



Climate change 101

Observed changes in Minnesota

Building resiliency & climate adaptation

State and local planning & action

What can you do?

- Reducing your carbon footprint
- Building resiliency on your land and in your yard
 - Lawn alternatives
 - Native landscaping
 - Woodland management

Resources

Climate change = Change in global and regional climate patterns, attributed largely to the increased levels of atmospheric carbon dioxide

https://climate.nasa.gov/

CARBON DIOXIDE

410 parts per million

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Carbon dioxide levels in the air are at their highest in 650,000 years

GLOBAL TEMPERATURE

1.9 °F since 1880

GLOBAL TEMPERATURE

Eighteen of the 19 warmest years on record have occurred since 2001

ARCTIC ICE MINIMUM

12.8 percent per decade

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In 2012, Arctic summer sea ice shrank to the lowest extent on record

ICE SHEETS

Satellite data show that Earth's polar ice sheets are losing mass

ICE SHEETS

413 Gigatonnes per year

SEA LEVEL

Global average sea level has risen nearly 7" (178 mm) over the past 100 vears

SEA LEVEL

3.3 millimeters per year



Minnesota = Warmer and wetter since 1895

- Ave. annual temperature ↑ 2.9F
- Ave. annual precipitation ↑ 3.4 inches

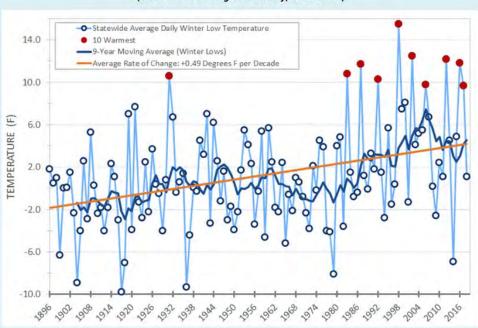
Most warming happening in winter and overnight

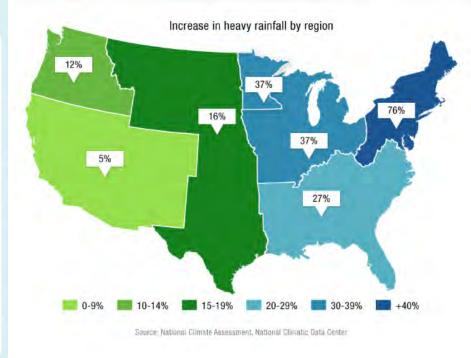
 Since 1970, winter has warmed 13 times faster than summer, and nights have warmed 55% faster than days.

More frequent extreme precipitation events

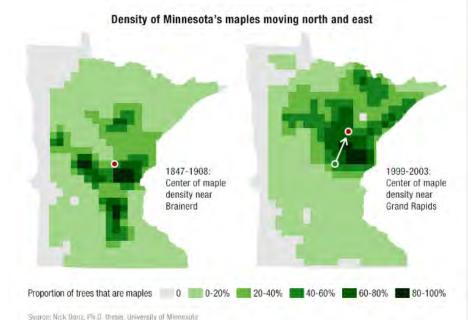
7 catastrophic mega-rain events since 2000
 (6+ inches in 24hrs over an area greater than 100 sq. miles)

Minnesota Average Winter Daily Minimum Temperatures (December through February, 1896-2018)



