

# What is dedicated funding in MN?

- Constitutional Amendment
- Passed November 4, 2008 – 60%
- Started July 1, 2009 with a 2034 sunset
- The people VOTED to raise their taxes
- 3/8 of 1% tax increase
- Raise ~ \$300M / yr with about \$100m for wildlife, \$100M for clean water, \$45M for parks & trails, \$55M for arts.



# Dedicated Funding Timeline

Early

- 1994 - MOHA
- 1998 – Right to Hunt Constitutional Amendment
- 1999 – 1<sup>st</sup> Dedicated Funding Bill, 1/8<sup>th</sup> existing

2000-03

- Moved in Senate
- Parks and Trails added
- 3/16<sup>th</sup>, existing
- DOMA

2004-05

- Failed in Conf Cmte – chair blamed & not re-elected
- MN Wetlands Rally
- Clean Water Added – 3/8ths

2006-07

- Failed in Conf – time ran out
- Arts Added
- 3/8<sup>th</sup>, new sales tax

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- Pass ballot measure
- Commission statute
- Pie included in language

Nov 08

- Vote passes 60% majority
- 3/8ths, tax increase
- Water, Wildlife, Arts

# MN – How the money gets spent

## MN Dedicated Funding Propotions

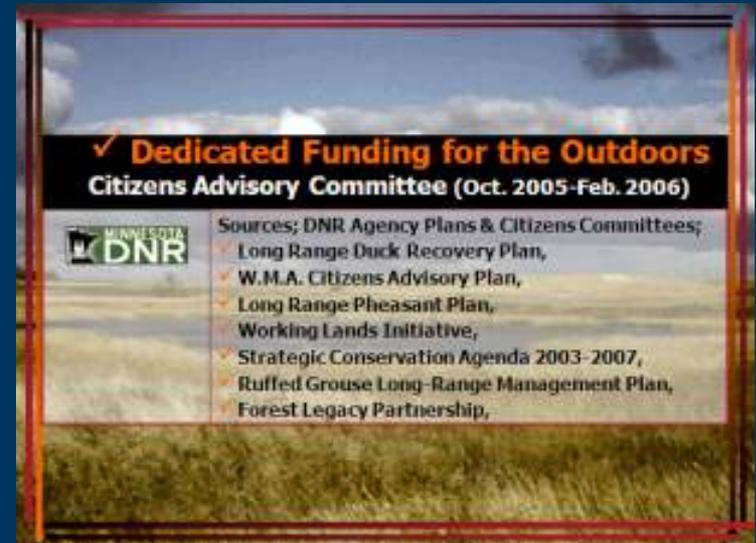


- Outdoor Heritage
- Clean Water
- Parks and Trails
- Arts & Culture

- Outdoor Heritage Fund: spent only to restore, protect, and enhance wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for game fish and wildlife.
- Broad Partnership Needed
- Estimated \$80 M in FY2010, \$91M in 2011; actual was \$69.5M in 2010.
- 12 member (8 citizen, 4 legislator) council makes recommendations for spending

# MN – Lessons Learned

- Sustained effort – many battles (10 years!)
- Widely recognized need, professionally and in the public – education necessary
- Broad partnership for political support
- Ever changing (type of revenue, pie)
- Citizen oversight key
- Only one possible model



# Call to action

- State Fair Information Booth
- Banquet Postcards or Phone calls
- Outdoor Media Attention