

# Wild Rice Shoreland Protection Project

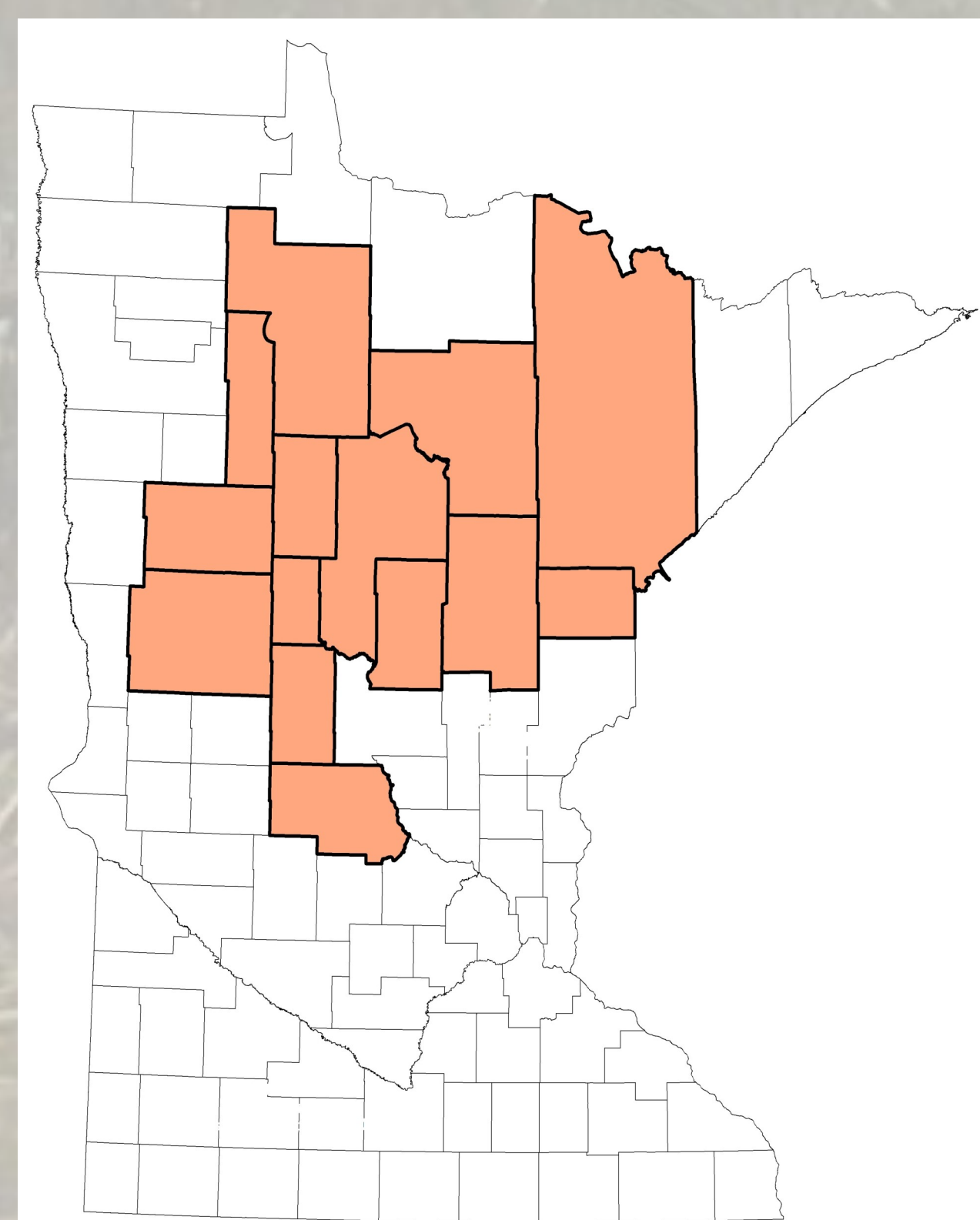
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## Introduction

Wild rice provides important wildlife habitat and recreation opportunities. Shoreline development trends threaten wild rice habitat. This program was created to provide conservation easement and acquisition options for private landowners on wild rice waters.