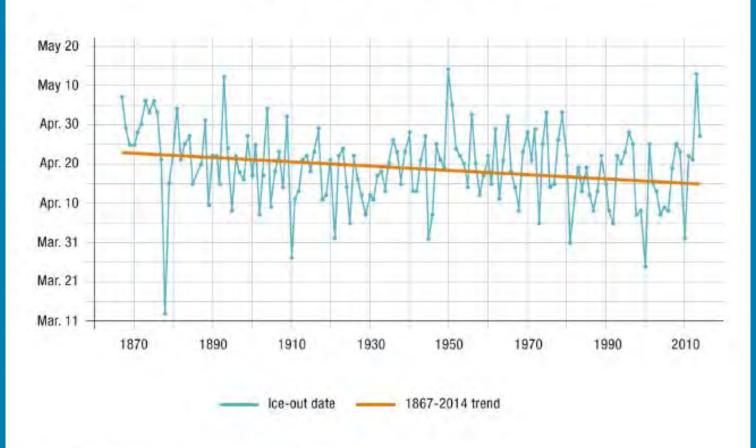






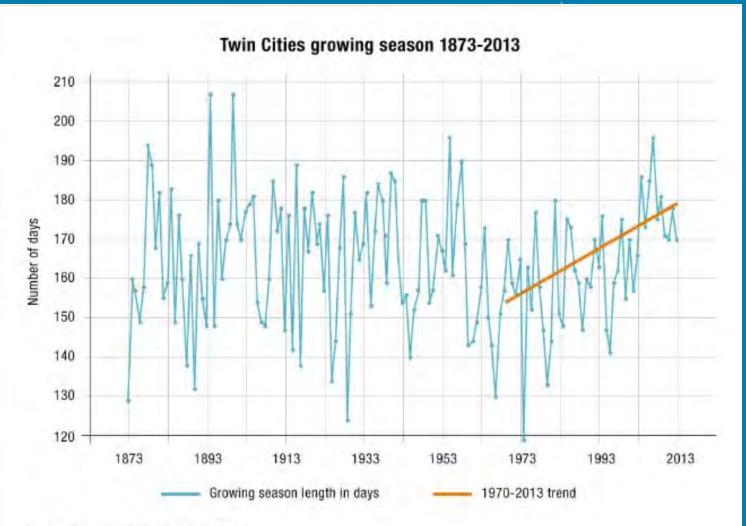
Impact = Ice melts earlier

Ice out on Lake Osakis 1867-2014



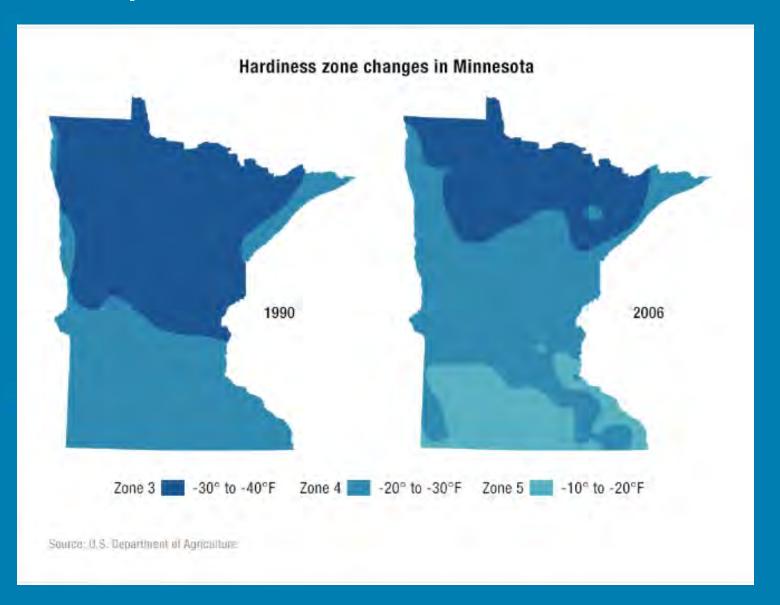
Source: Minn. Department of Natural Resources, State Climatology

Impact = Longer growing season



Source: Midwestern Regional Climate Center

Impact = Hardiness zones move north



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NOAA Atlas 14, Volume 8

- Provides precipitation frequency estimates based on actual data collected over the past 100 years
- Previous guidance developed in 1961
 - More data, better technology, and more weather tracking locations
- MN rainfall ¹ 20-25% for 50 and 100-year storms
- Example: Minneapolis—St. Paul International Airport
 - 50-year rain event: 5.3 inches → 6.4 inches
 - 100-year rain event: 6 inches → 7.5 inches



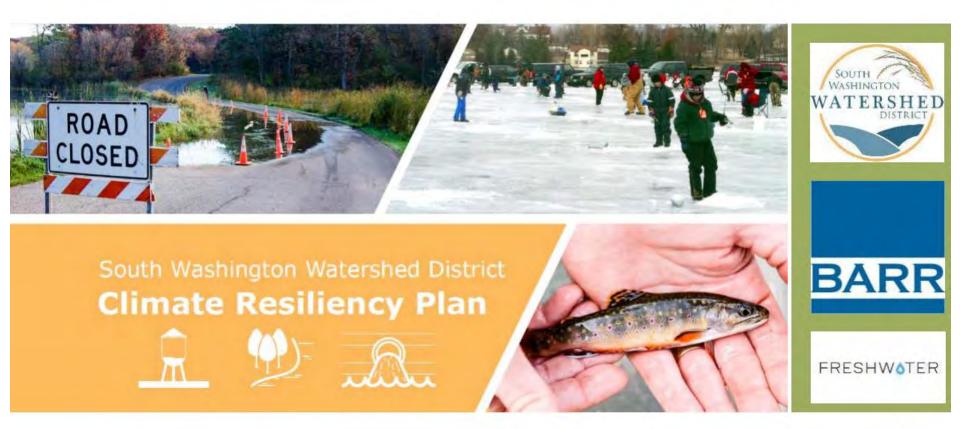
Interagency Climate Adaptation Team

- Agriculture
- Commerce (Division of Energy Resources)
- Health
- Natural Resources
- Pollution Control
- Public Safety (Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management)
- Transportation
- Board of Water and Soil Resources
- Metropolitan Council

Climate Change Adaptation Workgroup

- MN DNR
- MDH
- MN DOT
- MN Pollution Control Agency
- Metropolitan Mosquito Control District
- NOAA
- U.S. Geological Survey
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Cities, Counties, Watershed Management Orgs.
- University of Minnesota
- Nonprofits
- Private sector







https://www.swwdmn.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/FINAL_SWWD-Climate-Resiliency-Plan_3.7.pdf

Community Resiliency Workshops

- 2 workshops in September at Cottage Grove
- About 60 attendees
- Co-sponsored by SWWD and RWMWD
- Mix of education and planning exercises

Communities developed plans to mitigate







Cottage Grove Priorities





- Infrastructure
 - Coordinate emergency response plans
 - Provide backup power
 - Improve stormwater infrastructure
- Societal
 - Communicate with at-risk populations
 - Promote groundwater protection
 - Develop pet emergency response plans
- Natural Resources
 - Promote stormwater treatment and protect wetlands
 - Protect and expand urban forest
 - Improve parks and open spaces



