

## FY20-21 Governor's Biennial Budget - BWSR

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## MN Board of Water and Soil Resources



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

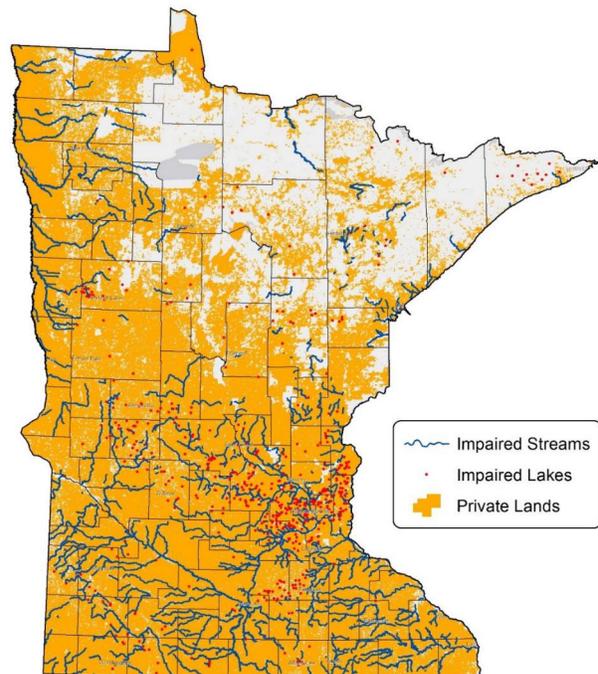
## One Minnesota Budget Initiatives

- Implementing locally-led conservation projects
- Facilitating improvements in wetlands, drainage, and buffers
- Reinvesting in Minnesota through the Reinvest In Minnesota (RIM) Reserve Program
- Prioritizing, targeting and measuring conservation results

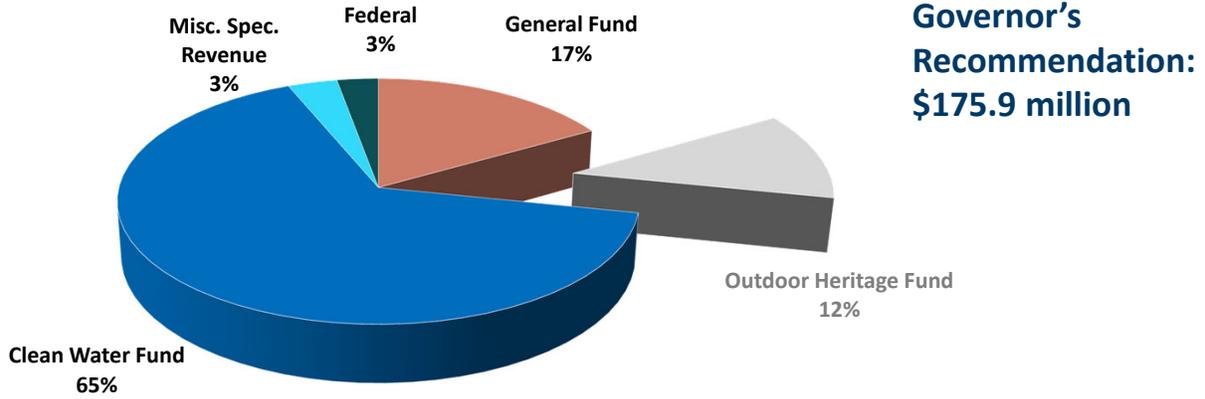
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## Business model

