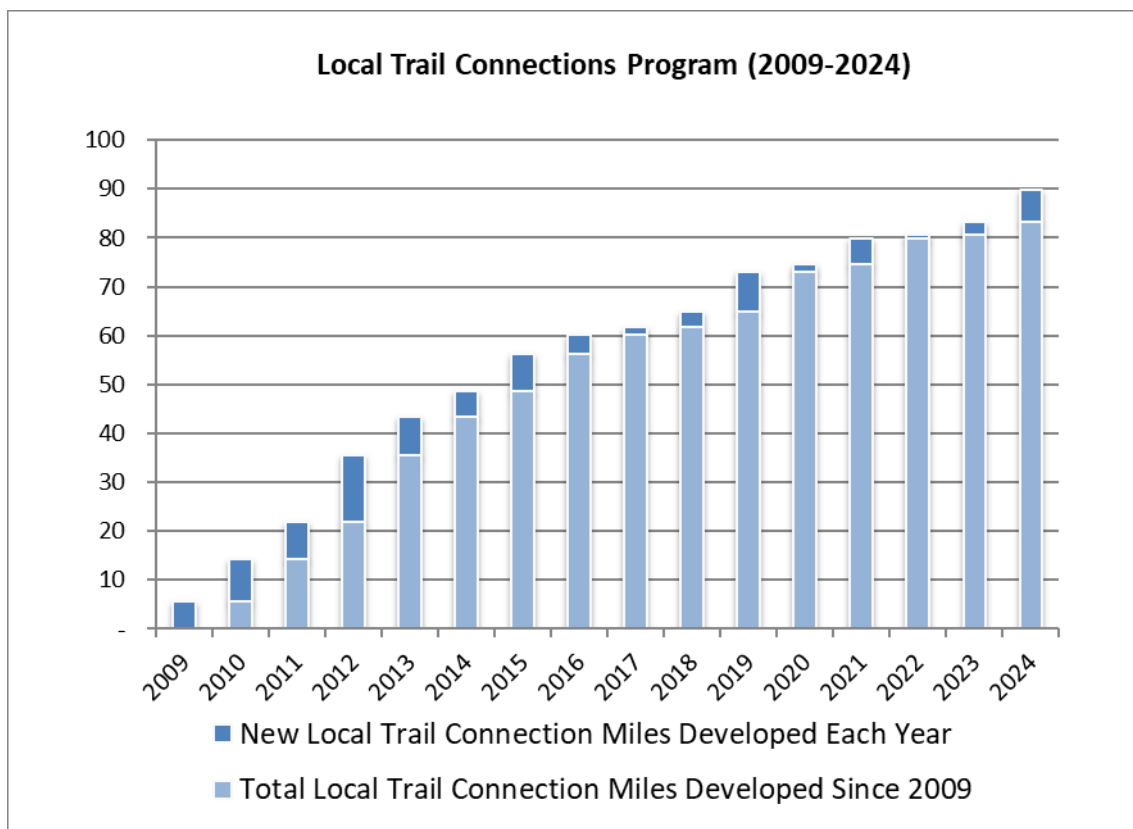
The DNR’s grant administration services include managing the grant programs, providing information and customer service to grant recipients, ensuring a fair and efficient process for awarding grants, ensuring financial accountability and desired outcomes, and building partnerships with local, regional, state, and federal programs.

## RESULTS

### Quality Performance Measure: New Local Trail Connections

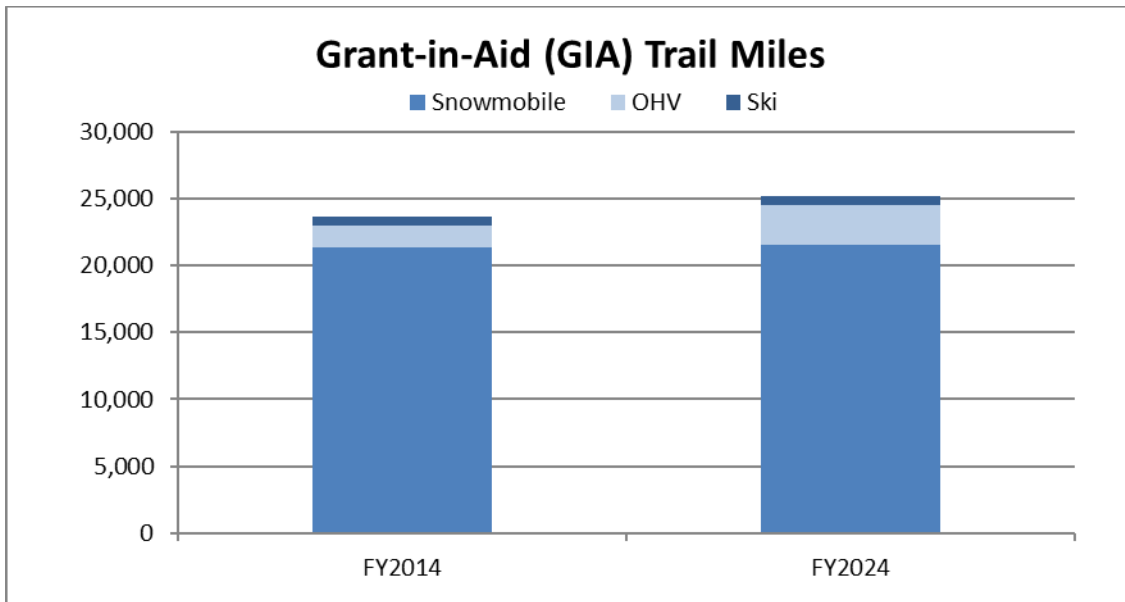
The Local Trail Connections Program is a means by which the DNR connects people to trails. These trail segments are often relatively short in length, but crucial to creating a seamless trail system that meets local needs. Many of these segments connect a trail corridor to where people live (such as residential areas within cities or entire communities) or to significant public resources (such as historical areas, parks and/or other trails). In this way, the Local Trail Connections Program enhances the utility of existing trail systems and Minnesotans’ access to trail-based recreational opportunities.

**Since 2009, about 90 miles of new local trail connections have been developed.**



### Quantity Performance Measure: Grant-in-Aid Trail Miles Cooperatively Developed and Maintained

The GIA trail system has grown by about 1,600 miles in recent years, from 23,600 miles in fiscal year 2014 to 25,200 miles in fiscal year 2024. The primary source of this growth is in locally initiated OHV GIA trails. This program relies on the volunteer efforts of groups or clubs with support and participation from local governments. The DNR provides financial and technical assistance and overall GIA program management. Together, the program partners develop and maintain a much larger trail system than any one group could deliver.



The legal authority for the Parks and Trails Community Partnerships Program comes from Minnesota Statutes:

- 84.83 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/84.83>)
- 84.794 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/84.794>)
- 84.803 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/84.803>)
- 84.927 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/84.927>)
- 85.019 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/85.019>)
- 85.43 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/85.43>)
- 85.535 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/85.535>)

# Community Partnerships

# Activity Expenditure Overview

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
<b><u>Expenditures by Fund</u></b>								
2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue	131	84						
2101 - Snowmobile	8,602	8,768	8,999	10,399	9,699	9,699	9,699	9,699
2102 - All-Terrain Vehicle	1,736	2,346	1,917	3,646	2,025	2,025	2,025	2,025
2103 - Off-Highway Motorcycle	96	185	143	157	150	150	150	150
2104 - Off-Road Vehicle	93	69	65	585	325	325	325	325
2109 - Local Trls Grants Lott In Lieu	1,124	1,109	1,262	1,338	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300
2116 - Cross Country Ski	317	296	307	345	345	345	345	345
2119 - State Land & Water Conservation	1,055	2,329	2,745	3,850	5,000	4,000	5,000	4,000
2303 - Parks and Trails							12,367	13,939
3000 - Federal	4,101	3,743	4,207	3,037	4,950	4,592	4,950	4,592
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,255</b>	<b>18,930</b>	<b>19,647</b>	<b>23,357</b>	<b>23,794</b>	<b>22,436</b>	<b>36,161</b>	<b>36,375</b>
Biennial Change				6,819		3,226		29,532
Biennial % Change				19		8		69
Governor's Change from Base								26,306
Governor's % Change from Base								57
<b><u>Expenditures by Category</u></b>								
Compensation	192	206	216	329	329	329	494	494
Operating Expenses	525	881	655	1,737	912	912	1,228	1,359
Grants, Aids and Subsidies	15,821	17,585	17,568	20,541	21,803	20,445	33,689	33,772
Capital Outlay-Real Property	715	258	1,208	750	750	750	750	750
Other Financial Transaction	2							
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,255</b>	<b>18,930</b>	<b>19,647</b>	<b>23,357</b>	<b>23,794</b>	<b>22,436</b>	<b>36,161</b>	<b>36,375</b>
Total Agency Expenditures	17,255	18,930	19,647	23,357	23,794	22,436	36,161	36,375
Internal Billing Expenditures	232	206	283	276	276	276	276	276
<b>Expenditures Less Internal Billing</b>	<b>17,023</b>	<b>18,724</b>	<b>19,364</b>	<b>23,081</b>	<b>23,518</b>	<b>22,160</b>	<b>35,885</b>	<b>36,099</b>
<b><u>Full-Time Equivalent</u></b>	<b>1.99</b>	<b>2.12</b>	<b>1.89</b>	<b>4.52</b>	<b>4.52</b>	<b>4.52</b>	<b>5.52</b>	<b>5.52</b>

# Community Partnerships

# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
<b>2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue</b>								
Balance Forward In		4						
Receipts	131	81						
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>84</b>						
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(215)		0		0
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(100)				
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								

## 2101 - Snowmobile

Balance Forward In		1,098		700				
Direct Appropriation	9,699	9,699	9,699	9,699	9,699	9,699	9,699	9,699
Cancellations		2,028						
Balance Forward Out	1,097		700					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>8,602</b>	<b>8,768</b>	<b>8,999</b>	<b>10,399</b>	<b>9,699</b>	<b>9,699</b>	<b>9,699</b>	<b>9,699</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				2,028		0		0
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				12		0		0
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	0.29	0.26	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46

## 2102 - All-Terrain Vehicle

Balance Forward In	100	389	13	121				
Direct Appropriation	2,025	2,025	2,025	3,525	2,025	2,025	2,025	2,025
Cancellations		68						
Balance Forward Out	389		121					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>1,736</b>	<b>2,346</b>	<b>1,917</b>	<b>3,646</b>	<b>2,025</b>	<b>2,025</b>	<b>2,025</b>	<b>2,025</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				1,481		(1,513)		(1,513)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				36		(27)		(27)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	0.31	0.31	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30

## 2103 - Off-Highway Motorcycle

# Community Partnerships

# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Balance Forward In		54		7				
Direct Appropriation	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150
Cancellations		19						
Balance Forward Out	54		7					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>150</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				20		0		0
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				7		(0)		(0)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2104 - Off-Road Vehicle

Balance Forward In		232		260				
Direct Appropriation	325	325	325	325	325	325	325	325
Cancellations		488						
Balance Forward Out	232		260					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>325</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				488		0		0
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				302		(0)		(0)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2109 - Local Trls Grants Lott In Lieu

Balance Forward In		35		38				
Direct Appropriation	1,140	1,140	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300
Cancellations		66						
Balance Forward Out	16		38					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>1,124</b>	<b>1,109</b>	<b>1,262</b>	<b>1,338</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>1,300</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				367		0		0
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				16		0		0
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	0.09	0.13	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10

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# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
<b>2116 - Cross Country Ski</b>								
Balance Forward In	382	489	595	353	338	323	338	323
Receipts	421	405	65	330	330	330	330	330
Transfers Out	10	10						
Balance Forward Out	476	588	353	338	323	308	323	308
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>345</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				39		38		38
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				6		6		6
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	0.73	0.73	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.41

## 2119 - State Land & Water Conservation

Receipts	1,055	2,329	2,745	3,850	5,000	4,000	5,000	4,000
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>1,055</b>	<b>2,329</b>	<b>2,745</b>	<b>3,850</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				3,211		2,405		2,405
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				95		36		36
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2303 - Parks and Trails

Direct Appropriation							12,367	13,939
<b>Expenditures</b>							<b>12,367</b>	<b>13,939</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		0		26,306
Biennial % Change in Expenditures								
Governor's Change from Base								26,306
Governor's % Change from Base								
Full-Time Equivalents							1.00	1.00

## 3000 - Federal

Balance Forward In	0	0	0					
Receipts	4,101	3,742	4,207	3,037	4,950	4,592	4,950	4,592
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>4,101</b>	<b>3,743</b>	<b>4,207</b>	<b>3,037</b>	<b>4,950</b>	<b>4,592</b>	<b>4,950</b>	<b>4,592</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(600)		2,298		2,298
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(8)		32		32



**Community Partnerships**

**Activity Financing by Fund**

*(Dollars in Thousands)*

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	0.57	0.69	0.62	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25

**Program: Fish and Wildlife****Activity: Fish and Wildlife**<https://dnr.state.mn.us/fishwildlife/><https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/rlp/>**AT A GLANCE**

- Manage more than 1.3 million acres of wildlife management areas and more than 48,000 acres of aquatic management areas
- Manage fisheries in 4,400 fishing lakes and 18,800 miles of fishable streams and rivers
- Manage 61 wildlife and 37 game fish species
- Provide quality outdoor opportunities to 1.4 million licensed anglers, 542,000 licensed hunters, 6,000 licensed trappers, and 1.6 million wildlife watchers
- Build local conservation capacity by providing \$11 million of outdoor heritage funds to nonprofit organizations or local governments through competitive matching grants
- Manage 2.4 million license sales transactions for hunting, fishing, and other activities, and 1.4 million registrations for recreational boats and vehicles
- Engage 1,500 Minnesota businesses as point-of-sale agents for hunting and fishing licenses and 170 registration and titling agents

**PURPOSE AND CONTEXT**

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) strives to sustain healthy populations of fish and wildlife, high quality recreational opportunities, and vibrant local economies. The DNR manages fish and wildlife populations, their habitats, and use of these public resources, including fishing, hunting, and trapping. The DNR also serves people seeking hunting and fishing licenses and recreational vehicle registration and titling. To fulfill this work, it also serves and supports licensing agents and deputy registrars throughout the state.

The DNR provides information on hunting and fishing seasons and harvest regulations to the public through webpages, printed regulations booklets in five languages, as well as newsletters and news releases. We introduce hunting and fishing to new participants through programs ranging from Learn-to-Hunt and Learn-to-Fish to capacity-building grants for partner groups delivering programs. In partnership with conservation organizations and volunteers, the DNR protects and restores natural lands, lakes and streams, monitors harvested species, and promotes the state's diverse hunting, fishing, and trapping traditions. Hunters, anglers, wildlife viewers, photographers, and the general public benefit from diverse and abundant wildlife, accessible public lands, and high-quality recreational experiences.

The DNR provides licensing and recreational vehicle services through use of the Electronic Licensing System (ELS) in an efficient and cost-effective manner, including web, telephone, and mobile-device options.

Access to natural lands and participation in outdoor recreation benefits personal health and Minnesota's economic health. Fish and wildlife activities in Minnesota support more than 48,000 jobs and generate \$12 billion in expenditures.

## SERVICES PROVIDED

The DNR organizes its fish and wildlife work across four categories.