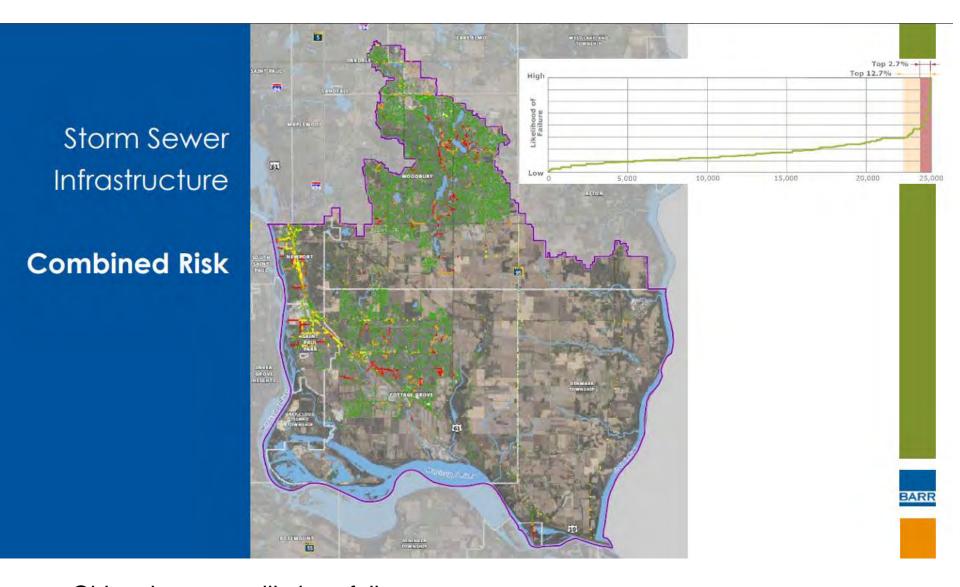




- Infrastructure
 - Develop emergency flood response plans
 - Build resilient stormwater infrastructure
 - Mitigate flood impacts
 - Promote infiltration
- Societal
 - Communicate with at-risk populations
 - Promote groundwater protection
 - Educate public about vector borne diseases
- Natural Resources
 - Reduce chloride loading
 - Identify and stabilize eroding ravines
 - Use resilient plant palette
 - Manage invasives



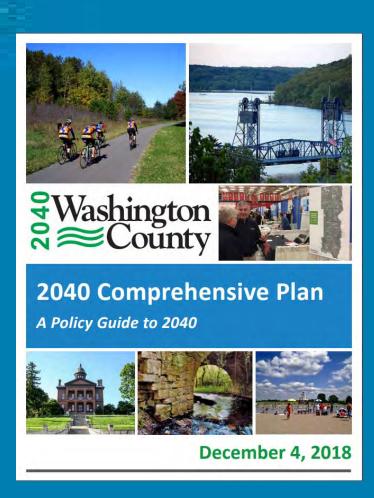




- Older pipes more likely to fail
- Greater risk of consequences along highways and in low-lying areas

Washington County 2040 Comprehensive Plan

- Submitted to Met Council in December 2018
- Expected to be adopted by the county in June 2019



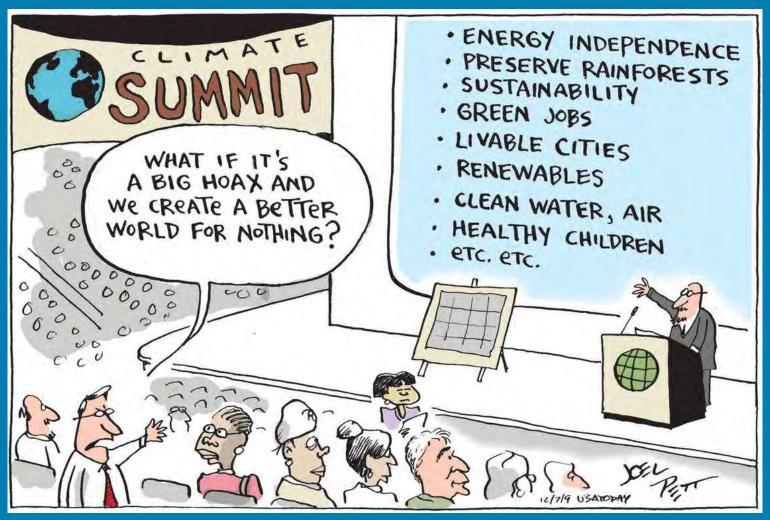
Chapter 9: Resilience and Sustainability

- Hazard Mitigation/Community
 Vulnerability
- Healthy Communities
- Energy
- Solid Waste Management





Reduce your climate footprint

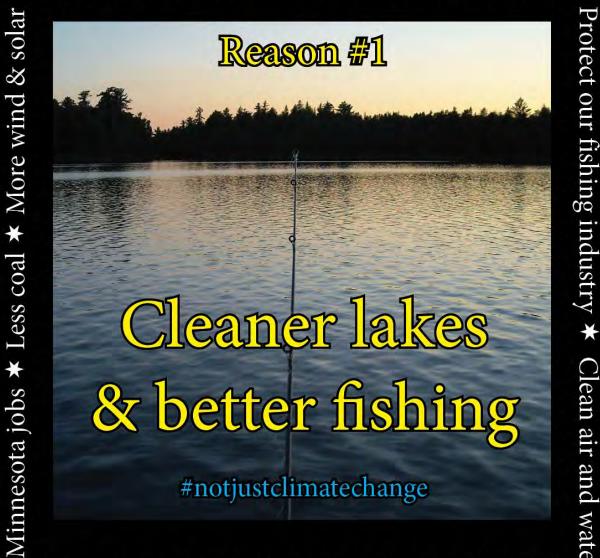


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Protect our

industry *

Clean air and water



Go renewable ★ Keep mercury out of lakes ★

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★ Support renewable energy **★** Wind and solar **★**

Go renewable ★ New jobs for Americans

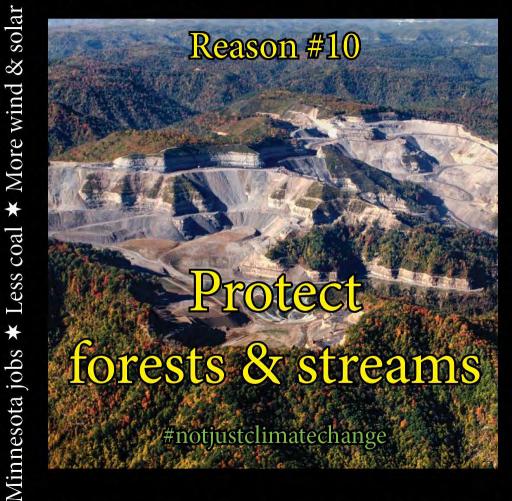


Support clean energy **★** Clean air and water

★High wage jobs **★** Rural employment **★**

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★ Support renewable energy **★** Use less electricity **★**



mountain top removal

★ Clean air and water

Less mining pollution * Reduce clean-up costs *



Building resiliency on your land and in your yard

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- Native landscaping
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40.5 MILLION ACRES OF LAWN IN THE US.

