

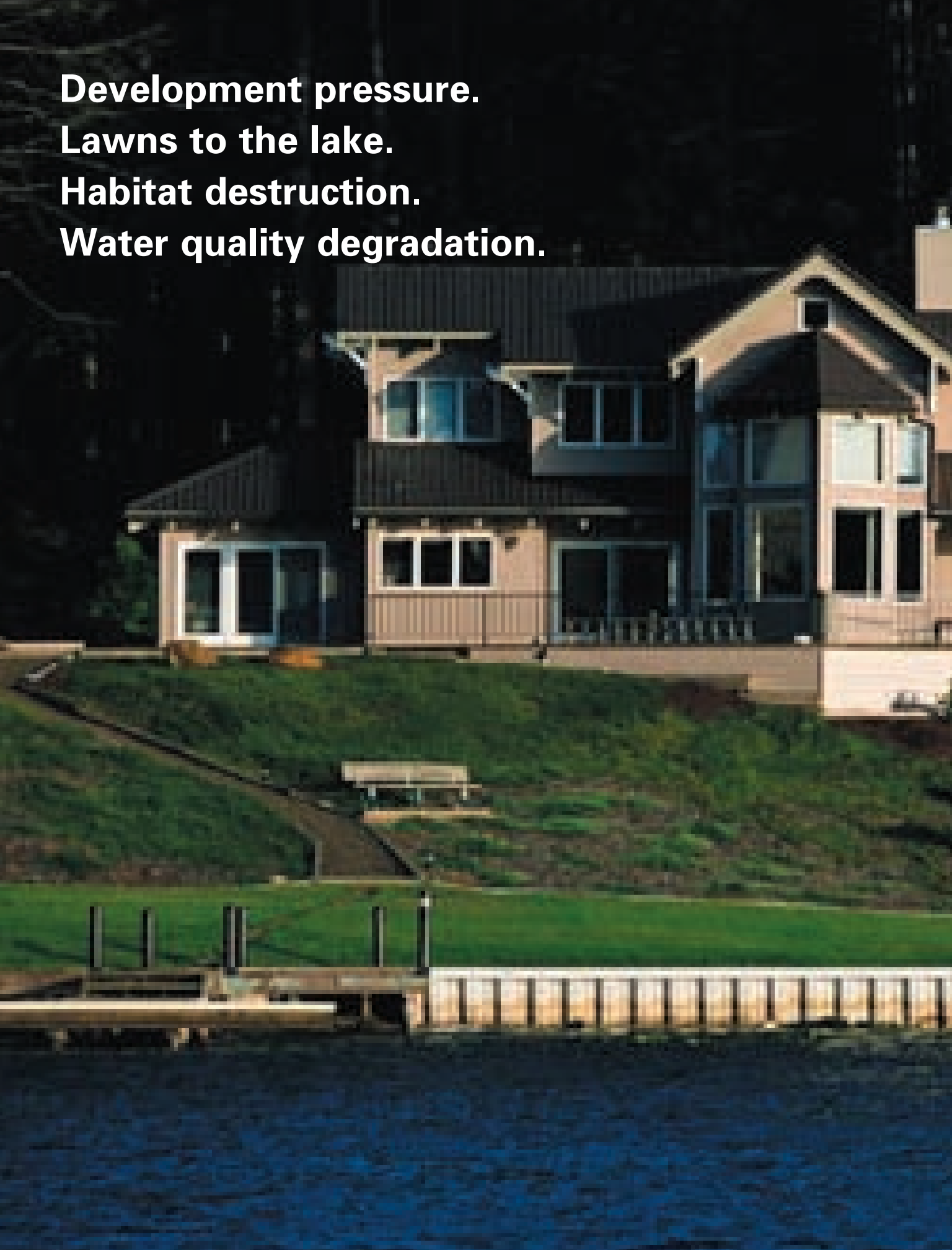
A scenic view of a lake through a forest of tall trees, with two red Adirondack chairs in the foreground. The scene is captured in autumn, with some trees showing yellow leaves. The lake is visible in the background, surrounded by a dense forest. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

# Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy

2006 Annual Report

[ Saving The Place at The Lake ]

**Development pressure.**  
**Lawns to the lake.**  
**Habitat destruction.**  
**Water quality degradation.**



“Our place at the lake.” It’s a Minnesota tradition.