## Methods

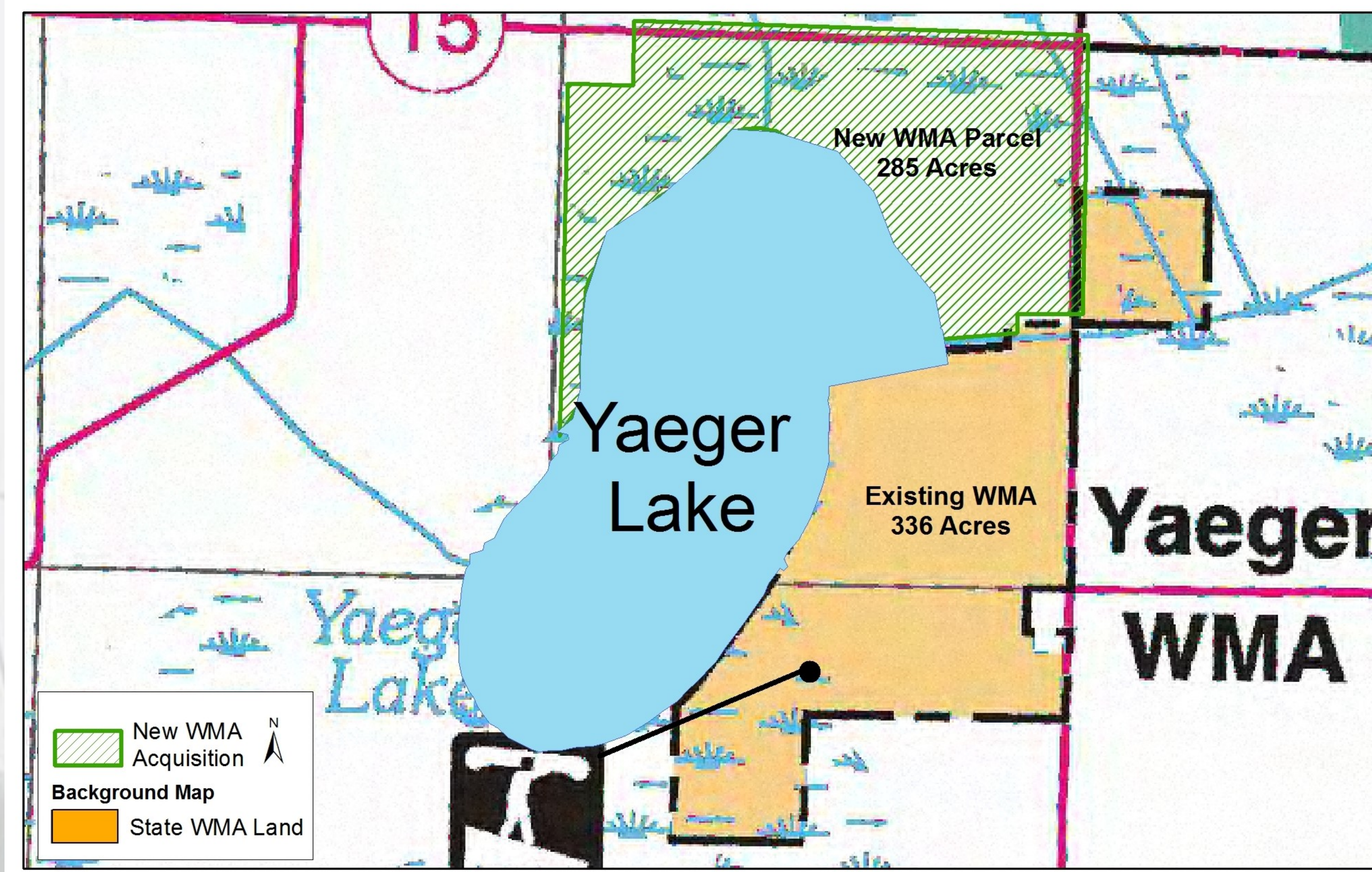
Fourteen counties spanning the heart of the wild rice range were identified. DNR developed a list of rice waters in each county. Waters were ranked as high, medium or low based on rice abundance and easement potential. Parcel applications are scored for amount of shoreline, development risk, surround land use, and other criteria.