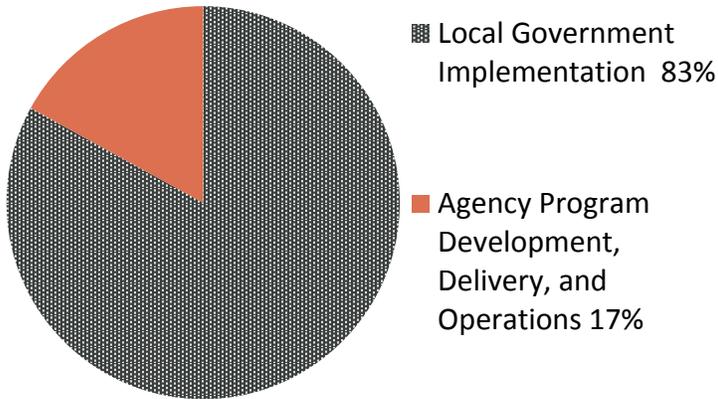
Private lands  
 Small agency conservation professionals  
 Local government delivery system  
 On-the-ground results



# Governor's FY20-21 Agency Budget Recommendations

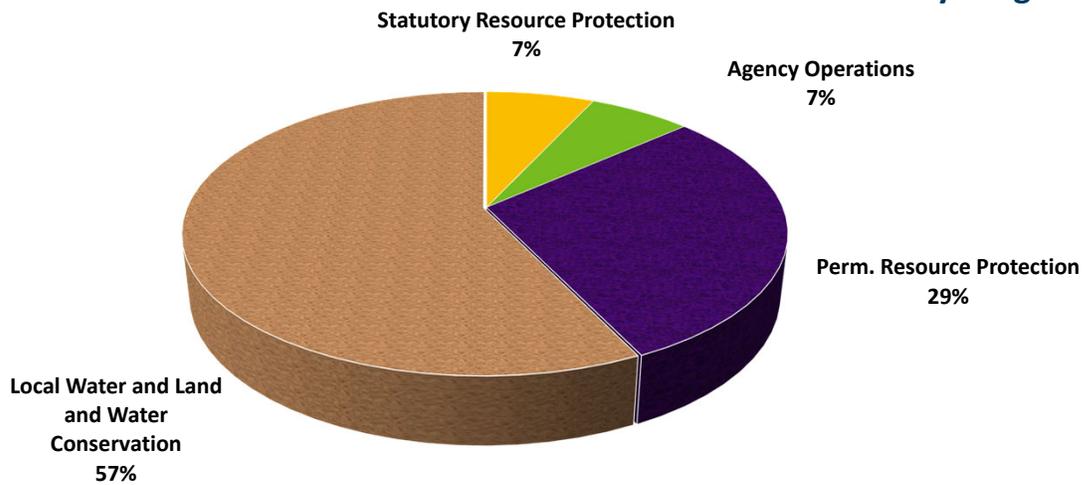


# Local Delivery



## Governor's FY20-21 Agency Budget Recommendations

### By Program Area

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## Statutory Resource Protection



*Support local implementation of state laws*

- **Wetland Conservation Act**
- **Drainage Law**
- **Buffer Law**

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## Statutory Resource Protection

### FY20-21 Governor's General Fund Recommendation

Natural Resources Block Grant	\$6,846,000
Wetland Conservation Act Operations	\$1,522,000
Drainage Assistance	\$ 332,000

**No Base Change Items**

## Wetland Conservation Act



- No Net Loss of wetlands
- Coordinated implementation
  - BWSR
  - Local governments
  - DNR
  - Federal agencies
- 404 Assumption Study
- Local Roads Wetland Replacement Program

## Drainage

- Facilitate Drainage policy
  - Work group
  - Mgt Team
- Public Drainage Manual