We love the nature we see there, the hunting and fishing we do there. We make memories with generations of our families at the lakes where we vacation each summer and winter. We cherish our urban lakes, where we swim and picnic from spring through fall.

All Minnesotans deserve to be part of this heritage, to enjoy the environment the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy membership and staff work diligently to protect.

Problem is, it’s getting harder to protect that heritage because we’re loving our lakes to death.

Booming demand for homes on Minnesota’s lakes has forced construction into areas that just a few years ago weren’t suitable—shallow lakes, weedy bays, wetlands. These are the most fragile lakeshore environments. These waters are most sensitive to development’s pollution and non-native landscaping like the “lawn-to-the-lake” approach.

MCEA plays a vital role in protecting the water, wildlife habitat and traditions our lakes support so that all Minnesotans—from those who fish and swim at their local urban lake to those who own homes on rural lakes—can enjoy them. We provide the scientific and legal expertise to persuade communities and developers to make smart decisions when they build. We balance development with environmental protection.

They’re not mutually exclusive ideas.

We proved that this year when we helped write stricter shoreland development standards, supported the good work of a state agency, changed the way a local developer does business and built a body of clean water case law that requires governments to manage growth and human activities instead of regard our waters as convenient sewers.

“We encourage communities to treat their special places as though they are, in fact, special,” said Matt Norton, MCEA’s forestry advocate.

# Adequate shoreline protections. Shoreline revegetation. Better runoff management. Preserving special features.

## What the Standards Say

These alternative shoreland development standards provide better lakeshore protection. Any local government may adopt them.

- A Special Protection lake classification requires stricter widths and setbacks for lots near wetland fringe, shallow depths, unique fish or wildlife habitat or endangered species.
- Single lakes may have several classifications.
- Subdivision controls preserve special features on the landscape, rather than encourage lot-and-block development.
- Incentives for conservation design and planned unit developments conserve natural shoreland features. Density bonuses are eliminated; the “common open space” definition clusters structures together.
- Rules for resorts have their own chapter.
- Resorts may redevelop if they address water quality concerns through shoreland revegetation and compliance with storm- and wastewater treatment standards.
- Improved stormwater runoff management, increased drainfield setbacks and higher shoreline vegetation standards help achieve water quality standards.
- Larger lot sizes are required for new lots on some lakes; no lot size bonuses are offered for sewered areas on any lake.
- Backlot access to water for nonriparian lots isn’t allowed.

## Protecting Dead Lake

At 7,900 acres, Otter Tail County’s Dead Lake is the largest shallow lake in Minnesota. It has excellent water quality, plenty of plant life and habitat for a flourishing fish population. A north-central Minnesota fishing and bird-hunting destination, it’s relatively undeveloped.

Many were stunned when R. Murray Partnership proposed a development of 138 homes on a small, forested, wetland-dotted peninsula in Dead Lake. Yet, county officials determined the most stringent environmental review of the project was unnecessary and granted a permit for the homes and marinas for 100 boats.

Lakes and wetlands provide habitat for fish, ducks, birds and other wildlife. Shallow lakes like Dead Lake have features of both, but are more susceptible to the changes development brings—increased runoff, habitat destruction, water disturbance and increased nutrient levels that ultimately kill fish and plants.

Calls about the proposed development from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Dead Lake Association roused MCEA’s interest in the growing problem of development on shallow lakes. Janette Brimmer, MCEA’s legal director, responded by conducting a nine-month investigation into Minnesota’s shoreland laws and the science of shallow lakes. She discovered rules for protecting these environments were inadequate.

Brimmer and Henry VanOffelen, MCEA’s natural resource scientist, soon noticed proposals similar to the one on Dead Lake across the state, and VanOffelen worried about the permanent damage they could cause to remaining lakeshore habitat. They combined their legal and scientific expertise to address the problem and pushed DNR to rewrite the state’s shoreland development regulations.

## Pushing For Change

Their tenacity paid off.

In 2003, VanOffelen joined the steering committee updating the shoreland development rules. Other members included resort owners, developers and realtors.

Typical of MCEA in initiatives like this, VanOffelen aligned with a strong ally, in this case Paula West of Minnesota Waters.

“Minnesota Waters has on-the-ground constituents that could bring this effort forward and assert influence, but MCEA has the legal strength,” she said. “We said, ‘we’ve both got strengths, so let’s come together and collaborate.’”