32 million acres is irrigated

**More irrigated <u>lawn</u> than irrigated <u>corn</u>

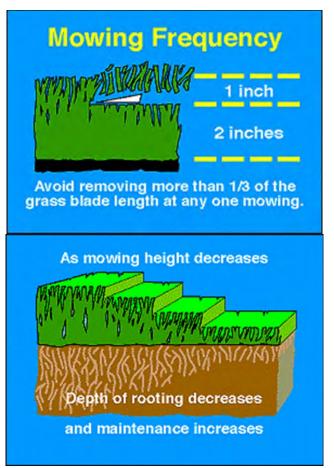
Lawns use:

- 9 billion gallons of water per day
- 3 million tons of fertilizer per year
- 30,000 tons of pesticides per year
- 800 million gallons of gasoline per year
 **17 million gallons of gas spilt each year refilling lawn mowers

Simple, Free Changes

Mow Better

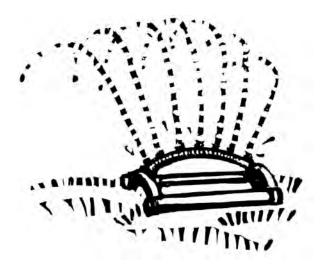
- Mow high 3"
 - To promote deep roots
- Leave your clippings on the lawn
 - FREE fertilizer!
- Mow less frequently or not at all during dry spells
 - Grass has a natural dormancy in winter cold & summer heat
 - More time to play!



Simple, Free Changes

Smart Sprinkling

- Turn off your automatic irrigation system & only turn it on when you need it
- Or invest in an irrigation system with a rain and/or soil sensor.
- Inspect your sprinkler heads to see if they are misting or leaking. Replace them with pressure regulated heads!
- Lawns only need 1" of water per week – <u>Including</u> rain
- We use groundwater for irrigation AND drinking water





UMN Low Maintenance Turf Examples



Fine Fescue mix planted in 2012. No maintenance or irrigation.



No Mow in high traffic area and dense shade.

UMN Research Drought Research



Hard Fescue (top), Fine Fescue (bottom). Mowed to approx



Fine Fescue Drought test.

Fescue Mix with No Spring Mowing



Hard Fescue with seedheads.



Fine Fescue with seedheads

Maintenance Comparison



- Left side was the research plot. Mowed to a ½ inch. Seeded in 2016.
- Right is fine fescue mix receiving mowing twice a year, no herbicide. Approx 3".
 Had almost no weeds!

Why go Low-Mow?

- Negative perceptions of turf all stem from management issues.
 - Uses too much water
 - Depletes soils of nutrients
 - Maintenance uses too much fossil fuels
 - PollutesSurface/groundwater

- A seed mix that meets
 your site conditions and
 proper installation will
 yield a low input lawn.
- Low-Input Characteristics
 - Disease/pest resistance
 - Drought tolerance
 - Slow vertical growth
 - Low fertility needs

Fine Fescue Species for Minnesota

Strong creeping red fescue

- Often mixed with Kentucky bluegrass for partial shade
- · Rhizomatous growth
- Disease problems
- Not as good in heat/drought

Chewings fescue

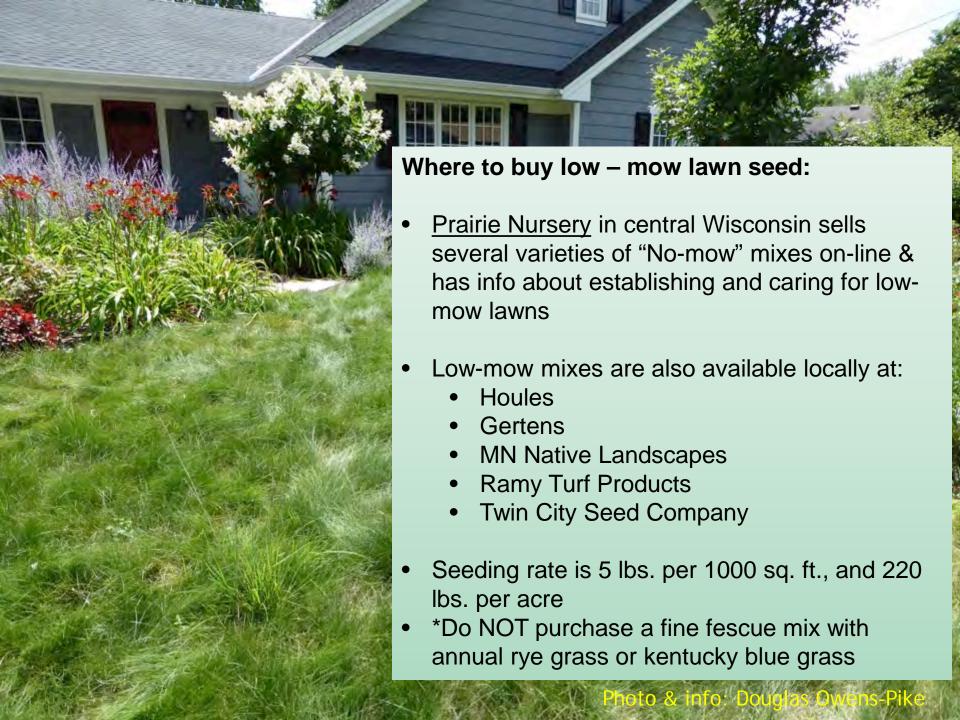
- Excellent density
- Very aggressive
- Summer-stress tolerance
- Snow-mold susceptibility
- Bunch-type

Slender creeping red fescue

- Similar to strong creeping red fescue
- Salt-tolerance

Sheeps fescue

- Slow vertical growth rate
- Lowest input
- Grayish-green color



Installation Tips



Site Prep & Install

- Kentucky bluegrass is your biggest competitor. Kill it well!
- Lightly rake or Aerate the lawn, then broadcast seed. No hydromulch needed.
- Ideal time is LateSeptember-October
- Use a germination blanket to keep seeds moist until they sprout

Maintenance

- Water lightly 4x/day until germination
- Do not over water, this will encourage weeds
- Mow 1x in the spring to deter seedheads.
- Mow 1x in the fall to deter snow mold. Does not tolerate dead material well.









