

Year	President	Governor	Movies	Culture	Minnesota Environmental Law and Conservation	National Environmental Law and Conservation		
1953	Eisenhower	C. Anderson		Hillary climbs Mt. Everest	Majority of Minnesota citizens now live in cities	Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act		
1954			On the Waterfront	Site selected for Met Stadium				
1955		Freeman		Reserve Mining begins operation near Silver Bay	Watershed Act; Water Resources Board created	Commission created to deal with sea lamprey infestation in Great Lakes		
1956			The King and I	First game in Met Stadium (Mpls Millers); Southdale opens		Soil Bank Program created		
1957			12 Angry Men	Sputnik launched	First watershed district created			
1958				First Russian in space				
1959			Some Like it Hot	First metro interstate miles laid	Corn yield: 51 bu/ac Soybeans: 19 bu/ac			
1960		Kennedy	E. Anderson	0.04	Twins and Vikings both arrive; Berlin Wall goes up	 <p>FRESHWATER SOCIETY EST. 1968 freshwater.org</p>	FDA approves birth control pill	
1962				Lawrence of Arabia	Skyways built in Minneapolis; John Glenn orbits earth		Gov. Freeman appointed U.S. Secretary of Agriculture and tries to cut production	
1963					Guthrie Theater opens		Silent Spring is published	
1964	My Fair Lady				Land and Water Conservation Fund created			
1965	The Sound of Music			Gatorade invented	St. Paul sees highest flood peak on Mississippi River (others in 52, 69, 97, and 01)			
1966	Johnson		Rovaaag					
1967				The Graduate	Nicollet Avenue Mall		State Soil Conservation Committee (1937) becomes Soil & Water Conservation Commission; Met Council forms; MPCA replaces Water Pollution Control Commission	
1968			2001					
1969			Butch Cassidy Easy Rider	Apollo Mission lands on moon	Shoreland Management Act; Metropolitan Waste Control Commission takes control of wastewater system		Cuyahoga River burns (again) in Cleveland	
1970			M*A*S*H Patton	Vikings lose Super Bowl; Control Data Building constructed; Windsurfer patented	Norman Borlaug wins Nobel Peace Prize; Mankato floodwall construction begins		Clean Air Act amendments; Water Quality Improvement Act; first Earth Day	
1971	Nixon	W. Anderson	The French Connection	IDS Tower tops out; deer hunting season canceled	Water Pollution Control Fund; Environmental Rights Act (MERA); Air & Solid Waste Permits; Southern Minnesota Rivers Basin Council			
1972			The Godfather	Beginning with 1974 election, Lt. Governor position no longer elected separately		Federal Water Pollution Control Act; Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act; Coastal Zone Management Act; Federal Environmental Pesticide Control Act; Noise Control		
1973			American Graffiti	Civic Center opens for hockey; Wendell Anderson on cover of Time	Environmental Policy Act (MEPA); Environmental Quality Board (EOB) Established; Public Waters Protection; Wild & Scenic Rivers Act	Endangered Species Act; phase-out of leaded gasoline begins		
1974				Vikings lose Super Bowl; Reserve Mining ordered to cease discharge	Hazardous Waste Control; Metropolitan Land Use; County Planning Authority	Safe Drinking Water Act		
1975			Jaws	First home computer marketed; Vikings lose third Super Bowl	SWCC (1967) becomes Soil & Water Conservation Board; first River Fish Consumption Advisory due to PCBs	Voyageurs National Park created		
1976	Ford	Ferd	Rocky		Public Waters and Wetlands Protection	Federal Land Policy and Management Act; National Forest Management Act; Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; Toxic Substances Control Act		
1977			Star Wars	Vikings lose fourth Super Bowl; Apple II computer marketed	SWCD Cost-Share Program established	Clean Air Act amendments; Clean Water Act; Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act		
1978			Deer Hunter	Science Museum opens; first GPS satellites launched	Lake Improvement Districts created; Area II MN River Basin Projects Inc. formed; BWCW established	Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act amendments		
1979			Apocalypse Now	3-Mile Island nuclear incident	Local Floodplain Management			
1980				Olympic Miracle on Ice	EIS Categories; Waste Management Board created	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("Superfund")		