MCEA played two roles it often does in negotiating better environmental protections—VanOffelen shared the latest science on shoreland protection and supported DNR’s proposed policies. Other committee members viewed him as an independent scientific voice and

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accepted his facts. That freed then-DNR Lake Management Supervisor and steering committee chair Russ Shultz to be neutral, rather than constantly push DNR’s own position.

“Having vocal environmental groups like MCEA involved, I was able to be fair as possible to all interests at the table,” he said.

VanOffelen also showcased another MCEA strength—listening to find common ground.

“In the past, it’s been one side against the other, and at the end of the day nothing was really accomplished,” said Garry Johanson, a committee member and project manager of Naterra Land, an industry leader in Midwestern vacation home sales and development. “But here, the two sides were talking at the table, coming up with compromises.”

Schultz felt the committee needed to proceed in steps, rather than push immediate, wholesale changes. Moving too fast could result in political failure.

In the end, the committee rewrote the statewide shoreland development rules but called them “alternative development standards.” Five counties—Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, Hubbard and Itasca—agreed to be the Central Lakes Pilot Project and adopted the standards. (See sidebar for details).

### **'Viable' Business Option**

An unexpected victory emerged from MCEA's work—a developer reconsidered how it does business.

VanOffelen encouraged the committee to consider an approach called conservation design—developing property to maintain green space and open space, and to preserve natural features. His arguments resonated with members.

Johanson was so intrigued by the theory that his company hired Randall Arndt, who developed the approach, to present a half-day seminar. Conservation design techniques are becoming a viable option at Naterra Land.

"I can credit that to Henry," Johanson said.

### **Strengthening Case Law**

MCEA's high-impact influence is widespread and growing.

For example, in January the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency approved a revised clean-up plan for several

Last year, we won a lawsuit against Annandale and Maple Lake, where a new joint wastewater treatment plant would allow the two cities to attract more homes and businesses. MCEA argued, however, it also would allow more pollution into the North Fork of the Crow River, which ultimately flows into severely polluted Lake Pepin. The Minnesota Court of Appeals sided with MCEA, the agency appealed and we still are awaiting the state supreme court's decision.

In this same vein, MCEA filed suit in July to prevent the Alexandria Lakes Area Sanitary District from dumping pollution into Lake Winona.

### **Denouement—For Now**

The lawsuits eventually filed against Otter Tail County over the Dead Lake development were successful and forced officials to undertake the Environmental Impact Statement they had earlier skipped. The delay caused by

the court cases gave the steering committee time to develop the alternative shoreland development standards MCEA will now use to help shape this development in an environmentally-friendly way.

As for the alternative shoreland development standards, it's up to local governments to adopt them voluntarily. And while DNR encourages interested governments to do so, MCEA is looking

to the next legislative session.

To truly protect our precious water resources, these voluntary standards need to become law. MCEA recently requested that DNR begin that process.

Whether it's a lake association, a state agency, a fellow environmental group or an industry partner, many entities in Minnesota echo Garry Johanson and herald MCEA's role in their victories.

We, in turn, credit our victories to those who make contributions to support our work on water quality, transportation and land use, public health, clean energy and wildlife and natural resources. We couldn't clean polluted waterways, increase transit options, make children healthier, push for cleaner energy or save precious lakeshore environments without your support.

And we truly thank you for it.

