



**FY 2022-23**

# Supplemental Budget Recommendations

**Katrina Kessler**

**Commissioner, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency**

March 31, 2022



## Our mission

Protect and improve the  
environment and human health.

# MPCA Priorities

**Address PFAS  
in Minnesota's  
environment**

**Help communities  
adapt to extreme  
weather**

**Protect our  
environment and  
create local jobs**

# Water proposals

Supplemental Budget Item	FTE	Amount \$(000)
Adaptation action grants and water storage	2.5	\$55,000
Technical assistance and grant funding for wastewater treatment systems	0	\$2,175
PFAS community grants	0	\$2,000
PFAS baseline conditions study	0	\$500
St. Louis River Mercury TMDL availability extension	0	\$50
Fee authority for Smart Salting program	0	\$0
Sewage overflow notification	0	\$0
Waiver for certain WWTP discharge permits	0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>\$59,675</b>

# Land and waste proposals

Supplemental Budget Item	FTE	Amount \$(000)
Waste prevention recycling grants and loans	0	\$18,923
Agency operating increase	0	\$5,602
Creating a community-based brownfield grant program	0	\$1,000
Railroad safety	0	\$133
Restrict lead and cadmium in certain consumer products	0.5	\$74
Increasing Capital Assistance Program grants for local governments	0	\$17
Solar panel recycling	0.75	\$0
Uniform tools for brownfields redevelopment program	0	\$0
3M reporting changes	0	\$(2)
TOTAL	1.25	\$25,747

# Air proposal

Supplemental Budget Item	FTE	Amount \$(000)
Accelerate pollution prevention at small businesses	0	\$2,000
TOTAL	0	\$2,000

# Questions?

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***TO MOVE MINNESOTA FORWARD***

