

# Institute on the Environment

**Discovering Solutions to the World's  
Most Pressing Environmental Problems**



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# Imagine....

## Biofuels that make sense



## A Mississippi River stewardship plan



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## Sustainable living as a way of life



## Transformative climate change solutions



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# The Institute Is The Model

## A new way to research:

- Transdisciplinary teams
- Solution-driven themes
- Early stakeholder Involvement



## Results through community-building:

- A community of scholars
- The U's Environmental face
- Public engagement
- Whole > sum of its parts



# The U: Uniquely Qualified



- **Location**
  - A perfect natural laboratory outside the Institute's door
- **Mission**
  - Land Grant mission = commitment to real-world solutions
- **Academic strength**
  - Breadth
  - Depth



# What this means for the U and State

- **Build capacity** to compete for large, environmental research grants
- Improve U's ability to **attract top academic talent**
- **Attract business and investment to Minnesota**
- **Position U of M and Minnesota** at forefront of the crucial issues of 21st century



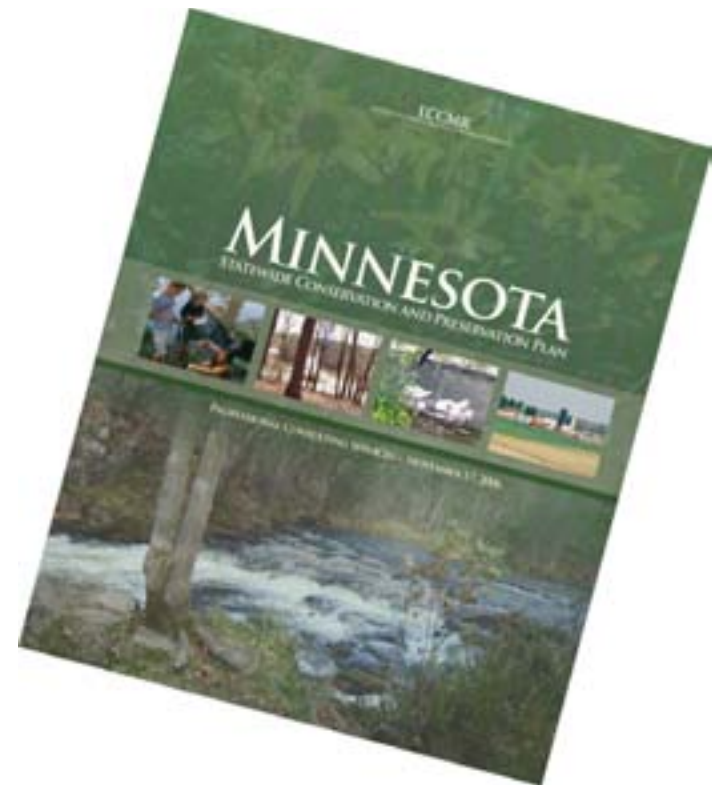
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# We're already at work

## Statewide Conservation Plan

Perfect example of what we can do:

- Transdisciplinary research
- Community building approach
- U capability that wasn't there before the Institute
- Solution-driven, high-impact



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Why we're doing it...



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