



RIM Riparian Buffer Conservation Easements

Improving water quality, reducing soil erosion and establishing wildlife habitat on privately owned lands



Connecting Clean Water and Outdoor Heritage Funds

Through funding from the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment, this program is part of a comprehensive clean water strategy to prevent sediment and nutrients from entering Minnesota's lakes, rivers, and streams; enhance fish and wildlife habitat; protect groundwater and wetlands. Specifically the Riparian Buffer Easement Program and targets creating buffers on riparian lands adjacent to public waters. Through the Reinvest in Minnesota Program (RIM) and in partnership with Soil and Water Conservation Districts and private landowners, permanent conservation easements are purchased and native plant buffers established.



Outcomes:

- + Improved water quality.
- + Reduced soil erosion.
- + Wildlife habitat restoration.

Targeting:

- + Science-based criteria used to identify the highest priority locations.
- + Adjacent to public waters.
- + Currently-enrolled and expiring CRP.

Budget:

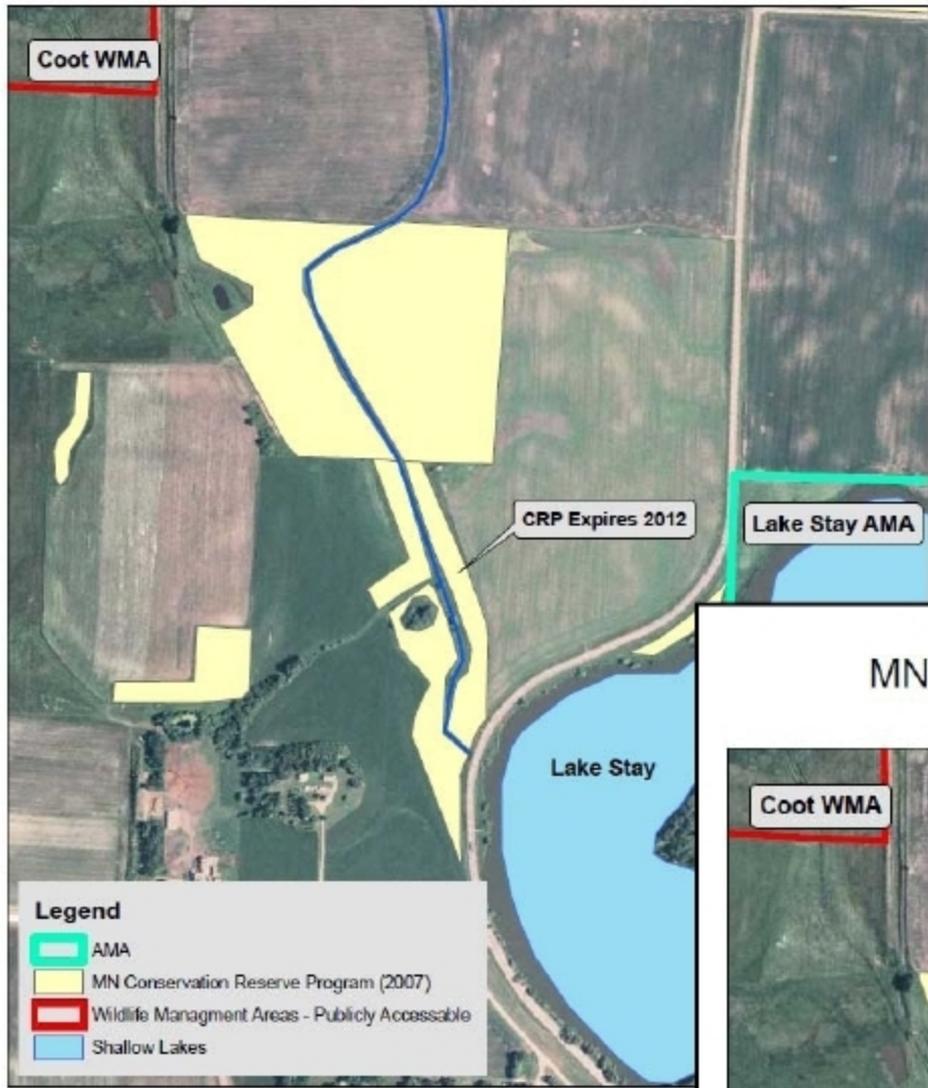
- + \$6.0m from Clean Water Fund - available for each year of the biennium (FY 2012 and 2013); \$2.249m from Outdoor Heritage Fund - available FY 2012 (Prarie Section only).



For more information about RIM Reserve Riparian Conservation Easements, please contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District or visit BWSR's web site: www.bwsr.state.mn.us/easements/buffers



MN Buffers For Wildlife & Water - Before



MN Buffers For Wildlife & Water - After