# FY2022-23 Governor's Recommendation Supplemental Budget—DNR Overview

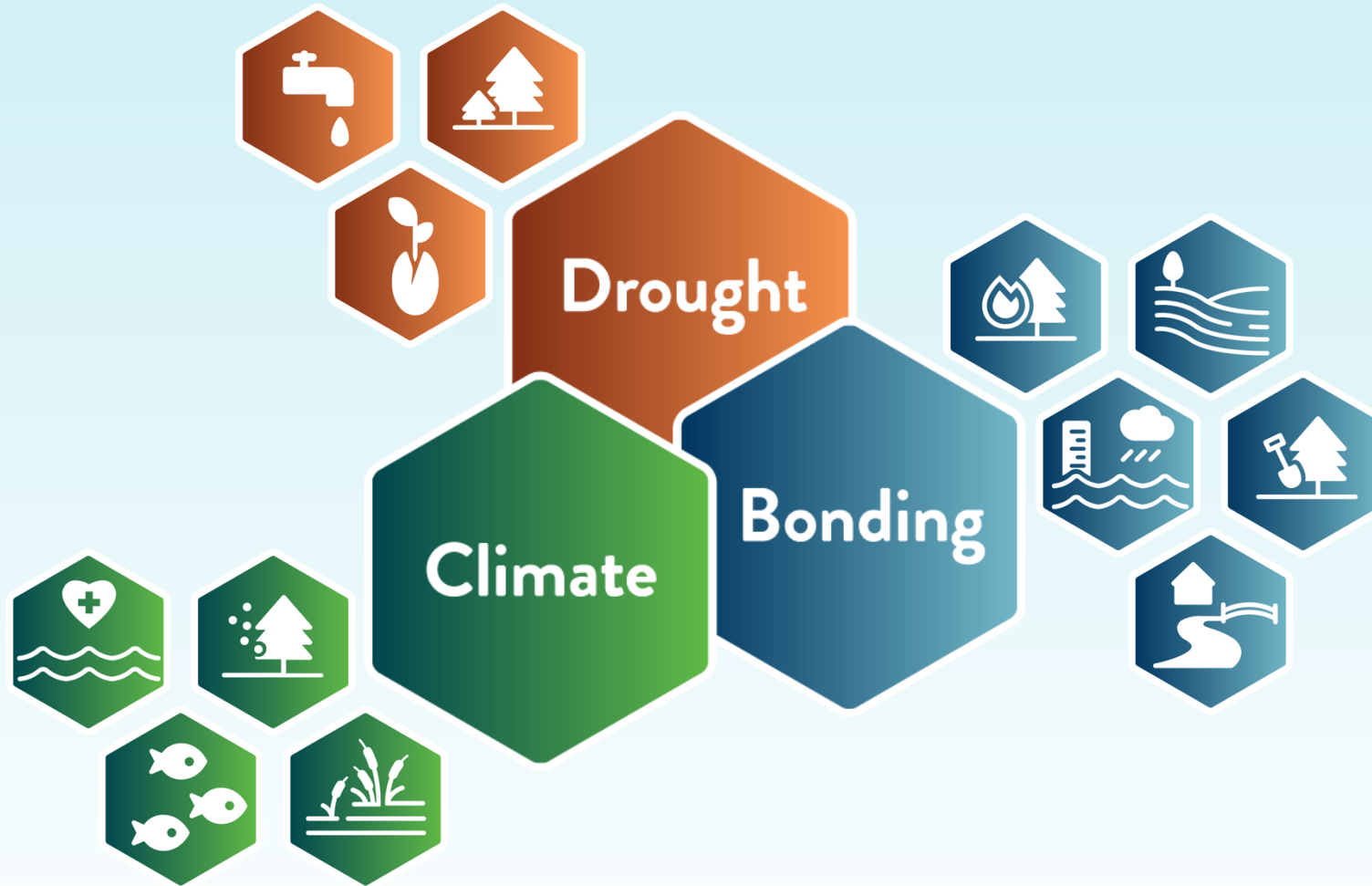
Sarah Strommen, Commissioner

Bob Meier, Assistant Commissioner

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# Our Budget Priorities



- Connect people with the outdoors
- Mitigate climate change
- Proactively manage natural resources
- Address our operational needs



# Climate Adaptation for Natural Lands and Waters



- Changing climate impacts our natural lands and waters.
- Climate change also impacts people and communities.

## **PROPOSAL**

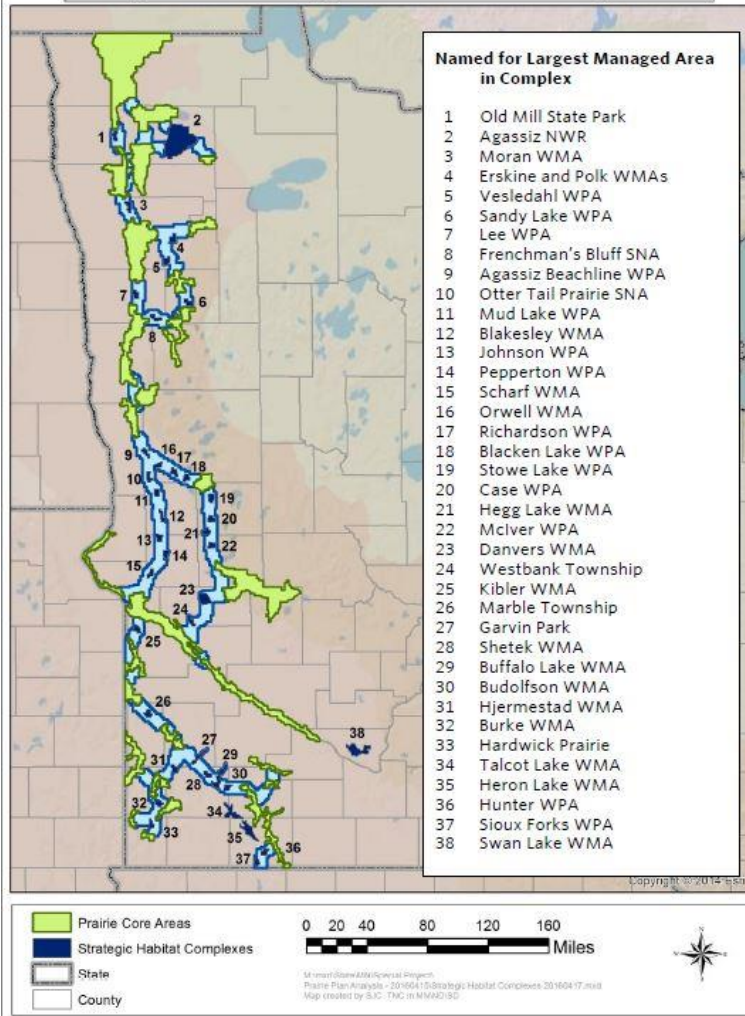
Invest \$42M in DNR-managed facilities, infrastructure and lands to mitigate and adapt to climate change. This includes:

- 1) \$10M for improving public water accesses;
- 2) \$10M for modernizing state fish hatcheries;
- 3) \$8M for rehabilitating roads and trails to enhance access to public lands and facilities;
- 4) \$1M for restoring plant communities; and,
- 5) \$13M for restoring and improving streams, culverts, and water control structures.



# Restoring Grasslands and Wetlands on WMAs for Carbon Capture and Resiliency

**Map 8. Strategic Habitat Complexes**



- Grasslands start to accumulate soil carbon very quickly after enhancement or restoration, removing carbon from the air over relatively short periods of time.