**Monitor and manage fish and wildlife populations.** To ensure sustainable fish and wildlife and to provide high quality fishing, hunting, trapping, and wildlife watching opportunities, the DNR monitors and manages fish and wildlife populations for the benefit of the public by:

- Conducting surveys to 1) monitor fish and wildlife population trends; 2) inform management decisions, including harvest regulations; and 3) assess values and attitudes of anglers, hunters and landowners and evaluate changes in participation and resource use
- Using research to understand and predict changes in fish and wildlife populations and to inform management decisions
- Raising and stocking walleye, muskellunge, northern pike, trout, and other fish species to enhance or restore fish populations in lakes and streams or to establish new fishing opportunities
- Monitoring and managing diseases to reduce risk of outbreaks and high fish and wildlife losses
- Reducing human-wildlife conflicts by helping property owners and agricultural producers prevent or mitigate wildlife-caused damage

**Protect, restore and enhance key fish and wildlife lands.** To help sustain healthy, productive fish and wildlife populations, the DNR protects, restores, and enhances key fish and wildlife lands by:

- Managing more than 1.3 million acres of wildlife and aquatic habitat
- Contributing to improved habitat management on public and private lands through technical and financial assistance
- Acquiring lands through purchase or donation to add high-priority parcels to the system's land base
- Acquiring conservation easements on quality trout streams to provide angler access and habitat restoration opportunities
- Conducting prescribed burns and removing woody vegetation to enhance grasslands and prairies, restoring and enhancing wetlands, managing forest stands, conducting wildlife lake assessments, and protecting and enhancing aquatic habitats
- Providing public awareness of and access to state lands through posting boundaries, providing parking lots and walking trails, and providing maps (digital and paper) and other user information
- Enhancing accessibility at wildlife management areas through the Get Out MORE investments

**Connect people to the outdoors through hunting, fishing and engagement.** Public understanding and support are critical to healthy environments. The DNR is committed to stakeholder engagement through roundtables, workshops, public input, county and state fairs, customer surveys, web surveys, and other tools. The department learns about public values by listening in different forums. It works with partners to provide information and educational opportunities that encourage outdoor recreation and sustain or increase participation in fishing and hunting. This work includes mentored hunts, increasing accessibility to wildlife management areas, the National Archery in the Schools program, skills-based training, youth and women's programs, direct engagement of under-represented communities, Becoming an Outdoors Woman/Family program, and Fishing In the Neighborhood. To reach diverse communities, the DNR is now providing fishing and hunting regulations in Hmong, Karen, Somali and Spanish. In addition, the DNR manages the popular No Child Left Inside program, which provides programs to engage families and adults through direct experiences of outdoor recreation and teaches new outdoor skills.

The DNR shares large volumes of information about fish and wildlife populations, habitats, and recreational opportunities. This information is communicated through print media, the DNR website, social media, mobile devices, and video.

**Administer hunting and fishing licenses and recreational vehicle titles and registrations.** The DNR is responsible for the development, implementation, and maintenance of the statewide electronic licensing system (ELS). It

provides easy access for outdoors enthusiasts to purchase hunting and fishing licenses at any of the 1,500 ELS agent locations. Customers can also purchase licenses by phone or online. The DNR has a walk-in service counter in Saint Paul that provides service to customers for all types of license, registration, and titling transactions. Commercial licenses are issued for businesses such as minnow dealers, game farms, and shooting preserves, and the DNR manages the lottery system for turkey, antlerless deer, bear, and elk licenses.

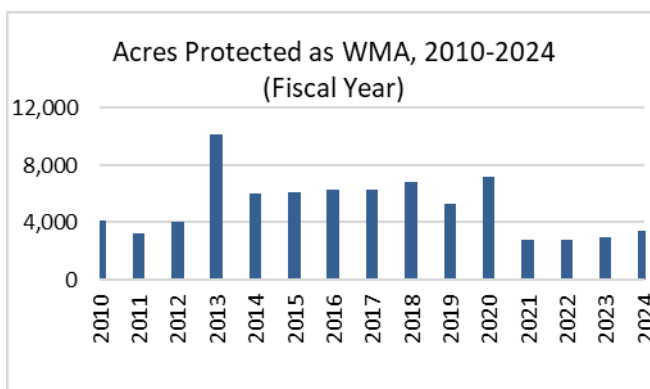
The DNR issues all watercraft registration and titles and administers the registration of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), snowmobiles, off road vehicles (ORVs), and off-highway motorcycles (OHMs) through the web-based ELS, serving customers in person and online.

The DNR is currently working to upgrade and modernize the ELS. The new system, which will include a mobile phone app, in spring 2025. The new, modern system will make it easier for customers to buy licenses, register their harvests and sign up for safety training. It also will improve the business process for agents, registrars, and DNR staff.

## RESULTS

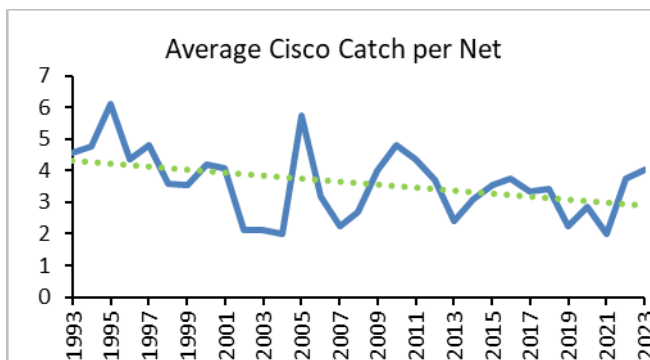
### Results Performance Measure: Acres Protected in Wildlife Management Areas

The Wildlife Management Area (WMA) system serves as the backbone of the DNR’s wildlife program. WMAs provide for public recreation and wildlife production and ecological benefits, such as carbon and water storage. With partners, the DNR generally acquires between 3,000 and 6,000 acres of WMA land each year. High land prices have affected acquisitions in the last several years.



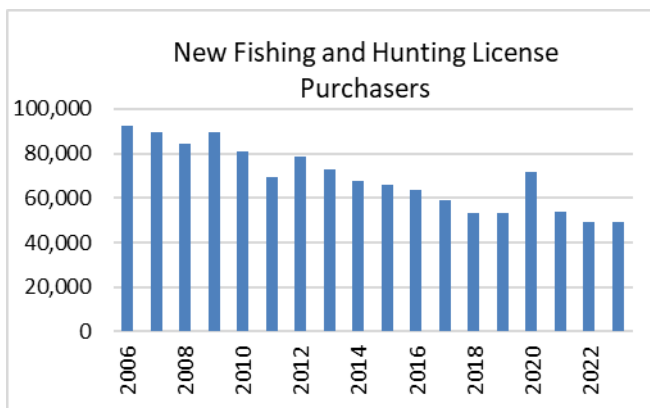
### Results Performance Measure: Cisco Catch per Net Since 1970

Cisco (or tullibee) are an important forage fish for walleye, northern pike, and muskellunge. Cisco are an early indicator of environmental changes impacting cool water lakes due to their sensitivity to water temperatures and oxygen levels.



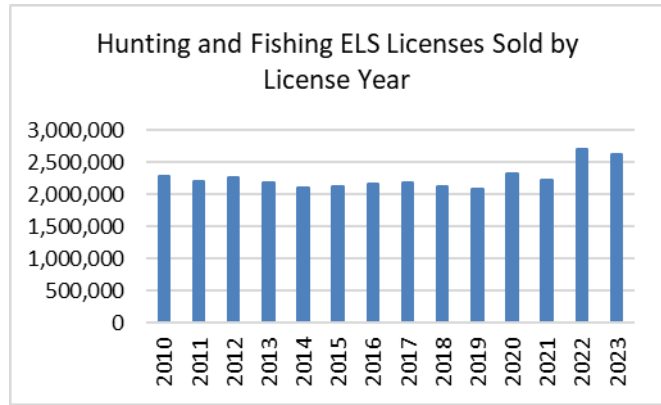
### Quantity Performance Measure: New License Purchases

Angling and hunting activities directly fund state fish and wildlife management through license purchases and federal equipment excise taxes. Outreach efforts focus on recruiting and retaining hunters and anglers to support healthy fish and wildlife populations, habitat, and recreation.



### Quantity Performance Measure: Licenses Sold

The DNR bases annual hunting license availability on multiple factors, including population assessments for deer, elk, and wild turkey. Recent years have seen lower than normal deer licenses sales. All license types saw a bump in sales in 2020, an increase that can be attributed to more Minnesotans getting outdoors during the COVID-19 pandemic. License sales have returned to pre-pandemic levels as people return to more regular routines.



The legal authority for the Fish and Wildlife program comes from Minnesota Statutes:

- 17 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=17>)
- 84 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=84>)
- 84C (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=84C>)
- 84D (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=84D>)
- 86A (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=86A>)
- 97A (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=97A>)
- 97B (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=97B>)
- 97C (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=97C>)
- 103G.301-315 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/103G>)

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# Activity Expenditure Overview

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
<b><u>Expenditures by Fund</u></b>								
1000 - General	1,145	2,615	8,855	59,673	8,417	8,417	8,895	9,337
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue	310	220	143	218	218	466	218	466
2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue	2,372	2,113	2,107	2,386	3,113	2,416	3,113	2,416
2050 - Environment & Natural Resources	121	125	320	3,030				
2100 - Water Recreation	1,496	1,196	1,529	2,019	1,609	1,609	1,709	1,951
2101 - Snowmobile	305	288	293	397	305	305	305	305
2102 - All-Terrain Vehicle	125	118	125	329	125	125	125	125
2103 - Off-Highway Motorcycle	9	10	10	17	10	10	10	10
2104 - Off-Road Vehicle	23	40	33	37	33	33	33	33
2117 - Natural Resource Misc Statutory	1,173	1,205	1,586	955	947	941	947	941
2118 - Land Acquisition	32	817	67	135	135	135	135	135
2200 - Game and Fish (Operations)	56,957	65,201	64,282	72,491	67,513	67,417	67,644	67,699
2201 - Computerized Lic Deer/Bear Mgmt	592	576	687	952	1,215	1,205	1,215	1,205
2202 - Deer Habitat Improvement	7,223	8,998	8,503	8,589	8,546	8,546	8,546	8,546
2203 - Waterfowl Habitat Improvement	391	608	536	750	650	650	650	650
2204 - Trout And Salmon Management	984	1,170	1,204	1,350	1,350	1,200	1,350	1,200
2205 - Pheasant Habitat Improvement	353	414	480	450	550	550	550	550
2206 - Wild Rice Management	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38
2207 - Wildlife Acquisition Surcharge	835	1,199	977	900	900	900	900	900
2208 - Wild Turkey Management	136	147	190	230	350	350	350	350
2209 - Heritage Enhancement	8,851	9,963	10,920	14,831	12,342	12,342	13,025	13,197
2211 - Walleye Stamp Account	175	145	175	175	200	150	200	150
2213 - Wolf Management & Monitoring	277	268	485	600	600	600	600	600
2300 - Outdoor Heritage	21,255	21,909	28,780	72,313				
2302 - Clean Water	1,209	1,241	1,940	3,414			2,075	2,075
2401 - Reinvest In Minnesota-Gifts	1,210	802	3,880	12,950	8,692	7,925	8,692	7,925
2403 - Gift	39	37	53	219	171	172	171	172
3000 - Federal	4,022	4,745	2,531	36,354	36,694	5,180	36,694	5,180
<b>Total</b>	<b>111,660</b>	<b>126,210</b>	<b>140,728</b>	<b>295,802</b>	<b>154,723</b>	<b>121,682</b>	<b>158,190</b>	<b>126,156</b>
Biennial Change				198,661		(160,125)		(152,184)
Biennial % Change				84		(37)		(35)
Governor's Change from Base								7,941

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Governor's % Change from Base								3

## Expenditures by Category

Compensation	50,237	53,027	59,277	64,903	57,986	57,750	61,068	61,839
Operating Expenses	40,988	50,368	54,518	138,081	66,449	54,447	66,834	54,832
Grants, Aids and Subsidies	12,373	12,492	15,172	19,170	1,033	965	1,033	965
Capital Outlay-Real Property	7,461	8,305	10,893	73,447	29,153	8,418	29,153	8,418
Other Financial Transaction	601	2,018	868	201	102	102	102	102
<b>Total</b>	<b>111,660</b>	<b>126,210</b>	<b>140,728</b>	<b>295,802</b>	<b>154,723</b>	<b>121,682</b>	<b>158,190</b>	<b>126,156</b>

Total Agency Expenditures	111,660	126,210	140,728	295,802	154,723	121,682	158,190	126,156
Internal Billing Expenditures	21,973	26,118	26,294	26,906	23,187	23,187	23,187	23,187
<b>Expenditures Less Internal Billing</b>	<b>89,687</b>	<b>100,091</b>	<b>114,434</b>	<b>268,896</b>	<b>131,536</b>	<b>98,495</b>	<b>135,003</b>	<b>102,969</b>

## Full-Time Equivalents

	528.14	578.78	589.09	561.52	495.10	471.15	517.54	499.69
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# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base FY26 FY27		Governor's Recommendation FY26 FY27	
<b>1000 - General</b>								
Balance Forward In		610		49,288				
Direct Appropriation	1,729	2,732	58,643	10,385	8,417	8,417	8,895	9,337
Transfers Out			500					
Cancellations		727						
Balance Forward Out	584		49,288					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>1,145</b>	<b>2,615</b>	<b>8,855</b>	<b>59,673</b>	<b>8,417</b>	<b>8,417</b>	<b>8,895</b>	<b>9,337</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				64,768		(51,694)		(50,296)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				1,722		(75)		(73)
Governor's Change from Base								1,398
Governor's % Change from Base								8
Full-Time Equivalents	0.05		10.88	10.88	10.37	10.37	13.27	15.95

## 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In	1,688	1,686	1,738	1,820	1,824	1,816	1,824	1,816
Receipts	165	117	82	92	92	92	92	92
Transfers In	242	243	242	240	238	237	238	237
Transfers Out	100	100	100	110	120	120	120	120
Balance Forward Out	1,686	1,726	1,819	1,824	1,816	1,559	1,816	1,559
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>466</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(170)		323		323
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(32)		90		90
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	1.07	0.48	0.68	0.68	0.68	0.68	0.68	0.68

## 2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In	1,404	1,424	2,035	2,167	2,321	1,668	2,321	1,668
Receipts	2,274	2,379	2,240	2,460	2,460	2,460	2,460	2,460
Internal Billing Receipts	0							
Transfers In		301		80				
Transfers Out		0						
Balance Forward Out	1,306	1,992	2,167	2,321	1,668	1,712	1,668	1,712
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>2,372</b>	<b>2,113</b>	<b>2,107</b>	<b>2,386</b>	<b>3,113</b>	<b>2,416</b>	<b>3,113</b>	<b>2,416</b>



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# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Biennial Change in Expenditures				8		1,036		1,036
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				0		23		23
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	1.29	0.01	0.62	0.62	0.62	0.62	0.62	0.62

## 2050 - Environment & Natural Resources

Balance Forward In	542	390	442	301				
Direct Appropriation			199	2,729	0	0	0	0
Transfers In		176						
Cancellations	31		19					
Balance Forward Out	390	442	301					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>3,030</b>				
Biennial Change in Expenditures				3,104		(3,350)		(3,350)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				1,259		(100)		(100)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								
Full-Time Equivalents	0.68	0.93	2.34	0.38				

## 2100 - Water Recreation

Balance Forward In		23		80				
Direct Appropriation	1,509	1,509	1,609	1,939	1,609	1,609	1,709	1,951
Transfers Out		300						
Cancellations		36						
Balance Forward Out	13		80					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>1,496</b>	<b>1,196</b>	<b>1,529</b>	<b>2,019</b>	<b>1,609</b>	<b>1,609</b>	<b>1,709</b>	<b>1,951</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				856		(330)		112
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				32		(9)		3
Governor's Change from Base								442
Governor's % Change from Base								14
Full-Time Equivalents	12.77	10.52	11.67	11.67	11.67	11.67	12.28	13.74

## 2101 - Snowmobile

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# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Balance Forward In		5		12				
Direct Appropriation	305	305	305	385	305	305	305	305
Cancellations		22						
Balance Forward Out	0		12					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>305</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				97		(80)		(80)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				16		(12)		(12)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	3.30	2.55	2.64	2.64	2.64	2.64	2.64	2.64

## 2102 - All-Terrain Vehicle

Balance Forward In		2						
Direct Appropriation	125	125	125	329	125	125	125	125
Cancellations		9						
Balance Forward Out	0		0					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>125</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				212		(204)		(204)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				87		(45)		(45)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	1.17	0.99	0.88	0.88	0.88	0.88	0.88	0.88

## 2103 - Off-Highway Motorcycle

Balance Forward In		1						
Direct Appropriation	10	10	10	17	10	10	10	10
Cancellations		1						
Balance Forward Out	1		0					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				8		(7)		(7)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				40		(26)		(26)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

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# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27

## 2104 - Off-Road Vehicle

Balance Forward In		10						
Direct Appropriation	33	33	33	37	33	33	33	33
Cancellations		3						
Balance Forward Out	10		0					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>33</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				6		(4)		(4)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				10		(6)		(6)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2112 - Invasive Species

Transfers In	1,185	1,174	1,108	1,186	1,186	1,186	1,186	1,186
Cancellations	1,185	1,174	1,108	1,186	1,186	1,186	1,186	1,186

