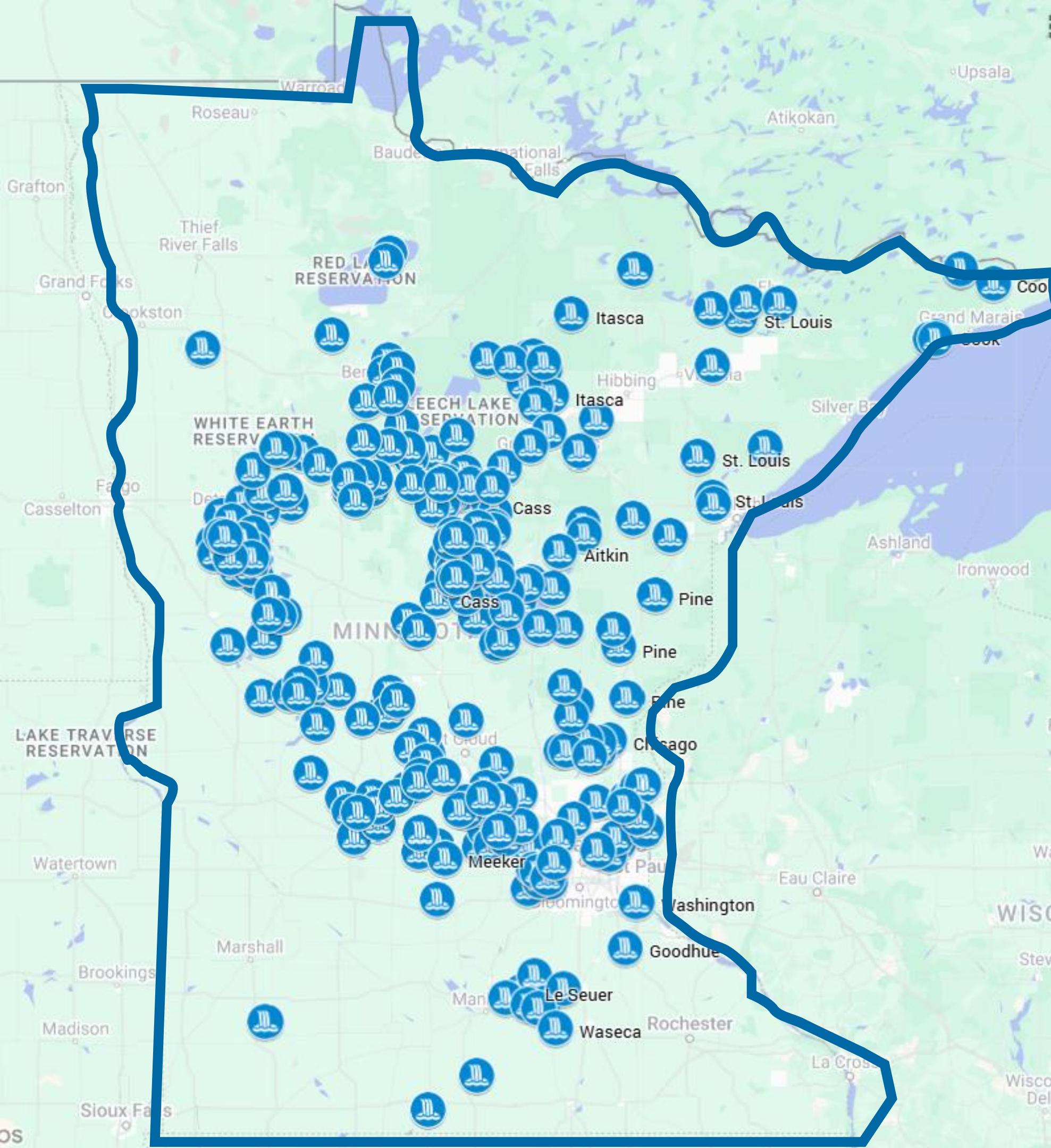


A photograph of two children, a boy and a girl, jumping off a wooden dock into a lake. They are both mid-air, arms raised in excitement. The lake is calm with a forested shoreline in the background. The sky is clear and blue.

