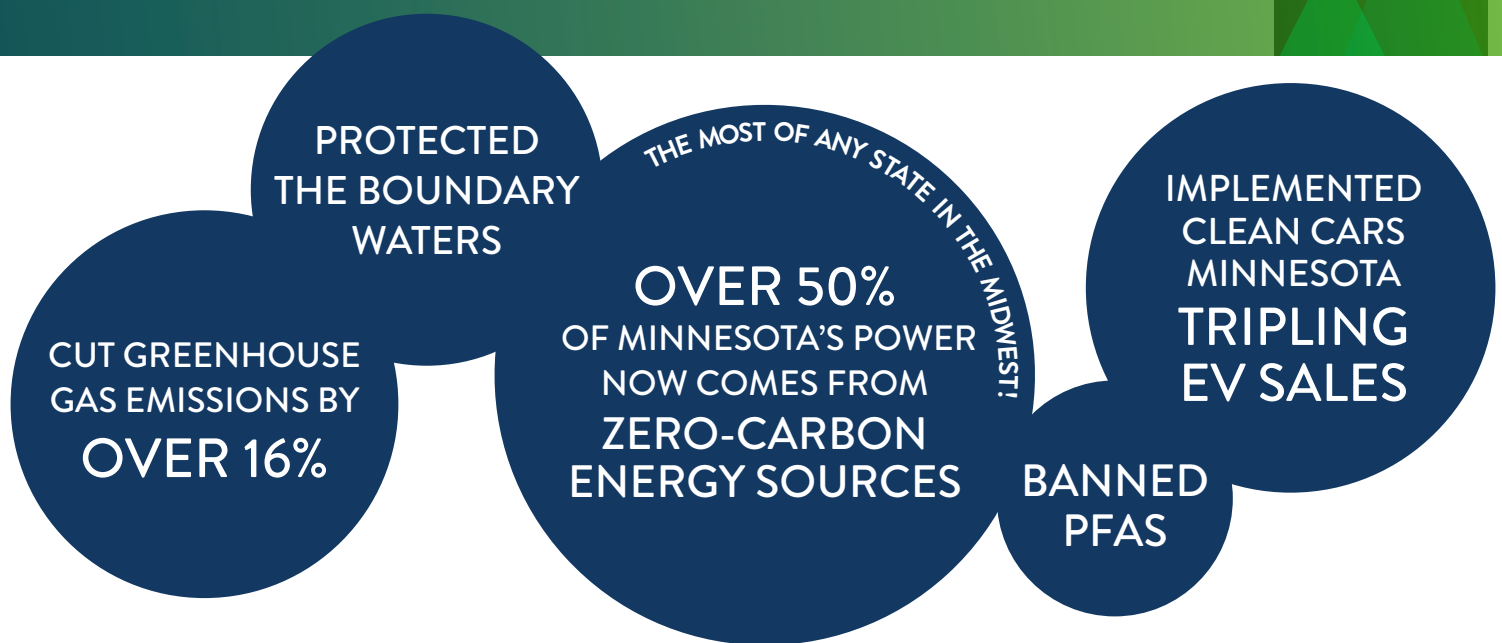


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- Through Executive Order, protected the health and viability of Minnesota's pristine Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) for generations
- Ranked as top state for outdoor enthusiasts, hiking, fishing, biking, summer road trips, city and state park systems, and greenest states
- Cut greenhouse gas emissions by 16.41% since 2018
- For the first time, more than half of Minnesota's power comes from zero-carbon energy sources, the most of any state in the Midwest
- Signed a law requiring electric utilities to provide 100% carbon-free electricity by 2040
- Grew a green economy that is supporting more than 60,000 clean energy jobs in the state
- Saved homeowners and businesses \$728 million through weatherization and conservation upgrades, preventing 3.5 million tons of CO2 emissions
- State agencies avoided more than \$100 million in cumulative energy costs compared to 2018 thanks to Gov. Walz's energy conservation and sustainability initiatives in state government
- Cut red tape to reduce the permitting timelines for clean energy projects
- Banned PFAS "forever chemicals"
- Made Minnesota the first Clean Cars state in the Midwest, helping:
 - More than triple the percentage of car sales that are EVs between 2021 and 2025
 - Increase the number of EV charging ports by 1,445%
- Prioritized a whole-of-government approach to fighting climate change by establishing a climate Subcabinet (EO 19-37)
- Increased visitors to Minnesota's nationally renowned state parks by nearly 20%
- Acquired more than 36,000 acres of land for permanent protection; returned 3,400 acres to the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, 1,400 acres to the Upper Sioux Community, and 87 acres to the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
- Planted approximately 18 million tree seedlings
- Surpassed the goal of enrolling 1 million acres of land in the voluntary agriculture program by 25%, helping producers protect Minnesota's water resources from runoff
- Increased recycling and composting in the state by 15%, or more than 374,000 tons, helping support 78,000 jobs and nearly \$24 billion in economic activity
- Created a nation-leading sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) tax credit, supporting an industry that reduces lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions by up to 80% compared to conventional jet fuel, and boosted the SAF tax credit after Trump slashed the federal version
- Signed into law the first comprehensive native fish conservation bill in the country and oversaw the first verified Lake Sturgeon spawning in the Red River Basin in over 100 years
- Signed an Executive Order to support pollinator habitat and promote the careful use of pesticides and helped transform more than 11 million sq. ft of residential lawns into pollinator-friendly native plantings through the Lawns to Legumes program