## 2117 - Natural Resource Misc Statutory

Balance Forward In	1,250	1,080	900	275	281	289	281	289
Receipts	977	1,025	962	961	955	950	955	950
Internal Billing Receipts		0	2	2	2	2	2	2
Balance Forward Out	1,054	900	276	281	289	298	289	298
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>1,173</b>	<b>1,205</b>	<b>1,586</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>941</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				163		(653)		(653)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				7		(26)		(26)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	1.17	1.71	2.31	2.31	2.31	2.31	2.31	2.31

## 2118 - Land Acquisition

Balance Forward In	2,256	2,293	1,450	1,383	1,250	1,117	1,250	1,117
Receipts	69	(26)		2	2	2	2	2
Balance Forward Out	2,293	1,450	1,383	1,250	1,117	984	1,117	984
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>135</b>

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# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(647)		68		68
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(76)		34		34
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2200 - Game and Fish (Operations)

Balance Forward In	1,254	6,971	2,368	5,336	2,399	2,423	2,399	2,423
Direct Appropriation	58,841	58,841	63,920	66,360	64,385	64,385	64,516	64,667
Receipts	3,529	3,594	3,572	3,434	3,390	3,342	3,390	3,342
Transfers Out	242	243	242	240	238	237	238	237
Cancellations		1,628						
Balance Forward Out	6,424	2,333	5,336	2,399	2,423	2,496	2,423	2,496
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>56,957</b>	<b>65,201</b>	<b>64,282</b>	<b>72,491</b>	<b>67,513</b>	<b>67,417</b>	<b>67,644</b>	<b>67,699</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				14,614		(1,843)		(1,430)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				12		(1)		(1)
Governor's Change from Base								413
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	342.04	369.28	356.34	356.34	338.15	321.00	338.94	322.71

## 2201 - Computerized Lic Deer/Bear Mgmt

Balance Forward In	1,673	2,142	2,593	2,895	2,905	2,643	2,905	2,643
Receipts	1,036	1,016	989	962	953	940	953	940
Balance Forward Out	2,118	2,582	2,895	2,905	2,643	2,378	2,643	2,378
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>1,215</b>	<b>1,205</b>	<b>1,215</b>	<b>1,205</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				470		781		781
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				40		48		48
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	2.02	2.09	1.98	1.98	1.98	1.98	1.98	1.98

## 2202 - Deer Habitat Improvement

Balance Forward In		1,323		43				
Direct Appropriation	8,546	8,546	8,546	8,546	8,546	8,546	8,546	8,546

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# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Cancellations		871						
Balance Forward Out	1,323		43					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>7,223</b>	<b>8,998</b>	<b>8,503</b>	<b>8,589</b>	<b>8,546</b>	<b>8,546</b>	<b>8,546</b>	<b>8,546</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				870		0		0
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				5		0		0
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	55.39	63.46	63.96	63.96	60.59	57.46	60.59	57.46

## 2203 - Waterfowl Habitat Improvement

Balance Forward In	1,118	1,326	1,300	1,314	1,104	990	1,104	990
Receipts	563	549	550	540	536	531	536	531
Balance Forward Out	1,289	1,267	1,314	1,104	990	871	990	871
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>650</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				286		14		14
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				29		1		1
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	0.43	0.42	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04

## 2204 - Trout And Salmon Management

Balance Forward In	1,608	1,729	1,667	1,556	1,292	1,018	1,292	1,018
Receipts	1,105	1,107	1,093	1,086	1,076	1,066	1,076	1,066
Balance Forward Out	1,729	1,667	1,556	1,292	1,018	884	1,018	884
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>984</b>	<b>1,170</b>	<b>1,204</b>	<b>1,350</b>	<b>1,350</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>1,350</b>	<b>1,200</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				400		(4)		(4)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				19		(0)		(0)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	4.64	10.12	10.85	10.85	10.85	10.85	10.85	10.85

## 2205 - Pheasant Habitat Improvement

Balance Forward In	604	771	876	925	997	965	997	965
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# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Receipts	520	518	529	522	518	513	518	513
Balance Forward Out	771	874	925	997	965	928	965	928
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>550</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				163		170		170
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				21		18		18
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2206 - Wild Rice Management

Balance Forward In	61	63	61	77	69	75	69	75
Receipts	40	36	53	30	44	44	44	44
Balance Forward Out	63	61	77	69	75	81	75	81
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		0		0
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				0		0		0
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2207 - Wildlife Acquisition Surcharge

Balance Forward In	3,520	4,088	4,300	4,745	5,187	5,624	5,187	5,624
Receipts	1,395	1,409	1,423	1,342	1,337	1,332	1,337	1,332
Balance Forward Out	4,080	4,298	4,745	5,187	5,624	6,056	5,624	6,056
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>1,199</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>900</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(157)		(77)		(77)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(8)		(4)		(4)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	3.07	0.42	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.64

## 2208 - Wild Turkey Management

Balance Forward In	634	719	790	839	853	749	853	749
Receipts	220	216	239	244	246	249	246	249
Balance Forward Out	718	789	839	853	749	648	749	648

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# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>350</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				137		280		280
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				48		67		67
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2209 - Heritage Enhancement

Balance Forward In	25	1,181	25	2,039				
Direct Appropriation	9,933	9,783	12,934	12,792	12,342	12,342	13,025	13,197
Cancellations	2	976						
Balance Forward Out	1,104	25	2,039					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>8,851</b>	<b>9,963</b>	<b>10,920</b>	<b>14,831</b>	<b>12,342</b>	<b>12,342</b>	<b>13,025</b>	<b>13,197</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				6,937		(1,067)		471
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				37		(4)		2
Governor's Change from Base								1,538
Governor's % Change from Base								6
Full-Time Equivalents	53.13	54.18	54.51	54.51	51.59	48.92	55.73	54.10

## 2211 - Walleye Stamp Account

Balance Forward In	244	227	238	216	193	144	193	144
Receipts	158	156	153	152	151	149	151	149
Balance Forward Out	227	238	216	193	144	143	144	143
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>150</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				30		0		0
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				9		0		0
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2213 - Wolf Management & Monitoring

Balance Forward In	1,295	1,362	1,434	1,275	993	708	993	708
Receipts	343	336	327	318	315	311	315	311
Balance Forward Out	1,360	1,430	1,275	993	708	419	708	419
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>

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# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Biennial Change in Expenditures				541		115		115
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				99		11		11
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2300 - Outdoor Heritage

Balance Forward In	40,978	43,708	43,076	46,067				
Direct Appropriation	24,919	22,108	32,749	26,246	0	0	0	0
Transfers In	185							
Transfers Out	53							
Cancellations	2,553	1,886	978					
Balance Forward Out	42,222	42,021	46,066					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>21,255</b>	<b>21,909</b>	<b>28,780</b>	<b>72,313</b>				
Biennial Change in Expenditures				57,929		(101,093)		(101,093)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				134		(100)		(100)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								
Full-Time Equivalents	34.23	49.03	54.61	34.72				

## 2302 - Clean Water

Balance Forward In	694	661	455	919				
Direct Appropriation	1,175	1,175	2,405	2,495	0	0	2,075	2,075
Cancellations		139						
Balance Forward Out	661	455	920					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>1,209</b>	<b>1,241</b>	<b>1,940</b>	<b>3,414</b>			<b>2,075</b>	<b>2,075</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				2,904		(5,354)		(1,204)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				119		(100)		(22)
Governor's Change from Base								4,150
Governor's % Change from Base								
Full-Time Equivalents	10.69	12.28	13.06	5.33			14.00	14.00

## 2401 - Reinvest In Minnesota-Gifts

Balance Forward In	27,805	27,819	31,781	28,870	21,763	18,659	21,763	18,659
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# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Receipts	126	1,091	2,559	1,697	1,442	1,226	1,442	1,226
Transfers In	6,274	6,695	12,508	8,719	8,719	8,719	8,719	8,719
Transfers Out	5,176	3,028	14,098	4,573	4,573	4,573	4,573	4,573
Balance Forward Out	27,819	31,777	28,869	21,763	18,659	16,106	18,659	16,106
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>1,210</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>3,880</b>	<b>12,950</b>	<b>8,692</b>	<b>7,925</b>	<b>8,692</b>	<b>7,925</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				14,818		(213)		(213)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				736		(1)		(1)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents			0.02					

## 2403 - Gift

Balance Forward In	623	648	657	922	766	653	766	653
Receipts	65	46	318	63	58	54	58	54
Balance Forward Out	648	657	923	766	653	535	653	535
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>172</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				195		71		71
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				254		26		26
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 3000 - Federal

Balance Forward In	3	5	0					
Receipts	4,019	4,740	2,531	36,354	36,694	5,180	36,694	5,180
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>4,022</b>	<b>4,745</b>	<b>2,531</b>	<b>36,354</b>	<b>36,694</b>	<b>5,180</b>	<b>36,694</b>	<b>5,180</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				30,118		2,989		2,989
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				344		8		8
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	1.00	0.31	1.06	3.09	2.09	1.09	2.09	1.09

**Program: Enforcement****Activity: Enforcement**<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/enforcement/index.html>**AT A GLANCE**

- Provide outreach, safety education training, and law enforcement related to our state's natural resources across Minnesota in collaboration with local, Tribal, state, and federal partners
- Engage in more than 500 public outreach opportunities annually
- Certify more than 51,000 students annually in safety education programs by working with 6,000 volunteer instructors across the state
- Administer nearly 300 annual state and federal grants to user groups and local law enforcement partners for outreach, safety education, and enforcement of motorized recreational vehicle laws and regulations
- Work with more than 100 nonprofit shooting sports organizations to increase capacity for high-school shooting sports and recreational shooting through infrastructure improvements and expansions
- Provide 1,200 hours of flight operations to support public safety and resource management, including fish and wildlife surveys and censuses, forestry assessments, wetland protection, and water quality/shoreline management

**PURPOSE AND CONTEXT**

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) provides the primary conservation law enforcement in the state. The Enforcement Division plays an important role in connecting people to the outdoors and conserving and enhancing Minnesota's natural resources by providing outreach, safety training, and law enforcement throughout the state. Protecting public safety in the outdoors has been the division's highest priority since it was established in 1887, and its role in protecting natural resources has grown from traditional game and fish enforcement to broader natural resource protection responsibilities that affect natural systems, quality of life, and economic sustainability now and into the future. It achieves compliance with laws and regulations through outreach, safety education, and law enforcement.

Enforcement's 10-year strategic plan addresses how it will accomplish its work in a changing context. A decline in revenue for some recreational motor vehicle accounts and historical downward trends in fishing and hunting license sales are affecting traditional funding sources for enforcement activities related to these areas. At the same time, there are increasing demands for enforcement related to invasive species, water quality and quantity, and other natural resource protection laws. Additionally, the number of users of natural resources who do not directly pay for those experiences (such as hikers, mountain bikers, and photographers/bird watchers) has increased markedly. Whether people are required to have licenses or permits for the ways they enjoy the outdoors, conservation officers remain committed to helping all people do it safely, legally, and with preservation of the resources in mind.

In addition to our traditional natural resource enforcement activities, DNR conservation officers since 2020 have been called upon to assist partnering agencies with planning and staffing law enforcement public safety responses unrelated to natural resources. This activity has placed increased demands on local and state law enforcement resources to uphold people's First Amendment rights while ensuring public safety and, as necessary, address criminal behavior. The DNR is not resourced to do this type of work through its normal funding channels and thus has had to seek reimbursement and special appropriations to pay for this work.

As part of the Enforcement Division's strategic plan, which was implemented beginning in 2015, the division focuses on hiring a workforce that more closely reflects the diverse communities across Minnesota. Since then, it has placed an increased focus on hiring minorities, women, people with disabilities, and recently-separated veterans. The Conservation Officer (CO) Prep program, aimed at attracting non-traditional candidates and providing them a path to obtain their required law enforcement training, has been an important part of these efforts. The division achieved most of its affirmative action goals in 2023 and strives for continued improvement. At the broader hiring level, the division, like other law enforcement agencies in Minnesota and across the nation, faces a shrinking pool of applicants as fewer people are pursuing careers in law enforcement.

The DNR has established programs to ensure its conservation officers have access to mental and physical health-related resources, because law enforcement officers encounter unique demands and stresses as part of their jobs. The DNR also has established a new mobile app for current and former conservation officers and their families to help ensure overall wellbeing. Additionally, the DNR has instituted ongoing cultural awareness training, mental health awareness training, and First Amendment rights training, and has updated its use of force training to ensure all people with whom officers come in contact are treated with the utmost courtesy, respect, and professionalism.

Conservation officers are many Minnesotans' main point of contact with the DNR and are representative of the agency as a whole. As part of the Enforcement Division's strategic plan, it continues to emphasize the importance and prioritization of community relations in its work.

## **SERVICES PROVIDED**

Our enforcement work includes outreach, safety education and law enforcement in four main areas.

### **Fish and Game Education and Protection**

- Work with recreational and commercial users, as well as citizen stakeholder groups, to protect fish and game populations through understanding of, and compliance with, applicable laws and regulations
- Deliver youth and adult hunting safety education programs
- Recruit, retain, and reactivate hunters and anglers through outreach opportunities and shooting range development

### **Recreational Safety and Enforcement**

- Work with motorized and non-motorized recreational user groups to educate the public on relevant laws, responsible trail riding, and respect for private landowners
- Enforce recreational laws and regulations
- Deliver safety education regarding motorized recreational vehicle operation for children and adults

### **Natural Resource Protection**

- Enforce regulations related to invasive species, wetland protection, water appropriation, water quality, solid waste, timber theft, and air quality
- Work with partner regulatory agencies and public stakeholder groups to educate user groups on the state's natural resource laws and regulations
- Protect Minnesota's wild animals by working to stop the spread of diseases, such as chronic wasting disease

### **Public Safety**

- Work within the emergency management system to provide mutual aid assistance in response to disasters, search and rescue, and law enforcement needs

## RESULTS

### Quantity Performance Measure: Creating a conservation officer workforce that more closely matches Minnesota’s diverse population.

In traditional and CO Prep recruiting, outreach efforts continue to increase the number of minorities, women, disabled people, and veterans in the DNR’s conservation officer corps. Of the 76 individuals who have gone through our past five academies, 23 were females, 14 were minorities, six were disabled, and 21 were recently separated veterans.