BEE LAWN HOW-TO Let it happen





BEE LAWN – Components Fine Fescue



BEE LAWN FLORAL SPECIES



Self Heal (Prunella vulgaris ssp. lanceolata)



Creeping Thyme (Thymus serpyllum)



Dutch White Clover (Trifolium repens)

BEE LAWN SPECIES: Native Flowers



- Ground Plum (Astragalus crassicaprus)
 - In the legume family. Great for soil health!
 - Good for sunny dry lawns
 - Loved by bumble and mason bees
- Lanceleaf coreopsis (Coreopsis lanceolata)
 - Late spring bloomer
 - Highly visited by long-horned bees
- Calico Aster (Symphyotrichum lateriflorum)
 - Late Fall bloomer
 - Many bees specialize on flowers in the aster family, such as sweat bees!



BEE LAWN Overseeding existing lawn

- Scalp lawn to within 1"
- Rough-up soil with rake
 - Or aerate
- Seed with 3 flower species OR
- Seed with flowers and fescue



BEE LAWN Seeding and care

- Mix seed with an organic fertilizer such as Sustane or Milorganite.
- Water daily, if no rain, for 2 weeks
 - After germination, no additional water (unless an unusual dry spell) or fertilizer needed
- Mow at 3" or higher infrequently to encourage flowers.

Beyond the Lawn

- Shady groundcover
 - Moss
 - Strawberry
 - Wineleaf cinquefoil
 - Violets
 - Wild ginger

