



Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources

Senate Capital Investment Committee

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Our Vision and Mission

Vision:

All of Minnesota benefits from lands and waters that are ecologically and economically sustainable.

Mission:

Work with partners to improve and protect Minnesota's land and water resources.

2026 Governor Recommendations

Program	General Obligation Bonds (000s)	General Fund (000s)
Local Government Roads Wetlands Replacement Program (MN Statutes 103G.222)	\$5,000	
MN RIM/CREP - Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (MN Statutes 103G.222)	\$9,000	



Local Government Roads Wetland Replacement Program

MN Statutes 103G.222



- Larger, higher-quality wetland mitigation
- More cost-efficient
- Expedited permitting





Capital Budget Request

Local Govt. Rd. Wetland Replacement (M.S. 103G.222)

2026 Governor Recommendation	Amount
GO Bonds	\$5 million

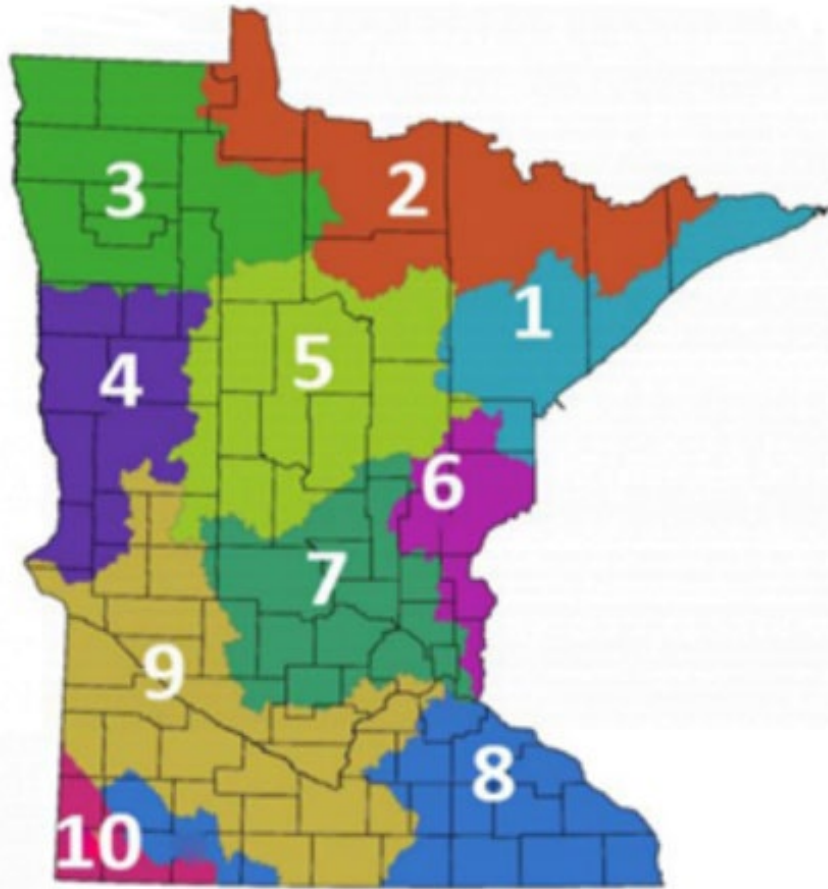
Planned Outcomes:

- Purchase easements and restore and permanently protect approximately 100-140 acres of wetlands.
- Generate up to 80 wetland replacement credits to fulfill permit requirements.