#### Five most recent Conservation Officer Academies

		Female	Minority	Disability	Veteran	Total
<b>Academy 19</b>	Prep	3	0	0	2	4
	Traditional	2	1	1	0	10
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Academy 20</b>	Prep	3	3	0	2	7
	Traditional	1	2	1	2	6
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Academy 21</b>	Prep	3	1	0	4	12
	Traditional	1	2	0	0	7
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Academy 22</b>	Prep	2	0	2	3	7
	Traditional	2	3	0	2	7
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Academy 23</b>	Prep	3	1	1	3	8
	Traditional	3	1	1	3	8
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>16</b>

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The legal authority for the Enforcement Program comes from Minnesota Statutes:

- 84.028 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=84.028>)
- 84.081 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=84.081>)
- 97A.201 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=97A.201>)
- 103G.2372 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=103G.2372>)
- 115.071 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=115.071>)
- 116.073 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=116.073>)
- 138.40 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=138.40>)
- 626.84 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=626.84>)

# Enforcement

# Activity Expenditure Overview

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
<b><u>Expenditures by Fund</u></b>								
1000 - General	9,567	9,404	14,280	16,187	14,075	14,075	14,795	15,011
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue	15		570	1,100	100	100	100	100
2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue	9,022	7,045	5,402	834	738	738	738	738
2100 - Water Recreation	5,484	5,148	6,548	6,744	6,739	6,739	6,950	7,038
2101 - Snowmobile	2,185	1,895	1,708	2,476	2,103	2,103	2,256	2,405
2102 - All-Terrain Vehicle	3,631	3,322	3,916	4,342	4,226	4,226	4,415	4,573
2103 - Off-Highway Motorcycle	123	108	154	180	177	177	193	207
2104 - Off-Road Vehicle	160	107	404	474	439	439	460	479
2106 - State Park	58	150	99	113	106	106	106	106
2107 - State Pks & Trls Lott In Lieu	21	119	67	75	71	71	71	71
2112 - Invasive Species	240	479	263	457	360	360	360	360
2200 - Game and Fish (Operations)	29,907	28,401	29,149	31,015	31,390	31,390	31,390	31,390
2209 - Heritage Enhancement	328	2,826	2,973	2,987	2,980	2,980	2,980	2,980
2212 - Peace Officer Training Account	113	154	81	189	135	135	135	135
2403 - Gift		0			1	1	1	1
2801 - Remediation	71	46	94	140	117	117	117	117
3000 - Federal	2,772	4,469	4,625	5,260	5,430	5,480	5,430	5,480
3015 - ARP-State Fiscal Recovery		1,254						
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,698</b>	<b>64,930</b>	<b>70,332</b>	<b>72,573</b>	<b>69,187</b>	<b>69,237</b>	<b>70,497</b>	<b>71,191</b>
Biennial Change				14,278		(4,481)		(1,217)
Biennial % Change				11		(3)		(1)
Governor's Change from Base								3,264
Governor's % Change from Base								2
<b><u>Expenditures by Category</u></b>								
Compensation	37,599	36,607	38,993	36,893	40,591	40,641	41,743	42,437
Operating Expenses	22,120	22,671	23,136	30,014	23,252	23,252	23,410	23,410
Grants, Aids and Subsidies	2,916	3,087	3,236	3,733	3,411	3,411	3,411	3,411
Capital Outlay-Real Property	650	839	3,678	1,228	1,228	1,228	1,228	1,228
Other Financial Transaction	412	1,727	1,289	705	705	705	705	705
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,698</b>	<b>64,930</b>	<b>70,332</b>	<b>72,573</b>	<b>69,187</b>	<b>69,237</b>	<b>70,497</b>	<b>71,191</b>

# Enforcement

# Activity Expenditure Overview

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Total Agency Expenditures	63,698	64,930	70,332	72,573	69,187	69,237	70,497	71,191
Internal Billing Expenditures	17,918	16,486	16,602	12,027	10,599	10,599	10,599	10,599
<b>Expenditures Less Internal Billing</b>	<b>45,779</b>	<b>48,444</b>	<b>53,730</b>	<b>60,546</b>	<b>58,588</b>	<b>58,638</b>	<b>59,898</b>	<b>60,592</b>
<b><u>Full-Time Equivalents</u></b>	<b>234.16</b>	<b>255.77</b>	<b>251.56</b>	<b>254.08</b>	<b>239.08</b>	<b>227.00</b>	<b>243.48</b>	<b>233.84</b>

# Enforcement

# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
<b>1000 - General</b>								
Balance Forward In	481	1,679		1,730				
Direct Appropriation	10,360	10,804	16,010	14,457	14,075	14,075	14,795	15,011
Cancellations	212	3,079						
Balance Forward Out	1,062		1,730					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>9,567</b>	<b>9,404</b>	<b>14,280</b>	<b>16,187</b>	<b>14,075</b>	<b>14,075</b>	<b>14,795</b>	<b>15,011</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				11,496		(2,317)		(661)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				61		(8)		(2)
Governor's Change from Base								1,656
Governor's % Change from Base								6
Full-Time Equivalents	42.17	36.82	43.70	43.69	41.51	39.75	43.66	42.72

## 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In		2,156	2,156	1,587	487	387	487	387
Receipts	2,171							
Balance Forward Out	2,156	2,156	1,587	487	387	287	387	287
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>570</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				1,655		(1,470)		(1,470)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						(88)		(88)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In	2,946	1,023	1,241	1,224	1,065	990	1,065	990
Receipts	7,012	7,025	5,385	675	663	661	663	661
Internal Billing Receipts	6,758	6,753	4,794	411	411	411	411	411
Balance Forward Out	936	1,003	1,224	1,065	990	913	990	913
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>9,022</b>	<b>7,045</b>	<b>5,402</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>738</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(9,832)		(4,760)		(4,760)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(61)		(76)		(76)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	0.79	0.59	1.13	1.13	1.13	1.13	1.13	1.13

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# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27

## 2100 - Water Recreation

Balance Forward In	387	81		83				
Direct Appropriation	5,231	5,231	6,631	6,661	6,739	6,739	6,950	7,038
Transfers In	159	154	184	231	243	255	243	255
Cancellations	241	318	184	231	243	255	243	255
Balance Forward Out	52		83					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>5,484</b>	<b>5,148</b>	<b>6,548</b>	<b>6,744</b>	<b>6,739</b>	<b>6,739</b>	<b>6,950</b>	<b>7,038</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				2,659		186		696
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				25		1		5
Governor's Change from Base								510
Governor's % Change from Base								4
Full-Time Equivalents	20.72	23.25	24.25	24.25	22.69	21.44	23.50	22.58

## 2101 - Snowmobile

Balance Forward In	294	271	176	559	186	186	186	186
Direct Appropriation	2,075	2,075	2,075	2,075	2,075	2,075	2,228	2,377
Receipts	31	35	15	28	28	28	28	28
Transfers In	60	70	76	86	90	95	90	95
Cancellations	101	379	76	86	90	95	90	95
Balance Forward Out	173	176	558	186	186	186	186	186
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>2,185</b>	<b>1,895</b>	<b>1,708</b>	<b>2,476</b>	<b>2,103</b>	<b>2,103</b>	<b>2,256</b>	<b>2,405</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				104		22		477
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				3		1		11
Governor's Change from Base								455
Governor's % Change from Base								11
Full-Time Equivalents	10.66	13.55	6.34	6.34	5.93	5.60	6.51	6.75

## 2102 - All-Terrain Vehicle

Balance Forward In	274	514	0	155				
Direct Appropriation	3,772	3,772	4,072	4,187	4,226	4,226	4,415	4,573
Transfers In	108	110	125	150	157	165	157	165
Transfers Out		150						



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# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Cancellations	169	923	125	150	157	165	157	165
Balance Forward Out	354		156					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>3,631</b>	<b>3,322</b>	<b>3,916</b>	<b>4,342</b>	<b>4,226</b>	<b>4,226</b>	<b>4,415</b>	<b>4,573</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				1,305		194		730
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				19		2		9
Governor's Change from Base								536
Governor's % Change from Base								6
Full-Time Equivalents	15.00	16.04	18.45	18.45	17.31	16.39	18.03	17.71

## 2103 - Off-Highway Motorcycle

Balance Forward In	10	32		3				
Direct Appropriation	147	147	157	177	177	177	193	207
Transfers In	4	3	3	3	3	4	3	4
Cancellations	7	74	3	3	3	4	3	4
Balance Forward Out	31		3					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>207</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				102		20		66
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				44		6		20
Governor's Change from Base								46
Governor's % Change from Base								13
Full-Time Equivalents	0.36	0.35	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.46	0.51

## 2104 - Off-Road Vehicle

Balance Forward In	12	248		35				
Direct Appropriation	399	399	439	439	439	439	460	479
Transfers In	4	4	3	2	2	2	2	2
Transfers Out		150						
Cancellations	7	394	3	2	2	2	2	2
Balance Forward Out	248		35					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>479</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				611		0		61
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				228		(0)		7
Governor's Change from Base								61

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# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Governor's % Change from Base								7
Full-Time Equivalents	0.35	0.33	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.34	0.41

## 2106 - State Park

Balance Forward In	13	59		7				
Direct Appropriation	106	106	106	106	106	106	106	106
Transfers In	6	4	3	4	4	4	4	4
Cancellations	9	18	3	4	4	4	4	4
Balance Forward Out	59		7					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>106</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				4		0		0
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				2		(0)		(0)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	0.36	0.62	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75

## 2107 - State Pks & Trls Lott In Lieu

Balance Forward In		51		4				
Direct Appropriation	71	71	71	71	71	71	71	71
Cancellations		3						
Balance Forward Out	50		4					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>71</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				2		0		0
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				1		0		0
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2112 - Invasive Species

Balance Forward In		120		97				
Direct Appropriation	360	360	360	360	360	360	360	360
Cancellations		0						
Balance Forward Out	120		97					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>360</b>

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# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Biennial Change in Expenditures				1		0		0
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				0		(0)		(0)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2200 - Game and Fish (Operations)

Balance Forward In	2,709	757	91	392	90	76	90	76
Direct Appropriation	28,321	28,320	29,320	30,575	31,238	31,238	31,238	31,238
Receipts	149	137	130	138	138	138	138	138
Transfers In	999	1,056	1,279	1,479	1,553	1,633	1,553	1,633
Cancellations	1,583	1,799	1,279	1,479	1,553	1,633	1,553	1,633
Balance Forward Out	688	69	391	90	76	62	76	62
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>29,907</b>	<b>28,401</b>	<b>29,149</b>	<b>31,015</b>	<b>31,390</b>	<b>31,390</b>	<b>31,390</b>	<b>31,390</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				1,856		2,616		2,616
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				3		4		4
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	139.76	157.51	151.52	151.52	141.81	133.99	141.81	133.99

## 2209 - Heritage Enhancement

Balance Forward In		1,252		7				
Direct Appropriation	1,580	1,580	2,980	2,980	2,980	2,980	2,980	2,980
Cancellations		6						
Balance Forward Out	1,252		7					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>2,826</b>	<b>2,973</b>	<b>2,987</b>	<b>2,980</b>	<b>2,980</b>	<b>2,980</b>	<b>2,980</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				2,805		0		0
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				89		0		0
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2212 - Peace Officer Training Account

Balance Forward In		23		54				
Direct Appropriation	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135

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# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Cancellations		4						
Balance Forward Out	22		54					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>135</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				3		0		0
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				1		0		0
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2403 - Gift

Balance Forward In	12	13	14	15	18	20	18	20
Receipts	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3
Balance Forward Out	13	14	15	18	20	22	20	22
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		2		2
Biennial % Change in Expenditures								
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2801 - Remediation

Balance Forward In	10	53		23				
Direct Appropriation	117	117	117	117	117	117	117	117
Transfers In	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3
Cancellations	6	127	2	3	3	3	3	3
Balance Forward Out	53		23					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>117</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				117		0		0
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				100		(0)		(0)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	0.28	0.28	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29

## 3000 - Federal

Receipts	2,772	4,469	4,625	5,260	5,430	5,480	5,430	5,480
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# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>2,772</b>	<b>4,469</b>	<b>4,625</b>	<b>5,260</b>	<b>5,430</b>	<b>5,480</b>	<b>5,430</b>	<b>5,480</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				2,644		1,025		1,025
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				37		10		10
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	3.71	3.92	4.40	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00

## 3015 - ARP-State Fiscal Recovery

Direct Appropriation	1,730							
Cancellations	476							
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>1,254</b>							
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(1,254)		0		0
Biennial % Change in Expenditures								
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								
Full-Time Equivalents	2.51		0.07					

**Program: Operations Support****Activity: Operations Support**<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/aboutdnr/divisions.html>**AT A GLANCE**

- Provide leadership, strategic direction, and coordination for the department's seven divisions and four regions to ensure efficient and effective service delivery
- Engage local governments, Tribal nations, partner organizations, stakeholder groups, and individual Minnesotans in the natural resources decisions that affect them
- Maintain strong, collaborative relationships with the 11 federally recognized Tribal nations in Minnesota
- Lead budgeting, accounting, and fiscal reporting to ensure effective use of the department's budget
- Provide a strategy for embedding diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) into the overall work of the department, including language access services, inclusive hiring plan, diversity education and training, and the Increasing Diversity in Environmental Careers (IDEC) program for STEM students to pursue environmental careers; the program has had 72 participants since its inception in 2019
- Maintain nearly 3,000 owned or leased buildings statewide that vary in age, construction, use, and condition
- Manage over 5,000 pieces of active equipment, including approximately 3,280 land-operated items, 1,760 watercraft, and 11 aircraft
- Provide support for the DNR website, which had approximately 64 million webpages viewed in 2024
- Respond to an average of 110,000 calls and emails annually received by the DNR Information Center
- Develop and distribute an annual average of more than 300 news releases about DNR achievements, programs, events, and community efforts throughout Minnesota - each news release is delivered to nearly 800 reporters, newspapers, online news organizations, and TV and radio stations, as well as nearly 60,000 members of the public
- Coordinate with MN.IT Services @DNR to host 235 business-enhancing information technology (IT) applications for the DNR

**PURPOSE AND CONTEXT**

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) receives departmental and regional leadership services as well as department-wide operational services from the Operations Support program. The program employs department-wide coordination and integrated decision-making, strategic goal-setting, partner and stakeholder engagement, and a commitment to operational excellence to advance the DNR's mission and serve Minnesota.

**SERVICES PROVIDED**

The DNR's Operations Support program includes both leadership services and operational services, and serves DNR and Minnesota in the following ways:

**Leadership services**

- Provide leadership and direction for the department as a whole and for regional offices, which enable interdisciplinary delivery of DNR services at the local level
- Lead the development of the DNR's strategic priorities and goals
- Lead DNR efforts in government relations
- Guide implementation of the DNR's strategic priority to consult and collaborate with tribal governments

- Spearhead efforts to enhance and support diversity, equity, and inclusion in the DNR’s workforce, programs, and services
- Provide legal support to DNR programs

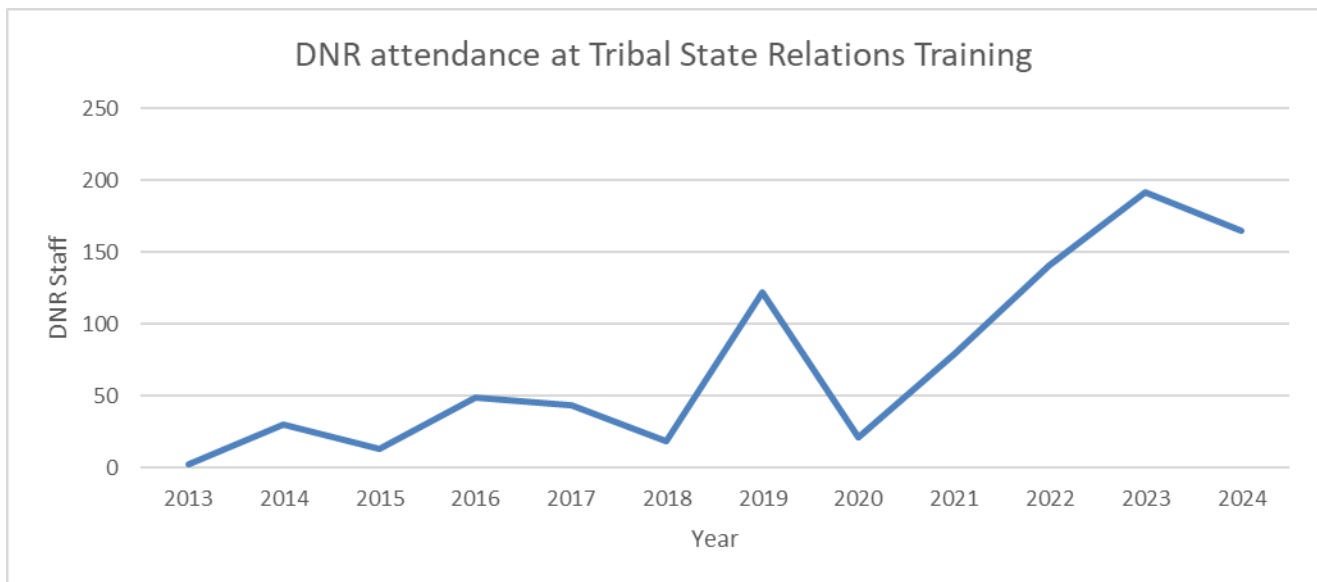
**Operational Services**

- Administer financial operations and budget processes for the department, including tracking revenues and expenditures, conducting internal audits, and providing procurement services
- Support staff through human resources services, including labor relations, ethics, employee development, payroll, and hiring and onboarding
- Manage safety, emergency preparedness, and non-fire emergency and disaster response
- Maintain fleet, buildings, and infrastructure that advance the DNR’s greenhouse gas reduction goals via energy efficiency and renewable energy
- Track built assets—including buildings, roads, and water control structures— to identify repair and reinvestment needs and manage capital investment efforts to preserve state assets and advance the DNR’s mission
- Provide policy development, project management, and planning services
- Engage the public through communication services that build awareness, trust, and support
- Provide management and leadership of the MN.IT Services @DNR that support daily activities
- Administer engineering, architectural, and construction management services for the department

**RESULTS**

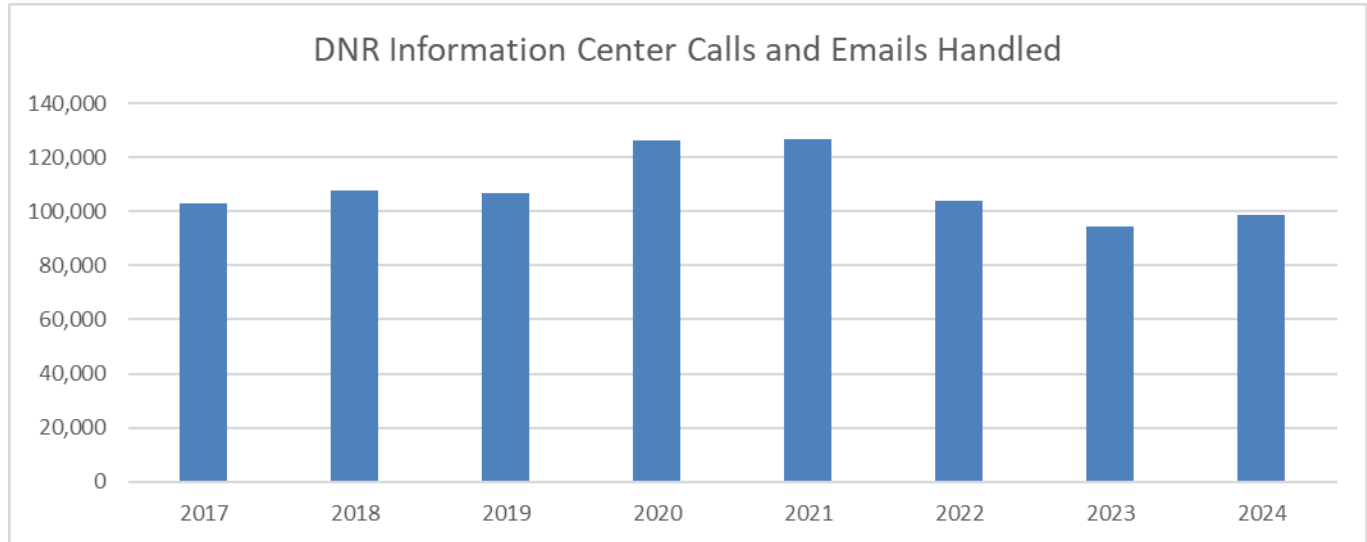
**Quantity Performance Measure: Commitment to Tribal-State Relations Training**

The DNR has government-to-government relationships with all federally recognized Tribal Nations located in Minnesota. Working with Tribes to co-manage natural and cultural resources requires staff to understand the origins and operations of Tribal Nations. In 2019 DNR’s Tribal Relations Work Team helped identify 270 staff positions that were recommended to take Tribal-State Relations Training. Since 2019, 720 staff have completed the training. Participation has far exceeded that number, with 892 DNR employees attending the training since its inception in 2013.



