

**Some things should be  
forever...**









# Minnesota Land Trust Mission

We protect and restore Minnesota's most vital natural lands in order to provide wildlife habitat, clean water, outdoor experiences and scenic beauty for generations to come.



Began as Washington  
County Land Trust in  
1991.

Now statewide, with  
over **580** projects. 22  
staff working in  
realms of protection,  
restoration and  
community  
engagement.





# Wildlife Habitat



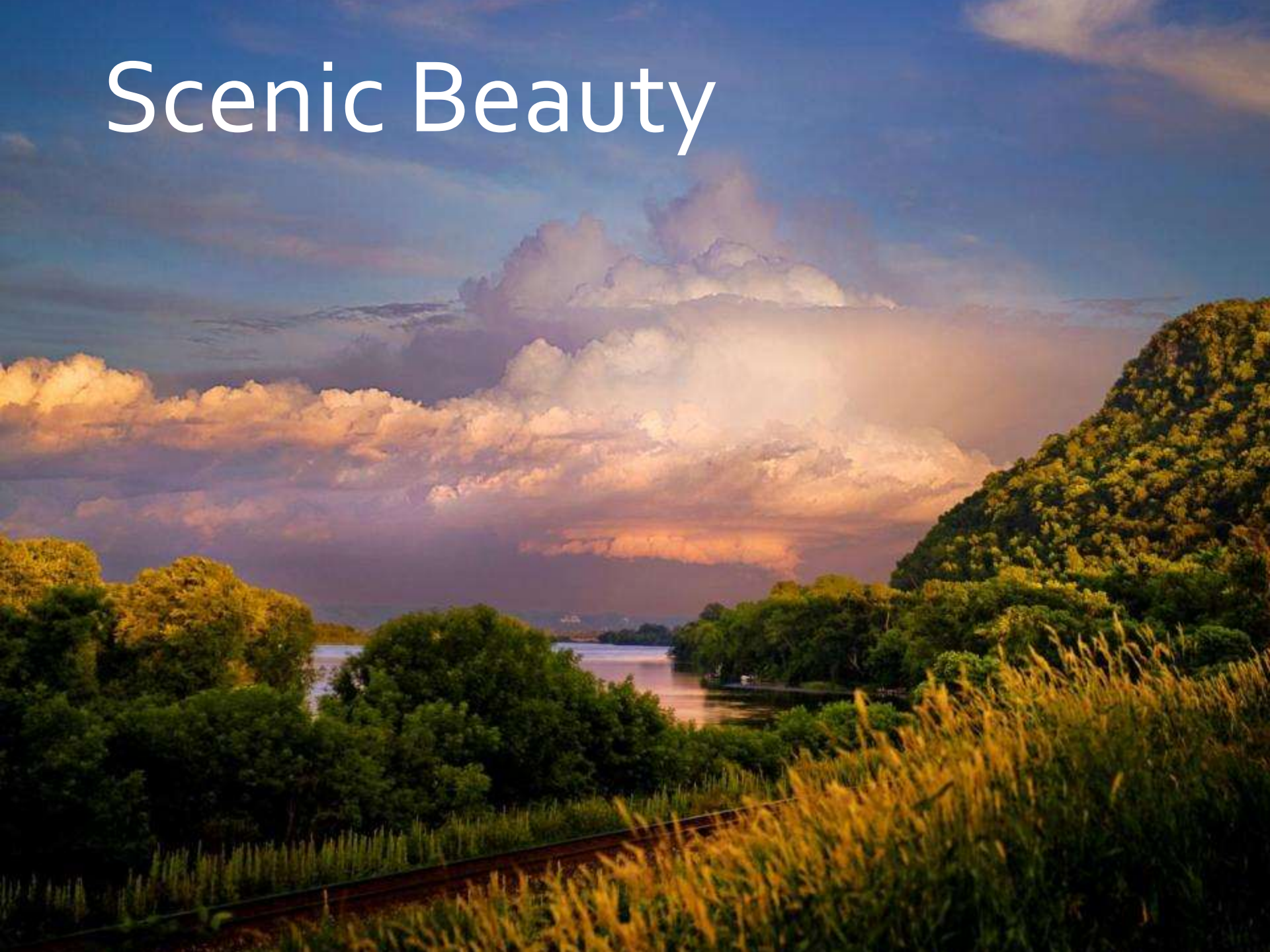




**Clean Water**



# Scenic Beauty





# Places to Play





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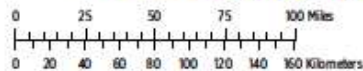
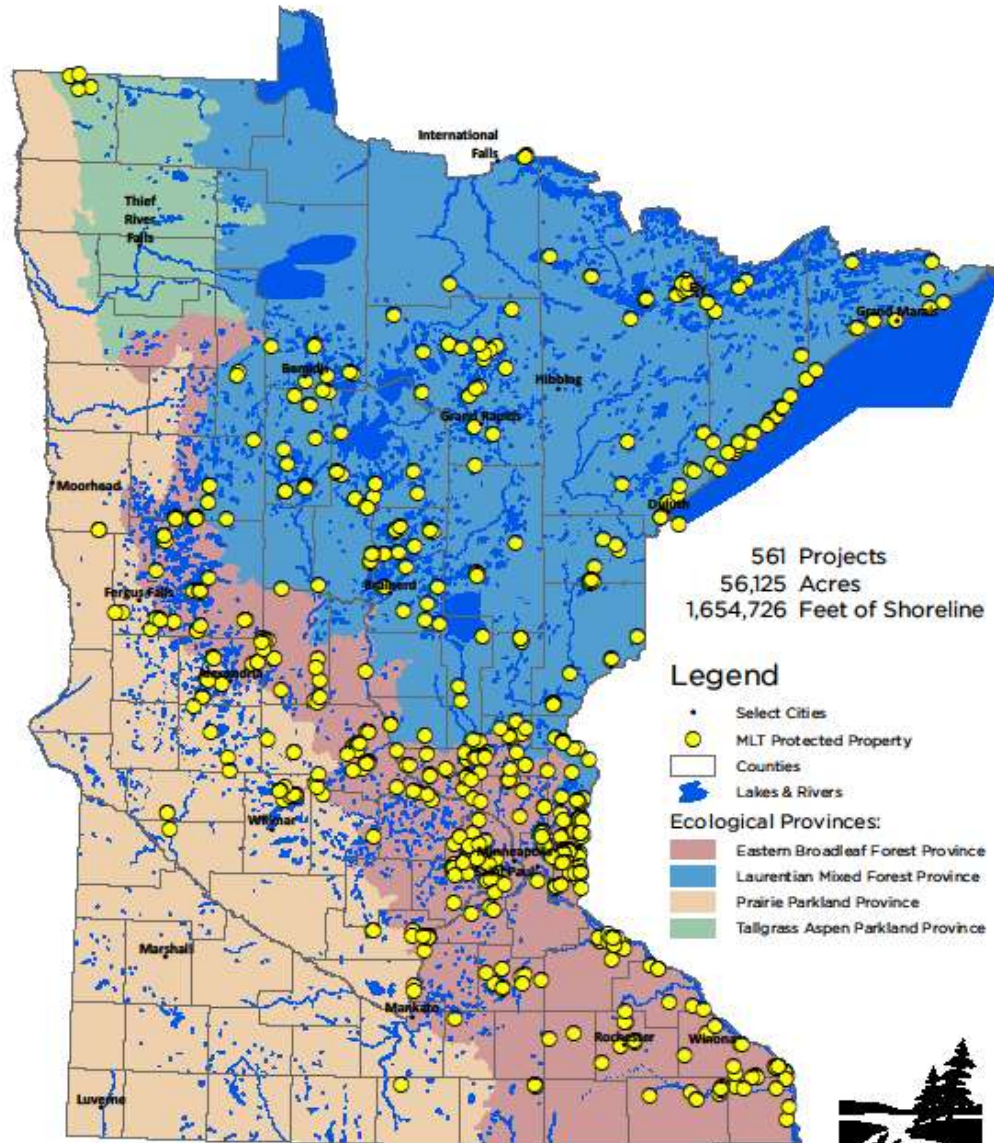


