Strategic Land Asset Management (SLAM) Overview

What is Strategic Land Asset Management (SLAM)?

Strategic Land Asset Management is a continuous process through which DNR evaluates the state's land holdings and looks for ways to improve conservation, recreation and economic opportunities.

Actively managing our land asset portfolio is one way DNR meets its responsibility to the public and contributes to Minnesota's exceptional quality of life.

"It is an integral part of the way we do our work" - DNR Commissioner Sarah Strommen

SLAM Purpose

- Provide for regular review of how DNR can improve the portfolio of state lands
- Ensure efficient and effective land asset decisions
- Pursue strategic land acquisitions that accomplish multiple objectives

SLAM Goals

- Protect significant natural resources (groundwater resources, habitat, rare resources)
- Targeted conservation of Minnesota's native prairies and grasslands
- Consolidate state land to create more contiguous blocks of public land
- Improve access to existing state lands
- Provide more, high-quality outdoor recreation opportunities
- Meet our fiduciary responsibilities on School and University Trust Fund lands

Strategies We Use

- **Hold and manage** lands that meet public recreation or conservation needs.
- **Exchange** lands with partners to consolidate and reduce the number of isolated parcels.
- **Sell** lands when they no longer meet conservation or recreation purposes and reinvest the income in better lands.
- **Purchase** new lands from willing sellers that meet state land-management goals.

We use these strategies in consultation with DNR staff, local government officials and others. The DNR's goal is to ensure public lands meet the recreational needs of Minnesota's citizens; continue to provide clean air and water, support natural resource-based economies, and maintain habitat for fish and wildlife.

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