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## Conservation Notes

*Current topics and issues affecting hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation in our North Dakota.*

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### Look What The Neighbors Are Doing

On November 4, 2008, voters in Minnesota approved the **Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment**, to enhance the environmental quality of their State. The amendment added an additional 3/8ths of 1% to the state's sales tax. The funds generated provide for funding Outdoor Heritage (receives 33 %), Clean Water projects (33 %), Parks and Trails (14.25 %), and Arts and Cultural Heritage (19.75 %). To date the Outdoor Heritage portion of the CWLL has received \$ 230 million and completed 400+ projects on over 278,000 acres in Minnesota. These projects all restore, protect or enhance wetlands, forests, and wildlife habitats and are open to public recreation for the benefit of Minnesota citizens.

This proactive effort by the Minnesota citizens will have long term benefits for their state. If North Dakota made a similar effort, it would go a long way towards solving the habitat and access issues discussed in last month's CN about recruitment, retention, and reactivation challenges.

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