## PROPOSAL

Invest \$10M to enhance grasslands and restore wetlands on existing state-owned wildlife management areas to sequester more carbon and enhance climate resiliency, while also providing better pollinator and wildlife habitat.





# Enhanced Forest Management Assistance to Private Woodland Owners



- DNR provides forest management assistance to woodland owners, who collectively own 6.8 million acres of Minnesota's forests.
- Supporting woodland owners in sustainable management is key to increasing atmospheric carbon sequestration and storage while assuring healthy forests in the face of climate change.

## **PROPOSAL**

- \$5.5 million to meet increased demand for planning assistance and cost-share funding to assist private woodland owners.
- DNR will work with SWCDs and Minnesota Forestry Association.



# Acquisition of Public Lands



- Public lands provide habitat for wildlife, pollinators, and other species, as well as mitigate the effects of climate change through the absorption and storage of carbon in the soil and increased climate resiliency by increasing water storage.

## **PROPOSAL**

Invest \$24M to acquire new public lands to support recreation and conservation, with the goal of decreasing the state's net greenhouse gas emissions.



# Additional Budget Initiatives



- Increase Capacity for Broadband Licensing \$246,000
- Legalizing Adult-Use Cannabis \$299,000
- Public Safety Response \$1.73 million
- Aggregate Mapping \$300,000

# Questions?

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# Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources

## Supplemental Budget Recommendations

**John Jaschke, Executive Director**  
March 31, 2022



# BWSR's mission

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



# Governor's Supplemental Budget Recommendation

## **Water Storage**

\$15 million

## **Healthy Soil Program** (w/MDA part in Ag)

\$17 million

## **Tribal Government Coordination**

\$125,000

## **COVID Unreimbursed Costs**

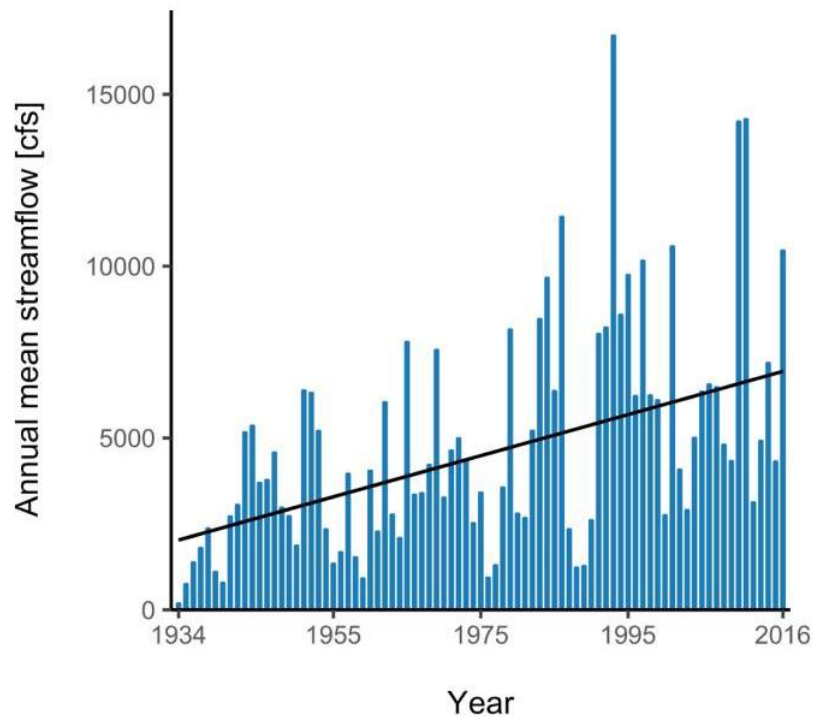
\$595,000 (onetime)



# Water Storage

\$15 million request

MN River Average Annual  
Mean Daily Flow



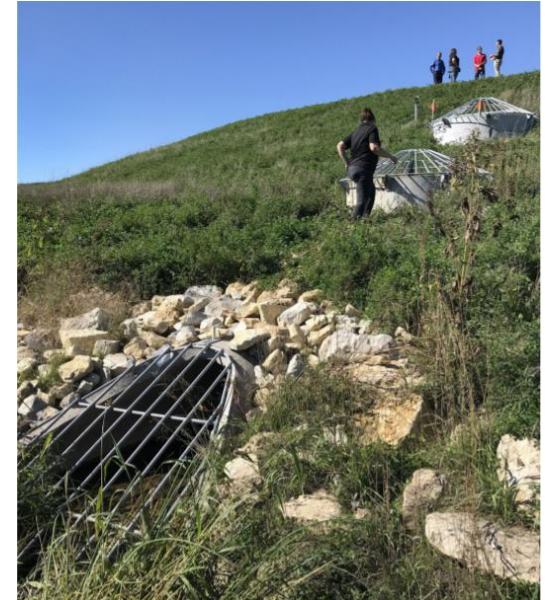
## Challenges

- Increased runoff rate and volume
- Negative impacts to agriculture and infrastructure
- Significant erosion along riverbanks
- Declining water quality



