

Minnesota's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

HF 99 (Hansen)

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Support for HF 99 (Hansen)

\$15.5 million in bonding for Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) Reserve Program



- RIM bonding dollars would fund MN's multi-year CREP, implemented locally by SWCDs
- State is currently \$16.7 million from meeting total state contribution of \$175 million
- Leverages \$350 million in federal funds, landowner payments through USDA
- 2:1 match -- \$15.5 M state funds brings in \$31 M federal funds

CREP Project Area

Minnesota Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (MN CREP) Project Area



54 county project area

southern, central, and western MN



CREP: Implementation & Benefits



Implementation:

- SWCDs work with landowners to voluntarily enroll marginal agricultural lands in environmentally sensitive areas
- 14-15 year federal Conservation Reserve Program agreement, with perpetual state RIM easement
- SWCDs provide technical assistance in project design and construction



Benefits:

- Restore hydrology, increase infiltration and provide flood mitigation – storing water on the landscape
- Provide habitat for wildlife, non-game species, and pollinators
- Reduce nitrate loading in drinking water
- Sequester carbon on the landscape through vegetative plantings

CREP: Thank you!

Thank you for legislative support
of this important program!

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