Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) Reserve Program

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Quality score: 47/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Since 1986 Minnesota has paid landowners a one-time fee for easements retiring marginal cropland, wetlands and prairie. State agency BWSR reports over $200M has secured 250,000+ acres across 6,000+ easements, funded chiefly via the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	1/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	2/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	2/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-07-10

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