# Water Storage

\$15 million request



## Solutions

- Acquire, design, and construct projects to control water volume and rate
- Voluntary and locally led
- Addresses climate impacts



# Healthy Soil Program

\$17 million



## Soil Health practices

Cover cropping  
No-Till and Strip-Till  
Perennial vegetation  
Rotational Grazing

## Benefits

Increases soil organic matter  
Stores atmospheric carbon  
Holds more water in the soil  
Reduces runoff

# Healthy Soil Program

\$17 million

## Common hurdles to implementation

- Time required to tailor cover crop management to each producer's needs
- Lack of access to equipment, financial and technical support, and MN-specific info

According to the USDA  
only 2.6% of MN's ag land  
includes cover crops<sup>1</sup>



Minnesota Office for Soil Health

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<sup>1</sup> National Agricultural Statistics Service







## COVID Unreimbursed Costs

\$595,000 onetime

## Tribal Government Relations

\$125,000 in FY23 and ongoing







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# Mapping Infrastructure Climate Risk and Resiliency Opportunities





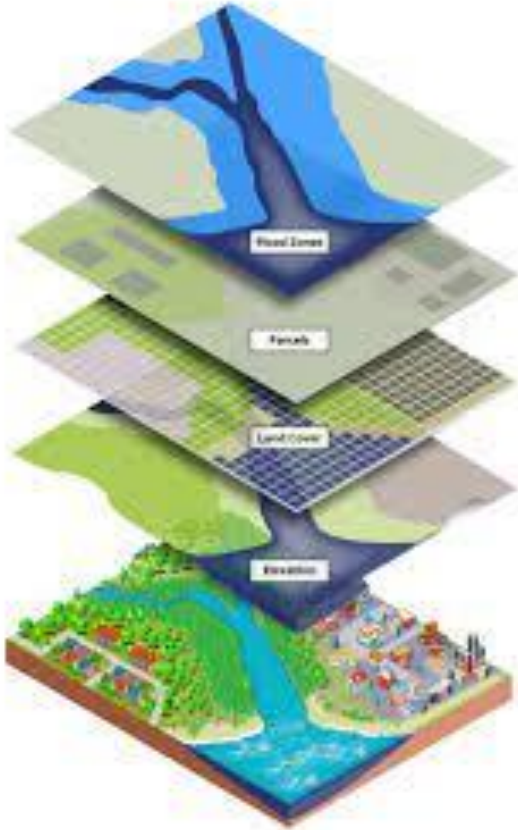
# Mapping Infrastructure Climate Risk & Resiliency Opportunities



**Recommendation:** \$5 million to create a web-based planning tool for use by metro area communities and watersheds to:

- Protect local infrastructure from the adverse effects of extreme weather events.
- Prioritize and target infrastructure projects and programs.

# Bringing Together Data to Assess Risk



- Historic precipitation statistics
- Projected climate modeling
- Groundwater Modeling
- Storm sewer mapping
- 2022 land use data
- Infrastructure location information
- Water routing/ hydrology flow paths
- Risk calculations



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# Supplemental Budget Recommendations

**Lauren Bennett McGinty**

**Executive Director, Explore Minnesota Tourism**

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## FY23-24 Supplemental Budget Recommendations

### Primary Goals

- Recovery the MN Tourism industry through out-of-state marketing & support of industry partners
- Find new marketing and PR opportunities to elevate MN as a top-ten travel destination in the U.S.

### Agency Needs

- Remain competitive with neighboring states and other states with similar offerings
- A full staff roster to complete projects/programs
- Increase in support for high revenue-driving programs

## Supplemental Budget

Budget Item	FTE	Amount \$(000)
State Program Admin (Marketing Program Support; includes benefits)	1	105,000
State Program Admin Principle (Public Relations; includes benefits)	1	110,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>215,000</b>

# Environmental Quality Board

## FY22022-33 Supplemental Budget Recommendation

**Katie Pratt**

Executive Director, EQB

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# Helping communities incorporate climate change information into environmental review

- One time request of \$600,000
- Develop Minnesota- and sector-specific tools for assessing greenhouse gas emissions for projects that require environmental review
- Increase accuracy of public information while reducing the time, cost, and uncertainty for government units and project proposers
- Request based on extensive input to the EQB