## Results Performance Measure: DNR Customer Service

The Information Center handled almost 99,000 contacts in fiscal year 2024, and staff respond quickly to a wide variety of inquiries from the public. The average speed to answer calls from the general public was 12 seconds. Approximately 75 percent of calls were resolved without being transferred to a subject matter expert, 23 percent were transferred and answered within 48 hours, which leaves 2 percent to call back. The majority of emails received Monday-Saturday were responded to within 24 hours.



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The legal authority for Operations Support comes from Minnesota Statutes and the Minnesota Constitution:

84 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/84>)

16A (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/16A>)

Article 11 ([https://www.revisor.mn.gov/constitution/#article\\_11](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/constitution/#article_11))



# Operations Support

# Activity Expenditure Overview

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
<b><u>Expenditures by Fund</u></b>								
1000 - General	738	1,450	1,130	4,532			2,000	2,000
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue	16	96	54	37	37	37	37	37
2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue	106,608	105,183	127,818	135,047	134,251	130,974	134,251	130,974
2050 - Environment & Natural Resources	442	1,023	569	1,381				
2300 - Outdoor Heritage	225	307	364	355				
2403 - Gift	1,913	1,793	1,873	2,261	2,112	2,117	2,112	2,117
3000 - Federal	469	477						
<b>Total</b>	<b>110,412</b>	<b>110,329</b>	<b>131,808</b>	<b>143,613</b>	<b>136,400</b>	<b>133,128</b>	<b>138,400</b>	<b>135,128</b>
Biennial Change				54,680		(5,893)		(1,893)
Biennial % Change				25		(2)		(1)
Governor's Change from Base								4,000
Governor's % Change from Base								1

## **Expenditures by Category**

Compensation	31,943	33,758	37,089	43,149	42,531	42,360	42,531	42,360
Operating Expenses	59,897	66,260	74,308	88,522	81,561	78,108	83,561	80,108
Grants, Aids and Subsidies	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Capital Outlay-Real Property	11,051	6,245	15,378	9,874	10,206	10,558	10,206	10,558
Other Financial Transaction	7,520	4,065	5,032	2,067	2,101	2,101	2,101	2,101
<b>Total</b>	<b>110,412</b>	<b>110,329</b>	<b>131,808</b>	<b>143,613</b>	<b>136,400</b>	<b>133,128</b>	<b>138,400</b>	<b>135,128</b>

Total Agency Expenditures	110,412	110,329	131,808	143,613	136,400	133,128	138,400	135,128
Internal Billing Expenditures	6,580	7,432	7,678	6,702	6,703	6,703	6,703	6,703
<b>Expenditures Less Internal Billing</b>	<b>103,832</b>	<b>102,897</b>	<b>124,130</b>	<b>136,911</b>	<b>129,697</b>	<b>126,425</b>	<b>131,697</b>	<b>128,425</b>

## **Full-Time Equivalent**

	286.91	299.67	306.84	306.27	266.65	255.79	266.65	255.79
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# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
<b>1000 - General</b>								
Balance Forward In	1,986	2,655	969	1,824				
Direct Appropriation	3,400		1,984	2,708	0	0	2,000	2,000
Transfers Out	2,000							
Cancellations		280						
Balance Forward Out	2,648	924	1,823					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>1,450</b>	<b>1,130</b>	<b>4,532</b>			<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				3,474		(5,662)		(1,662)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				159		(100)		(29)
Governor's Change from Base								4,000
Governor's % Change from Base								
Full-Time Equivalents	0.11	0.29	0.35	0.35				

## 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In	43	773	687	642	616	590	616	590
Receipts	747	10	9	11	11	11	11	11
Internal Billing Receipts	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	7
Balance Forward Out	773	687	642	616	590	564	590	564
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(21)		(17)		(17)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(19)		(19)		(19)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In	36,900	33,824	41,864	34,464	25,647	16,413	25,647	16,413
Receipts	97,147	111,078	122,945	127,479	125,134	126,962	125,134	126,962
Internal Billing Receipts	92,394	99,583	107,314	108,817	94,991	95,061	94,991	95,061
Transfers In	1,042	48	1,621					
Transfers Out	1,323	2,361	4,148	1,249	117	117	117	117
Balance Forward Out	27,158	37,407	34,464	25,647	16,413	12,284	16,413	12,284
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>106,608</b>	<b>105,183</b>	<b>127,818</b>	<b>135,047</b>	<b>134,251</b>	<b>130,974</b>	<b>134,251</b>	<b>130,974</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				51,074		2,360		2,360
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				24		1		1

# Operations Support

# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	280.92	293.40	300.38	300.39	261.12	250.26	261.12	250.26

## 2050 - Environment & Natural Resources

Balance Forward In	809	582	692	1,106				
Direct Appropriation	135	632	987	275	0	0	0	0
Transfers In	78							
Cancellations			4					
Balance Forward Out	579	191	1,106					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>1,023</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>1,381</b>				
Biennial Change in Expenditures				484		(1,950)		(1,950)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				33		(100)		(100)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								
Full-Time Equivalents	0.60	0.52	0.58					

## 2300 - Outdoor Heritage

Balance Forward In	15	11	33	5				
Direct Appropriation	210	300	336	350	0	0	0	0
Cancellations			0					
Balance Forward Out		4	5					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>355</b>				
Biennial Change in Expenditures				187		(719)		(719)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				35		(100)		(100)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								

## 2403 - Gift

Balance Forward In	3,407	3,558	4,056	4,189	3,938	3,857	3,938	3,857
Receipts	1,874	2,133	2,007	2,010	2,031	2,008	2,031	2,008
Internal Billing Receipts		77						
Balance Forward Out	3,367	3,897	4,190	3,938	3,857	3,748	3,857	3,748

# Operations Support

# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>1,913</b>	<b>1,793</b>	<b>1,873</b>	<b>2,261</b>	<b>2,112</b>	<b>2,117</b>	<b>2,112</b>	<b>2,117</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				427		95		95
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				12		2		2
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	5.28	5.46	5.53	5.53	5.53	5.53	5.53	5.53

## 3000 - Federal

Balance Forward In	7	3						
Receipts	466	474						
Balance Forward Out	3							
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>477</b>						
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(946)		0		0
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(100)				
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								

**Program: Pass-Through Funds****Activity: Pass-Through Funds****AT A GLANCE**

- Provide approximately \$40 million each year to counties for payment in lieu of taxes
- Provide approximately \$10 million in natural resource payments each year to tribal nations
- Manage about 280 grant contracts totaling over \$391 million of Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund and Outdoor Heritage Legacy funds
- Award approximately \$10 million to local governments from the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund
- Provide \$380,000 to the Duluth and Como Zoos each year

**PURPOSE AND CONTEXT**

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) administers pass-through funds including funds directed to non-state entities by statute, law, or agreement, as well as appropriations to the Office of School Trust Lands. Since the DNR does not determine who receives the funds and cannot use them for its own operations, it commonly refers to these as “pass-through funds.”

Recipients of these funds are partners in promoting and advancing the broader goals of protecting and preserving the state’s natural resources. Pass-through funds include:

- Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT)
- Payments to Tribal nations per natural resource agreements
- Environment and Natural Resource Trust Fund grants to non-state entities
- Outdoor Heritage Fund grants to non-state entities
- Parks and Trails Legacy Fund grants to local units of government
- Lottery-in-lieu grants to the Duluth and Como Zoos
- Other grants as specified by law
- Office of School Trust Lands

The DNR is responsible for being fiscal stewards of these funds. To this end, the DNR establishes sound business management practices that are consistent with state law, statewide grant management policies, and internal policies. The costs to administer the pass-through funds are shown in the various division budgets that manage these funds.

**SERVICES PROVIDED**

The DNR calculates the annual distribution for county PILT payments—currently estimated around \$40 million. PILT is a local government aid payment made by the state to counties for tax-exempt natural resource lands, according to Minnesota statutes 477A.10-14 and 17. Most of the payments are for state-owned land and School Trust Land that is administered by the DNR and for county-administered tax forfeited land. While the Minnesota Department of Revenue (DOR) makes the actual PILT payments, the money comes from General Fund appropriations to the DNR.

The DNR makes payments each year to Tribal nations per legal agreements under which the tribes have agreed to forgo certain treaty rights. As is the case with PILT payments, DOR makes the actual payments to tribes, but the funding comes from money appropriated to the DNR. According to MS 97A.151 subd. 4 and 97A.155 subd. 1, the

Leech Lake Band receives five percent of specific game and fish proceeds. Per MS 97A.157 subd. 2 and related agreements, the Grand Portage Band and Bois Forte Band each receive \$1.6 million annually plus additional funds equal to any amount in excess of \$1.5 million paid to the Leech Lake Band in the previous fiscal year.

In fiscal year 2023, the DNR managed approximately 280 grants totaling over \$390.7 million dollars to non-state recipients identified by the legislature from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) and the Outdoor Heritage Fund (OHF). The purpose of the ENRTF is for the protection, conservation, preservation, and enhancement of the state's air, water, land, fish, wildlife, and other natural resources. The purpose of the OHF is to restore, protect, and enhance wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game and wildlife.

The DNR provides about \$10 million annually to local units of government from the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund for acquisition, development, restoration, and maintenance of park and trail facilities of regional or statewide significance.

The DNR serves as the fiscal agent for the Office of School Trust Lands, an independent office, whose charge is to advocate for sustainable asset management strategies that maximize revenue for Minnesota's public schools from State School Trust Lands and the Permanent School Fund.

## RESULTS

### Quantity Performance Measure: Total Pass-Through Dollars Each Year

The DNR provides responsible management for all dollars appropriated for use by non-state entities. The table below demonstrates the amount that has been disbursed in the recent past.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PASS-THROUGH FUNDS BY YEAR  
*Data source: Statewide Integrated Financial Tools System  
 (dollars in thousands)*

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
95,935	119,517	106,384	145,018	147,178

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The legal authority for the grants management process comes from Minnesota Statute: 16B.98 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=16B.98>)

# Pass Through Funds

# Activity Expenditure Overview

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
<b><i>Expenditures by Fund</i></b>								
1000 - General	10,073	9,657	12,728	15,927	11,626	11,526	11,626	11,526
2050 - Environment & Natural Resources	45,601	19,058	37,959	28,301				
2100 - Water Recreation	123	123	109	172	217	172	217	172
2101 - Snowmobile	69	66	64	125	157	125	157	125
2102 - All-Terrain Vehicle	61	63	61	114	144	114	144	114
2103 - Off-Highway Motorcycle	15	14	14	16	20	16	20	16
2104 - Off-Road Vehicle	14	13	13	16	20	16	20	16
2106 - State Park	119	109	112	141	178	141	178	141
2107 - State Pks & Trls Lott In Lieu	45	47	44	58	73	58	73	58
2109 - Local Trls Grants Lott In Lieu			0	1	1	1	1	1
2110 - Zoos Lottery In Lieu	660	380	510	810	510	510	510	510
2111 - Nongame	0	0	0					
2112 - Invasive Species	10	9	8	11	14	11	14	11
2113 - Forest Management Investment	72	71	67	85	107	85	107	85
2114 - Mineral Management	12	14	13	16	21	16	21	16
2119 - State Land & Water Conservation	1	1	1	3	4	3	4	3
2120 - Water Management Account	29	26	23	23	29	23	29	23
2121 - Rgnl Pks and Trls Lott In Lieu			400	600	600	600	600	600
2200 - Game and Fish (Operations)	875	822	519	644	812	644	812	644
2202 - Deer Habitat Improvement			120	160	202	160	202	160
2209 - Heritage Enhancement			89	90	114	90	114	90
2212 - Peace Officer Training Account			0	1	1	1	1	1
2300 - Outdoor Heritage	74,396	107,227	118,943	122,841				
2302 - Clean Water	86	75	64	84				
2303 - Parks and Trails	12,549	11,360	12,327	19,105				
3800 - Permanent School	209	244	229	1,245	484	484	493	500
<b>Total</b>	<b>145,018</b>	<b>149,377</b>	<b>184,419</b>	<b>190,589</b>	<b>15,334</b>	<b>14,796</b>	<b>15,343</b>	<b>14,812</b>
Biennial Change				80,613		(344,878)		(344,853)
Biennial % Change				27		(92)		(92)
Governor's Change from Base								25
Governor's % Change from Base								0

# Pass Through Funds

# Activity Expenditure Overview

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
<b><u>Expenditures by Category</u></b>								
Compensation	324	324	373	385	385	385	394	401
Operating Expenses	12,333	11,862	14,587	24,380	13,839	13,301	13,839	13,301
Grants, Aids and Subsidies	132,351	137,175	169,334	165,814	1,110	1,110	1,110	1,110
Capital Outlay-Real Property	10	16	124	10				
Other Financial Transaction			0					
<b>Total</b>	<b>145,018</b>	<b>149,377</b>	<b>184,419</b>	<b>190,589</b>	<b>15,334</b>	<b>14,796</b>	<b>15,343</b>	<b>14,812</b>
Total Agency Expenditures	145,018	149,377	184,419	190,589	15,334	14,796	15,343	14,812
Internal Billing Expenditures	253	295	315	354	104	104	104	104
<b>Expenditures Less Internal Billing</b>	<b>144,765</b>	<b>149,082</b>	<b>184,104</b>	<b>190,235</b>	<b>15,230</b>	<b>14,692</b>	<b>15,239</b>	<b>14,708</b>
<b><u>Full-Time Equivalents</u></b>	<b>2.62</b>	<b>2.62</b>	<b>2.55</b>	<b>2.54</b>	<b>2.49</b>	<b>2.49</b>	<b>2.54</b>	<b>2.59</b>



# Pass Through Funds

# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
<b>1000 - General</b>								
Balance Forward In		6						
Direct Appropriation	187	187	3,211	4,553	221	221	221	221
Open Appropriation	46,250	46,045	49,253	59,549	60,645	61,765	60,645	44,605
Transfers Out	36,358	36,567	39,736	48,175	49,240	50,460	49,240	33,300
Cancellations		14						
Balance Forward Out	6							
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>10,073</b>	<b>9,657</b>	<b>12,728</b>	<b>15,927</b>	<b>11,626</b>	<b>11,526</b>	<b>11,626</b>	<b>11,526</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				8,926		(5,503)		(5,503)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				45		(19)		(19)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	1.00	1.04	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

