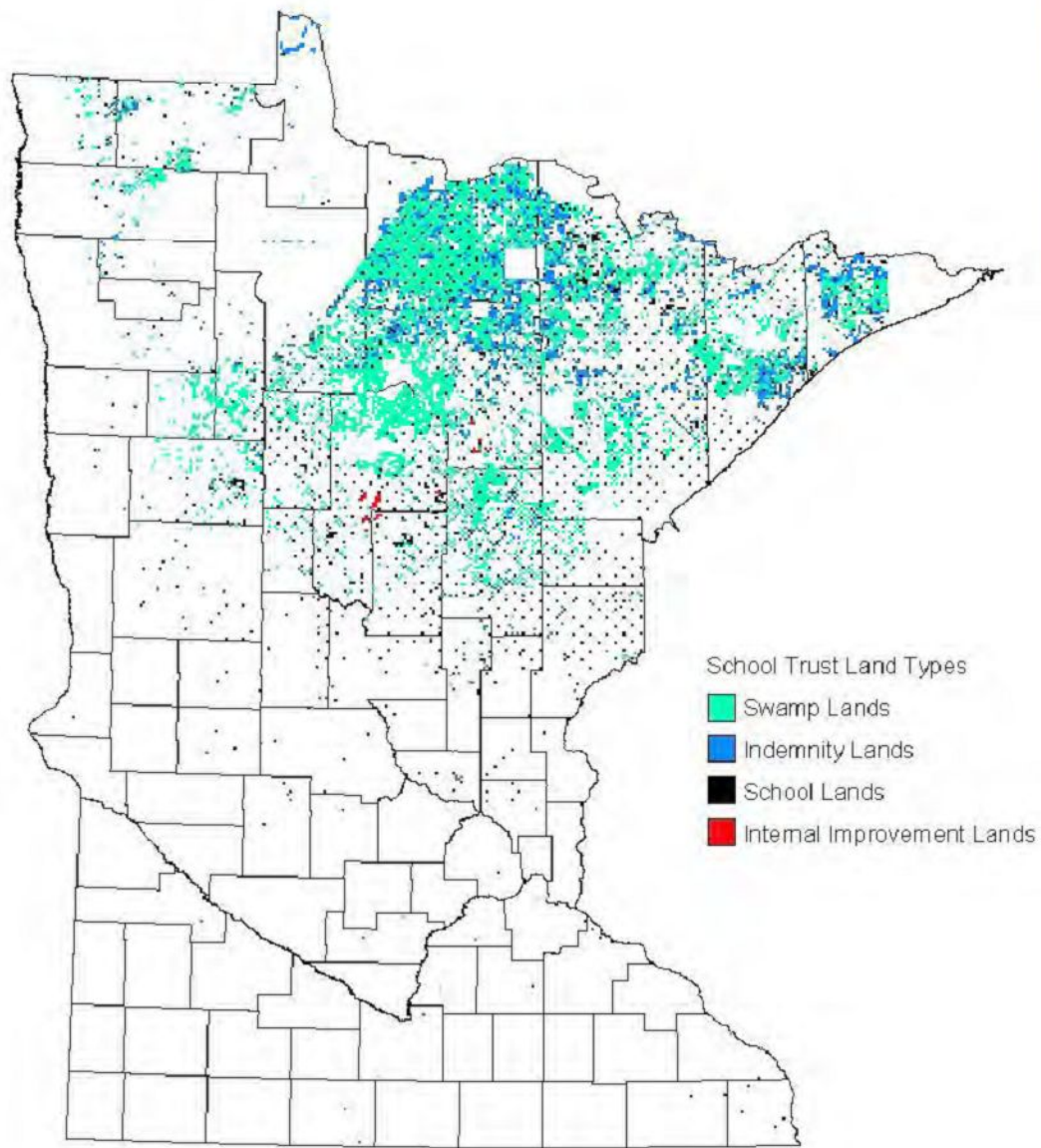




# School Trust Lands Managed by the DNR

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# School Trust Lands

# School and Indemnity School Lands

Enabling Act of 1857: Sections 16 and 36 of every township dedicated for “use of schools”.

If the lands was not available, alternative (indemnity) lands were selected.

Totaled 2.9 million acres.



# Swamp Lands

1860: congressional grant of 4.7 million acres of swamp and overflow waters.

Minnesota identified lands by plat and field notes of government surveys.



# Internal Improvement Lands

1866: additional 0.5 million  
acres granted for internal  
improvements

# Distribution of School Trust Land by Type of Grant

Type of Grant	Original Acres Granted	Acres Owned in 2007
School	2,900,000	957,865
Swampland	4,706,503	1,550,898
Internal Improvement	500,000	6,509
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,106,503</b>	<b>2,515,272*</b>

\*In addition, there are 1,015,662 acres of severed mineral rights.

# Distribution of School Trust Land by County ('07)

County	Acres of Land	%
Koochiching	854,136	34.0
St. Louis	482,151	19.2
Itasca	293,646	11.6
Lake	159,444	6.3
Cass	142,356	5.6
Aitkin	137,696	5.5
Cook	121,506	4.8
Beltrami	60,883	2.4
Roseau	46,609	1.9
Hubbard	29,348	1.2
Remaining Counties	187,492	7.5
TOTAL	2,515,272	

# Estimated School Trust Acres by DNR Management Unit

Management Unit	Trust Land Acres	Percent of Trust Land
State Forests & Campgrounds	1,742,092	67%
Wildlife Management Areas	85,681	3%
Scientific and Natural Areas	51,000	2%
State Parks	725	Less than 1%
Riverways	756	Less than 1%
Water Access	2,880	Less than 1%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>1,883,185</b>	<b>73%</b>
Outside of Management Units	706,800	27%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,515,272</b>	<b>100%</b>



# Legislative Oversight

A state Permanent School Fund Advisory Committee is established to advise the Department of Natural Resources on the management of permanent school fund land, which is held in trust for the school districts of the state. . . .

The advisory committee shall review the policies of the Department of Natural Resources and current statutes on management of school trust lands at least semiannually and shall recommend necessary changes in statute, policy, and implementation in order to insure provident utilization of the permanent school fund lands.

- Minnesota Statutes, sec. 127A.30

## Legislative Oversight (cont'd)

⇒ 2008 legislation requires the DNR to report twice a year on how it is:

- Managing the school lands efficiently
- Reducing management expenditures and maximizing the revenue deposited into PSF
- Managing sale, exchange, and commercial leasing
- Managing school lands to maximize long-term economic return while maintaining sound natural resource conservation and management principles.

Laws of 2008, Chapter 357, Secs. 1 and 2