



CRP and MN CREP

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BWSR focus



Private lands

Local government
delivery system

On-the-ground results

Conservation Reserve Program

MN Conservation Reservation Enhancement Program



United States Department of Agriculture

Farm Service Agency

**Conservation Reserve
Program**

CRP

- Ag. Land
- Voluntary
- 10-15 year contracts
- Conservation benefits
- Cost-share



Started:

1985 Federal Farm Bill

Most Recent:

2018 reauthorization



CRP Structure



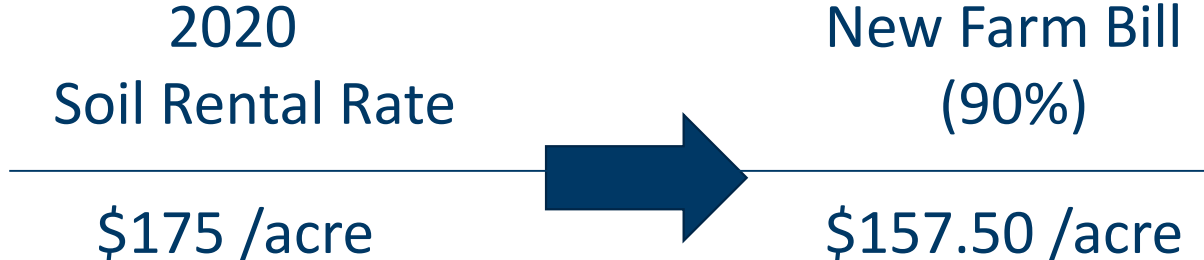
Federal Payments

Determined by soil
productivity

called: Soil Rental Rate



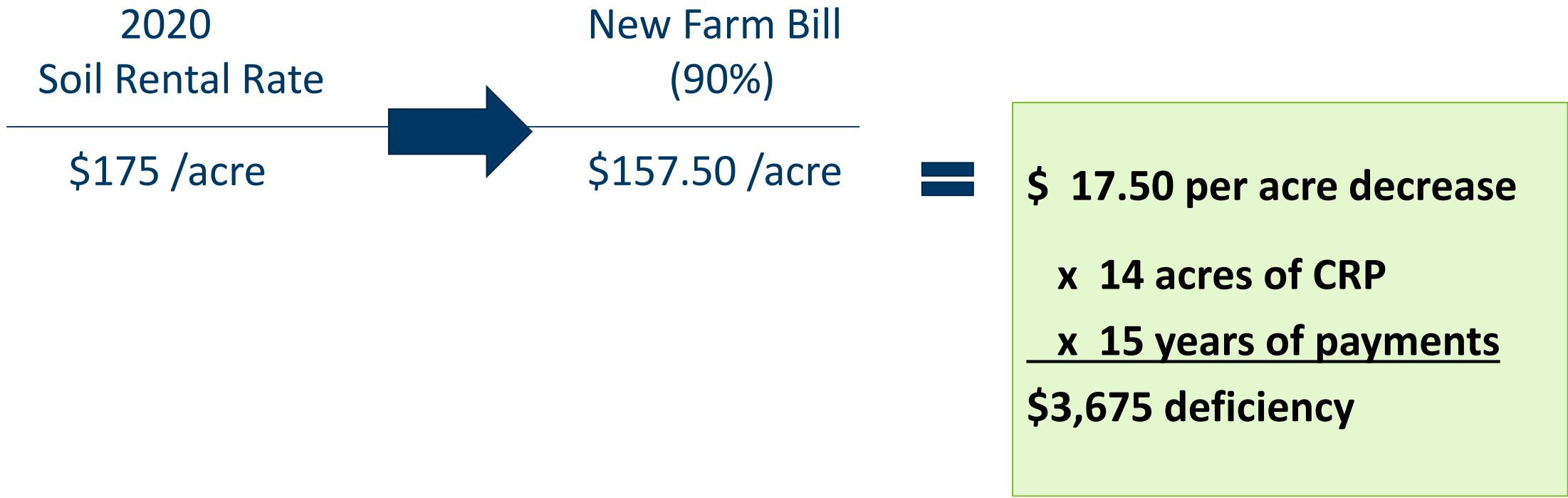
Example:



CRP Changes



Example:



Minnesota CRP Status	
Acres expiring 2020-2025	- 365,300
Expected acres retained based on recent average	+ 182,650
Projected net loss of acres*	- 182,650