Ranking Scheme	Definition
100	Parcel for which the landowner has a valid title (100%)
90	Parcel for which the landowner has a valid title (90%)
80	Parcel for which the landowner has a valid title (80%)
70	Parcel for which the landowner has a valid title (70%)
60	Parcel for which the landowner has a valid title (60%)
50	Parcel for which the landowner has a valid title (50%)
40	Parcel for which the landowner has a valid title (40%)
30	Parcel for which the landowner has a valid title (30%)
20	Parcel for which the landowner has a valid title (20%)
10	Parcel for which the landowner has a valid title (10%)
0	Parcel for which the landowner does not have a valid title

## Results

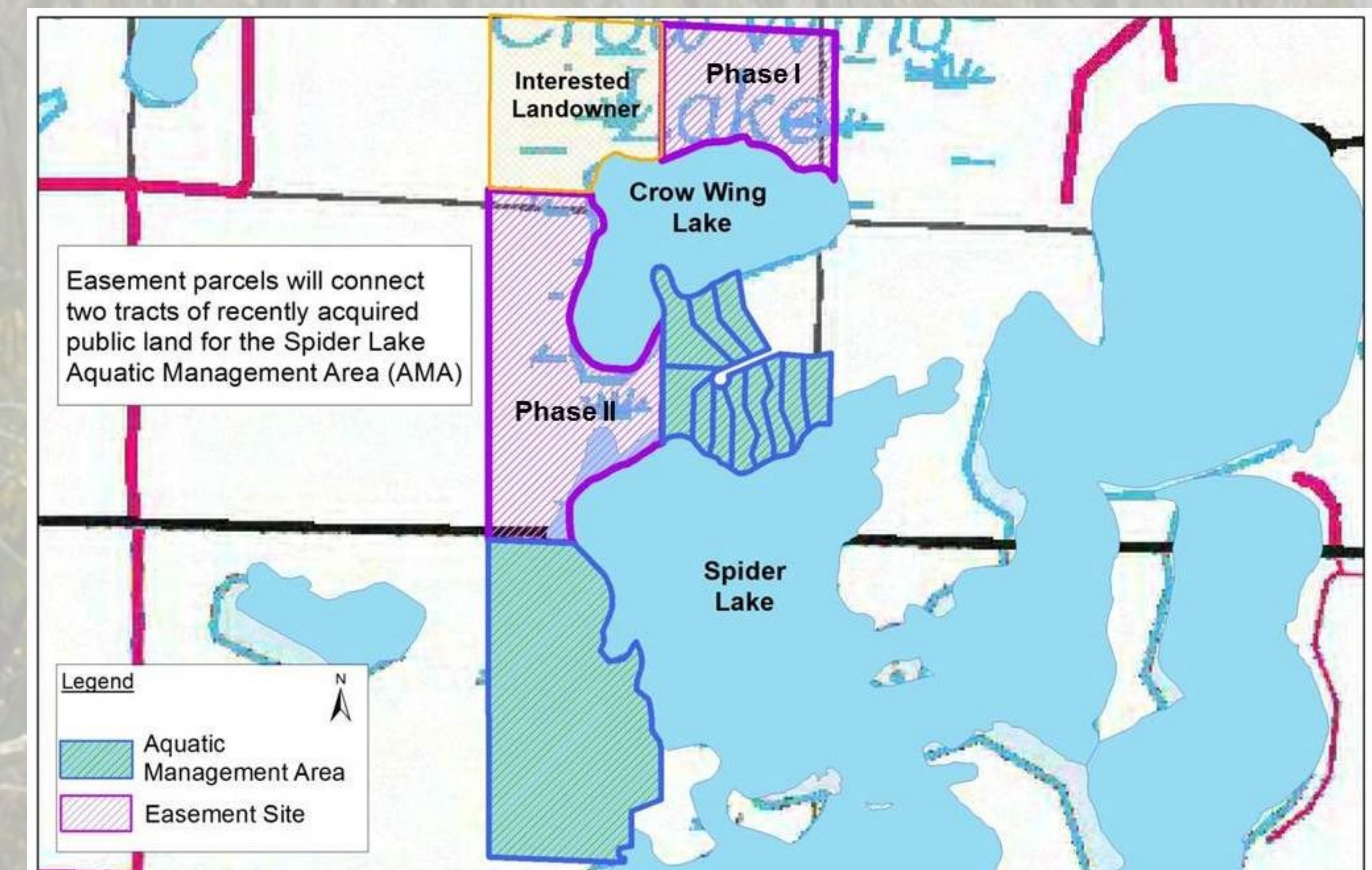
Since 2010, 6,634 acres of wild rice shoreland protected.



Brockway Lake, Cass County - conservation easement



Mallard Lake, Aitkin County - conservation easement



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