Protecting  
Minnesota's lake  
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since 1994

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**MLR began in 1994 lobbying for fair lakefront property taxes. Today, with two registered lobbyists, MLR supports policies that help lake associations manage aquatic invasive species, protect natural shorelines, and preserve Minnesota's lake heritage.**

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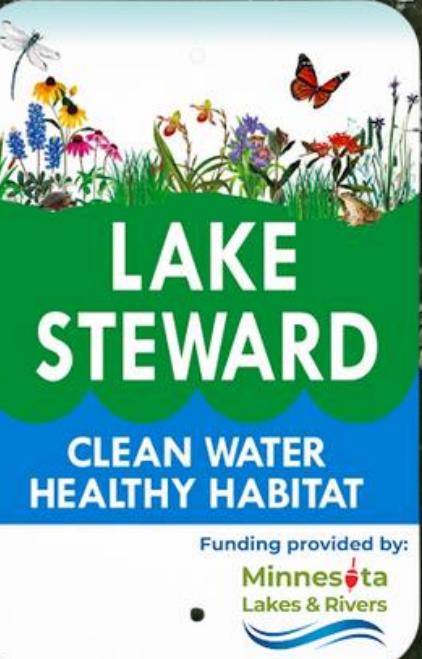
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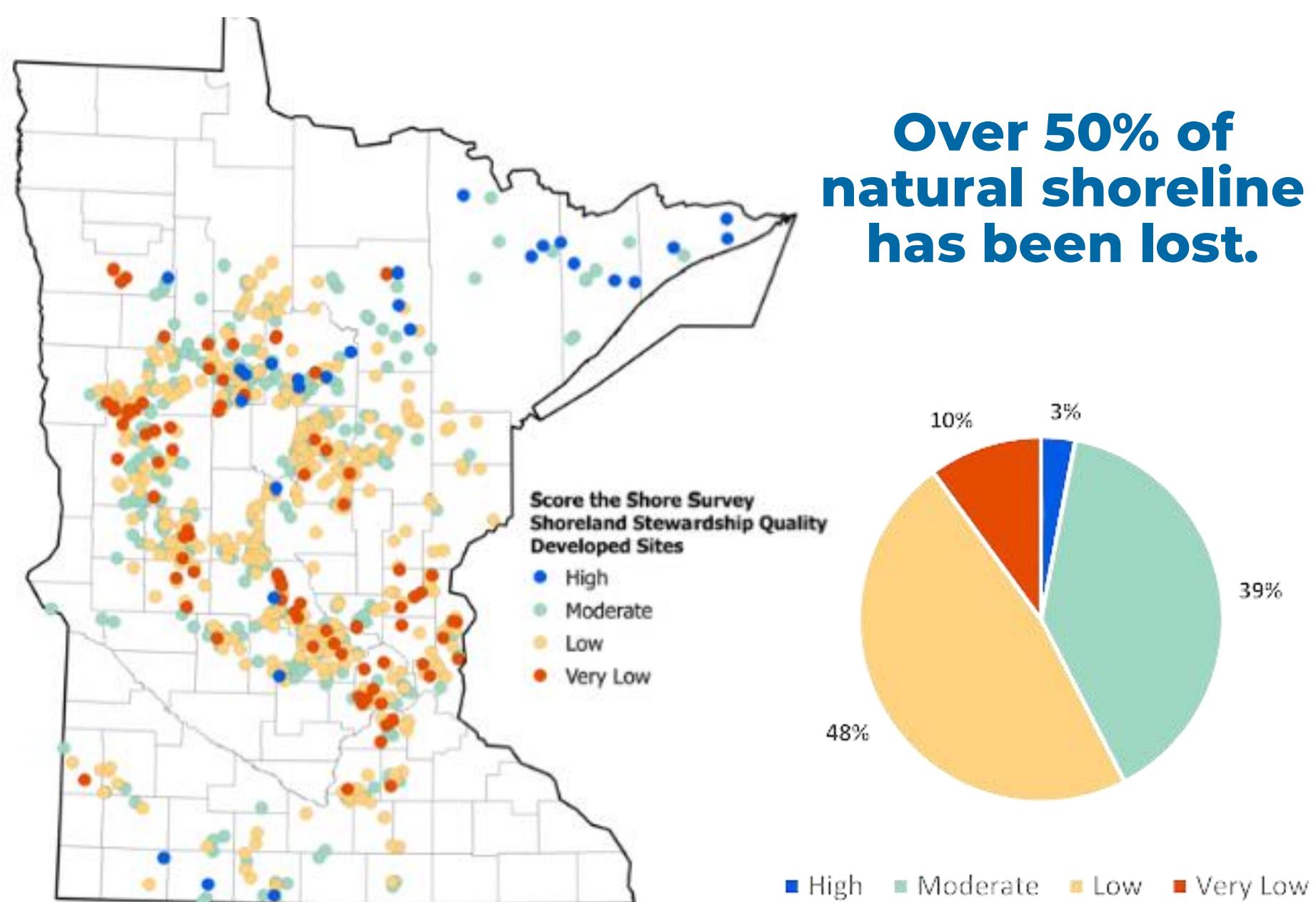


