

2023 Legislative Priorities

Climate Initiatives

Soil Health Practices

Establishes a voluntary and locally-driven Soil Health Practices Program to set practices on sensitive lands to slow water and nutrient movement. Mitigates climate change impacts through carbon sequestration. (\$27.16M)

Accelerated Water Storage

Acquire, design, and construct projects to control water volume and rate to adapt to changing climate and weather patterns. (\$17M)

Habitat Enhancement Landscape Program

Encourage individual actions that increase carbon storage and establish landscapes to conserve and enhance biodiversity. (\$9M)

Private Grasslands and Working Lands Easements

Restore privately-owned grasslands and working lands to sequester and store carbon in grasslands, wetlands, and other landscapes with high conservation value. (\$22M)

Peatland Restoration Easements

Protect existing peatlands and other wetlands, and restore drained, farmed, or pastured peatlands and wetlands to increase carbon storage. (\$15M)

RIM Easement Enhancements for Climate Mitigation and Resiliency

Inspect aging easement infrastructure and make repairs and improvements to practices on existing conservation easements so they will be more resilient to climate change. (\$7.1M)

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Strengthening Partnerships

Permanent Funding for Agency Tribal Liaison

This action aligns with recent laws enacted that codify government-to-government relations and consultation between Minnesota state agencies and Tribal Nations. (\$265K)

Clarify Ability to Work with Tribal Governments

Clarification will extend more opportunities for collaboration to partners outside of BWSR's traditional clientele of local governments.

Natural Resource Block Grant Funding Restoration

These grants are available to Minnesota Counties to implement programs designed to protect and improve water resources via conservation practices such as shoreland restoration and wetland mitigation and enhancement. (\$2.5M)

Support Soil and Water Conservation District Aid

Support Department of Revenue's Proposal to provide direct and specific funding to the state's Soil and Water Conservation Districts.



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