

Transforming infrastructure across Minnesota



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Protecting the environment and human health



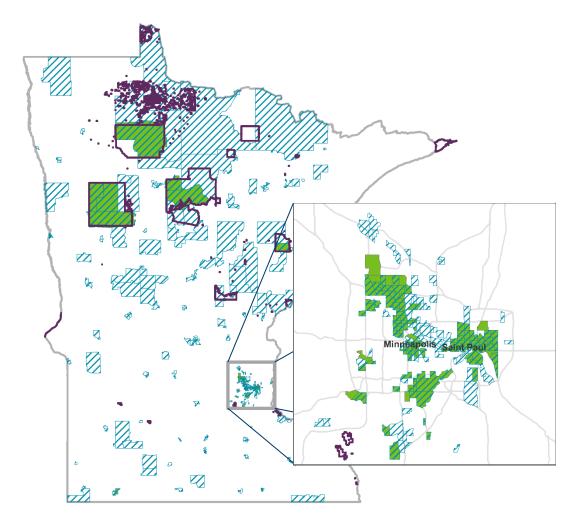
- MPCA protects Minnesotans' air, land, water, and climate
- Regulatory and support roles
- Collaborates with businesses, governments, organizations, tribal nations

Federal infrastructure funding

- \$8 billion to Minnesota
- Funding administered through existing and new state programs
- State role to optimize and innovate to maximize impact of funds
- Complement existing funding sources



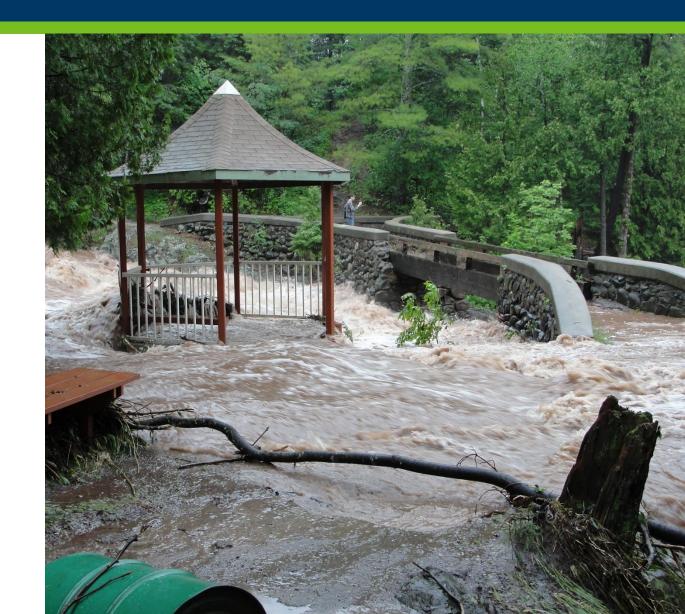
Environmental justice



- Priority of the agency
- Weave environmental justice into funding evaluation
- Ensure access to funding
- 40% or more of residents have household income below 185% of federal poverty level
- **50%** or more people of color
- Tribal areas

Planning for climate challenges

- Climate Action Framework for climate mitigation and adaptation efforts
- Collaborative, data-driven approach
- Resilience Planning Grants will support stormwater projects



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Infrastructure improvements

Environmental justice

Climate resiliency



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