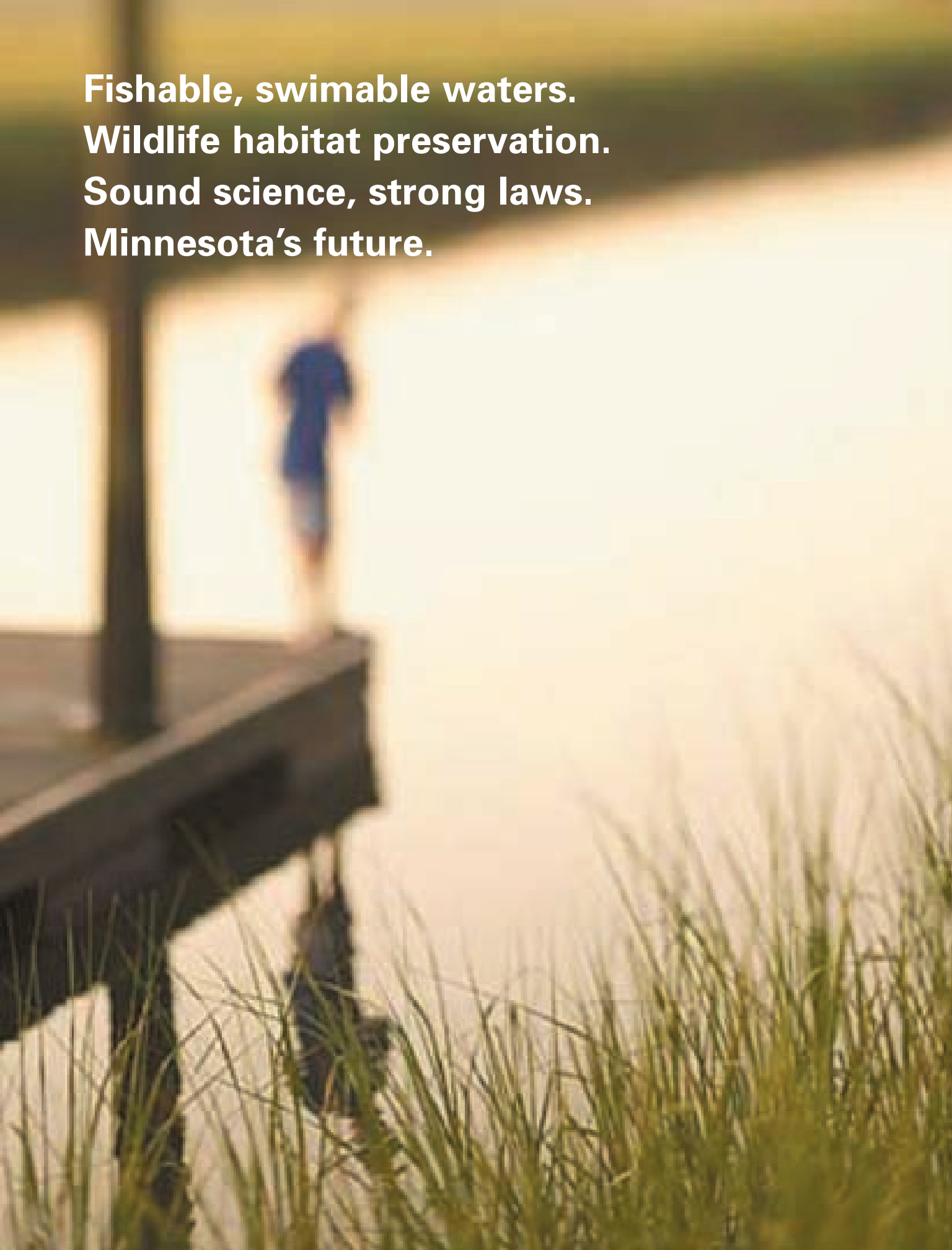
**The agency held up permits for new pollution discharges in the vast Lake Pepin watershed, both because of the court ruling in favor of MCEA and because the cleanup plan for the lake was incomplete.**

southeastern Minnesota rivers. The plan will dramatically cut fecal coliform pollution and make the waters safe for swimming.

That happened only because MCEA won its lawsuit against the agency and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency last year. Kris Sigford, MCEA's water quality program director, researched monitoring data and proved fecal coliform levels in the original clean-up plan would measure 20 times the safety standard after its implementation.

In October 2005, the pollution control agency attempted to adopt an equally flawed statewide plan to cut mercury in water and fish, but Sigford pointed out the agency was again mistakenly calculating pollution. This July, the agency reconsidered and approved a plan covering only waters where fish would be safe to eat after implementation, leaving the waters with higher mercury contamination for further discussion.

Another major MCEA legal victory involved protecting Lake Pepin, and by extension, all Minnesota's waters.



**Fishable, swimmable waters.  
Wildlife habitat preservation.  
Sound science, strong laws.  
Minnesota's future.**

# More Accomplishments in 2006

## Public Health

**Determined** preventable childhood diseases triggered by pollution cost Minnesota \$1.5 billion per year. Released these findings in *The Price of Pollution: Cost Estimates of Environment-Related Childhood Disease in Minnesota* with co-authors Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy and members of local medical community.