Local Roads Wetland Replacement Program

Available credits

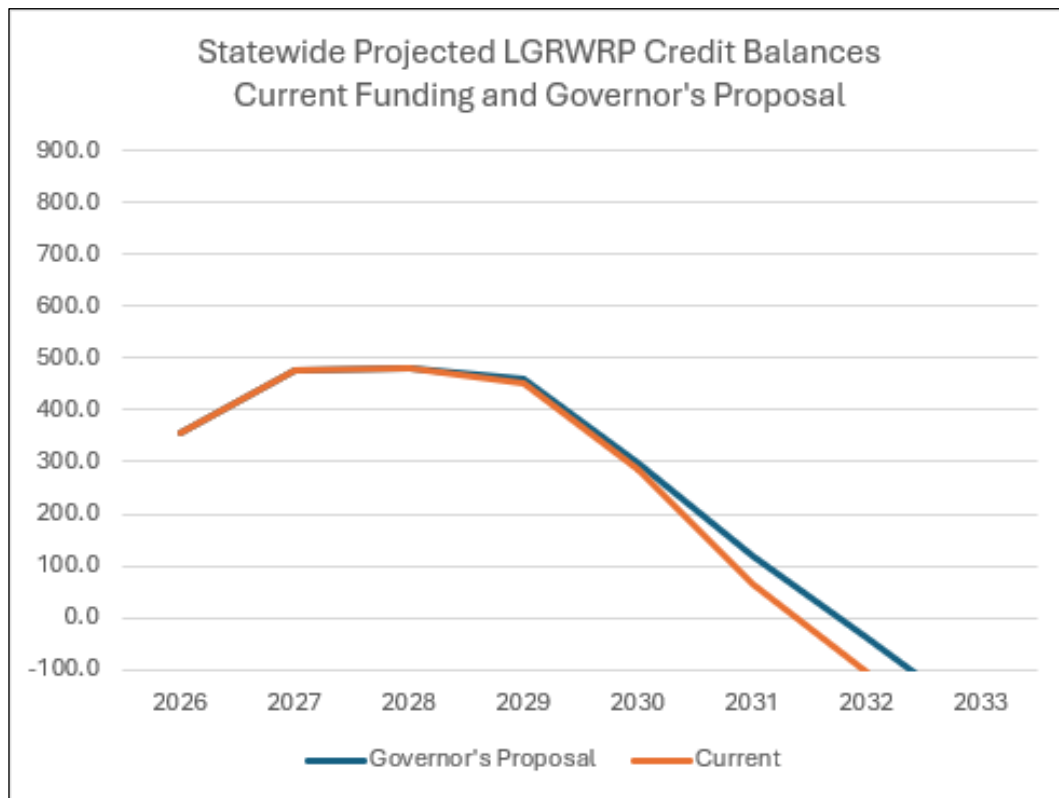


Bank Service Area	Available Credits as of 1/16/2026
1 - Great Lakes	22.1
2 - Rainy River	122.3
3 - Red River North	44
4 - Red River South	13.8
5 - Upper Mississippi North	23.5
6 - St-Croix River	12.4
7 - Upper Mississippi South	40.2
8 - Lower Mississippi	31.4
9 - Minnesota River	28.1
10 - Missouri River	0
Total:	337.8

- 182 credit average annual statewide demand.
- **Red** = less than one year supply.



Wetland Credit Projections



- Eight to ten years from appropriation to final credit release
- Funding estimates are based on credit needs three to ten years into the future



Workgroup Members

- Association of Minnesota Counties
- Minnesota Inter-County Association
- Minnesota Rural Counties
- Minnesota County Engineer's Association
- League of Minnesota Cities
- Association of Metropolitan Municipalities
- Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities
- Minnesota Association of Small Cities
- City Engineers' Association of Minnesota
- Minnesota Association of Townships
- Minnesota Transportation Alliance
- Minnesota Department of Transportation

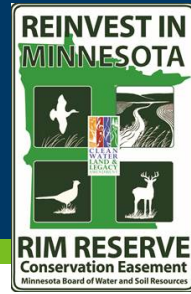
<https://bwsr.state.mn.us/local-government-road-wetland-replacement-program>



Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (MN CREP)



- State-held easements
- Target environmentally sensitive lands
 - riparian buffers
 - wetlands
 - wellhead protection for drinking water



Capital Budget Request

Reinvest in Minnesota (M.S. 103F)