- PROTECT:
  - Permanently preserve land and water resources
- RESTORE:
  - Helping to manage and restore habitat
- ENGAGE:
  - Engage the public to foster a culture of conservation



# MINNESOTA LAND TRUST

Completed Conservation Projects through December 31, 2018





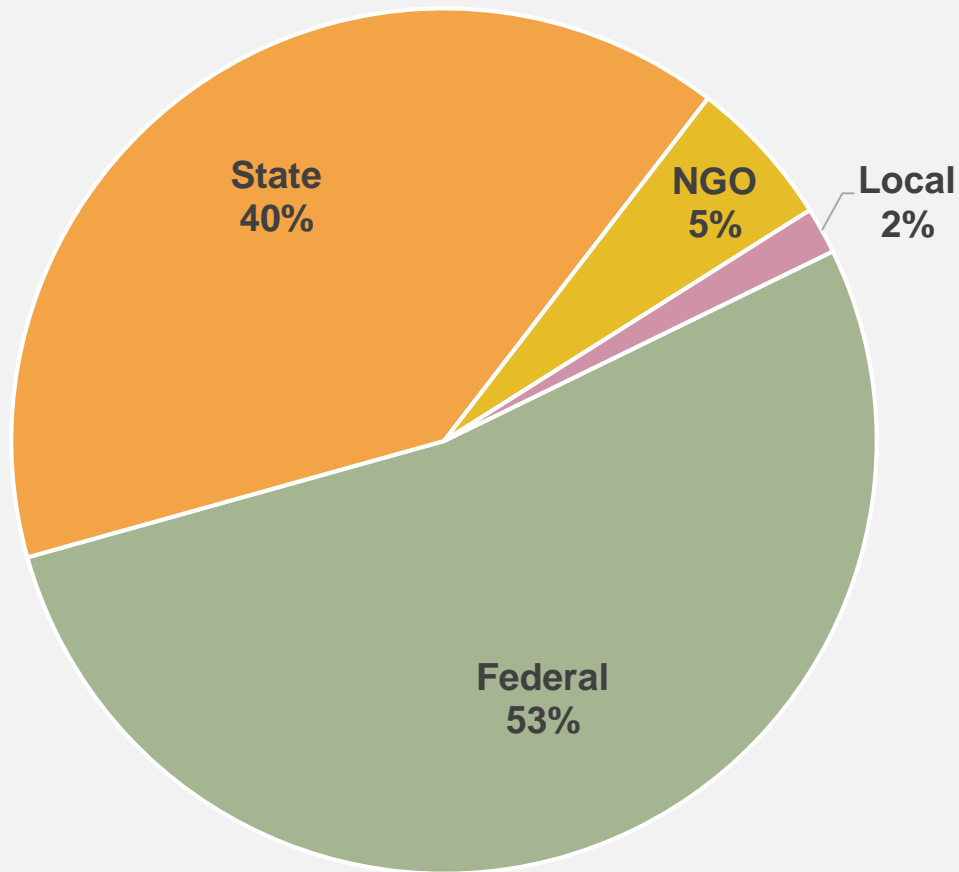
# Conservation Easements

- **PRIVATE LAND:** 75% of Minnesota's landscape is in private ownership.
- **PUBLIC BENEFITS:** Many of MN's most important natural and cultural resources found on *private land*.
- **LANDOWNER GOALS:** Not all landowners willing or able to sell fee title. Not all land appropriate for public ownership.
- **COST EFFECTIVENESS:** Nor is there enough funding to always purchase in fee title.