**Advanced** our role as advocates for environmental justice by testifying during 2006 Legislative session about pesticide exposures among those who work with agricultural chemicals. Enhanced our image as a source of scientific analysis during testimony on another bill related to pollutant exposure, and teamed with the Minnesota Department of Health on that effort.

**Continued** efforts to expand collaboration with health and medical professionals on environmental health advocacy initiatives through presentations to the Minnesota Medical Association, Minnesota Public Health Association, Minnesota Nurses Association and Zumbro Valley Medical Society, among others.

**Expanded** outreach into diverse communities by talking to students at Urban League Academy in Minneapolis about public health and environmental sciences, a rare opportunity for underprivileged inner city youth to learn about career paths in an area where they are under-represented.

## Wildlife and Natural Resources

**Won** a Tenth Judicial District decision requiring a full Environmental Impact Statement for a development adjacent to Carlos Avery Wildlife Management Area in Ham Lake. As currently proposed, the development would destroy a locally rare dry oak forest and negatively affect Carlos Avery, a popular metro area hunting and wetlands complex.

**Raised** the profile of “range of natural variability” as a forest management objective and brought attention to MCEA’s software tool, which provides a scientific basis from which to advocate for forest management practices that accomplish this goal.

**Appealed** Department of Natural Resources’ Forest Stewardship Council certification on grounds DNR’s off-highway vehicle management is substantially lacking. The appeal, which used MCEA’s non-legislative, non-judicial tools, has yet to be decided but our action has already raised the profile of these issues.

**Released** the *First Annual Minnesota Wetlands Protection Report*, which found the state continues to lose wetlands because of regulatory failures and lax enforcement. The report features case studies and illustrates how current laws and enforcement issues contribute to wetland destruction and loss.

## Water Quality

**Strengthened** a basin-wide permit for phosphorus discharges to the Minnesota River between Lac Qui Parle and Shakopee that will reduce total phosphorus from the 40 largest local wastewater treatment plants by 35 percent.

**Launched** McKnight Foundation Mississippi River Water Quality collaborative, an effort by most states along the river to fully implement the Clean Water Act and cut pollution flowing into the river and to the Gulf of Mexico.

## Transportation and Land Use

**Participating** in a coalition of 850 businesses, governments and nonprofits supporting an amendment to the state constitution that would dedicate funding to roads and transit. Also running a public education campaign highlighting transit’s economic and environmental benefits to the region to help inform the public discussion of the amendment.

**Releasing** landmark report, *Getting on Board: Transit’s Role in Regional Economic Competition*, which argues the most successful regions are those with well-planned and adequately-funded public transit systems, and the lack of such a transit system is causing the Twin Cities to fall behind its competition.

**Taking part** in Central Corridor Task Force, established by the City of Saint Paul, to develop strategies and policies to support the city-building function of transit as the region plans for the construction of its next light rail line connecting the downtowns of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

**Contributed** to *The Economic Value of Open Space*, which determined residents are willing to pay 10 percent to 25 percent more for homes within walking distance of open space.

## Clean Energy

**Opposing** Big Stone II coal-fired power plant in Milbank, S.D., based on its significant carbon dioxide emissions. South Dakota Public Utilities Commission approved the plant, but Minnesota Public Utilities Commission ordered one owner, Otter Tail Power Co., to revamp its cost calculations for the proposed plant as well as alternatives to coal power.

**Appealed** Heron Lake BioEnergy ethanol plant air permit issued by Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. A stricter permit is required because the plant has the potential to emit more air pollution than originally thought. Lost in the Court of Appeals but the Supreme Court has agreed to hear our argument for a hearing before the agency.

**Challenged** Xcel Energy’s resource plan for 2005–2019. Minnesota Public Utilities Commission agreed in part, ordering Xcel to work with us and others to calculate the possible cost of coal-fired power if the federal government regulates carbon dioxide emissions.

# To Our Supporters



Martha Brand

In July, Lee Frelich gave a special presentation to MCEA about his research into the impacts of global warming on Minnesota's forests.

The University of Minnesota forest ecology professor painted a bleak picture of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area transforming from pine to hardwoods forests as more frequent wind storms knock down large swaths of timber and tree species die out faster than they can migrate north. These events would forever change the landscape and eliminate habitat for warblers, lynx, moose and other northwoods species.

Suddenly, the projected devastation of what we all treasure—our forests, our water quality and our wildlife—became very real. Our work became more important.