FY 2027 Governor Recommendation	Amount
GO Bonds	\$9 million
<i>Climate Action Framework 2.0 key element</i>	

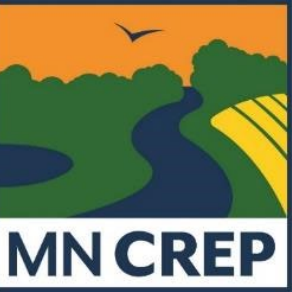


Carver County



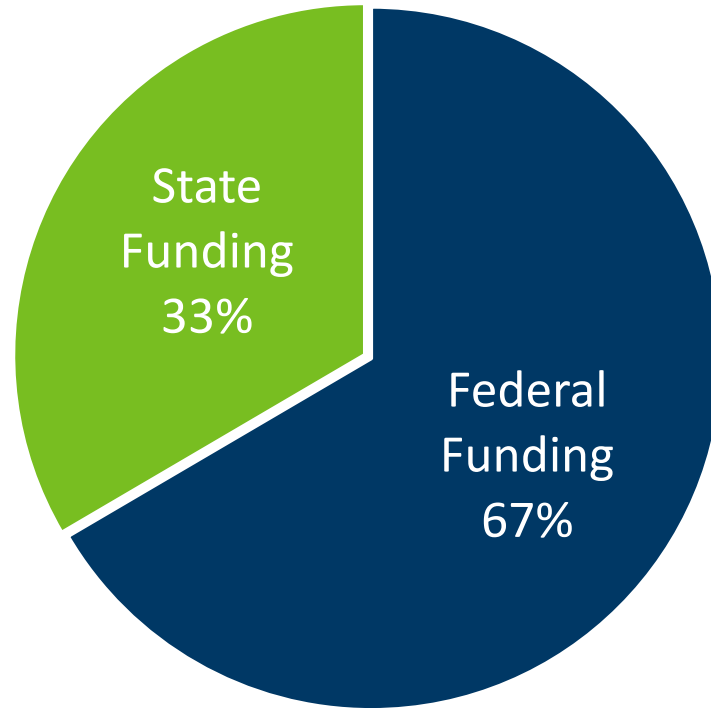
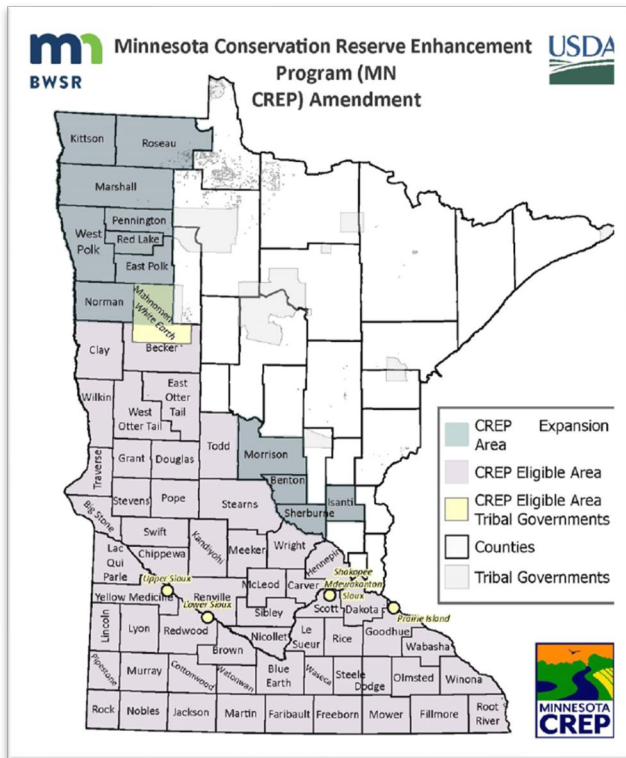
Freeborn County





Federal Match Benefits

Reinvest in Minnesota



Federal CREP agreement was amended and signed by Governor Walz in January 2025, extending the program and adding 12 counties where CREP is available.

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Thank you

