




Implementation of Water Storage and Lawns to Legumes

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Our Mission



Improve and protect Minnesota's water and soil resources by working in partnership with local organizations and private landowners.

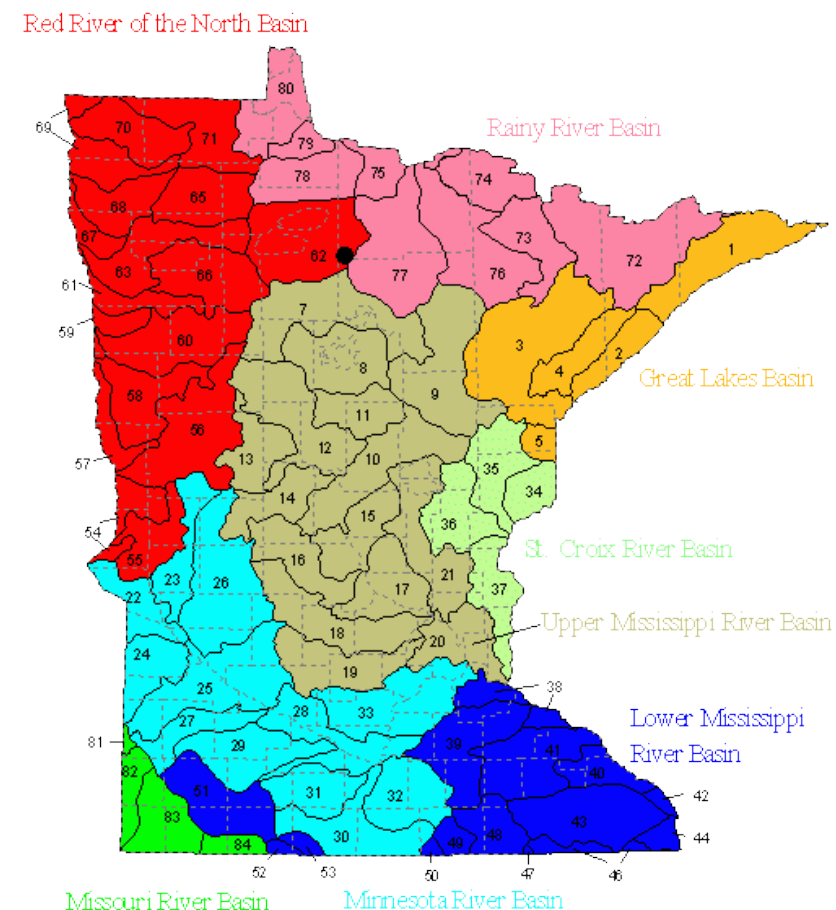
Water Quality and Storage Program

Program to provide financial assistance to local units of government to:

Control water volume and rates, improve water quality and related public benefits, and mitigate climate change impacts

Priority to the Minnesota River basin and the lower Mississippi River basin in Minnesota

MAJOR BASINS AND WATERSHEDS OF MINNESOTA



<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/watersheds/map.html>

Implementation examples

- Retention structures and basins;
- Acquisition of flowage rights;
- Soil and substrate infiltration;
- Wetland restoration, creation, or enhancement;
- Channel restoration or enhancement;
- Floodplain restoration or enhancement.



Lawns to Legumes



your yard
CAN BEE
the **CHANGE**
#Lawns2Legumes





Lawns to Legumes - Three Components

- **Public Education and Outreach Campaign**

DIY Resources: BWSR, Blue Thumb and Local Partners

- **Individual Landowner Support**

\$400 Grants, Coaches, Workshops

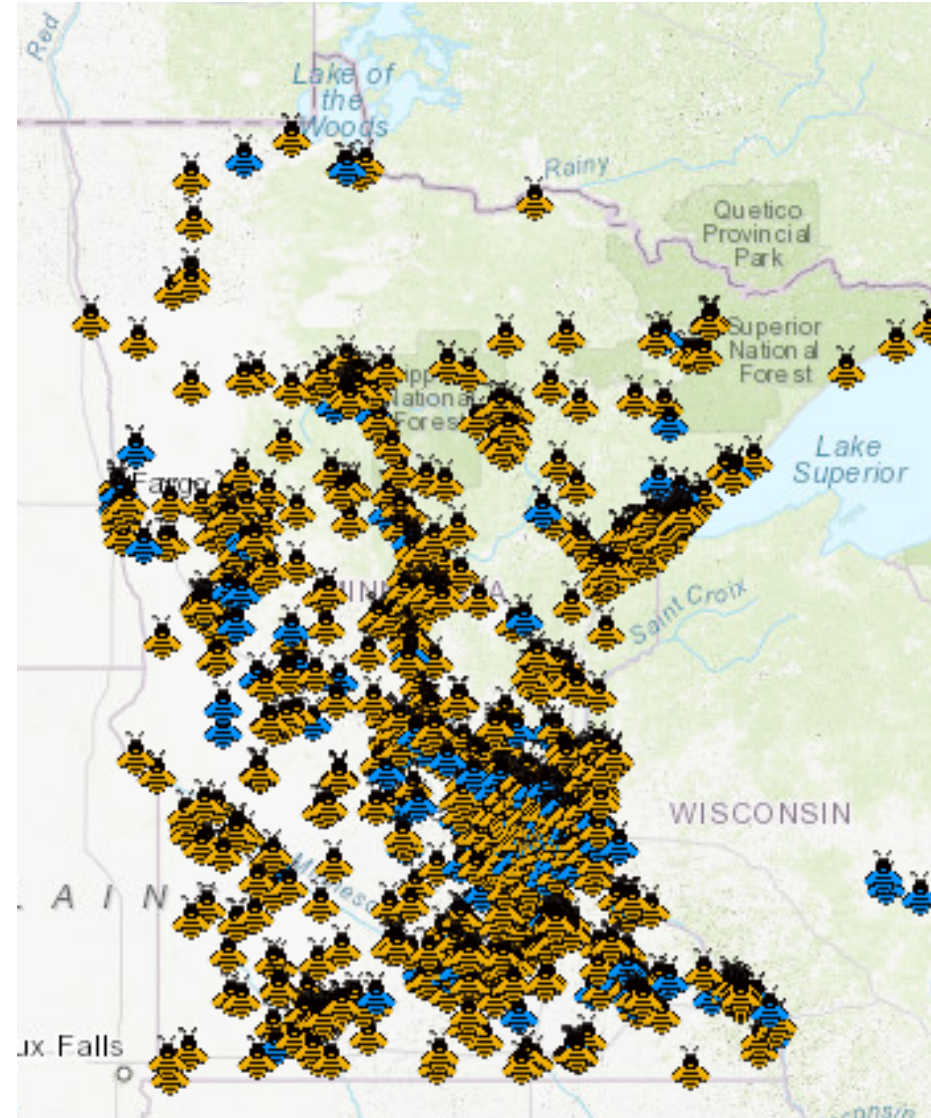
- **Demonstration Neighborhoods**

\$20k-\$40K Grants to build corridors for at-risk species in partnership with local communities



Project Outcomes & Next Steps

- Nearly **4000** funded projects have been completed since 2019, over **5 million square feet**
- Will award additional 2000+ individual support grants in spring and later summer cohorts through new funding
- Recruit and train additional coaches



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