For 32 years, MCEA has been the legal and scientific voice protecting and defending Minnesota's environment in the courts, before administrative agencies and at the legislature. We're committed to using our resources in collaboration with business, government agencies and other environmental groups in our clean energy, transportation and land use, water quality, public health and wildlife and natural resources programs.

We are finding ways within those programs to combat global warming. Efforts to stop Big Stone II, a proposed coal-fired power plant on Minnesota's border, continue in South Dakota courts and at the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. Working with transportation interests, including business allies, MCEA is playing a crucial role in the campaign for a constitutional amendment dedicating money to roads and transit. Transit is critical in cutting the global warming pollutant, carbon dioxide.

But we cannot, and will not, give up the work for which MCEA is known, including protecting shorelands and water quality, which we highlighted in this report. Minnesota officials have not enforced existing environmental laws or provided necessary funding for environmental protection. We will continue to amass our legal and scientific resources, expand our role as the environmental communications powerhouse and establish strategic alliances to tackle the toughest policy issues.

Thanks to your support in 2006, we took our legal skills to places where our natural heritage and quality of life were threatened. With your continuing support in 2007, we pledge to hold agencies accountable to our environmental laws and lobby for legislation to protect our irreplaceable resources.

Martha Brand, Executive Director

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# 2006 Audited Financial Statements

Information based on the certified audit by Sherry D. Heffernan, Ltd. Complete audit available upon request.

## Statement of Financial Position

Year Ended June 30, 2006

### Assets

Cash & Certificates of Deposit	\$ 1,185,162
Unconditional Promises to Give	\$ 667,056
Investments (Endowment)	\$ 892,618
Other Assets	\$ 67,292
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,812,128</b>

### Liabilities and Net Assets

Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	\$ 89,986
Unrestricted Net Assets	
Undesignated	\$ 877,343
Designed by Board for Long Term Investments	\$ 353,998
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	\$ 943,194
Permanently Restricted Net Assets (Endowment)	\$ 547,607
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,812,128</b>

## Statement of Activities

Year Ended June 30, 2006

### Support

Individuals*	\$ 1,070,262
Corporations	\$ 12,386
Foundation Support*	\$ 781,303
Workplace Giving	\$ 32,280
Earned Income	\$ 126,603
Net Gain on Investments**	\$ 72,485
Attorney Cost and Fee Award	\$ 45,000
<b>Total Support</b>	<b>\$ 2,140,319</b>

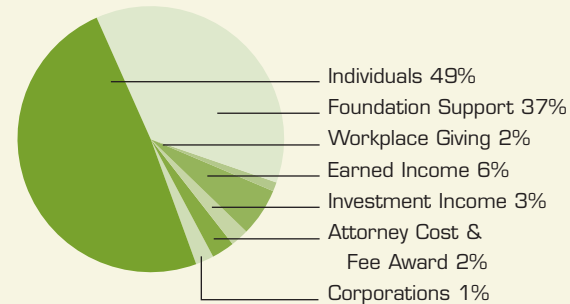
### Expenses

Program Expenses	\$ 1,530,024
Management and Administration	\$ 157,485
Fundraising	\$ 147,121
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,834,630</b>
<b>Increase in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 305,689</b>

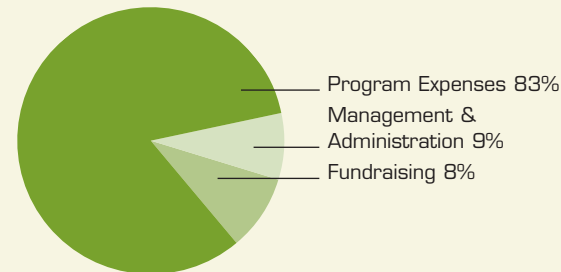
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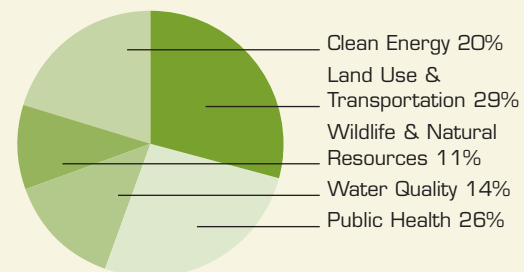
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## 2006 Operating Expenses



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