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Increasing the Capacity of Minnesota Communities to Prepare for Changing Climate Extremes

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Effective management of weather- & climate-related impacts is essential to the health and well-being of Minnesota residents, industries, landscapes, cultures, and economy.



“University of Minnesota Extension discovers science-based solutions, delivers practical education, and engages Minnesotans to build a better future.”



Supporting Minnesota’s communities to better manage & plan for changing weather and climate extremes is essential to meet the mission of Extension.

Extension's Current Footprint - *impact in every county*

Extension Regional Office Crookston

University of Minnesota - Crookston

Extension Regional Office Moorhead

Extension Regional Office Brainerd

University of Minnesota - Morris
Extension Regional Office Morris

Extension Regional Office Willmar

Extension Regional Office Marshall

Extension Regional Office Mankato

Extension Regional Office Worthington

Extension Regional Office Roseau

Extension Regional Office Grand Rapids

University of Minnesota - Duluth
Minnesota Sea Grant

Extension Regional Office Cloquet

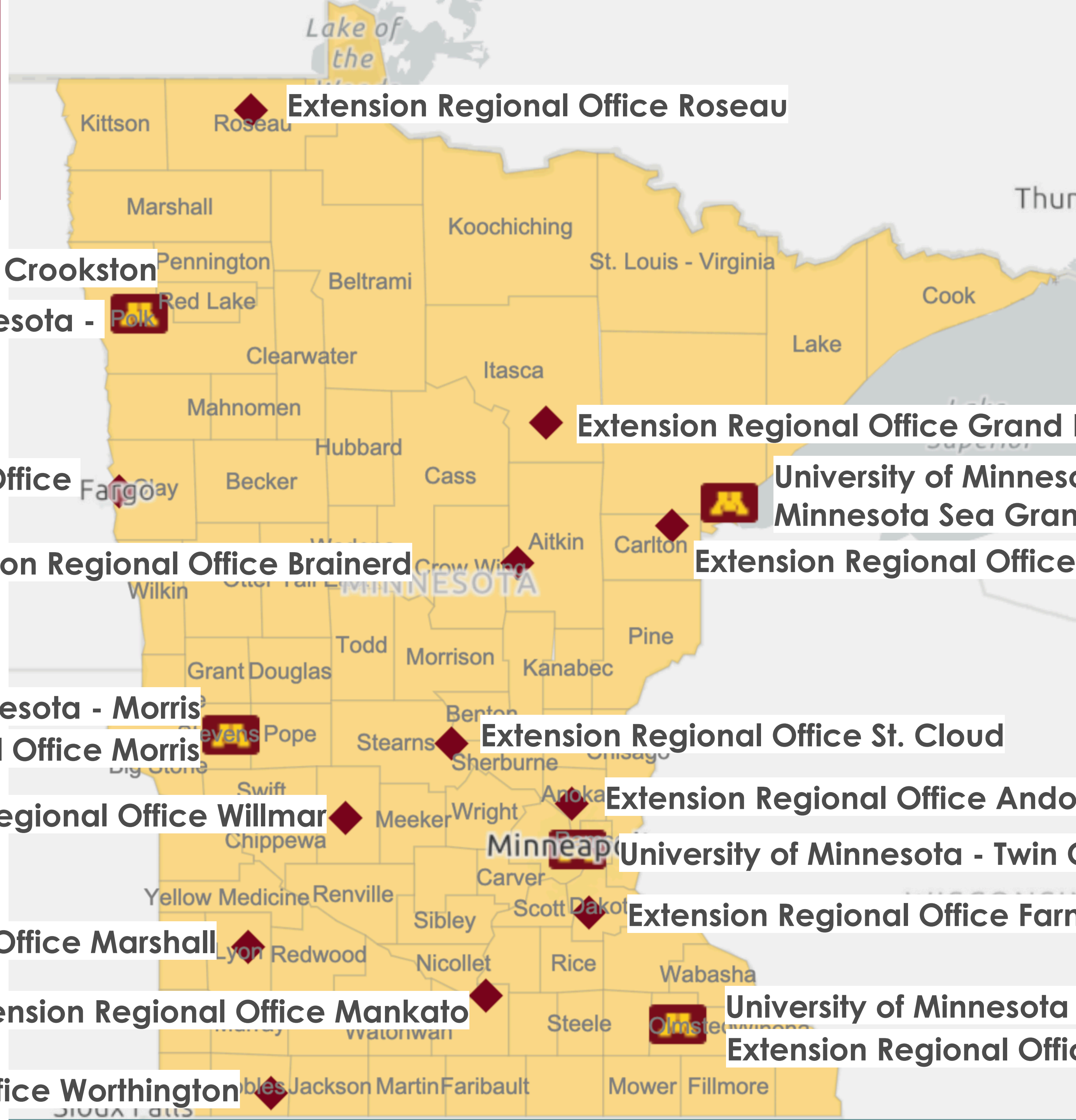
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Extension Regional Office Andover