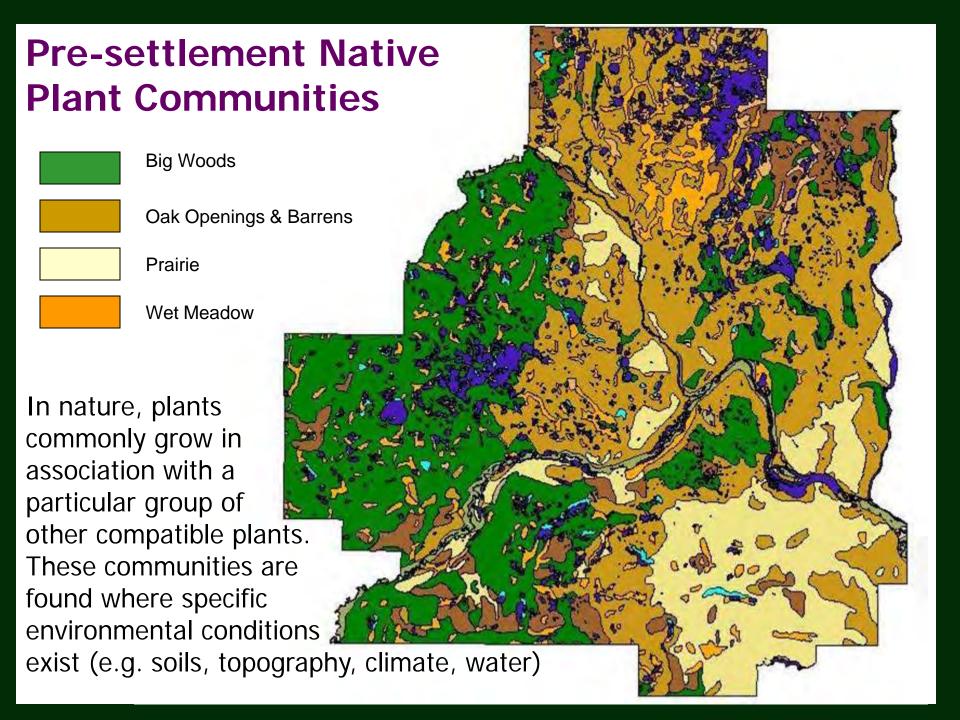




Photo source: Moss lawn www.ecoterralandscape.com

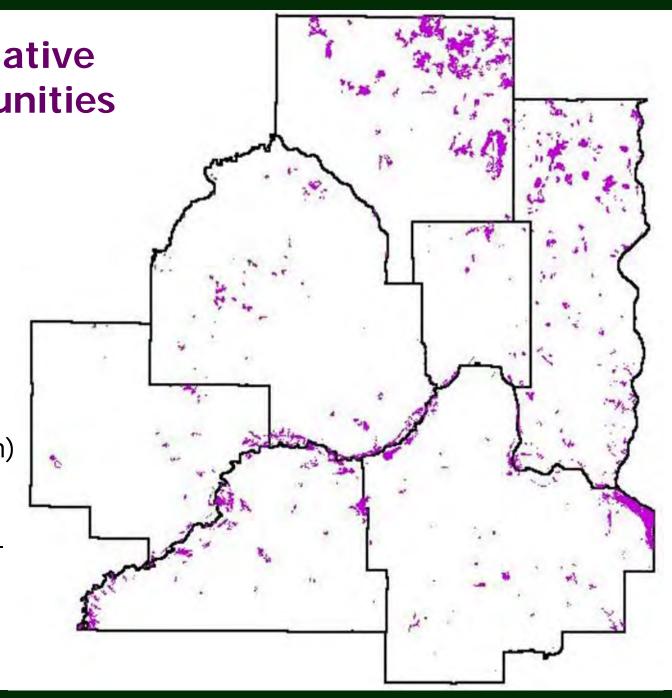




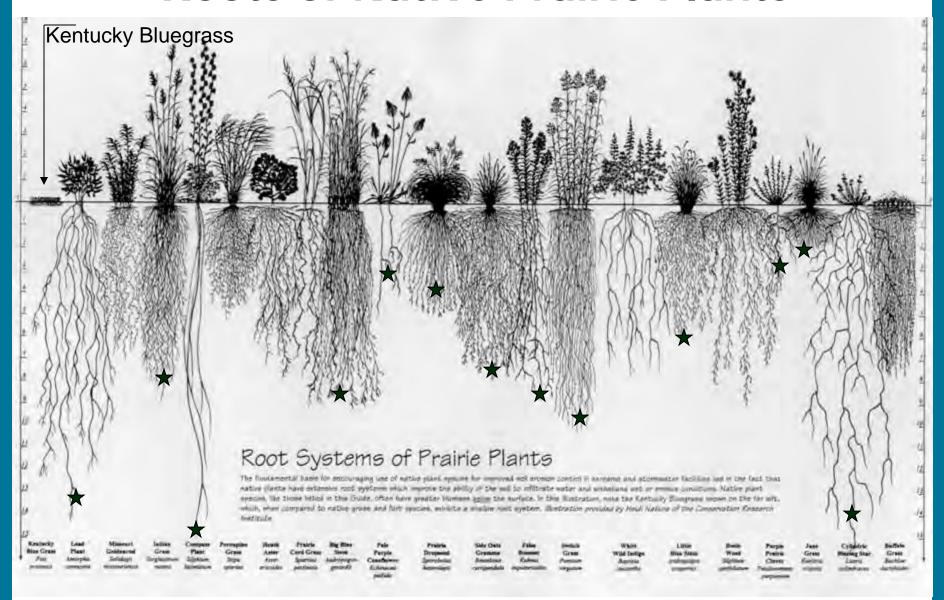




Vegetation removal and soil disturbance (and soil compaction) reduces the amount of runoff absorbed, increasing sediment-laden runoff into lakes, streams & wetlands.



