

# Clean Water Legacy

After four years of work and two disappointing sessions, the Minnesota Legislature adopted the Clean Water Legacy Act to provide the authority, direction and funding needed to achieve and maintain water quality standards under section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act.

The Legislature appropriated \$15 million from the General Fund and \$9.95 million in bonding to begin implementation of the Act.

A broad coalition of stakeholders brought together by the [Minnesota Environmental Initiative](#) led efforts to secure passage of the bill. You may read the full [conference committee report](#) on the Legacy bill, along with the [House Research summary](#).

A summary of the initial funding the Legislature appropriated is below:

## Clean Water Legacy 2006 Funding

### 1. Supplemental Budget Bill (HF 4162): \$15 million General Fund

- **Pollution Control Agency: \$5.03 million**, with \$1.86 million for assessment and \$3.17 million for total maximum daily load development and implementation plans
- **Public Finance Authority: \$100,000** for administration of the small community wastewater treatment program
- **Agriculture: \$2.4 million**, with \$1.2 million for the Agricultural Best Management Practices loan program and \$400,000 for technical assistance
- **Board of Water and Soil Resources: \$5.84 million**, with \$1.5 million for nonpoint restoration cost-share & incentive payments; \$2 million for nonpoint restoration assistance; \$200,000 reporting on and evaluating soil and water conservation practices; \$730,000 for county individual sewage treatment system programs; and \$1.41 million for grants to support local nonpoint source protection activities
- **Department of Natural Resources: \$1.63 million**, with \$280,000 for statewide assessment of surface water quality and trends; \$500,000 to acquire high priority, sensitive riparian lands; and \$850,000 for forest stewardship activities and technical assistance to local units of government

### 2. Bonding Bill (HF 2959): \$9.31 million General Obligation Bonds

- **Public Finance Authority: \$8.31 million**, with \$5 million for TMDL grants; \$2.31 million for the phosphorus reduction grant program; and \$1 million for the small community wastewater treatment program
- **Board of Water and Soil Resources: \$1 million** for grants to SWCDs for streambank, stream channel, lakeshore and roadside protection and restoration projects

### 3. Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources Reform Bill (SF 2814): \$640,000-Environment & Natural Resources Trust Fund

- **Department of Natural Resources: \$640,000** for acquisition and easements on high-priority, sensitive riparian lands that provide high value for watershed protection

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