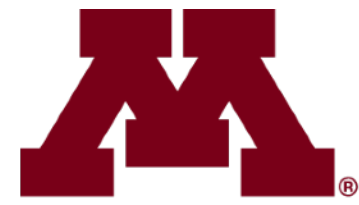
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Extension Regional Office Farmington

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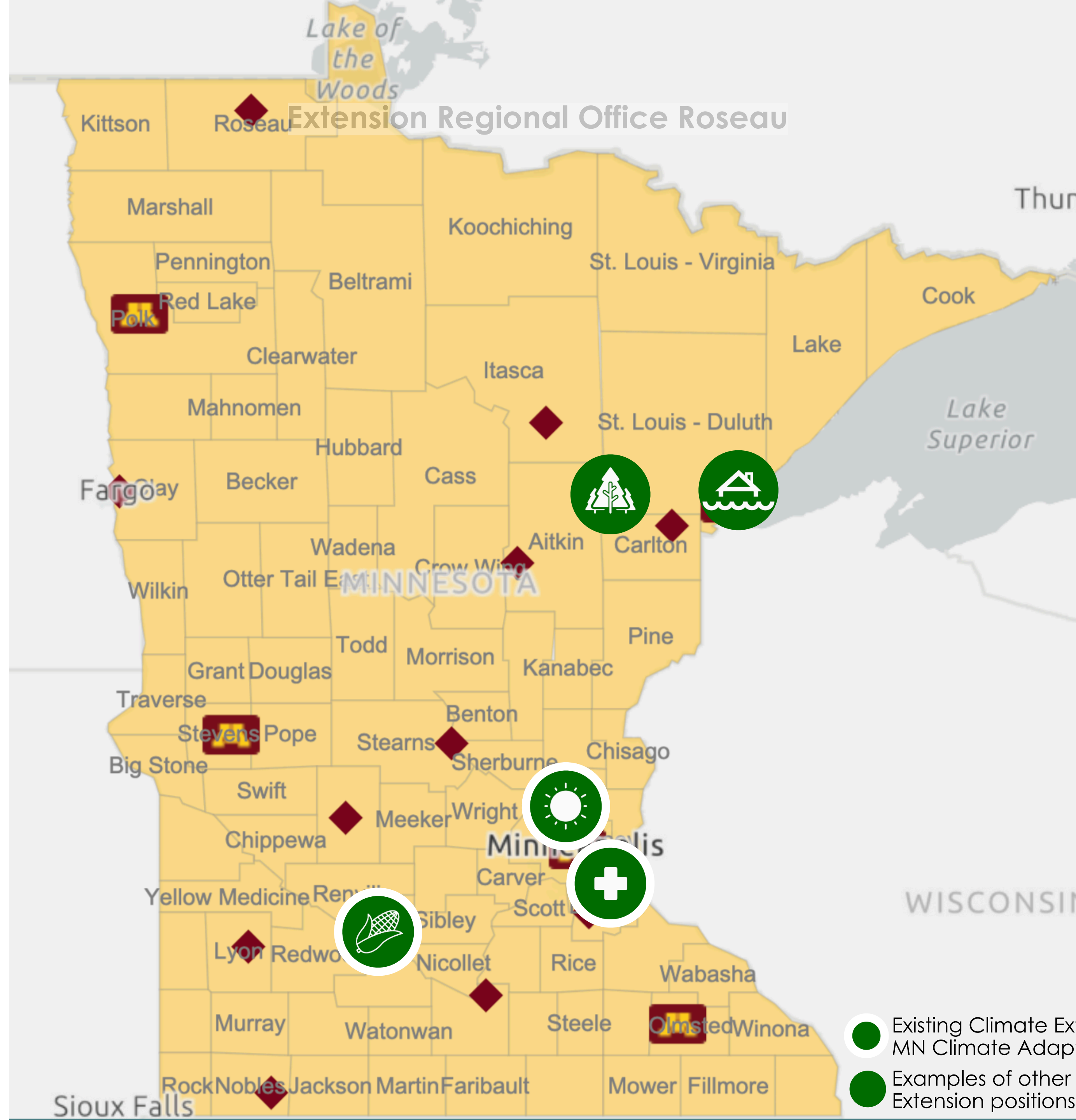


