A 25-year legacy for the state of Minnesota
Phase 1: The legislature
Vision, commitment, strategy
Ten years later...

Minnesota Session Laws
Key: (1) language to be deleted (2) new language

2008, Regular Session

CHAPTER 151 -- H.F.No. 2285
An act
relating to constitutional amendments; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article XI; increasing the sales tax rate by three-eighths of one percent and dedicating the receipts for natural resource and cultural heritage purposes; creating an outdoor heritage fund; creating a parks and trails fund; creating a clean water fund; creating an arts and cultural heritage fund.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA
Phase 2: The public campaign
The coalition …

- Conservation
- Hunting
- Environment
- Arts

350 organizations and groups
VOTE YES ✅

PROTECT THE MINNESOTA YOU LOVE
The question …

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
CLEAN WATER, WILDLIFE, CULTURAL HERITAGE, AND NATURAL AREAS

Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to dedicate funding to protect our drinking water sources; to protect, enhance, and restore our wetlands, prairies, forests, and fish, game, and wildlife habitat; to preserve our arts and cultural heritage; to support our parks and trails; and to protect, enhance, and restore our lakes, rivers, streams, and groundwater by increasing the sales and use tax rate beginning July 1, 2009, by three-eighths of one percent on taxable sales until the year 2034?
The answer …

Statewide Results for Constitutional Amendment

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Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment

In November 2008, Minnesotans passed the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment.

As a result, over the next twenty-five years, 3/8 of one percent of the state’s sales tax will be dedicated as follows:

- 33% to a clean water fund,
- 33% to an outdoor heritage fund,
- 14.25% to a parks and trails fund, and
- 19.75% to an arts and cultural heritage fund.
Arts and cultural heritage fund

… may be spent only for arts, arts education, and arts access and to preserve Minnesota’s history and cultural heritage.”
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