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you are joining with  
hundreds of other MLR  
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to shift norms, one  
property at a time.



Scan to take the quiz and connect  
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MINNESOTA  
NATURAL SHORELINE  
PARTNERSHIP

As a founding member and organizer in the Natural Shoreline Partnership, MLR works with governments, Tribal Nations, and nonprofits to promote natural shorelines statewide.





## STOP STARRY STONEWORT

MLR partners with lake associations, county officials, and agencies through a civic organizing process to address Starry Stonewort, engaging communities to find effective solutions and prevention strategies.

### OUTREACH & EDUCATION 2024:

50+ public meetings and events

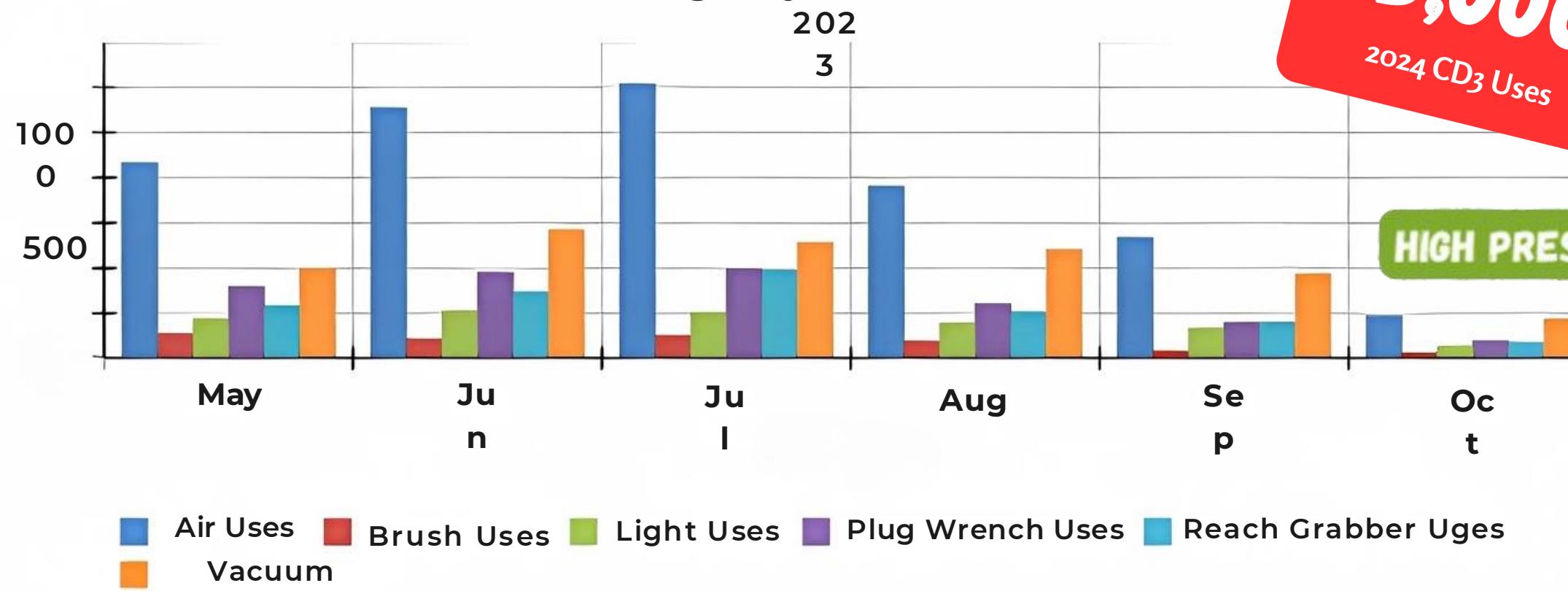
Direct communications to 180+ lake associations and 23,000+ shoreline owners.

