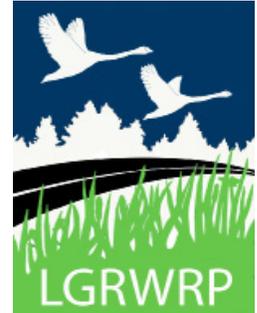


Local Government Roads Wetland Replacement Program

2023 Governor's Recommendation

The Governor recommends \$16.8 million in general obligation bonds and \$7.2 million in general funds for the Local Government Roads Wetland Replacement Program. Consistent funding is critical because it takes between five and seven years to fully plan and develop a wetland banking site before credits become available.



Program Overview

The Minnesota Local Government Road Wetland Replacement program (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.

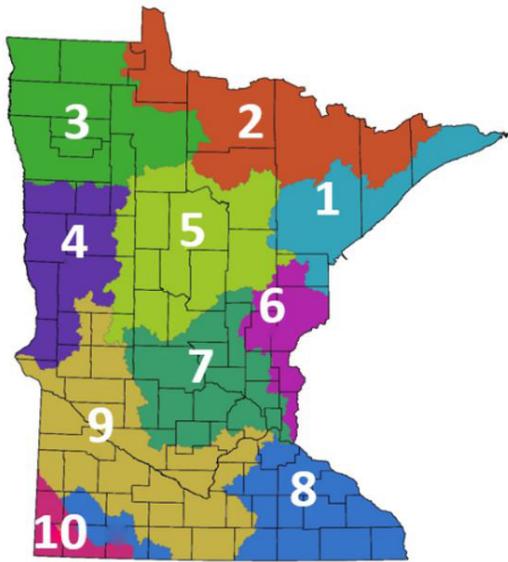
Benefits:

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



Clockwise from top left: A local road project with unavoidable wetland impacts, a restored wetland mitigates impacts, wetland bank site prior to vegetation restoration, fully restored wetland bank site that generates credits to mitigate local road projects.

Wetland Bank Service Area Map and Credit Availability



Bank Service Area	# Available Credits as of 01/13/23
1 - Great Lakes	30.5
2 - Rainy River	21.8
3- Red River North	60.7
4 - Red River South	0.3
5 - Upper Mississippi North	72.2
6 - St. Croix River	0
7 - Upper Mississippi South	33.8
8 - Lower Mississippi	14.9
9 - Minnesota River	17.0
10 - Missouri River	0.1

Average Annual Statewide Demand 171 Credits

Credit Release Timeline

	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29
2020 appropriation									
2023 appropriation									

- Solicit projects, review, accept proposals
- Project design, permitting, planning
- Construction
- Vegetation/hydrology establishment
- Credit release

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