

WASHINGTON COUNTY  
NATURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION  
AND MANAGEMENT  
SYSTEM FRAMEWORK



LAND AND WATER  
LEGACY PROGRAM  
PRIORITY CONSERVATION  
AREAS



KEY TO FEATURES

**PRIORITY CONSERVATION AREAS**

-  TOP 10 PRIORITY CONSERVATION AREAS
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**ROADS**

-  Interstate/Highway
-  County Road

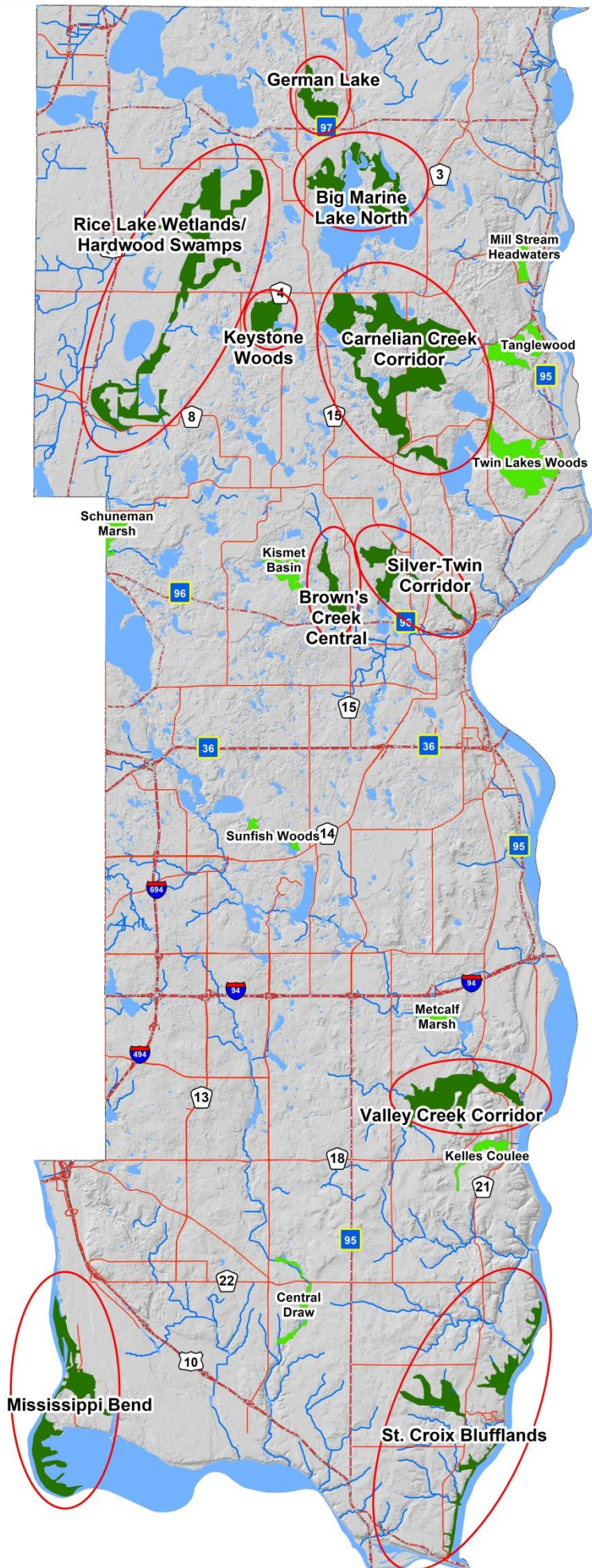
-  LAKES
-  STREAMS
-  COUNTY

**Digital Elevation Model- Hillshade**

**Value**

-  High : 254
-  Low : 0

Priority conservation areas were identified using a GIS model developed under the Land and Water Legacy Program in 2010. The model incorporates four modules; surface water, ecological patches, connectivity, and drinking water. The modules give points to high quality surface waters, regionally significant ecological areas and native habitats, corridors between important ecological patches, and critical groundwater protection areas, respectively. Each module is weighted and final scores are assigned to areas where modules intersect, effectively identifying important areas for the county to focus protection resources.



SOURCE DATA  
County Conservation Plan Priority Areas, Washington County  
24K Lakes, MNDNR  
24K Streams, MNDNR  
Road Centerlines, Washington County  
3-meter DEM, Washington County

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