



Landowner Opportunities for Permanent Protection

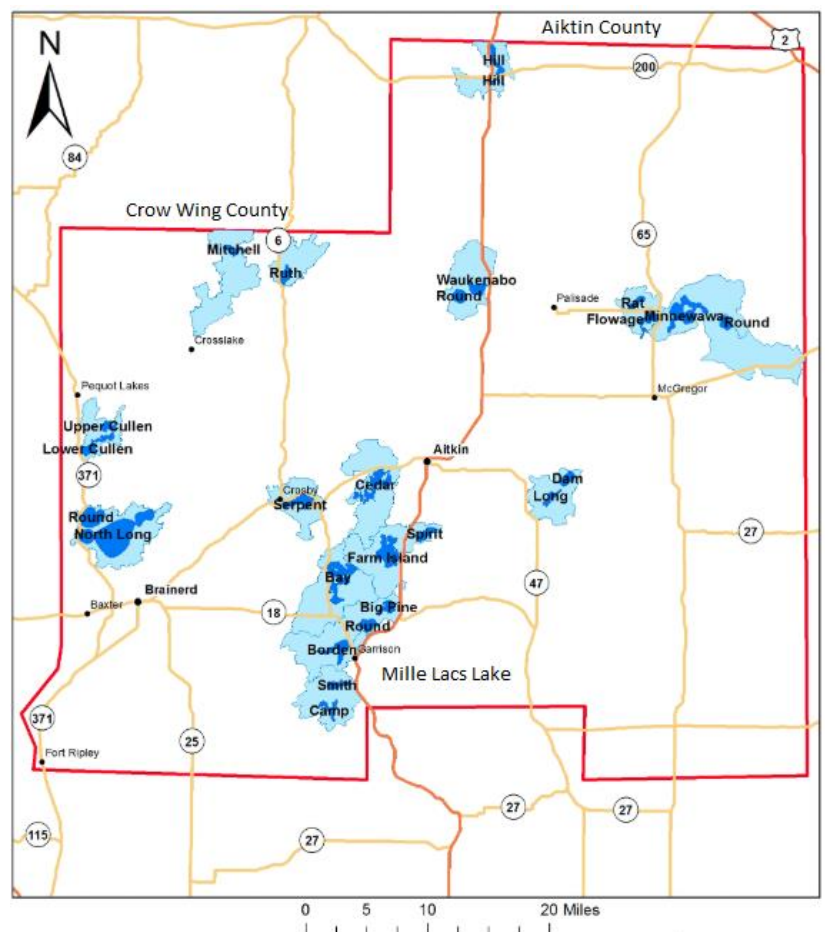
RIM Conservation Easements

Protection efforts are currently underway in central MN with permanent and long-term options for landowners. Have you ever heard of a Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) Conservation Easement?! RIM Easements mean permanent land protection from housing development or subdivision. These areas are different from public lands in that they are still privately owned, keeping property on the tax-roll and are meant to maintain forest or grass-land management. Specific waterbodies and watersheds with higher concern for either drinking water or habitat preservation are the target. Current incentives for landowners to participate include a one-time 60% payment of the current county assessed land value. Most easement programs require a minimum enrollment size of 10 acres. Applications are ranked according to habitat values, shoreline length, public land adjacency & other professional criteria.

One of the specific grants available through The Crow Wing & Aitkin Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs), funded in-kind by The Environmental and Natural Resource Trust Fund, is *The Protection of North Central Lakes Grant*. This grant focuses on the following Minor Watersheds: Round-Big Pine, Dam-Long, Round, Waukenabo-Round, Spirit-Farm Island, Minnewawa, Cedar, Rat-Flowage, Hill Lake, Camp-Smith, Borden, Ruth, Serpent, North Long-Round, Mitchell, Cullen Chain, and Bay. This project is set to complete approximately 10 permanent conservation easements, 12 forest management plans, and 6 best management practices (on RIM or public lands only).

Call Sheila Boldt at 218-828-6197 or email sheila.boldt@crowwingswcd.org for more information about this and other local easement programs.

For more information about this program and many others please visit our website: <https://crowwingswcd.org/lccmr-easement-and-forestry-grant/>



Protecting N-Central MN Lakes

3 Conservation Options Through This Grant:

Crow Wing & Aitkin Counties



1. Forestry Plan



- ✓ SWCD will cover stewardship plan
 - \$200 + \$6.50/acre covered (New & Updating Plans)
 - ✓ Landowner pays to register DNR \$50
 - ✓ Landowner pays to record SFIA covenant (\$46)
- *In order for us to pay for the stewardship plan, this grant requires you to either enroll into SFIA or a RIM Easement*

2. Projects



- ✓ Cost-share 50% of a project
 - Choose from list of BMPs (Best Management Practice)
- ✓ Permanently protected land only
 - RIM Easement
 - Permanent Protection Program
 - Public Land

3. RIM Easements



- ✓ Payment is 60% of the land value
 - Current county EMV (Estimated Market Value)
- ✓ One-time taxable payment
- ✓ Retain full ownership (not public)
- ✓ The land remains on local tax rolls
- ✓ Legacy protection of land and water
- ✓ 10+ acres

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