

# PRESERVING OUR ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

As Minnesotans, we care about our environment and natural resources, and we want to preserve them for current and future generations. House DFLers are committed to protecting our land, air, water, and wildlife and ensuring every Minnesotan has equitable access to the outdoors.

## Protecting Minnesotans from Dangerous Chemicals

To protect Minnesotans and our environment from dangerous chemicals, we're delivering funds to clean up landfills and contaminated sites throughout the state. We're also working hard to protect communities that have been disproportionately exposed to air pollution, replace lead service lines that can contaminate drinking water, and prevent exposure to PFAS.

## Preserving and Enhancing Minnesota's Natural Resources

Our state should have clean air, water, and soil. To protect these valuable resources, we want to restore and conserve land and plant millions of trees across the state. This will reduce Minnesota's greenhouse gas emissions. We're providing additional funds to make infrastructure improvements and develop strategies to help communities withstand climate change and severe weather. Our plan will help Minnesota adapt to these challenges and improve air, water, and soil quality.

#### Supporting Our State's Wildlife

We're addressing threats to Minnesota's wildlife, including chronic wasting disease, invasive species, and lethal chemicals. To protect wild deer from CWD, our plan strengthens oversight of deer farms and establishes new regulations to prevent transmission. It also provides funding to manage aquatic and terrestrial invasive species and to protect swans, wild elk, and other animals. We're protecting pollinators by expanding the Lawns to Legumes program and banning the use of harmful pesticides on state lands.

#### Creating Opportunities to Enjoy the Outdoors

Every Minnesotan should have equitable access to the outdoors. In addition to providing funding for parks and trails throughout the state, we're supporting No Child Left Inside, a grant program that helps get children and teenagers outdoors. We're establishing two Outdoor Recreation Offices to provide inclusive and safe outdoor experiences for all Minnesotans, including people from historically underrepresented communities.