1981	Reagan	Carter	On Golden Pond	IBM PC marketed				
1982			E.T.	Last game played at Memorial Stadium; Pheasants Forever founded	Metropolitan Surface Water Management Act			
1983				City Center opens	Superfund Act			
1984			Ghostbusters			Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments		
1985				Ordway Theatre opens; Decade-long sewer separation starts in metro	County Water Management Act; Solid Waste Management Act mandates recycling	Farm Bill creates Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)		
1986		Pepich	Platoon	Zebra mussels found in U.S.; Chernobyl nuclear explosion	Re-Invest in Minnesota Reserve (RIM); Mounds View pipeline rupture	Safe Drinking Water amendments; Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act		
1987				Eurasian Water Milfoil found in Minnesota; Twins win World Series	Board of Water and Soil Resources created from organizations founded in 1937, 1955, and 1971; Pipeline Safety Act	Water Quality Act		
1988					Hazardous Waste Cleanup Liens; Environmental Trust Fund Mississippi National River Recreation Area	Endangered Species Act Reauthorization, Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act Amendments		
1989				Exxon Valdez spill	Groundwater Protection Act; Mankato floodwall completed			
1990			Goodfellas	World population reaches 5 billion	MDA Nitrogen Fertilizer Management Plan	Farm Bill		
1991	Bush	Carlson		MOA opens	Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) passed			
1992			Unforgiven			Pilot Wetland Reserve Program (WRP)		
1993			Schindler's List	First Minnesota Envirothon held Milwaukee Cryptosporidium outbreak	WCA amended to require less mitigation in counties with >80% of pre-settlement wetlands; Minnesota River flood of record			
1994			Forrest Gump		BWSR Coastal engineer established; amendments to the WCA	WRP goes national; Soil Conservation Service becomes NRCS		
1995			Toy Story		Amendments to the WCA	Farm Bill		
1996	Clinton	Ventura (Janos)	Titanic	First cloned mammal	Major Red River flood	Kyoto treaty		
1997			Saving Private Ryan	Hunting and fishing amendment	RIM matched with WRP and CREP; Red River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Work Group	Minnesota River is second Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program created		
1999				New Science Museum built				
2000			Gladiator, Chocolat	Great Lakes Aquarium opens	BWSR State Soils Office established with U of M Amendments to the WCA			
2001				September 11 attack	Amendments to the WCA			
2002		Bush	Pawlenty	Spider-Man		Large Red River flood in June; coastal engineering program cut BWSR	Farm Bill	
2003				Finding Nemo		SWCD statute modernization		
2004				Ray				
2005						CREP II established	Energy Bill pushes ethanol	
2006					Red Lake re-opens for walleye	Clean Water Legacy Act; Clean Water Council created; PCA approves statewide mercury TMDL	Raponos vs. U.S. Supreme Court case re: "waters of the U.S."	
2007	Obama	Dayton	Juno	Wind energy tops 1,000 MW	corn yield: 146 bu/ac soybeans: 41 bu/ac	Energy Independence and Food Security Act pushes ethanol; CRP enrollment peaks in Midwest		
2008			Iron Man	35W bridge collapse	3/8 of 1% sales tax amendment passes; Lessard-Sarnis Outdoor Heritage Council created	Farm Bill		
2009			The Hurt Locker	TCF Bank Stadium opens	BWSR expands to 20-members; Technical Service Areas consolidate from 11 to 8			
2010			Avatar		Lake Vermillion State Park; Conservation Apprentice Academy funded by LCCMR	Hydraulic fracturing technology radically alters energy sources, trade, and environmental impact		
2011			Moneyball	Second Gulf War ends	AIS controls and enforcement expanded			
2012	Obama	Dayton	Argo		Comprehensive changes to water planning statutes	Major Farm Bill discussion fails		
2013			Captain Phillips	One World Trade Center tops out	Ag water quality certification program begins			
2014			Selma	HHH Metrodome demolition Flint, MI Water Supply Crisis	DNR establishes Groundwater Management areas	Farm Bill links conservation to subsidized crop insurance		
2015			The Big Short		Buffer bill passes; MPCA Citizen Board eliminated			
2016			U.S. Bank Stadium opens					