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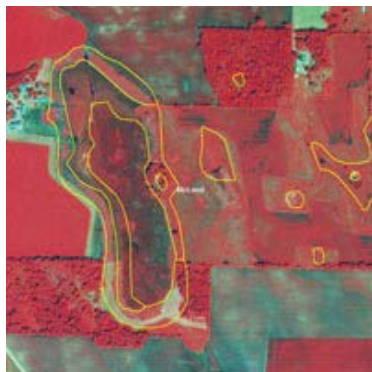
Wetland review and conservation planning

The Division of Ecological and Water Resources' **Wetlands Program** was initiated with the passage of the state **Wetlands Conservation Act (WCA) of 1991** [PDF](#). A key component of the WCA is the development of restored or created wetlands as replacement for wetlands that are drained or filled. In support of the WCA, Ecological and Water Resources has established a wetland review and conservation program to:

- coordinate the review of wetland replacement plans;
- provide technical assistance to local governments and landowners in developing wetland mitigation;
- promote wetland conservation by providing science-based recommendations in the development of state wetland regulations, programs and policies.



Wetland monitoring and mapping



In 2006, a group of state and federal agencies collaboratively developed, "**A Comprehensive Wetland Assessment, Monitoring, and Mapping Strategy for Minnesota**" [PDF](#). This document makes several recommendations for a scientifically sound strategy for monitoring and assessing wetland quantity and quality statewide. The Ecological and Water Resources' Wetlands Program oversees two components of the overall strategy: **wetland status and trends monitoring** and **updating the national wetlands inventory**.

Wetland publications

The Wetlands Program is also responsible for the development of a statewide comprehensive wetlands management plan. The **Minnesota Wetlands Conservation Plan** (V. 1.02, 1997) [PDF](#) sets directions for managing and regulating the state's wetlands and examines way to consolidate the many different existing wetland programs. Other program documents include the **Minnesota Wetland Mitigation Banking Study**, the **Action Planning Workbook**, a **Memorandum of Agreement for Implementation of the Minnesota Wetlands Conservation Plan** and **Wetland Guidance for the Anoka Sandplain**. (Find these on the [wetlands publications page](#).)

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More information about wetlands and wetland programs

- [Basic information about wetlands, wetland types, and benefits from the DNR](#)
- [Additional wetland information from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources](#)  (Wetland Conservation Act, wetland banking, wetland restoration and other programs)