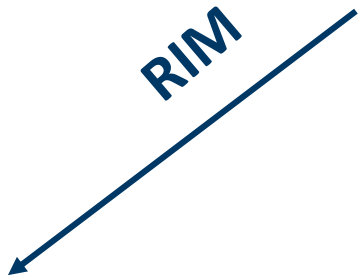
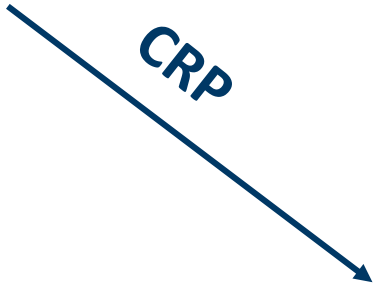


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Minnesota CREP





ReInvest in Minnesota (RIM) Reserve

- State program - authority MS 103F.515
- Established: 1986
- Land stays in private ownership
- State holds easements
- Includes restoration

Minnesota CREP





- Voluntary approach
- Prioritizes three conservation practices:
 - buffers,
 - wetlands,
 - wellheads for drinking water
- Targeted to most critical areas

CREP Status - acres

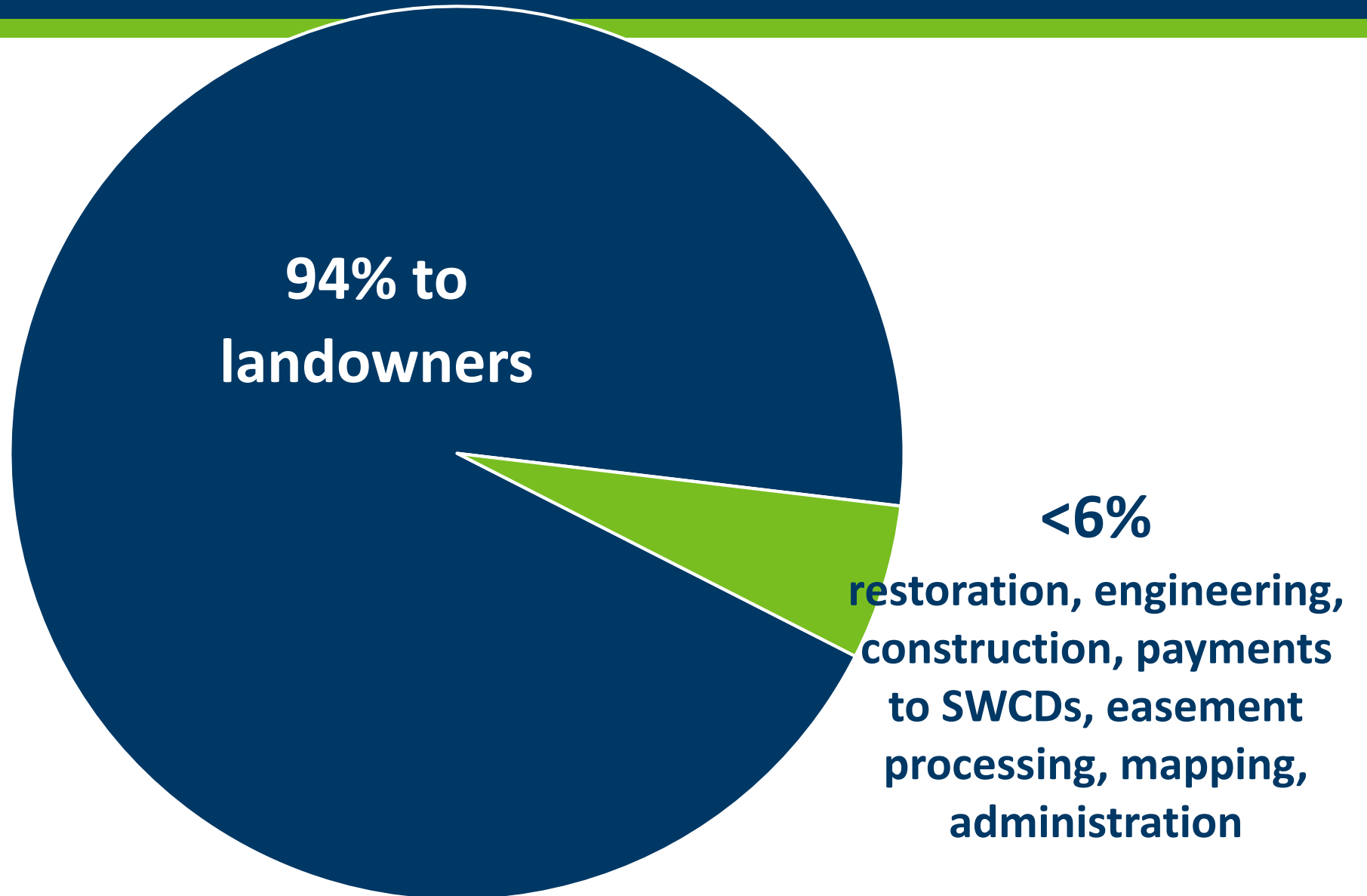


24,000 enrolled acres

signups were available:
summer 2018
summer 2019

next sign-up – March 2020

CREP Status - investments

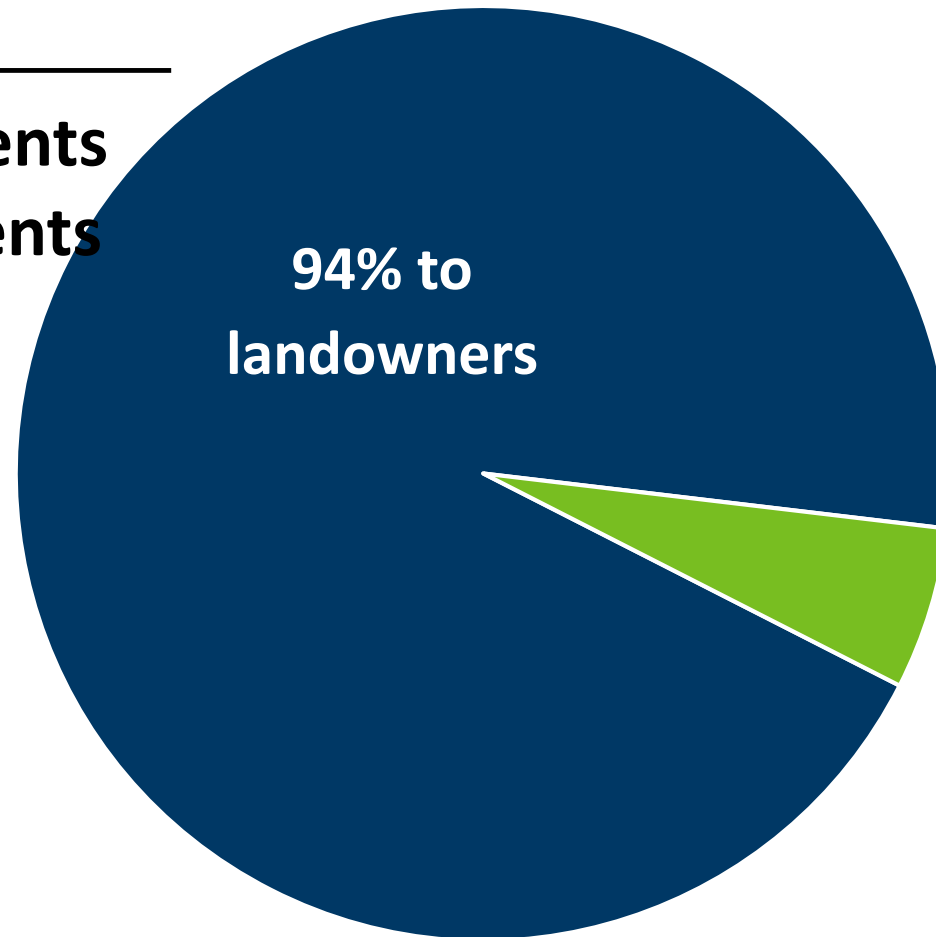


CREP Status - investments

\$170.5 million*

\$ 72.0 RIM payments

\$ 98.5 CRP payments



\$10.1 million*

<6%

restoration, engineering,
construction, payments to
SWCDs, easement
processing, mapping,
administration

* Not all federal costs have
been accounted

Minnesota CREP



CRP

- Landowner payments
- Practice payments



RIM



- Landowner payments
- Practice payments
- Technical assistance
- Easement acquisition/
engineering
- Easement roundouts

Funding the Minnesota CREP

State Investment: \$175 million

Federal investment: \$350 million

State Funding for the MN CREP Program (,000s)	Appropriated in past sessions	2020 Recommendations
Env. and Natural Resources Trust Fund (LCCMR)	\$19,500	
Clean Water Fund	\$63,250	
Outdoor Heritage Fund	\$55,790	
Capital Investment	\$20,000	\$16,500
Total	\$158,540	\$16,500

MNCREP applicants



“My dad’s wish before he passed away was that the property be protected from development. All 620 acres is now permanently protected and will stay in grasses, flowers, and trees”

MNCREP demand



\$214 million in
applications to-date

most recent sign-up
summer 2019:

\$20 million
< 4 weeks

MNCREP economic benefits



MNCREP clean water benefits

Reductions

- Phosphorus 7,200 lbs /year
- Sediment 49,200 tons /year
- Nitrogen 480,000 lbs /year
- GHG 35,300 CO₂-e / year



Benefits to Minnesotans



- Keeps soil on the land
- Provides temporary water storage
- Protects vulnerable drinking water
- Enhances grassland and wetland habitat
- Sequesters carbon

