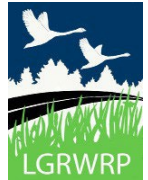


Local Government Road Wetland Replacement Program



Program Status

The Local Government Roads Wetland Replacement Program (LGRWRP) will exhaust wetland credits that are used to provide required wetland replacement for local government road projects due to recurrent underfunding. BWSR estimates \$35 million is needed to overcome the current credit deficit.



Program Overview

The LGRWRP is a wetland and upland habitat restoration program that generates mitigation credits for local road authorities to satisfy their federal and state wetland regulatory permit requirements. Minnesota law requires BWSR to replace wetlands, and wetland areas of public waters, that are drained or filled by public transportation projects on *existing* roads.



Left: A local road project with unavoidable wetland impacts **Right:** A restored wetland mitigates impacts



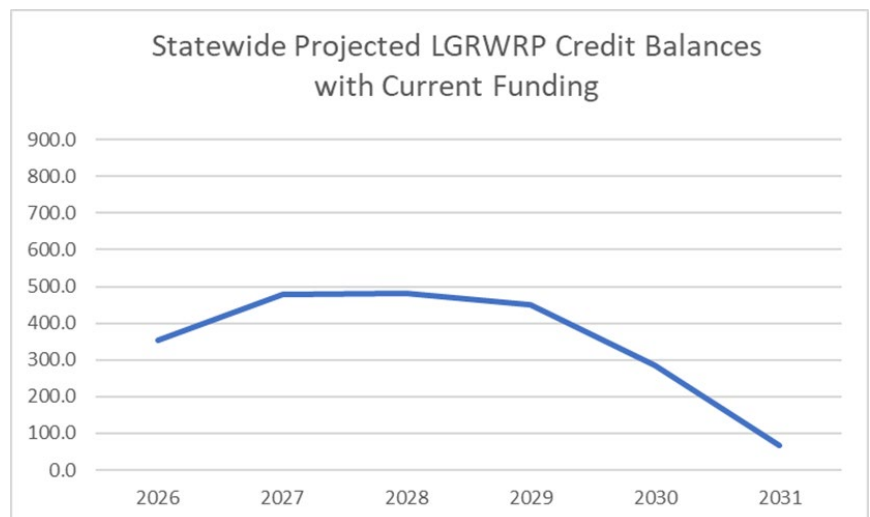
Benefits

- Streamlined and predictable permitting for local governments
- Larger and higher quality replacement wetlands created
- More cost efficient for taxpayers
- Significant reductions in workload for local road authorities

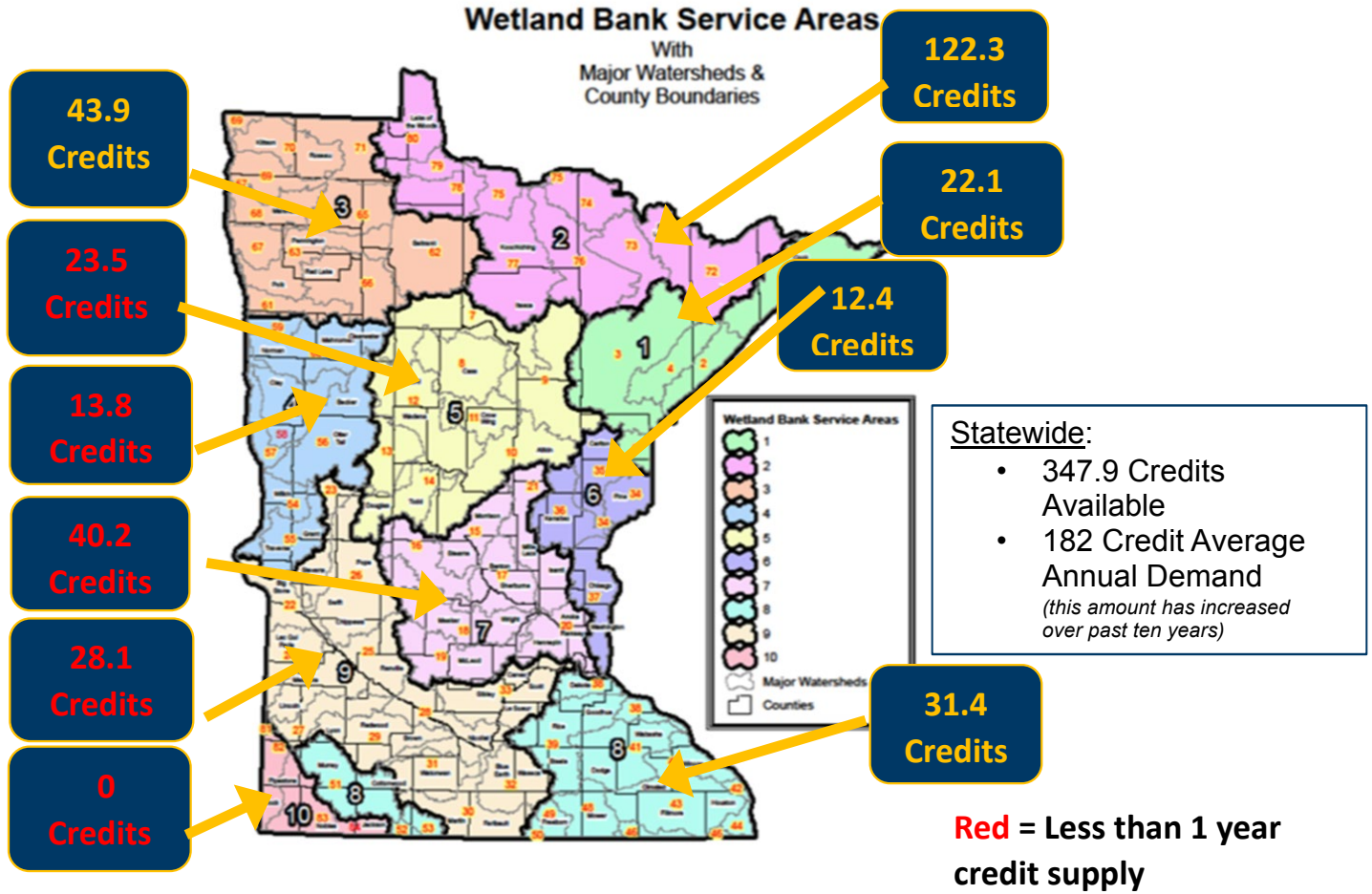
Credit Projections

Based on currently available funding, BWSR projects all available credits will be exhausted within five years.

Over the last four years, the program has received less than 1-year's worth of annual funding.



Wetland Bank Service Area (BSA) Map and Credit Availability



Wetland Bank Project Development Timeline

Receiving adequate and predictable funds is important due to the timeline to restore wetlands and receive regulatory approval for the resulting wetland credits which is typically seven to ten years.



- 7 to 10 years from appropriation to final credit release
- Funding must be based on credit needs 3 to 10 years into the future
- Goal: Minimum credit balance of 5 times the average annual need in each BSA