Articles in local media and organization newsletters, websites and blogs.

AIS PSA “How Well Do You Know MN?” received over 800,000 impressions

### 30 CD3 cleaning stations installed!

Tool Usage by Year/Month

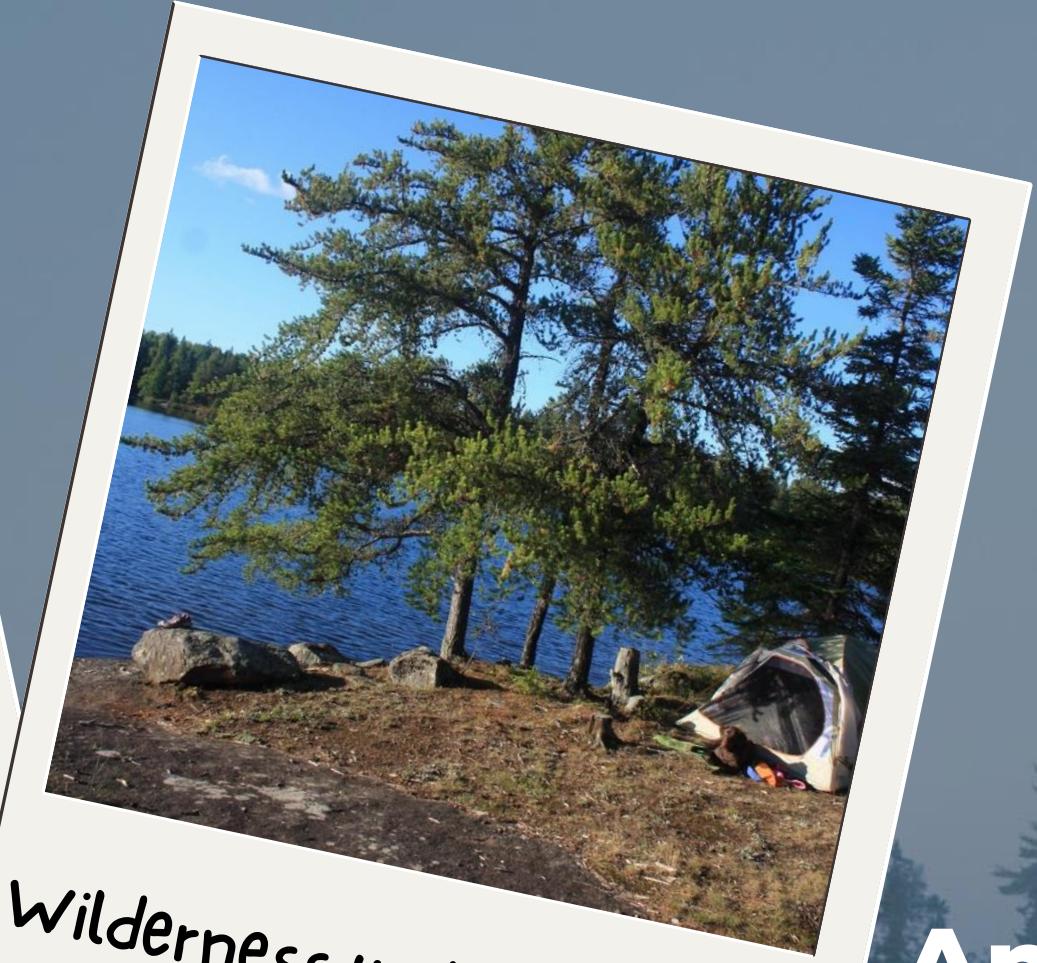


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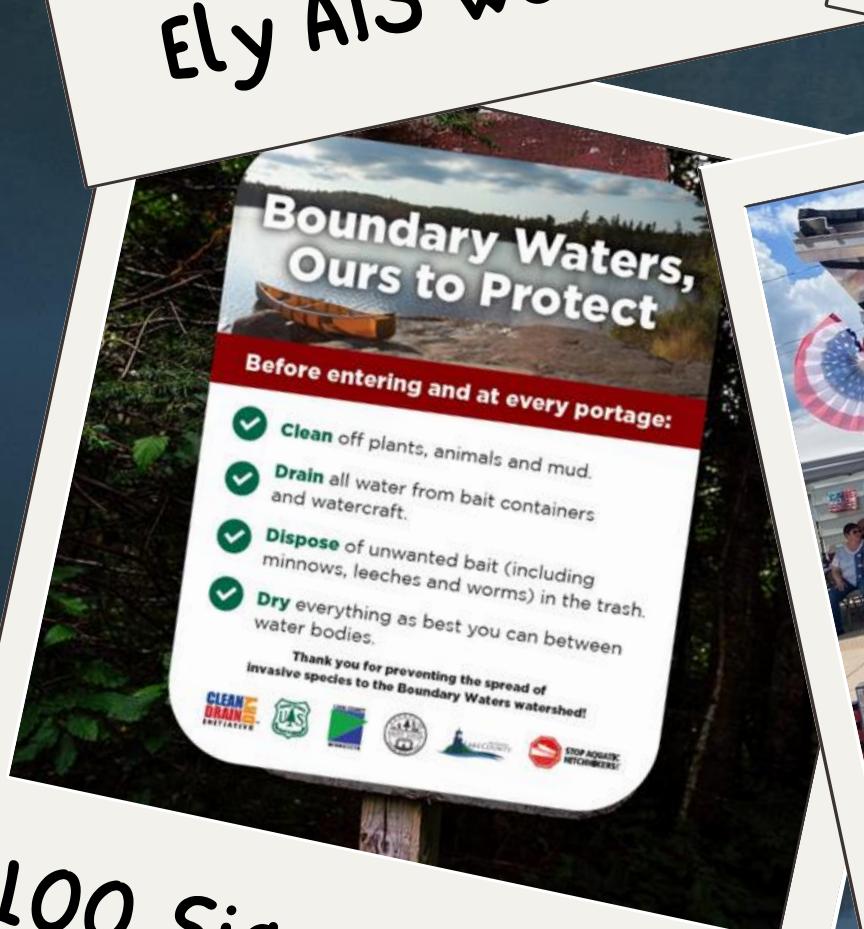




Ely AIS workshop



Wilderness update on WELY



100 Signs Installed!



4th of July!