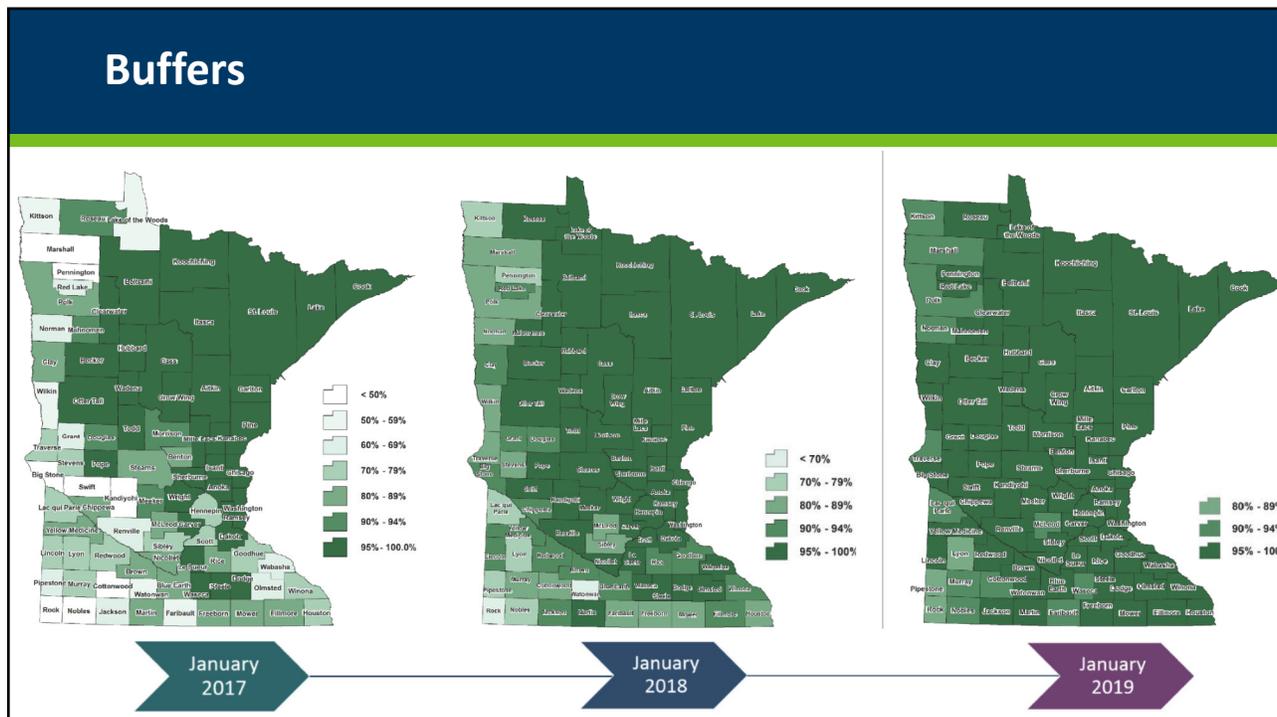
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## Buffers



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## Statutory Resource Protection

- summary -

**Approach:**

- 404 assumption exploration
- In Lieu Fee Program development
- Local Roads Wetland Replacement Program triage
- Drainage Work Group facilitation
- Ongoing buffer implementation

**Benefits:**

- Greater efficiency and effectiveness for Minnesota’s wetland protection system
- Improved landowner services
- Technology options for drainage projects
- Water quality and infrastructure improvements

No GF Change Items request for FY20-21. 14

## Local Land and Water Conservation

*Develop and maintain local capacity for soil and water conservation and deliver those programs through local governments.*

- Conservation Delivery Program
- Conservation Cost Share
- Water Management Planning – One Watershed, One Plan
- Grant Management



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## Local Land and Water Conservation

### FY20-21 Governor's General Fund Recommendation

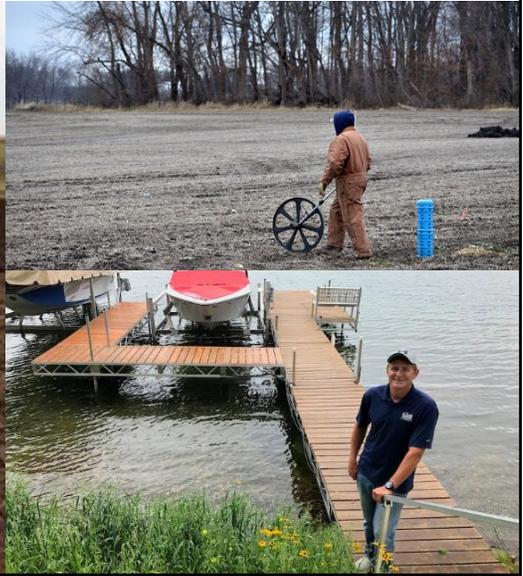
Conservation Delivery Program	\$ 6,232,000
Conservation Cost Share	\$ 3,120,000
Red River Basin Commission	\$ 200,000
Lower MN Watershed District	\$ 480,000
Area II Flood Control	\$ 280,000
Easement Stewardship	\$ 250,000
<b>Change Item</b>	
Easement Stewardship	\$ 750,000

