

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; Air Pollution Control Act	
1956			The King and I	First game in Met Stadium (Mpls Millers); Southdale opens		Soil Bank Program created; Glen Canyon Dam groundbreaking	
1957			12 Angry Men	Sputnik launched	First watershed district created		
1958				First Russian in space		TFM found to be a lampricide	
1959			Some Like it Hot	First metro interstate miles laid	Corn yield: 51 bu/ac Soybeans: 19 bu/ac		
1960						FDA approves birth control pill	
1961	Kennedy	E. Anderson		Twins and Vikings both arrive; Berlin Wall goes up	 <p>FRESHWATER SOCIETY Est. 1968 freshwater.org</p>	Gov. Freeman appointed U.S. Secretary of Agriculture and tries to cut production	
1962			Lawrence of Arabia	Skyways built in Minneapolis; John Glenn orbits earth		<i>Silent Spring</i> is published	
1963	Johnson	Rolvaag		Guthrie Theater opens		Land and Water Conservation Fund created	
1964			My Fair Lady			Wilderness Act	
1965			The Sound of Music	Gatorade invented		St. Paul sees highest flood peak on Mississippi River (others in 52, 69, 97, and 01)	
1966						Grand Canyon Dam proposed	
1967	LeVander		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				Grand Canyon Dam dropped
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	Nixon	LeVander	M*A*S*H Patton	Vikings lose Super Bowl; Windsurfer patented	Norman Borlaug wins Nobel Peace Prize; Mankato floodwall construction begins	Clean Air Act amendments; Water Quality Improvement Act; first Earth Day; EPA created	
1971			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		Water Pollution Control Act; Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act; Coastal Zone Management Act; Environmental Pesticide Control Act; DDT banned	
1973			American Graffiti	Civic Center opens for hockey; Wendell Anderson on cover of Time	Environmental Policy Act (MEPA); Environmental Quality Board (EQB) Established; Public Waters Protection; Wild & Scenic Rivers Act	Endangered Species Act; phase-out of leaded gasoline begins	
1974	Ford	W. Anderson		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			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	Carter	Perpich	Deer Hunter	Science Museum opens; first GPS satellites launched	Lake Improvement Districts created; Area II MN River Basin Projects Inc. formed; BWCAW established	Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act amendments; Love Canal scandal	
1979			Apocalypse Now	3-Mile Island nuclear incident	Local Floodplain Management		
1980	Reagan	Quie		Olympic Miracle on Ice	EIS Categories; Waste Management Board created	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("Superfund")	
1981			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	Perpich		Ghostbusters		DNR directed to remove all elk from 4 counties	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			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	Bush			Exxon Valdez spill	Groundwater Protection Act; Mankato floodwall completed		
1990			Goodfellas	World population reaches 5 billion	MDA Nitrogen Fertilizer Management Plan	Farm Bill	
1991			Unforgiven	MOA opens	Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) passed		
1992	Clinton	Carlson				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		Wild exceeds stocked lake trout in Lake Superior again	Farm Bill	
1996					Amendments to the WCA		
1997			Titanic	First cloned mammal	Major Red River flood	Kyoto treaty rejected by U.S.	
1998			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	Ventura (Janos)			New Science Museum built			
2000			Gladiator, Chocolat	Great Lakes Aquarium opens	BWSR State Soils Office established with U of M; Amendments to the WCA	Clinton sets aside 58 million acres for preservation; Everglades restoration funded	
2001	Bush	Pawlenty		September 11 attack	Amendments to the WCA		
2002			Spider-Man		Large Red River flood in June; BWSR coastal engineering program cut	Farm Bill	
2003			Finding Nemo		SWCD statute modernization		
2004			Miracle				
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			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-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council created	Farm Bill	
2009	Obama	Dayton	The Hurt Locker	TCF Bank Stadium opens	BWSR expands to 20-members; Technical Service Areas consolidate from 11 to 8	Hydraulic fracturing technology radically alters energy sources, trade, and environmental impact	
2010			Avatar		Lake Vermillion State Park; Conservation Apprentice Academy funded by LCCMR		
2011		Moneyball	Second Gulf War ends	AIS controls and enforcement expanded			
2012		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	St. Anthony Falls Lock & Dam closed (1963-2015)		
2016		Hidden Figures	U.S. Bank Stadium opens	Buffer bill amended; US bonding bill			