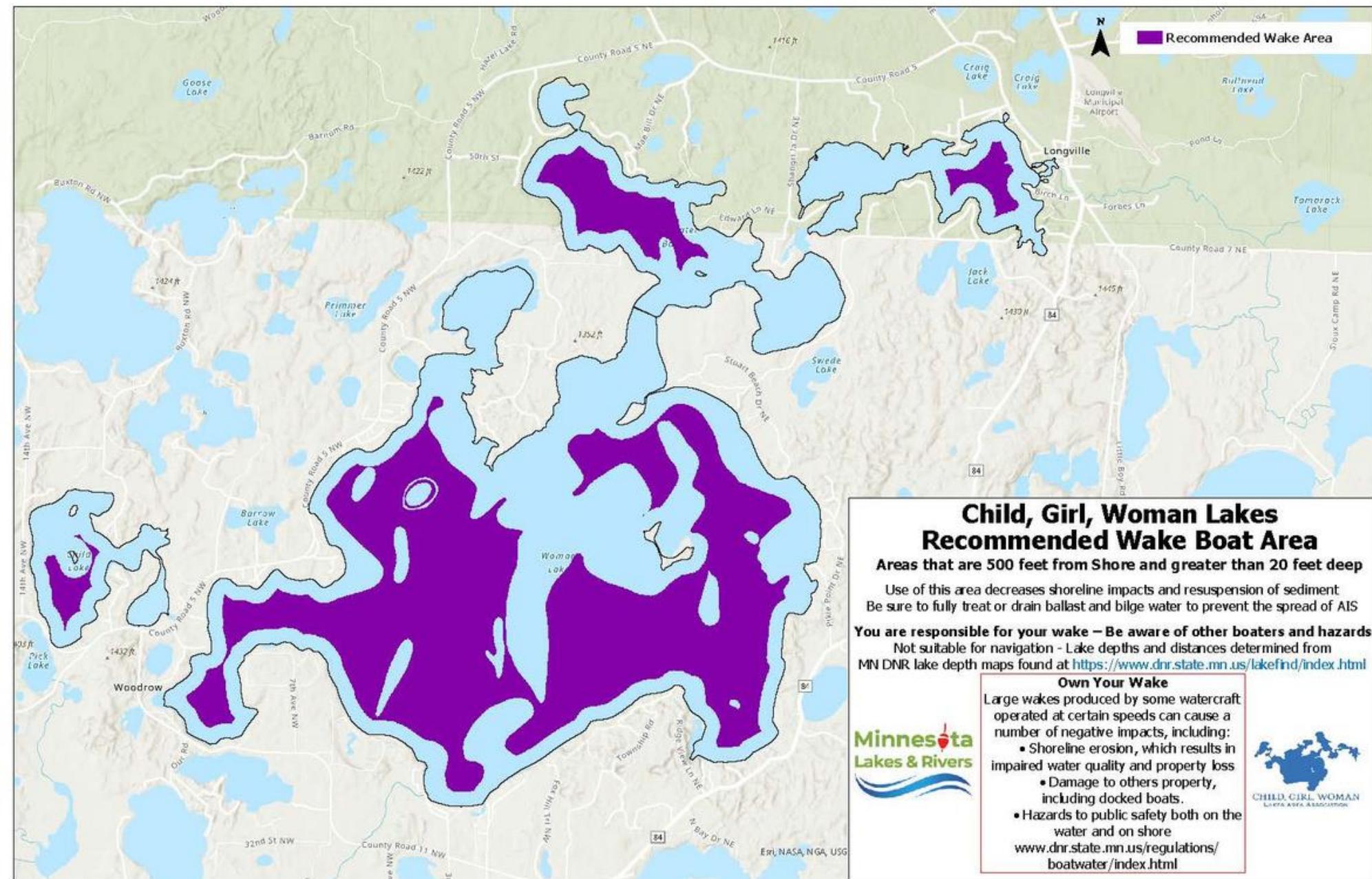


## An Exploration in Civic Organizing

- In 2019, Burntside Lake Association identified the need for AIS prevention around the BWC AW.
- A regional collaboration formed with MLR, the 1854 Treaty Authority, lake associations, county SWCDs, Quetico Provincial Park, MN Sea Grant, Sportsmen for the Boundary Waters, and DNR AIS staff.
- Together, we align resources to protect the region using shared signage, tools, and outreach.