Roots of Native Prairie Plants













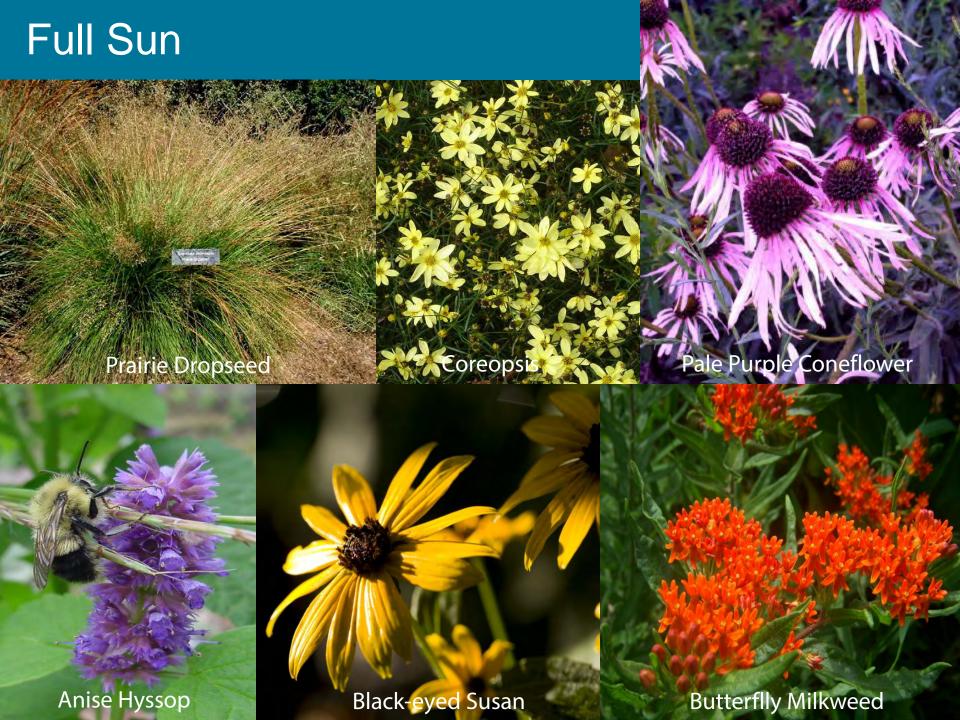






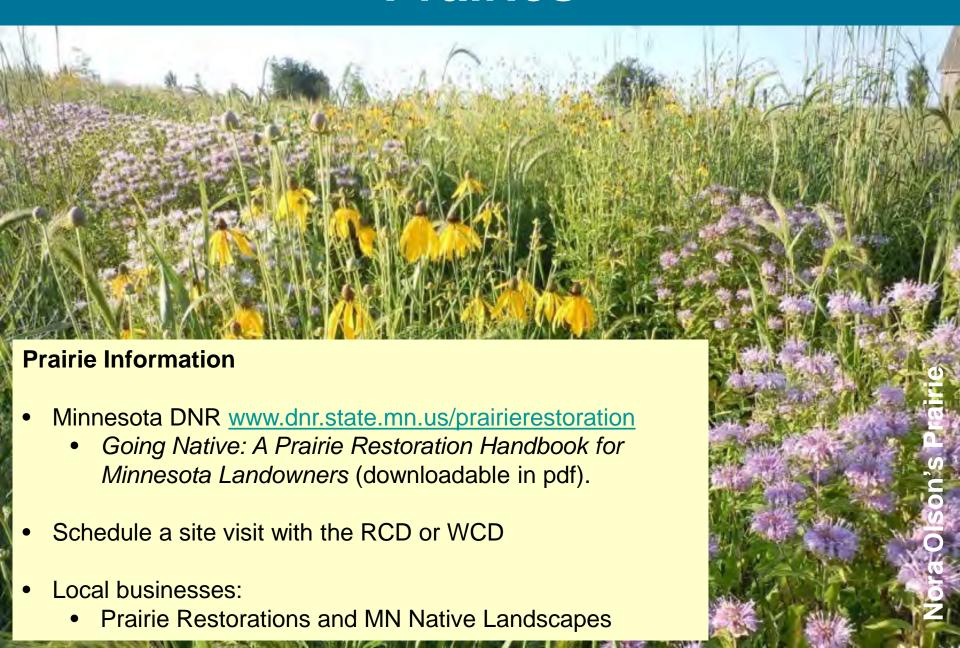








Prairies









Climate Change Field Guide for Northern Minnesota Forests:

Site-level considerations and adaptation







forestadaptation.org/MN_field_guide

MESIC HARDWOOD FOREST

System Characteristics



Mesic Hardwood Forests generally occur on finetextured soils or in areas with dense subsoil layers that retain water. These moist sites are generally protected from fire.



These forests develop dense, continuous canopies of shade-tolerant trees and shade-tolerant understory plants.



Water and nutrient availability follows a relatively predictable annual or seasonal pattern.



Common disturbances are individual canopy gaps or small patches created by wind, disease, or other fine-scale events.



Climate Change Vulnerability

Overall Vulnerability:



Confidence:



Climate Change Impacts: Moderate



Droughts could increase stress in Mesic Hardwood Forests, and also raise the risk of pests, diseases and wildfire on drier sites.



Forest tent caterpillar and other pests may cause more frequent and severe damage in climatestressed forests. New pests such as gypsy moth and Asian longhorned beetle present unknown risks.



Deer populations may increase with warmer winters, which may limit regeneration and the northward expansion of Mesic Hardwood species.



Deciduous forest types may have increased productivity with longer growing seasons and elevated carbon dioxide.



Earthworm activity may make these forests more susceptible to drought stress.

Tree Species Projections

Projected changes for individual tree species across the Laurentian Mixed Forest Province by 2100, under low and high climate scenarios, as modeled by Tree Atlas and LANDIS. Species are presented roughly in order of importance for Mesic Hardwood Forests. Species marked with (+) or (-) have traits that might make them more or less adaptable to future change than indicated by the Tree Atlas model. See <u>Handler et al. (2014)</u> for more detail. The legend for this table is on page 21.

Low Climate Change

High Climate

Species	(PCM B1)		Change (GFDL A1FI)	
	Tree Atlas	LANDIS	Tree Atlas	LANDIS
Sugar maple +	A	A	A	A
American basswood	0	A	A	A
Paper birch	0	_		•
Quaking aspen		V	V	_
Northern red oak +	A	A		
Red maple +	A	A	A	A
Bur oak +		0	A	
Ironwood +	A		A	
Green ash		A	A	A
Black ash -			_	▼
Yellow birch	A	A	_	V
White spruce	_	_	V	▼
Northern white-cedar	*	A	V	•
Eastern white pine	A	A	A	A
White oak +	A		A	A
White oak +			A	

^{*}Projected to increase in the Northern Minnesota Drift & Lake Plains Ecological Section (<u>Lucash et al. 2017</u>).

FORESTED RICH PEATLANI

FORESTED RICH PEATLAND

System Characteristics



Forested Rich Peatlands are conifer-dominated wetlands on deep peat (>15 inches).



These systems exist on large, flat, poorly drained landscapes where the water table is typically below the peat surface and drops during the summer.



Topography is undulating, and hummocks remain dry and aerated enough to support trees and shrubs.



Peat accumulation requires saturated soils, cool conditions, and low oxygen levels to inhibit plant decomposition.



These systems are nutrient-poor, where nutrients typically come from rainfall, runoff from adjacent uplands, and groundwater.



Climate Change Vulnerability

Overall Vulnerability:







Climate Change Impacts: Negative



Forested Rich Peatlands function in a narrow range of water table conditions.



If water tables rise due to intense rainfall or increased precipitation, these systems could convert to open peatlands.



Water table changes may be more likely where roads, drainage ditches, or beaver dams have altered local hydrology



Longer, warmer growing seasons could cause peat to dry and decompose, allowing other forest species to invade.



Sphagnum moss may not tolerate warmer conditions.



Milder winters may increase winterburn or promote more frequent outbreaks of pests like tamarack sawfly and eastern larch beetle.



These systems sometimes occur within a matrix of Fire-Dependent Forests (such as jack pine), increasing wildfire risk if northern Minnesota has a more active wildfire regime in the future.

Resistance: Protect the system from change. Useful when trying to maintain a resource with high economic, cultural, or ecological value in the short-term.

Resilience: Enable the system to rebound to normal conditions after disturbance. Useful with systems and species that can tolerate a wide range of environmental conditions and disturbance.

CHANGE



Transition: Actively encourage change for long-term success. Useful in highly vulnerable systems or when resistance and resilience actions may be too risky.

