

# Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) Reserve Program

The Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) Reserve Program strives to protect and improve water quality by encouraging landowners to retire environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production. The program reimburses landowners for enrolling their land in a permanent conservation easement, and then provides assistance to restore the area to grass, trees, or wetlands. Other benefits of the program include reduced soil erosion and sedimentation, enhanced fish and wildlife habitat, flood control and groundwater recharge.

The program is managed on the state level by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR), the soil and water conservation districts (SWCD's) implement the program in their perspective county.

## ***Eligible lands:***

**Riparian lands:** lands adjacent to public waters, drainage systems, wetlands or locally designated priority waters identified in a comprehensive local water management plan.

**Wetland restoration areas:** lands containing legally drained wetlands that are feasible to restore to their pre-drainage condition.

**Other environmentally sensitive lands:** lands which provide protection of water and soil resources and important fish and wildlife habitat.