## 2050 - Environment & Natural Resources

Balance Forward In	21,902	2,925	3,423	2,400				
Direct Appropriation	26,955	18,370	36,854	25,439	0	0	0	0
Open Appropriation	48	46	43	77	0	0	0	0
Transfers In		1,095	289	385				
Transfers Out	550	176						
Cancellations	5		250					
Balance Forward Out	2,749	3,202	2,400					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>45,601</b>	<b>19,058</b>	<b>37,959</b>	<b>28,301</b>				
Biennial Change in Expenditures				1,601		(66,260)		(66,260)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				2		(100)		(100)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								

## 2100 - Water Recreation

Direct Appropriation			58					
Open Appropriation	123	123	109	172	217	172	217	172
Transfers Out			58					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>172</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				35		108		108

# Pass Through Funds

# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				14		38		38
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2101 - Snowmobile

Open Appropriation	69	66	64	125	157	125	157	125
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>125</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				55		93		93
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				41		49		49
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2102 - All-Terrain Vehicle

Open Appropriation	61	63	61	114	144	114	144	114
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>114</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				51		83		83
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				41		48		48
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2103 - Off-Highway Motorcycle

Open Appropriation	15	14	14	16	20	16	20	16
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				1		6		6
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				5		22		22
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2104 - Off-Road Vehicle

Open Appropriation	14	13	13	16	20	16	20	16
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				3		7		7
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				10		23		23

## Pass Through Funds

## Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

### 2106 - State Park

Open Appropriation	119	109	112	141	178	141	178	141
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>141</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				25		66		66
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				11		26		26
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

### 2107 - State Pks & Trls Lott In Lieu

Open Appropriation	45	47	44	58	73	58	73	58
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>58</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				11		29		29
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				12		28		28
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

### 2109 - Local Trls Grants Lott In Lieu

Open Appropriation			0	1	1	1	1	1
<b>Expenditures</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				1		1		1
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						51		51
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

### 2110 - Zoos Lottery In Lieu

Direct Appropriation	660	380	510	810	510	510	510	510
Open Appropriation			0					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>510</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				280		(300)		(300)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				27		(23)		(23)

## Pass Through Funds

## Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

### 2111 - Nongame

Open Appropriation	0	0	0					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>					
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		0		0
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(45)				
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								

### 2112 - Invasive Species

Open Appropriation	10	9	8	11	14	11	14	11
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(1)		6		6
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(3)		30		30
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

### 2113 - Forest Management Investment

Open Appropriation	72	71	67	85	107	85	107	85
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>85</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				9		40		40
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				6		26		26
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

### 2114 - Mineral Management

Open Appropriation	12	14	13	16	21	16	21	16
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>16</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				3		8		8
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				13		27		27
Governor's Change from Base								0

# Pass Through Funds

# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2119 - State Land & Water Conservation

Open Appropriation	1	1	1	3	4	3	4	3
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				2		3		3
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				93		73		73
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2120 - Water Management Account

Open Appropriation	29	26	23	23	29	23	29	23
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>23</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(9)		6		6
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(16)		14		14
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2121 - Rgnl Pks and Trls Lott In Lieu

Direct Appropriation			400	600	600	600	600	600
<b>Expenditures</b>			<b>400</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				1,000		200		200
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						20		20
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2200 - Game and Fish (Operations)

Open Appropriation	875	822	519	644	812	644	812	644
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>644</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(534)		293		293
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(31)		25		25
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

# Pass Through Funds

# Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27

## 2202 - Deer Habitat Improvement

Open Appropriation			120	160	202	160	202	160
<b>Expenditures</b>			<b>120</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>160</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				280		82		82
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						29		29
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2209 - Heritage Enhancement

Open Appropriation			89	90	114	90	114	90
<b>Expenditures</b>			<b>89</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>90</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				179		25		25
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						14		14
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2212 - Peace Officer Training Account

Open Appropriation			0	1	1	1	1	1
<b>Expenditures</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				1		1		1
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						42		42
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2300 - Outdoor Heritage

Balance Forward In	2,734	4,224	5,521	2,636				
Direct Appropriation	74,271	105,918	116,439	120,036	0	0	0	0
Open Appropriation	88	87	87	169	0	0	0	0
Cancellations	52	337	466					
Balance Forward Out	2,645	2,664	2,637					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>74,396</b>	<b>107,227</b>	<b>118,943</b>	<b>122,841</b>				
Biennial Change in Expenditures				60,161		(241,784)		(241,784)

## Pass Through Funds

## Activity Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				33		(100)		(100)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								
Full-Time Equivalents	0.12	0.02	0.05	0.04				

### 2302 - Clean Water

Open Appropriation	86	75	64	84	0	0	0	0
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>84</b>				
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(13)		(148)		(148)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(8)		(100)		(100)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								

### 2303 - Parks and Trails

Balance Forward In	3,877	2,267	3,149	4,827				
Direct Appropriation	10,586	10,797	13,929	14,220	0	0	0	0
Open Appropriation	41	45	52	58	0	0	0	0
Transfers In			23					
Balance Forward Out	1,955	1,749	4,826					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>12,549</b>	<b>11,360</b>	<b>12,327</b>	<b>19,105</b>				
Biennial Change in Expenditures				7,524		(31,432)		(31,432)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				31		(100)		(100)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								

### 3800 - Permanent School

Balance Forward In		595		344				
Transfers In	800	800	573	901	484	484	493	500
Cancellations		1,151						
Balance Forward Out	591		344					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>1,245</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>500</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				1,021		(506)		(481)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				226		(34)		(33)

## Pass Through Funds

## Activity Financing by Fund

*(Dollars in Thousands)*

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Governor's Change from Base								25
Governor's % Change from Base								3
Full-Time Equivalents	1.50	1.56	1.50	1.50	1.49	1.49	1.54	1.59



## Department of Natural Resources

(Dollars in Thousands)

Federal Agency and ALN	Federal Grant Name Brief Purpose	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Revised	FY 2026 Revised	FY 2027 Revised	Required State Match or MOE?	FTEs
Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration 11.419	Coastal Zone Management - Funding for the implementation of Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program. The program strives to balance economic development and resource protection within the state's coastal zone. Outcomes preserve, protect, develop, and where possible, restore and enhance Minnesota's coastal resources.	\$ 1,961	\$ 1,327	\$ 1,067	\$ 1,177	Yes	4.5
Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration 11.473	Coastal Zone Management Habitat Protection and Restoration Non-Competitive Awards - To support Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program to plan for and implement habitat restoration and conservation projects, with an emphasis on developing projects that prioritize coastal resilience, factor anticipated climate change effects, and target partnerships and engagement with underserved communities.	\$ 200	\$ 721	\$ 516	\$ 405	No	2
Department of Interior 15.XXX	America the Beautiful Challenge - Ecosystem restoration projects that invest in watershed restoration, resilience, equitable access, workforce development, corridors and connectivity, and collaborative conservation.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	Yes	4
Department of Interior 15.XXX	Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA) - Funding for habitat and conservation work.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,500	\$ 21,000	Yes	34
Department of Interior 15.608	Fish and Wildlife Management Assistance - Federal Agreements for Invasives - Implementation of state plan for invasive species prevention, research, and monitoring.	\$ 384	\$ 1,935	\$ 2,075	\$ 1,750	No	12.4
Department of Interior 15.615	Endangered species - Research and monitoring to support endangered species recovery.	\$ 150	\$ 430	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,085	Yes	8.5
Department of Interior 15.634	State Wildlife Grants - Implement, coordinate, and monitor implementation of the state wildlife action plan to benefit species of greatest conservation need.	\$ 1,866	\$ 2,730	\$ 4,280	\$ 4,245	Yes	27.1
Department of Interior 15.647	Migratory Bird Conservation - Monitors and manages a diverse range of birds to help conserve and protect their habitats and ensure sustainable populations.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ 200	No	0.25
Department of Interior 15.658	Natural Resource Damage Assessment: BP Guld Oil Spill Loon Damage - Restoration of Common Loons in MN.	\$ 1,905	\$ 1,175	\$ 2,400	\$ 150	No	2

Federal Agency and ALN	Federal Grant Name Brief Purpose	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Revised	FY 2026 Revised	FY 2027 Revised	Required State Match or MOE?	FTEs
Department of Interior 15.662	Great Lakes Restoration Initiative - To protect and restore the Great Lakes by preventing and controlling invasive species, reducing nutrient runoff, and restoring habitat to protect native species.	\$ 1,051	\$ 1,600	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,200	No	12
Department of Interior 15.684	White Nose Syndrome - Monitor bat populations for the occurrence of white nose syndrome and educate the public about the disease.	43	\$ 85	\$ 175	\$ 105	Yes	0.45
Department of Interior 15.978	Long Term Resource Monitoring - Conduct field monitoring and analysis, and produce reports for the Upper Mississippi River Restoration program's Long Term Resource Monitoring element.	\$ 693	\$ 1,110	\$ 1,278	\$ 1,358	No	7.3
Department of Interior 15.980	Upper Mississippi River System Long Term Resource Monitoring - Groundwater Monitoring Data Sharing Partnership.	\$ 29	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	No	1.2
Environmental Protection Agency 66.469	Great Lakes Restoration Initiative - Restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem. This is a subaward from the Pollution Control Agency.	\$ 295	\$ 200	\$ 300	\$ 300	Yes	0
Department of Homeland Security 97.023	Community Assistance Program-State Support Services Element - Provide technical assistance to National Flood Insurance. Program communities to monitor and evaluate performance of floodplain management activities.	\$ 423	\$ 553	\$ 603	\$ 654	Yes	4
Department of Homeland Security 97.041	National Dam Safety - To strengthen and improve the state dam safety program.	\$ 383	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,650	Yes	4
Department of Homeland Security 97.045	Cooperating Technical Partners - Increase local involvement in the production, development, and maintenance of Digital Flood Insurance Maps (DFIRMS) and develop non-regulatory products to help local governments reduce flood risk.	\$ 527	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,250	\$ 4,000	No	15
	<b>Ecological and Water Resources Division Program Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,910</b>	<b>\$ 17,166</b>	<b>\$ 36,144</b>	<b>\$ 43,279</b>		<b>138.70</b>
Department of Homeland Security 97.012	Boating Safety Financial Assistance - States that meet certain minimum USCG program standards (including MN) are automatically eligible for a Recreational Boating Safety Grant. MNDNR Enforcement division administers the grant and disperses funds for a variety of boat and water safety purposes.	\$ 4,625	\$ 5,260	\$ 5,430	\$ 5,480	Yes	7
	<b>Enforcement Division Program Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,625</b>	<b>\$ 5,260</b>	<b>\$ 5,430</b>	<b>\$ 5,480</b>		<b>7.00</b>

Federal Agency and ALN	Federal Grant Name Brief Purpose	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Revised	FY 2026 Revised	FY 2027 Revised	Required State Match or MOE?	FTEs
Department of Agriculture 10.025	Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) - Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) - To protect U.S. agriculture from economically injurious plant and animal diseases and pests, ensure the safety and potency of veterinary biologic, and ensure the humane treatment of animals. The DNR used the funding to conduct CWD surveillance to detect disease in wild white-tailed deer.	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -	No	1.25
Department of Agriculture 10.028	Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) - Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) - To reduce damage caused by mammals and birds and those mammal and bird species that are reservoirs for zoonotic diseases. The DNR used the funding to conduct CWD surveillance to detect disease in wild white-tailed deer.	\$ 263	\$ 663	\$ 523	\$ 100	Yes	0.07
Department of Agriculture 10.093	Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program - To encourage owners and operators of privately-held farm, ranch, and forest land to voluntarily make that land available for access by the public for wildlife-dependent recreation, including hunting or fishing, under programs implemented by state or tribal governments.	\$ 607	\$ 700	\$ 100	\$ 100	No	
Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration 11.407	Inter-jurisdictional Fisheries Act - Work with statistical and modeling experts at the Quantitative Fisheries Center (QFC) at Michigan State University to provide quantitative methods and models for fish community and population dynamics.	\$ 13	\$ 45	\$ 50	\$ 30	No	
Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration 11.463	Restoring Fish Passage through Barrier Removal - To restore fish passages and replace culvers.	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	Yes	
Department of Interior 15.XXX	Nature Based Solutions - Combat invasive species, restore and increase resiliency of habitats, and/or build	\$ -	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100	\$ 400	No	
Department of Interior 15.608	National Fish Habitat Program - To restore native fish and other aquatic species to self-sustaining levels by reconnecting habitat that barriers have fragmented and identify activities needed and to eliminate or reduce the risks associated with Aquatic Nuisance Species.	\$ 92	\$ 1,035	\$ 1,035	\$ 2,000	Yes	
Department of Interior 15.623	North American Wetlands Conservation Act - Wetland restoration and enhancement.	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -	Yes	

Federal Agency and ALN	Federal Grant Name Brief Purpose	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Revised	FY 2026 Revised	FY 2027 Revised	Required State Match or MOE?	FTEs
Department of Interior 15.654	National Wildlife Refuge System Enhancements - Restore ditched peatland habitat and public water basins, and reduce flooding on state lands including the Roseau River WMA.	\$ -	\$ 1,200	\$ 2,000	\$ -	No	
Department of Interior 15.662	Great Lakes Restoration Initiative - To identify, protect, conserve, manage, enhance or restore habitat or species on both public and private lands.	\$ 11	\$ 10	\$ -	\$ -	No	
Department of Interior 15.669	Cooperative Landscape Conservation - To identify and overcome challenges facing large-scale moose habitat restoration in northeastern Minnesota and fish passage restoration under Hwy 10, Otter Tail River, and Nelson Slough improvement project.	\$ 143	\$ 2,330	\$ 2,230	\$ 250	Yes	1
Department of Interior 15.685	National Fish Passage - Fish passage restoration under Hwy 10, Otter Tail River	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -	No	
Environmental Protection Agency 66.469	Great Lakes Restoration Initiative - Restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem.	\$ 1,402	\$ 24,071	\$ 24,456	\$ 2,300	Yes	3
	<b>Fish and Wildlife Division Program Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,531</b>	<b>\$ 36,354</b>	<b>\$ 36,694</b>	<b>\$ 5,180</b>		<b>5.32</b>
Department of Agriculture 10.664	Landscape Scale Restoration: Landscape Stewardship - Promote and enable the long-term active management of non-industrial private and other non-federal forest land (Family Owners, Pine River, Master Woodland, Healthy Forests).	\$ 548	\$ 548	\$ 531	\$ 520	Yes	0
Department of Agriculture 10.664	Cooperative Forestry Assistance: Dynamic Forest Canopy - Using cutting-edge, high spatial and temporal resolution satellite-based information to produce and disseminate three dimensional (3-D) change maps of forests across all ownerships in Minnesota. Data products will be customized to meet the broadest range of needs possible. Project includes a robust outreach and education component.	\$ 74	\$ 47	\$ -	\$ -	Yes	0.25

Federal Agency and ALN	Federal Grant Name Brief Purpose	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Revised	FY 2026 Revised	FY 2027 Revised	Required State Match or MOE?	FTEs
Department of Agriculture 10.664	Urban & Community Forestry - IJJA - The funds will be used to: 1. Improve coordination and promotion to plan, monitor and implement state investments in invasive pest and plant control (emerald ash borer (EAB), gypsy moth, etc.) to foster resilience, restoration, and sustainability of urban and community forests; 2. environmental justice by prioritizing urban and community forestry projects that increase equity and accessibility; 3. Facilitate and coordinate solutions to urban wood utilization, wood waste management, and greater availability of diverse quality tree stock.	\$ -	\$ 260	\$ 200	\$ 147	Yes	
Department of Agriculture 10.664	Forest Stewardship - IJJA - To complete detailed forest inventory plots in the field called Plot Based Inventory (PBI) on private lands.	\$ -	\$ 230	\$ 237	\$ 188	Yes	
Department of Agriculture 10.664	Forest Health Management Program - IJJA - to raise public awareness of oak wilt in counties mainly along the northern leading edge of disease expansion in Minnesota: Aitkin, Carlton, Cass, Crow Wing, northern Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Pine, and Todd. The project goal is to drastically slow the spread of oak wilt and prevent it from spreading into currently uninfected areas.	\$ -	\$ 160	\$ 183	\$ 178	Yes	
Department of Agriculture 10.664	BIL Forest Health Management Program - Nursery - The objective of this project is to greatly improve the nursery's field conditions to produce larger quantities and higher quality seedlings at Badoura. The funds will be used for additional equipment for seeding, fumigation, and field treatments to increase production in additional nursery beds.	\$ -	\$ 204	\$ 210	\$ 215	No	
Department of Agriculture 10.664	BIL Forest Stewardship - Funds will be used to complete detailed forest inventory plots in the field called Plot Based Inventory (PBI) on private lands. Funds will be directed to the University of Minnesota Extension program that will look to incorporate climate change/carbon credit education into the Master Woodland Owners Program. They will also develop carbon credit/climate change resources to professional foresters who assist private landowners.	\$ -	\$ 107	\$ 119	\$ 125	No	

