

2011 Local Road Authority Training

“ Working Together to Integrate Wetland Permitting and Notification with Road Projects”

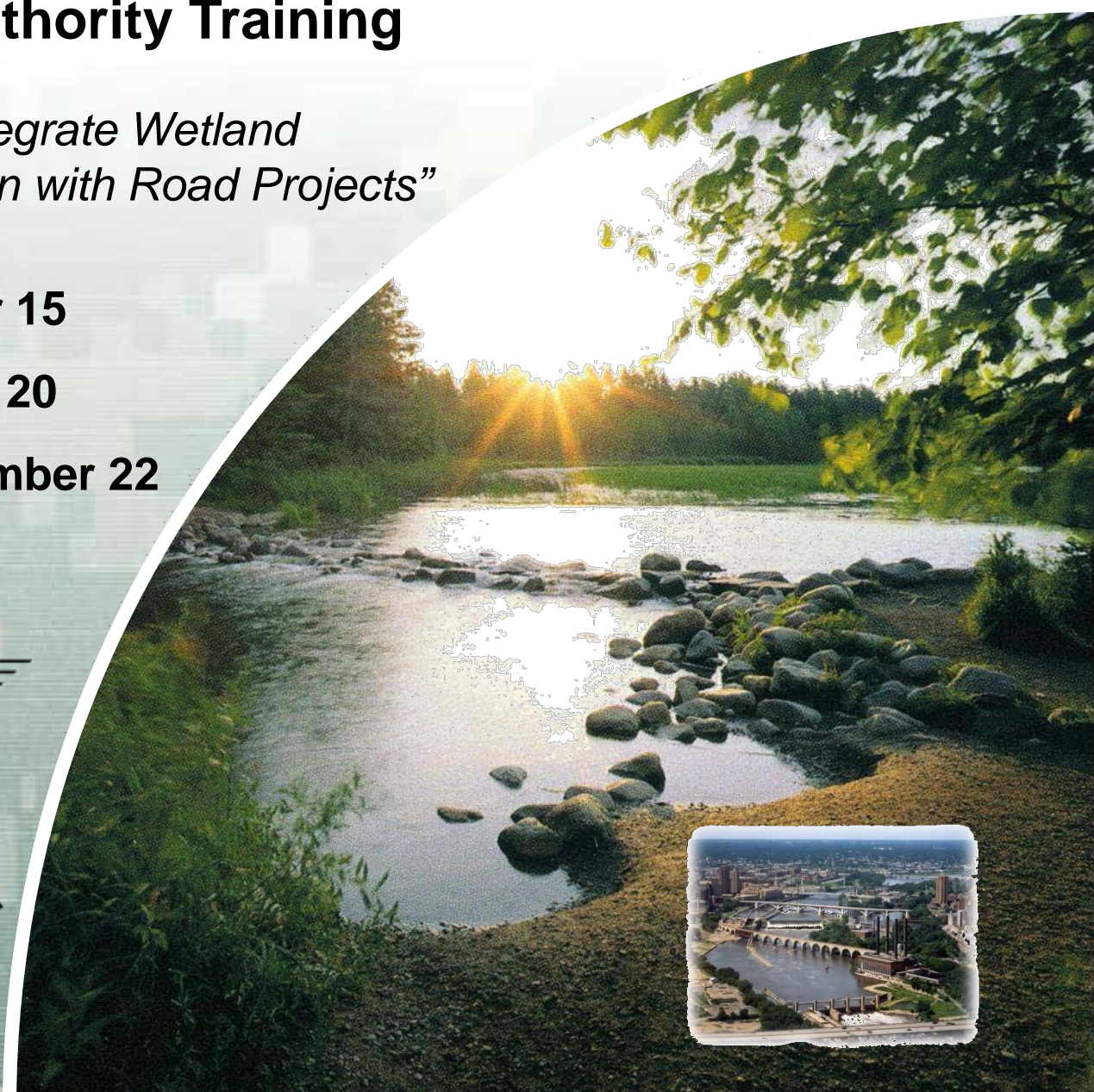
Arden Hills - September 15

Owatonna – September 20

Redwood Falls – September 22



US Army Corps of Engineers
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Mission Statement

The mission of the Corps of Engineers Regulatory Program is to protect the Nation's aquatic resources, while allowing reasonable development through fair, flexible and balanced permit decisions. The Corps evaluates permit applications for essentially all construction activities that occur in the Nation's waters, including wetlands.