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	Climate Change			
Species Name	Vulnerability	Tolerates	Risks	
American (Wild) Plum	low-moderate			
American Linden (Basswood)	moderate-high	flooding	drought, Asian longhorned beetle	
Balsam Fir	moderate-high		drought, air pollution	
Black Cherry	high	drought	flooding, air pollution	
Black Spruce	high	flooding	drought	
		drought,	bur oak blight, oak wilt, gypsy	
Bur Oak	low	pollution	moth	
Chokecherry	moderate-high		flooding, black knot	
Common Purple Lilac	moderate			
Eastern Redbud	low-moderate	flooding		
Hazelnut	low	drought		
Norway Spruce	moderate		spruce budworm, flooding	
Ohio Buckeye	low-moderate		Asian longhorned beetle, pollution	
Paper Birch	moderate-high		gypsy moth, drought, pollution	
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Red Maple	low-moderate	flooding	pollution, maple decline	
Red Pine	moderate	flooding	drought, pollution	
Redosier Dogwood	low	flooding		
River Birch	moderate		gypsy moth, Asian longhorned beetle	
Serviceberry (Juneberry)	low		drought, pollution	
Serviceberry (Juneberry)	IOW		drought, pollution	
			Asian longhorned beetle, flooding,	
Sugar Maple	moderate-high		pollution, maple decline	
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Tamarack	moderate	flooding	larch casebearer , larch sawfly	
Washington Hawthorn	low	drought	,	
			Oak wilt, gypsy moth, flooding, air	
White Oak	low-moderate		pollution	
			white pine blister rust, drought, air	
White Pine	moderate-high		pollution	
White Spruce	moderate		spruce budworm	



Resources

Home energy audits

- Xcel Energy
- CenterPoint Energy

WCD site visits for conservation projects

MN DNR Woodland Stewardship Program and grants

Watershed District cost-share grants

Native plant sales – WCD Tree Sale – BlueThumb.org

MN DNR Cost-share for Woodland Owners

Funds available until June 30, 2019

- Reforestation and tree planting
- Removing invasive species such as buckthorn or garlic mustard
- Planting a native prairie to improve habitat for wildlife.
- Woodland stewardship plans

A \$300 payment will be made to the landowner if the following is met:

- The plan is prepared by a <u>DNR approved plan writer.</u>
- The plan is approved by the DNR and registered.
- The landowner applies for financial assistance before the plan is started or while the plan is in progress. Plans already completed before applying for financial assistance are not eligible.

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Need plants?

Master Gardener Plant Sale

- Washington May 19 |11am-3pm:
 - Washington County Fairgrounds

Landscape Revival Native Plant Expo and Market

- June 1 | 9am-1pm Shoreview
 - Shepherd of the Hills, 3920 Victoria St N
- June 8 | 9am-1pm Oakdale City Hall

And many local native nurseries! Visit your local Wild Ones chapter website for more information.

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1 Blazing Star Gardens

d, I, m Phone: 507-402-8337 Email: blazingstargardens@gmail.com Web: www.blazingstargardens.com

2 Boreal Natives

3943 Munger Shaw Road, Cloquet, MN 55720 Phone: 218-729-7001 Email: borealnatives@prairieresto.com Web: prairieresto.com/boreal_natives.shtml

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3 Sogn Valley Farm

Phone: 763-614-8853 Email: dana@sognvalleyfarm.com Web: www.sognvalleyfarm.com

Purchase at events & St. Paul Farmers' Market

4 Ecoscapes Sustainable Landscaping

Phone: 612-965-0848 Email: info@ecoscapes1.com Web: www.ecoscapes1.com

5 Glacial Ridge Growers

Phone: 320-634-0136 Email: glacridgegrowers@aol.com Web: www.glacialridgegrowers.com St. Paul Farmers' Market on Saturdays

6 Shoreview Natives

1185 Shoreview Rd, Two Harbors, MN 55616 Phone: 218-341-5286 d, i Email: shoreviewnatives@gmail.com Web: www.shoreviewnatives.com

7 Landscape Alternatives

25316 St. Croix Trail, Shafer, MN 55074 Phone: 651-257-4460 Email: landscapealt@frontiernet.net Web: www.landscapealternatives.com

8 MN Native Landscapes

8740 77th St NE, Otsego, MN 55362 Phone: 763-295-0010 d, I, m Email: bre@mnlcorp.com Web: www.mnnativelandscapes.com

9 Morning Sku Greenery

44804 East Highway 28, Morris, MN 56267 Phone: 320-795-6234 Email: info@morningskygreenery.com Web: www.morningskygreenery.com

10 Natural Share Technologies

1480 Cty Rd 90, Maple Plain, MN (new location) Phone: 612-703-7581 Email: Rob.l@naturalshore.com d, I, m

Web: www.naturalshore.com

31646 128th St NW, Princeton, MN 55371 21120 Ozark Court North, Scandia, MN 55012 Phone: 800-837-5986

Email: info@prairieresto.com Web: www.prairieresto.com

16 Native Sun Seeds and Plants

St. Croix Valley, MN website-listed events. Phone: 651-318-8667 Email: nativesunseedsandplants@gmail.com Web: www.nativesunseedsandplants.com

11 Naturally Wild

Phone: 612-922-9279 Email: info@naturallywildflowers.com Web: www.naturallywildflowers.com Purchase at website-listed events.

12 Out Back Nurseru

15280 110th St S, Hastings, MN 55033 Phone: 651-438-2771 d, i, m Email: sales@outbacknursery.com Web: www.outbacknursery.com

13 BluPrairie Native Plant Nurseru

12975 32nd St, Watertown, MN 55388 Phone: 612-720-7941 Email: jdanie@bluprairie.com Web: www.bluprairie.com

14 Prairie Moon Nursery

32115 Prairie Lane, Winona, MN 55987 Phone: 866-417-8156

Email: info@prairiemoon.com Web: www.prairiemoon.com

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Purchase online or at

17 Shooting Star Native Seeds

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Phone: 888-983-3670 Email: info@ssns.co

SYMBOLS d: Design Services i: Installation Services m: Maintenance Services

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19 Dragonfly Gardens

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21 Kinnickinnic Natives

235 State Road 65, River Falls, WI 54022 Phone: 715 425 7605 or 715 222 6910 Email: whuhnke@dishup.us

Web: www.kinninatives.com

22 Leaning Pine Natives

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