# Enhanced Wake Boating

- **Regulatory pitfalls**
- **Think back to snowmobiles**
- **Research: St. Anthony Falls Lab**
- **Education: Boater Safety and Wake Safe maps**





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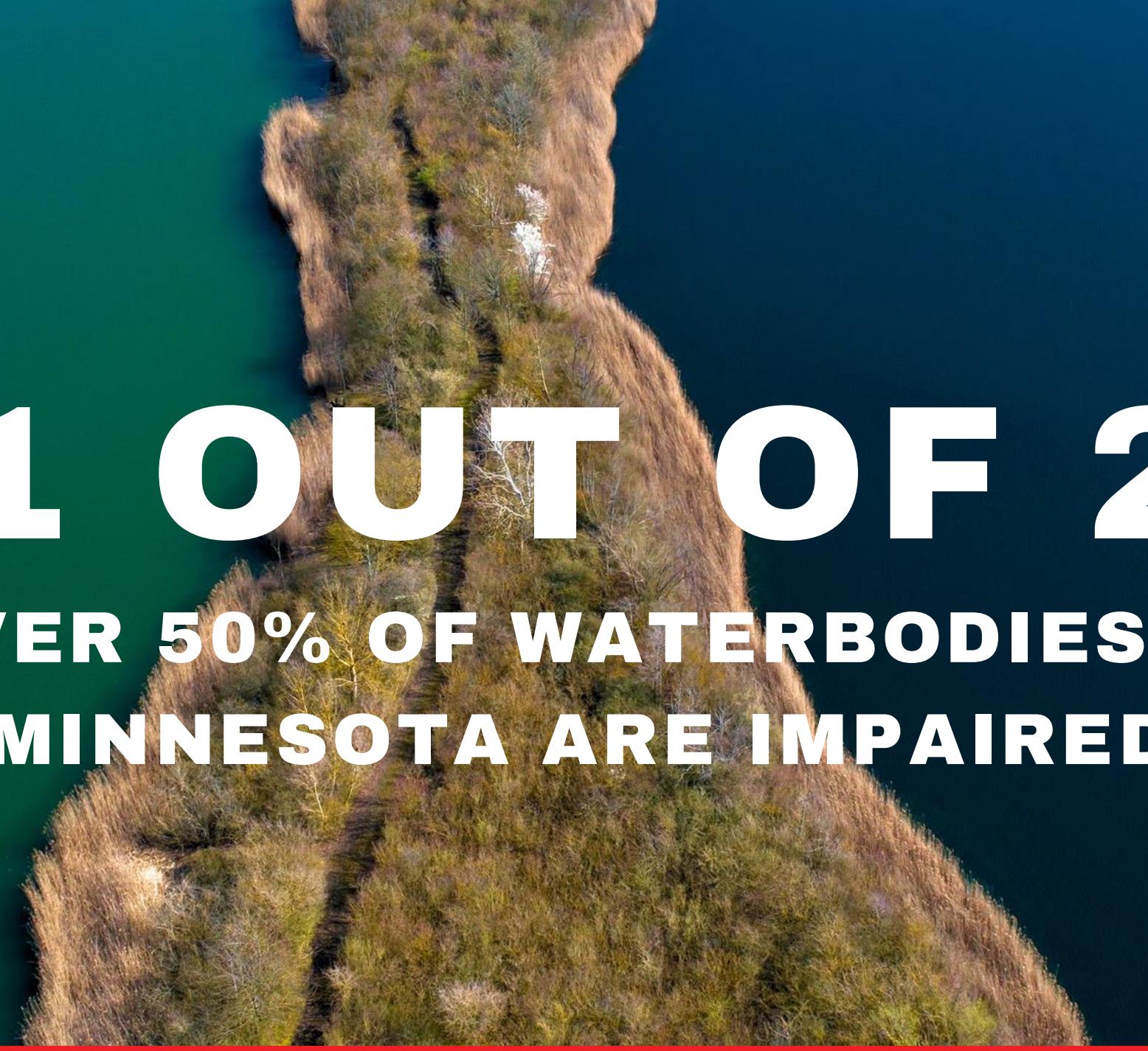
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