Regulatory Program Goals

- ▶ Protect the aquatic environment
- ▶ Enhance regulatory program efficiency
- ▶ Make fair, reasonable, and timely decisions
- ▶ Achieve No Net Loss of Aquatic Resources



St. Paul District Permit Program

- About 6,000 regulatory actions annually
- About 3,500 of these actions are permit decisions
- 80-90% of General Permits issued in less than 60 days*
- 70-80% of Letters of Permission and Individual Permits issued in less than 120 days*

*from date of receipt of a complete application



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BWSR Mission

Improve and protect Minnesota's water and soil resources by working in partnership with local organizations and private landowners.



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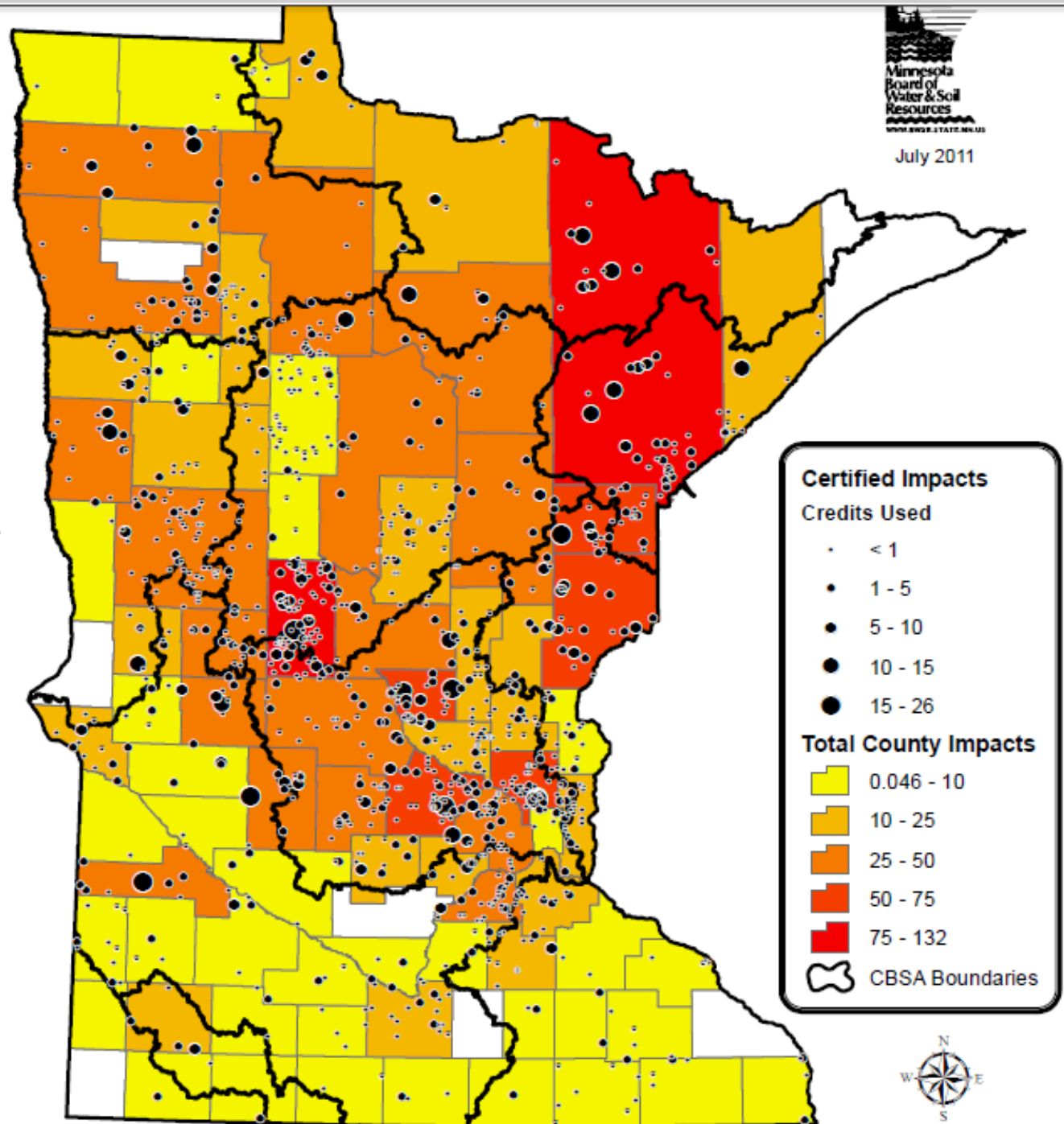
BWSR & WCA

- Achieve no net loss of MN's existing wetlands;
- Increase the quantity, quality and biological diversity of MN's wetlands
- Avoid impacts
- Replace where avoidance is not feasible and prudent.



Wetland Banking

Certified
Road Credits
Used



Today:

- Identifying and Delineating Waters of the US (waters and wetlands)
- Permitting Timelines
- The Application Process
- Compensatory Mitigation
- Permit Compliance