# Percent of Acres by Holder



Conservation Easements in Minnesota



# Conservation Easements

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Owner and the Trust have voluntarily executed this Amendment to Conservation Easement on the dates set out below.

OWNER:

Thomas G. Armstrong  
Thomas G. Armstrong

December 21, 2002

Jeanne E. Armstrong  
Jeanne E. Armstrong

December 21, 2002

MINNESOTA LAND TRUST

Peter C. Welles

DATE: December 23, 2002

By: PETER C. WELLES

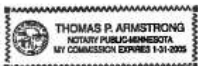
Title: VICE PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
1-28-03  
MOLLY F. O'ROURKE, AUDITOR-TREASURER  
BY Rebecca J. Ault DEPUTY

STATE OF MINNESOTA )  
  ) SS  
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2002, by Thomas G. Armstrong and Jeanne E. Armstrong, husband and wife.

Thomas P. Armstrong  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: 1-31-2005



- Legally binding land use restrictions that preserve the conservation values of the land by restricting its use and development
- Enforced by a separate entity, such as a unit of government or a non-profit organization







# Conservation Easements

Land Trust conservation easements are:

- All different
- Permanent, run with title to the land

## Prohibit:

- Industrial & commercial use
- Development

## Permit:

- Land management, with a plan
- Exclusion of public

## Restrict:

- Division
- Residential use, structures, improvements
- Agriculture, forestry
- Alteration of wetlands, shorelines, vegetation, topography





# Conservation Easements





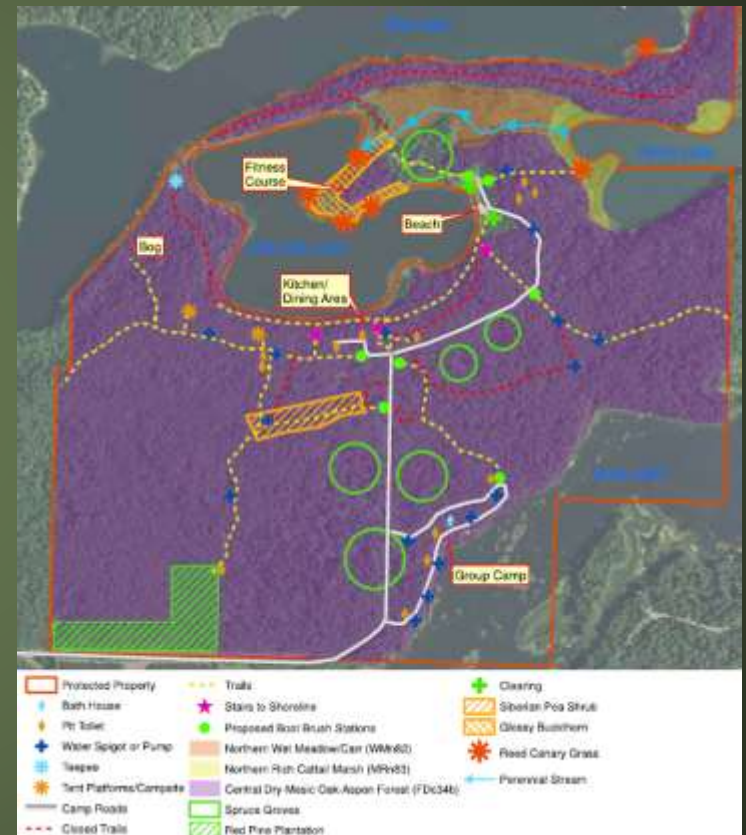
# Protected Land Management





# Protected Land Management

- Responsibility of landowner
- Habitat management plan & detailed action plan approved by Land Trust
- Conservation grazing, timber harvest, mowing, vegetation removal, etc. are permitted in accordance with plan
- Technical & financial assistance; in some cases implementation





# Prairie





# Wetlands







**Forest**



# Thank You

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