Federal Agency and ALN	Federal Grant Name Brief Purpose	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Revised	FY 2026 Revised	FY 2027 Revised	Required State Match or MOE?	FTEs
Department of Agriculture 10.664	BIL Urban & Community Forestry - This project will foster environmental justice by prioritizing urban and community forestry projects that increase equity and accessibility. Funding will be used to: (1) meet community needs around tree equity with a focus on environmental justice areas of concern; (2) maintain and increase healthy tree canopy, and (3) create support systems/materials for others to better support environmental justice area of concern communities.	\$ -	\$ 65	\$ 80	\$ 86	No	1
Department of Agriculture 10.664	Landscape Scale Restoration: MN Private Forests for Water and Climate - This project implements science-based strategies protect, restore, and manage working private forestlands for source water and carbon sequestration in the five major watersheds immediately upstream of the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. LSR funds will be used to coordinate the development and implementation of landscape stewardship plans which strategically expand technical and financial assistance to serve family forest landowners more effectively on a watershed basis.	\$ -	\$ 155	\$ 275	\$ 325	Yes	
Department of Agriculture 10.664	Landscape Scale Restoration: Protecting Working Forestland in Driftless Area TTT - It will help secure and strategically invest funding for forestland protection and management through the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) program and state Legacy funds. LSR funds will be targeted towards private landowners in areas identified in the Winona-La Crescent (WinLac) Watershed Landscape Stewardship Plan in Southeastern Minnesota with the central location being Winona County.	\$ -	\$ 295	\$ 295	\$ 295	Yes	
Department of Agriculture 10.675	Urban & Community Forestry - To improve the protection and management of community forests and expand the resource base by building the capacity of local programs and private vendors across the state.	\$ 1,102	\$ 814	\$ 884	\$ 906	Yes	2.25
Department of Agriculture 10.675	NextGen Urban & Community Forest (UCF) - MNDNR will work with refugee groups and partnering organizations to assess/identify impacted community UCF goals and priorities, strategize and execute UCF projects as prioritized by refugee groups.		\$ 31	\$ 82	\$ 75	No	0

Federal Agency and ALN	Federal Grant Name Brief Purpose	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Revised	FY 2026 Revised	FY 2027 Revised	Required State Match or MOE?	FTEs
Department of Agriculture 10.676	Forest Legacy Program - Program contracts specific acquisition activities and/or provides a portion of salaries for employees involved in day-to-day administration of the program.	\$ 212	\$ 709	\$ 36	\$ 36	Yes	0.5
Department of Agriculture 10.678	BIL MN State Nursery Cold Storage Unit Construction - To build a new Cold Storage Building for the MN State Nursery.	\$ 320	\$ 260	\$ 260	\$ 100	Yes	
Department of Agriculture 10.678	Forest Stewardship Program: Conservation Reserve Program & Equip Grant Program - Program reserves highly erodible cropland acres and establishes more suitable covers to promote other resource values. These values include improved air and water quality and wildlife habitat.	\$ 177	\$ 180	\$ 185	\$ 195	No	2.5
Department of Agriculture 10.678	Forest Stewardship Program - Program contracts specific acquisition activities and/or provides a portion of salaries for employees involved in day-to-day administration of the program.	\$ 128	\$ 415	\$ 432	\$ 395	Yes	0.5
Department of Agriculture 10.680	Forest Health Management Program - Forest Health Core Funding, Off-Plot, Canker and Monitoring.	\$ 157	\$ 388	\$ 414	\$ 408	Yes	1
Department of Agriculture 10.680	BIL: Invasive Species High Priority - Building Oak Wilt Capacity - To purchase a vibratory plow to help control oak wilt.	\$ -	\$ 302	\$ 302	\$ 302	No	0
Department of Agriculture 10.680	BIL: Invasive Species High Priority - Interstate Mobilization & Training for Regional Support of Invasive Species - To provide resources for the GLFFC Forest Health Subcommittee to rapidly mobilize specialists and equipment in both state and provinces to respond to requests for help with tasks and outreach related to high risk introductions and/or outbreaks and to train staff.	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ 70	\$ 77	Yes	0
Department of Agriculture 10.698	Cooperative Forestry Assistance: Volunteer Fire Department Assistance - Grants to local volunteer fire departments for training, PPE & Equipment for Wildfire Support.	\$ 518	\$ 506	\$ 507	\$ 497	Yes	0
Department of Agriculture 10.698	Cooperative Forestry Assistance- Cooperative Fire Protection - Provides financial, technical, and related assistance for fire prevention, training, and pre-suppression activities.	\$ 1,009	\$ 951	\$ 928	\$ 863	Yes	2
Department of Agriculture 10.698	Cooperative Forestry Assistance: Wildfire Risk Reduction- Firewise - Provides information and education targeting prevention and mitigation in the Wildland Urban Interface.	\$ 144	\$ 328	\$ 361	\$ 316	Yes	2

Federal Agency and ALN	Federal Grant Name Brief Purpose	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Revised	FY 2026 Revised	FY 2027 Revised	Required State Match or MOE?	FTEs
Department of Agriculture 10.698	Wildfire Risk Reduction - Firewise Expanding Lidar Risk Assessments - This project builds upon the successful FY 2021 Cohesive Strategy Wildfire Risk Reduction grant, adding efficiency and precision to home wildfire risk assessments through the use of high quality lidar (light detection and ranging) data.	\$ 77	\$ 101	\$ 120	\$ 130	Yes	
Department of Agriculture 10.698	BIL MN State Fire Assistance - Funding will be used to support interagency cooperation by assisting with prevention, support, training, and suppression, including supplies, materials, wildfire safety gear, small items, and hardware used in wildfire suppression.	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ 200	\$ 250	Yes	1.5
Department of Agriculture 10.698	Cooperative Agreement - Fire Environment Mapping System Development - To provide a dedicated employee to support the development of FEMS, which will aid in the overall development and decrease the overall amount of time needed to develop FEMS.	\$ -	\$ 120	\$ 100	\$ -	No	0.75
Department of Agriculture 10.698	WRR: MN01 Increasing MN Prescribed Fire Capacity and Community Resilience - To build wildfire prevention capacity over the last several years such as the MINNESOTA WILDFIRE RISK ASSESSMENT PORTAL (MN WRAP). It will increase training and confidence in MN DNR staff around the use of prescribed fire and will orient staff to the new MN Prescribed Fire portal (currently being developed; estimated deployment January 2026). Funding will also increase the ability of partners and the public to utilize available data to prioritize the highest fire risks, create meaningful plans, utilize state and federal resources available for prevention and mitigation, and implement on the ground solutions to real wildfire risk.	\$ -	\$ 135	\$ 142	\$ 148	Yes	
Department of Agriculture 10.720	Community Wildfire Defense Grants - to help communities at risk of wildfires by funding projects that: Restore and maintain landscapes, Create fire-adapted communities, and Improve wildfire response.		\$ 122	\$ 126	\$ 120	Yes	2
Department of Agriculture 10.720	BIL: Community Wildfire Defense Pass Thru to St. Louis County - St. Louis County is working with fire departments, lake & road associations and township boards in the highest wildfire risk areas in St. Louis County to increase wildfire awareness, reduce fuels and provide opportunities to help their communities be more wildfire resilient.	\$ 814	\$ 848	\$ 830	\$ 820	Yes	



Federal Agency and ALN	Federal Grant Name Brief Purpose	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Revised	FY 2026 Revised	FY 2027 Revised	Required State Match or MOE?	FTEs
Department of Agriculture 10.720	BIL: Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) - to implement the CWDG program in Minnesota by collaborating with appropriate state and federal agencies and organizations to promote the program, educate potential applicants, provide technical assistance for the development and implementation of Community Wildfire Protection Plans.	\$ 16	\$ 155	\$ 175	\$ 169	Yes	2
Department of Agriculture 10.721	Temporary Bridge Funding Program - Temporary bridge rental programs for portable skidder bridges, bridge mats, or other temporary water crossing structures, to minimize stream bed disturbance on non-Federal land and Federal land.	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 150	No	
Department of Agriculture 10.727	IRA: Urban and Community Forestry - Expanding access to Future Forests through outreach and education, focused on environmental justice priority areas.	\$ 10	\$ 4,707	\$ 4,720	\$ 4,720	No	
Department of Agriculture 10.731	IRA: LSR Forest Landowner Support - EJ Coordinator - Funding will be used for a 3-year Environmental Justice Private Forest Management position designed to assist the delivery of information and professional technical assistance to historically underserved private and non-federal forest landowners	\$ -	\$ 168	\$ 174	\$ 174	No	1
Department of Agriculture 10.731	IRA Climate Mitigation Cost Share - This project is designed to increase reforestation and maintain forests for the initial 10 years of growth and carbon capture by providing a combination of federal and state cost share payments to landowners for climate mitigation and forest resilience practices, specifically tree planting and supporting practices. All project practices will be done in rural areas serving all five populations of underserved landowners.	\$ -	\$ 850	\$ 1,060	\$ 1,274	Yes	
Department of Agriculture 10.731	IRA Landowner Support Carbon Stewardship Practices - The primary goals that this proposal will seek to accomplish are: (1) Increase carbon sequestration and storage; (2) Increase forest resiliency; (3) Reduce risk of catastrophic wildfire; and (4) Engage underserved landowners.	\$ -	\$ 850	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,100	Yes	
Department of Agriculture 10.734	IRA: Forest Legacy Program - This program contracts specific acquisition activities and/or provides a portion of salaries for employees involved in day-to-day administration of the program.	\$ -	\$ 77	\$ 92	\$ 90	N	

Federal Agency and ALN	Federal Grant Name Brief Purpose	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Revised	FY 2026 Revised	FY 2027 Revised	Required State Match or MOE?	FTEs
Department of Agriculture 10.736	BIL Revegetation Funding - Nursery Seed and Procurement Development - To (1) accelerate seed and seed cone procurement in the near-term by ensuring an adequate, stable seed supply; (2) build long-term seed procurement capacity utilizing private seed and cones pickers and and the direct purchase of clean seed from vendors; and (3) increase the survivability of newly germinated seedlings by renovating the General Andrews grafting greenhouse.	\$ -	\$ 415	\$ 440	\$ 475	Yes	
	<b>Forestry Division Program Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,306</b>	<b>\$ 15,853</b>	<b>\$ 15,920</b>	<b>\$ 15,869</b>		<b>19.25</b>
Department of Interior 15.616	Clean Vessel Act - Provides grant funds to the states, the District of Columbia and insular areas for the construction, renovation, operation, and maintenance of pump out stations and waste reception facilities for recreational boaters and also for educational programs that inform boaters of the importance of proper disposal of their sewage.	\$ -	\$ 155	\$ 200	\$ 200	State/sub grantee match required	1
Department of Interior 15.622	Boating Infrastructure Grant Program (BIG) - Provides grant funds to the states, the District of Columbia and insular areas to construct, renovate, and maintain tie-up facilities with features for transient boaters in vessels 26 feet or more in length, and to produce and distribute information and educational materials about the program.	\$ -	\$ 240	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,750	State/sub grantee match required	1
Federal Highway Administration 20.205	Federal Lands Transportation Program - Upgrading and improving the 1.6 mile Minnesota Valley State Trail -Minnehaha Segment.	\$ 103	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Federal Highway Administration 20.219	Recreation Trail Program - Provides funds to the States to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both nonmotorized, motorized and diversified recreational trail uses.	\$ 4,207	\$ 2,642	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,642	State/sub grantee match required	1.25
	<b>Parks and Trails Program Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,310</b>	<b>\$ 3,037</b>	<b>\$ 4,950</b>	<b>\$ 4,592</b>		<b>3.25</b>
	<b>Federal Fund – Agency Total</b>	<b>\$ 26,682</b>	<b>\$ 77,670</b>	<b>\$ 99,138</b>	<b>\$ 74,400</b>		<b>173.52</b>

**Narrative**

The DNR accepts federal funds when they support the mission, strategies, goals and objectives found in its Strategic Conservation Agenda. The Federal Funds Summary Table lists anticipated revenues for incoming federal funds, their use, number of FTE positions needed to implement, and whether funds require state match and/or maintenance of effort. Federal funds include discretionary continuing programs, funds based on funding formulas, competitive grants, non-competitive grants, and project grants.

Federal Fund accounts include:

1. Incoming federal grant or federal cooperative agreement revenue deposited directly to a federal (3000 fund) account
2. Federal grant funds awarded to the DNR that are then passed-through to another entity

Outgoing grants funded from federal dollars are estimated throughout the spending period of the grant rather than estimated in the first year of the grant award. Estimates are based on the best federal funding information available at the time this report is prepared.

Most new federal awards that impact state fiscal years 2025-2029 have not yet been confirmed. Therefore, we used historical trend information from recent years to estimate future revenues, as well as any knowledge of changing funding levels or trends that may impact future awards.

The Summary Table includes the following new awards:

- Ecological and Water Resources (EWR) - Anticipates two new awards:
  - America the Beautiful Challenge: Requires state match (10% match)
  - Migratory Bird Conservation: Does not require short- or long-term commitments. It does support salaries and continuation of the funded positions will not be a condition of receiving the award.
- Fish and Wildlife (FAW) – Anticipates one new award:
  - National Wildlife Refuge System Enhancements: Does not require short- or long-term commitments.
- Forestry (FOR) – Anticipates several new awards, including IJJA:
  - Urban & Community Forestry (IJJA): Requires state match (1:1 match)
  - Forest Stewardship (IJJA) : Requires state match (1:1 match)
  - Forest Health Management Program (IJJA): Requires state match (1:1 match)
  - NextGen Urban & Community Forest (UCF): Does not require short- or long-term commitments.
  - BIL: Invasive Species High Priority – Building Oak Wilt Capacity: Does not require short- or long-term commitments.
  - BIL: Invasive Species High Priority – Interstate Mobilization & Training for Regional Support of Invasive Species: Requires state match (1:1 match)
  - Temporary Bridge Funding Program: Does not require short- or long-term commitments.