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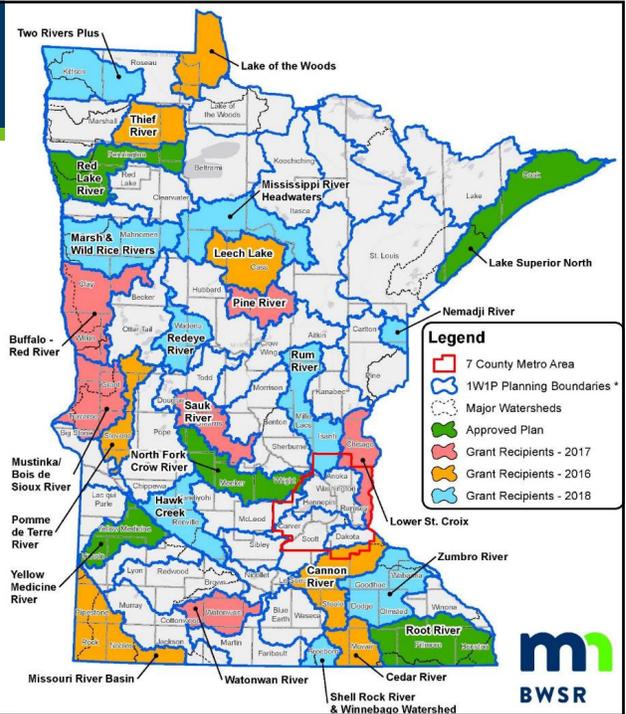




# Conservation Delivery and Cost Share

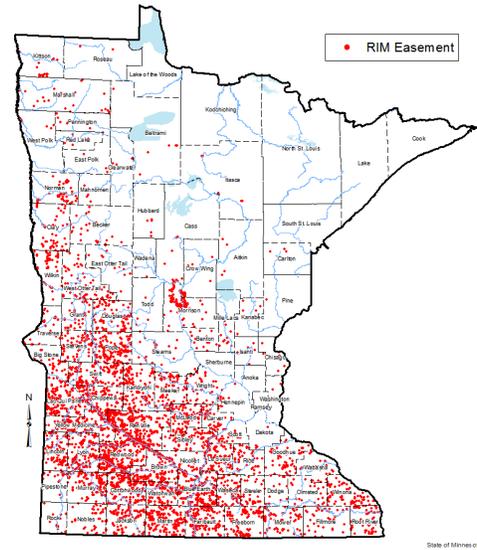


# Water Management Planning



## Local Land and Water Conservation

Easement Stewardship Gov's Rec: \$750,000



## Local Land and Water Conservation

### Approach:

- Incrementally funding SWCD monitoring work
- Pass-through for legislatively-directed funds
- Technical and financial assistance to landowners

### Benefits:

- Assure easements provide public benefits
- Support voluntary local conservation implementation
- Systemic watershed framework

## Conservation Easements

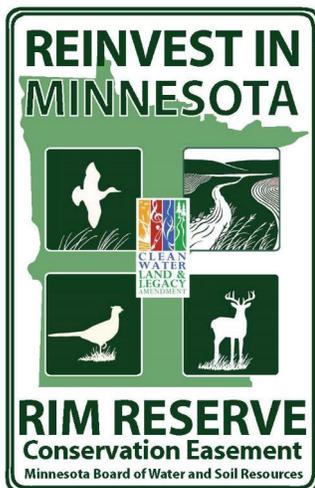


### Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) Reserve

- Wetlands
- Wild Rice Lakes
- Riparian Buffers
- ACUB – Camp Ripley
- Wellhead Protection
- Critical Shoreland Protection