Extension's Current Weather & Climate Program



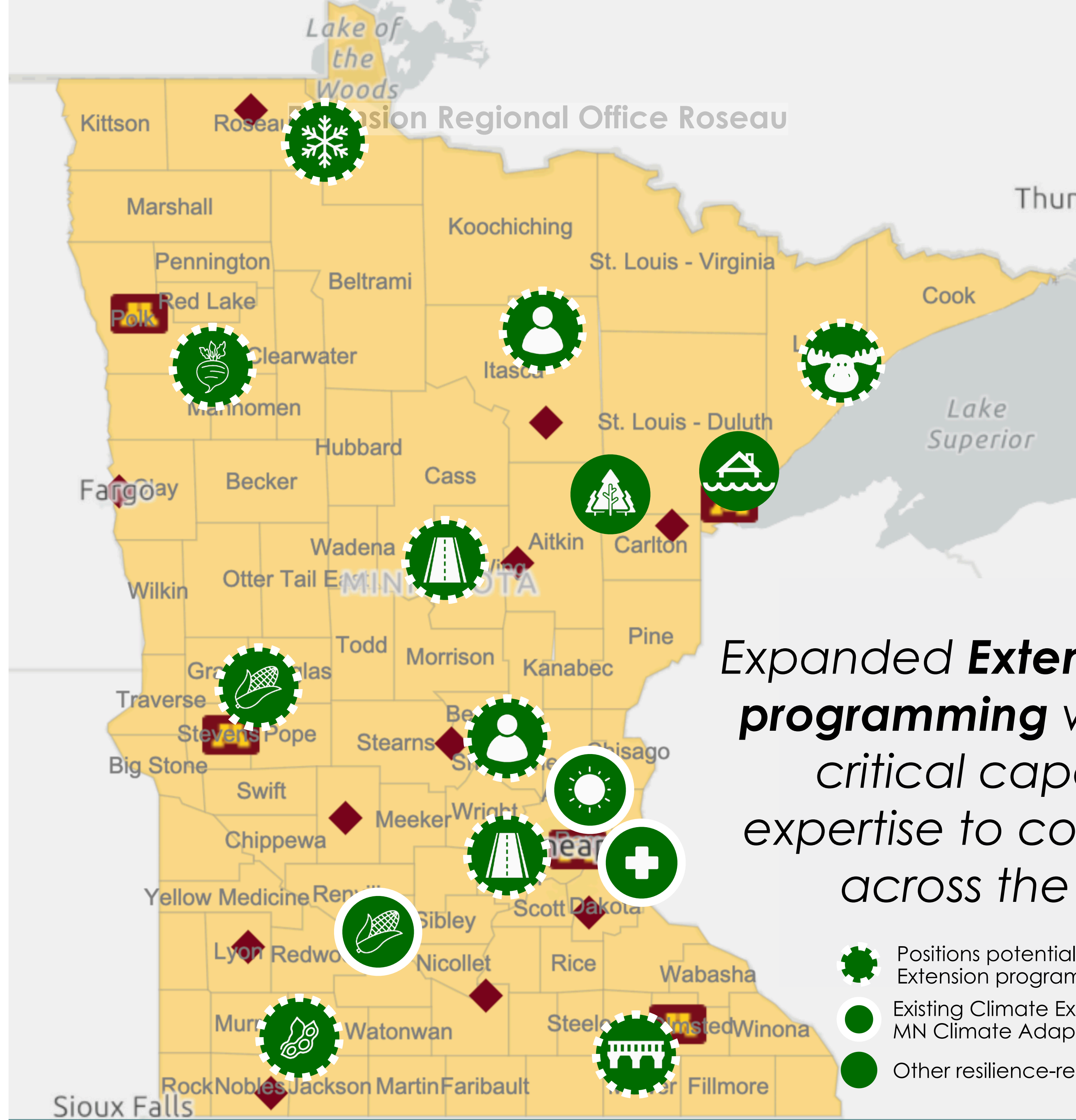
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Expanding Extension's Current Impact

We need to enhance the capacity of the State's agricultural sector, land and resource managers, and communities to manage their unique climate risks & vulnerabilities.



Expanded **Extension staff & programming** would add critical capacity & expertise to communities across the state.

-  Positions potentially added through new Extension program
-  Existing Climate Extension positions within MN Climate Adaptation Partnership
-  Other resilience-related Extension positions

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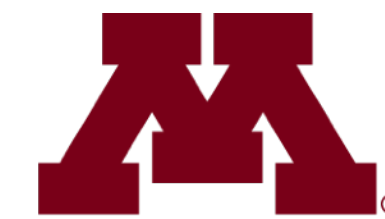
This Extension Program will:

- **Leverage** existing, state-wide Extension infrastructure and relationships;
- Bring UMN Extension and research capacity to more Minnesotans, with a focus on **helping Minnesota communities** better prepare for, and respond to, climate & weather extremes;
- Add new positions to Extension, **providing technical services, training, and capacity** to support **proactive planning across timescales**, from weeks to decades into the future;
- **Expand access** to existing state investments and resources;
- **Provide timely support & data** to make Minnesota competitive for federal funding;
- **Demonstrate national leadership** & develop a competitive edge by creating a model that can be scaled across Minnesota, and nationally.



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