## Department of Natural Resources

## Grants Funding Detail

(Dollars in Thousands)

Program Name Federal or State or Both (citation)	Purpose/ Recipient Type(s) Eligibility Criteria	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
3M Settlement Priority 2 Grants (State, Remediation Fund) 115B.52	To provide a reliable source of public money for response and corrective actions to address releases of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants, agricultural chemicals, and petroleum, and for environmental response actions at qualified landfill facilities for which the agency has assumed such responsibility, including perpetual care of such facilities/ Recipients could be any organization (private, public, tribal) able to propose and implement a natural resource project in areas impacted 3M PFAS pollution in East Metropolitan area	\$ 355	\$ 500	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
AIS Control Projects (State, Natural Resources, Invasive Species Account) M.S. 84D.02	For the control of curly-leaf pondweed, Eurasian watermilfoil, flowering rush, and starry stonewort using herbicides, mechanical control, or a combination of both to support projects that have received an Invasive Aquatic Plant Management Permit. / Lake associations, watershed districts, cities, and counties	\$ 410	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400
Boating Infrastructure Grants Program (Federal, Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service) CFDA 15.622	Provide grants to State and Territories to construct, renovate, or maintain tie-up facilities for up to 15 days for transient recreational vessels 26 feet or more in length/ Private entities, organizations, and state and local agencies.	\$ -	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 1,800
Clean Vessel Act Grants (Federal, Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service) CFDA 15.616	Encourage the development or improvement of boating access sanitation facilities for boaters in order to maintain and improve water quality./ Private entities, organizations, and state and local agencies.	\$ 17	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100
Community Assistance Program - State Support Service Element (CAP-SSSE) (Federal, Department of Homeland Security) CFDA 97.023	Support scholarships for local officials to attend MnAFPM annual conference that is held to educate local officials and other professionals on floodplain mapping, management, mitigation, etc./ MN Association of Floodplain Managers (MnAFPM) to support scholarships for local officials to attend annual conference and receive training and updates	\$ 3	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Conservation Partners Legacy (State, Legacy, Outdoor Heritage Fund) M.L. 2021, First Special Session, Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 2, Subd. 5g	Funds conservation projects that restore, enhance, or protect forests, wetlands, prairies, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife in Minnesota./ Nonprofit organizations and government entities	\$ 10	\$ 14	\$ 11	\$ 14
Cross Country Ski Trail Grant in Aid (State, Natural Resources) M.S. 85.44	Encourage the maintenance and development of cross country ski trails./ Counties, cities, townships, and private trail organizations sponsored by a local unit of government	\$ 154	\$ 230	\$ -	\$ -
Dam Safety (State General Fund, Bonding) M.S. 103G.511	Improve the safety and condition of publicly owned dams and water level control structures./ Cities, counties, townships, watershed districts	\$ 3,120	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000

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Division of Forestry Cost Share program (State General Fund) 89.018	Forest stewardship management planning assistance and cost share for forestry practices/projects. Primary purpose is to encourage landowner management of forest land and potential timber sale harvests as a management tool./ Nonindustrial private landowners who have 20-1,000 acres of land with 10 acres of woody vegetation after the plan has been implemented. The cost share is available statewide.	\$ 1,042	\$ 700	\$ 700	\$ 70
Drought-Killed Tree Seedlings Cost Share Program ()	Intended to replace drought-killed seedlings. Seedling replacement includes site prep, replanting, and tending seedlings./ private forestland owners	\$ 162	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ -
Drought-Killed Tree Seedlings Grants (General Fund) ML 2022 Ch. 95 Art. 3 Sec. 6 (b)	Intended to replace drought-killed seedlings. Seedling replacement includes site prep, replanting, and tending seedlings./ Tribal and County landowners	\$ 69	\$ 75	\$ 20	\$ 10
Federal Recreational Trail (Federal, Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration) CFDA 20.219	Encourage the maintenance and development of motorized, non-motorized, and diversified trails by providing funding assistance./ Sponsored by a unit of government, preferably in cooperation with a local trail organization	\$ 2,642	\$ 2,650	\$ 2,650	\$ 2,650
Firewise Community Mitigation (Federal, Department of Agriculture, Forest Service) CFDA 10.698	Through Firewise, we partner with agencies, municipalities, organizations, and homeowners to identify, plan for and reduce wildfire risk. Grant funding supports local groups and require a 50/50 cash or in-kind match./ Fire department district, organized township, city, or county	\$ 103	\$ 405	\$ 690	\$ 506
Firewise CWDG - Pass through to St Louis County (Federal, Department of Agriculture, Forest Service) CFDA 10.720	Work with highest wildfire risk areas in St. Louis County to increase wildfire awareness, reduce fuels and provide opportunities to help their communities be more wildfire resilient by: (a) establishing local collaborative wildfire strategic planning groups; (b) hosting interactive community events; (c) provide public fuels reduction examples; and (d) support fuels reduction projects./ St Louis County - fire departments, lake & road associations, and township boards	\$ 43	\$ 220	\$ 230	\$ 212
Flood Hazard Mitigation ( Bonding) M.S. 103G.161	Provide financial and technical assistance to local governmental units for conducting flood damage reduction studies and for planning and implementing flood damage reduction measures. / Cities, counties, townships, watershed districts, watershed management organizations and lake improvement districts	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ -
Landscape Scale Restoration: Landscape Stewardship (Federal, Department of Agriculture, Forest Service) CFDA 10.664	Promote and enable the long-term active management of non-industrial private and other non-federal forest land (Family Owners, Pine River, Master Woodland, Healthy Forests)./ Private landowners	\$ 19	\$ 343	\$ 328	\$ 320
LCCMR Pass-Through Grants (State, Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund) 116P	Appropriations recommended by the LCCMR/ Legislatively-named recipients	\$ 36,745	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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Local Trail Connections Program (State, Natural Resources) MS. 85.019	Promote relatively short trail connections between where people live and desirable locations. Not to develop significant new trails. / Counties, cities, and townships	\$ 3,200	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
LSOHC Pass-Through Grants (State, Outdoor Heritage Fund) 97A.026	Appropriations recommended by the LSOHC/ Legislatively-named recipients	\$ 116,402	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Minnesota Snowmobile Trails Assistance (Grant in Aid) (State, Natural Resources) M.S. 84.83	Creation and maintenance of locally initiated trails that were financially assisted by the state. / Counties, cities, townships, and private trail organizations sponsored by a local unit of government	\$ 8,567	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ -
Minnesota State Parks Interpretive Program Bussing Grants (State, Parks and Trails Fund)	Transportation grants provide funding in the form of reimbursement up to \$5,000, to cover the cost of transportation to and from Minnesota state parks to attend prescheduled naturalist-led programs. / Schools, youth groups and community organizations.	\$ 17	\$ 15	\$ -	\$ -
Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program (Federal, Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ) CFDA 11.419	Preserve, protect, develop, and, where possible, restore or enhance coastal resources along Minnesota's North Shore of Lake Superior. / Regional planning agencies; state agencies (not DNR for Annual and STAR grants); non-profit agencies; colleges and universities; public school districts in the coastal area; conservation districts; port authorities; tribal governments; joint powers boards; sanitary sewer boards; cities, townships, and counties within the coastal area; area-wide agencies. Projects must be located within Minnesota's coastal area (maps available at www.mndnr.gov\mlscp)	\$ 778	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600
National Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program (ORLP) (Federal, Department of Interior, National Park Service) 15.916	Create or reinvigorate parks and other outdoor recreation spaces located in jurisdictions delineated by the Census Bureau for the 2010 Census as comprising densely settled territory that contains 50,000 or more people. / State agencies, political subdivisions such as cities, counties, and special purpose districts such as park districts, and federally-recognized Indian tribes that are organized to govern themselves and perform the functions of a general purpose unit of government.	\$ 750	\$ 6,194	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,687
Natural and Scenic Area (ENRTF, Federal LWCF) CDFA 15.916 MS. 85.019	Increase, protect and enhance natural and scenic areas./ Cities, counties, townships and school districts	\$ 500	\$ 1,220	\$ 1,305	\$ 1,857
No Child Left Inside Phase 3 / Phase 4 / Phase 2023 Category 1: Natural Resource Based Education and Recreation Programs (General Fund) 2023 Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 84, Section 84.976	The program aims to support and increase efforts to expand programming that connects youth to the outdoors/ Non-profit organizations, Public/Charter schools, Tribal Nations & schools, Public entities	\$ 474	\$ 450		

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No Child Left Inside Phase 3 / Phase 4 / Phase 2023 Category 2: Fishing, hunting and shooting sports programs (Game and Fish Fund Heritage Enhancement Account) 2023 Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 84, Section 84.976	The program aims to support and increase efforts to expand programming that connects youth to the outdoors/ Non-profit organizations, Public/Charter schools, Tribal Nations & schools, Public entities	\$ 468	\$ 450	\$ 450	\$ 450
Off Highway Vehicle Safety Grants (State) M.L. 2023 Ch.60 Section 3, Subd. 7 (f)	Assist counties to enforce off highway vehicle laws, rules and regulations, also providing youth training and assistance to DNR Conservation Officers. / Counties, through their sheriffs offices	\$ 485	\$ 485	\$ 485	\$ 485
Off-Highway Vehicle Assistance (State, Natural Resources) M.S. 84.927 (ATV), M.S. 84.794 (OHM), M.S. 84.803 (ORV)	Facilitate development and maintenance of trails for use by all-terrain vehicles, off-highway motorcycles, and off-road vehicles at the initiative of enthusiast groups or clubs, with the support and participation of local government sponsors./ Counties and municipalities, typically in partnership with off-highway vehicle enthusiast groups or clubs.	\$ 2,435	\$ 3,845	\$ 2,435	\$ 2,435
Outdoor Recreation (ENRTF, LIL, General Fund, Federal LWCF) CDFA 15.916 MS. 85.019	Increase and enhance outdoor recreation facilities in local and community parks throughout the state. / Cities, counties, and townships	\$ 4,342	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500
Preparing for EAB grants program (General Fund, Heritage Enhancement Fund) ML 2021 Ch 6 Art 1 Sec 3 Subd 4(j)	To develop community ash management plans; to identify and convert ash stands to more diverse, climate-adapted species; and to replace removed ash trees/ Local units of government	\$ 1,351	\$ 60	\$ -	\$ -
Protect Community Forests by Managing Ash for EAB grants program (State, Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund) ML 2021 Ch 6 Art 5 Sec 2 Subd 6(b)	To reduce emerald ash borer by providing grants for communities to manage emerald ash borer, plant a diversity of trees, and engage citizens in community forestry activities/ Local units of government	\$ 921	\$ 1,029	\$ -	\$ -
Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) (Federal, Department of Interior, National Park Service) CFDA 15.916	Projects must meet the dual purposes of 1) providing outdoor recreation opportunities, and 2) promoting or supporting compatible land uses and avoiding incompatible development in areas of military installation or military airspace, and/or maintain or enhance the climate resilience of one or more military installations./ State agencies; subawards to political subdivisions located within the buffer area of eligible military installations. In Minnesota, only units of government with the Camp Ripley buffer zone is eligible.	\$ -	\$ 700	\$ 1,500	\$ 300
Regional Trail Program (State, Natural Resources) M.S.85.019	Promote development of regionally significant trails outside the seven-county metropolitan area./ Counties, cities, and townships	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600

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Resolving Well Interferences Grant (General Fund) MS 2022 Ch 95 Art 3 Sec 6(a)	For costs associated with resolving well interferences confirmed by the DNR that occurred after 4/30/2021 and before 12/31/2021./ water users that have incurred unreimbursed expenses related to well-interferences, such as irrigators who paid domestic well owner for costs of getting water supply restored, or a domestic well owner with expenses to restore water supply after a well interference.	\$ 219	\$ -	\$ 1	\$ -
Shooting Range Grants (State, Game and Fish) ML 2023 Chapter 60 Sec 3 Subd. 6 (n)	Increase shooting range capacity for youth trap shooters by providing matching funds to recreational shooting clubs open to public use./ Local recreational shooting clubs in Minnesota that allow public access to shooting that need funds for larger trap shooting facility projects	\$ 192	\$ 300		
Snowmobile Safety Enforcement (State) M.L. 2023, Ch.60 Section 3, Subd.7 (d)	Assist counties to enforce snowmobile laws, rules and regulations, also providing youth training and assistance to DNR Conservation Officers. / Counties, through their sheriffs offices	\$ 315	\$ 315	\$ 315	\$ 315
State Boat and Water Safety (State, Natural Resources) M.L. 2023, Ch. 60 Sec. 3, Subd. 7 (c), Para. C MS 86B.701	Assist in funding boat and water safety programs carried out through the county sheriff's offices in order to reduce deaths, injuries, and property damage on state waters. / Counties through their sheriff's offices	\$ 1,442	\$ 1,442	\$ 1,442	\$ 1,442
Supplemental Boating Safety Equipment and Aids to Navigation (Federal, Department of Homeland Security) CFDA 97.012	Assist counties, through their sheriffs' offices, in funding boating safety equipment and aids to navigation to help carry out their legislatively-mandated boating safety duties and in order to reduce deaths, injuries, and property damage on state waters./ Counties participating in the state boat and water safety grant program, through their sheriff's offices	\$ 621	\$ 434	\$ 600	\$ 600
Safety Patrol (Federal, Department of Homeland Security) CFDA 97.012; Public Law 114-94, 46 US Code 131.04	Assist counties, through their sheriffs' offices, in funding additional boating safety patrol hours on lakes and rivers in an effort to reduce accidents./ Counties through the sheriff's offices	\$ 290	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300
Trail Ambassadors Grants (State) M.L. 2023 Ch.60 Article 1 Section 3, Subd. 7 (e), MS 84.9011	The "Minnesota DNR Volunteer Trail Ambassador Program" was established by the DNR Divisions of Enforcement, Parks & Trails and Forestry. The program exists to promote safe, environmentally responsible operation of OHVs through informational, educational contacts and monitoring efforts. Oversight and management of the program is the responsibility of the DNR Division of Enforcement, Safety/Education section./ OHV clubs in good standing with qualifying organizations i.e.:(Amateur Riders Motorcycle Association (ARMCA); All-Terrain Vehicle Association of Minnesota (ATVAM); Minnesota United Snowmobilers Association (MnUSA)Minnesota 4-Wheel Drive Association (MN4WDA).	\$ 109	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250
Urban & Community Core Funding (Federal, Department of Agriculture, Forest Service) CFDA 10.675	To improve the protection and management of community forests and expand the resource base by building the capacity of local programs and private vendors across the state./ Local units of government	\$ 56	\$ 553	\$ 414	\$ 410



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Urban & Community Expanding Access to Future Forests (IRA) (Federal, Department of Agriculture, Forest Service) CFDA 10.727	Expanding access to Future Forests through outreach and education, focused on environmental justice priority areas./ Tribal, community groups, neighborhood associations, community centered non-profit organizations	\$ 10	\$ 1,040	\$ 1,053	\$ 1,051
Urban and Community ReLeaf Project (General Fund) ML 2023 Ch 60 Art 1 Sec 3 Subd 4(j)	To develop community ash management plans; to identify and convert ash stands to more diverse, climate-adapted species; and to replace removed ash trees/ Local units of government and SWCDs	\$ 240	\$ 250	\$ 300	\$ 200
Volunteer Fire Assistance Matching Grant Program (Federal, Department of Agriculture, Forest Service) CFDA 10.664	Primary objectives of the program are saving lives and protecting property in rural areas through providing financial and technical assistance./ Minnesota fire departments in cities or communities with populations under 10,000. 150-160 communities served.	\$ 663	\$ 479	\$ 471	\$ 473
Volunteer Fire Assistance Matching Grant Program (Federal, Department of Agriculture, Forest Service) CFDA 10.698	Primary objectives of the program are saving lives and protecting property in rural areas through providing financial and technical assistance./ Minnesota fire departments in cities or communities with populations under 10,000. 150-160 communities served.	\$ 518	\$ 503	\$ 511	\$ 487
Zoo Grants (State, Natural Resources) M.L. 2023 Ch.60 Article 1 Section 3, Subd. 9 (a)	Operating funds for Como Park Zoo and Conservatory, and Lake Superior Zoo/ City of St. Paul, City of Duluth	\$ 510	\$ 510	\$ -	\$ -
Northwoods ATV Trail System (State ATV Account) ML 2023 Chapter 4 Art 1 Sec 3 Sub 2 (n)	"For a grant to Aitkin County, in cooperation with the Northwoods Next Regional ATV Trail Alliance, to maintain and repair the Previous Northwoods Regional ATV trail system..."	\$ 250	\$ 250		
Prospector Loop Trail System (State ATV Account) ML 2024 Chapter 116 Art 1 Sec 3 Sub 18	For a grant to St. Louis County to construct and maintain the Prospector Loop Previous all-terrain vehicle Next trail system...		\$ 1,200		
Prospector Loop Trail System (State ATV Account) ML 2019 1st SS Chapter 4 Art 1 Sec 3 Sub 5(m)	For a grant to Lake County to match other funding sources to develop the Prospector Loop Trail system...	\$ 750	\$ 750		
Call Before You Cut (General Fund) ML 2023 Ch 60 Art 1 Sec 3 Subd 4(h)	To encourage sustainable forest management on non-industrial private forestlands by enhancing and expanding the existing Call Before You Cut Program/ MN Forestry Association	\$ 48	\$ 152	\$ 50	\$ 50
EAB Shade Tree (General - Bonding) Minnesota Session Laws- 2023, Regular Session, Chapter 71—H.F.No. 670, Article 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 2	To reduce emerald ash borer by providing grants for communities to manage emerald ash borer, plant a diversity of trees, and engage citizens in community forestry activities/ Local units of government	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,627	\$ 2,627

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Landscape Scale Restoration: Landscape Stewardship (Federal, Department of Agriculture, Forest Service) CFDA 10.664	Promote and enable the long-term active management of non-industrial private and other non-federal forest land (Family Owners, Pine River, Master Woodland, Healthy Forests)./ Private landowners	\$ 19	\$ 343	\$ 328	\$ 320
No Child Left Inside Phase 2025 Category 3: Grants for metropolitan area environmental justice areas / nonnative English-speaking communities (General Fund) 93rd Legislature, 2024 Regular Session, Chapter 116, Article 1, Sec. 3, Subd. 14	The program aims to support and increase efforts to expand programming that connects youth to the outdoors/ Eligible applicants: Non-profit organizations only		\$ 200	\$ -	\$ -