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## Conservation Easements



### Funding Sources:

- Bonding
- Clean Water Fund
- Outdoor Heritage Fund
- Federal

No base change

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## Conservation Easements

### Army Compatible Use Buffer Program (ACUB) – Camp Ripley

*Federal, state, local partnership that aids habitat, mission*



## Minnesota CREP



State Funding for the MN CREP Program (,000s)	Appropriated in past sessions
Env. and Nat. Resources Trust Fund (LCCMR)	\$19,500
Clean Water Fund	\$46,000
Outdoor Heritage Fund	\$55,790
Capital Investment	\$20,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$141,290</b>

\$34 million will meet the program's remaining need.

## Agency Operations



*Provide quality, timely, and cost-effective support*

- Board Operations
- Administrative Operations
- Accountability and Evaluation
- Information Technology
- Communications
- Training
- Grants Management

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## Agency Operations

### FY20-21 Governor's General Fund Recommendation

Admin and Agency Operations	\$11,529,000
<b>Change Item</b>	
Operations Adjustment	\$ 1,311,000
Base Adjustment for Fiscal Services	\$ 340,000
Critical IT and Cybersecurity	\$ 528,000

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Op. Adjustment \$1,311,000	Fiscal Services \$340,000	Critical IT/security \$528,000
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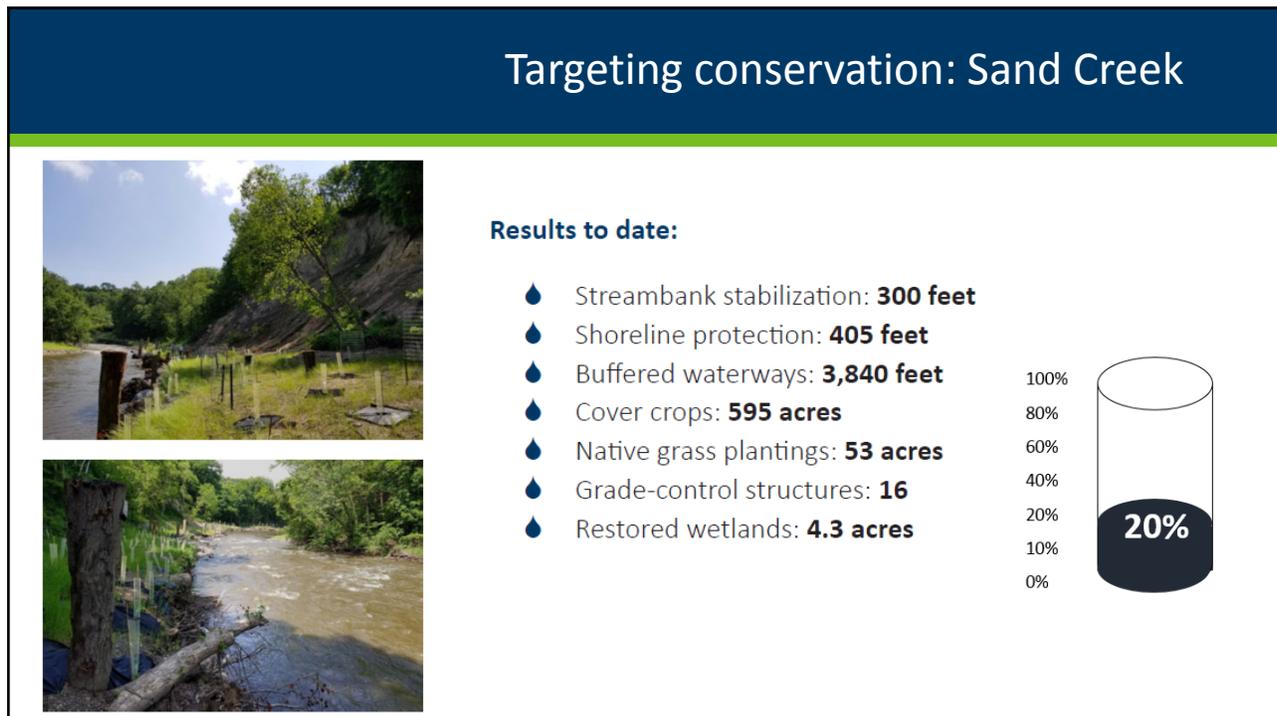
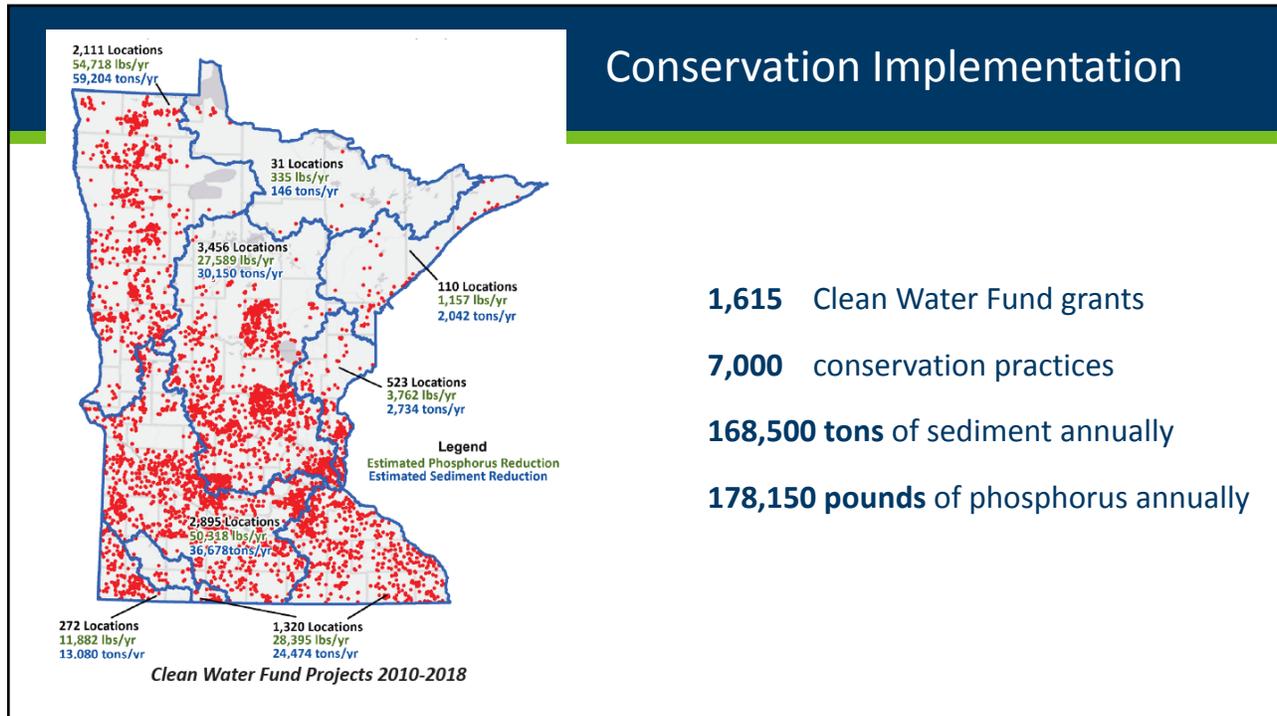
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**Benefits**

- Provide services local govt partners and taxpayers expect
- Reliable operation of system:
  - Modeling
  - Grants tracking and reporting used by 250+ local govts across state
- Meet statutory requirements and existing obligations
- Fix vulnerable and outdated wetland database

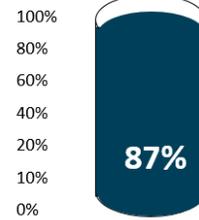




## Grand Marais Outlet Project and Cut Channel Stabilization



*“The amendment was the catalyst we needed to move forward. This is our legacy.”*



637 tons of sediment annually kept from entering the Red River.

Progress towards goal

## Jobs

### Conservation is an economic driver





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