

# 2024 Agricultural Preserves Program Report

Community Development Committee



MacKenzie Young Walters, Senior Planner

September 2, 2025



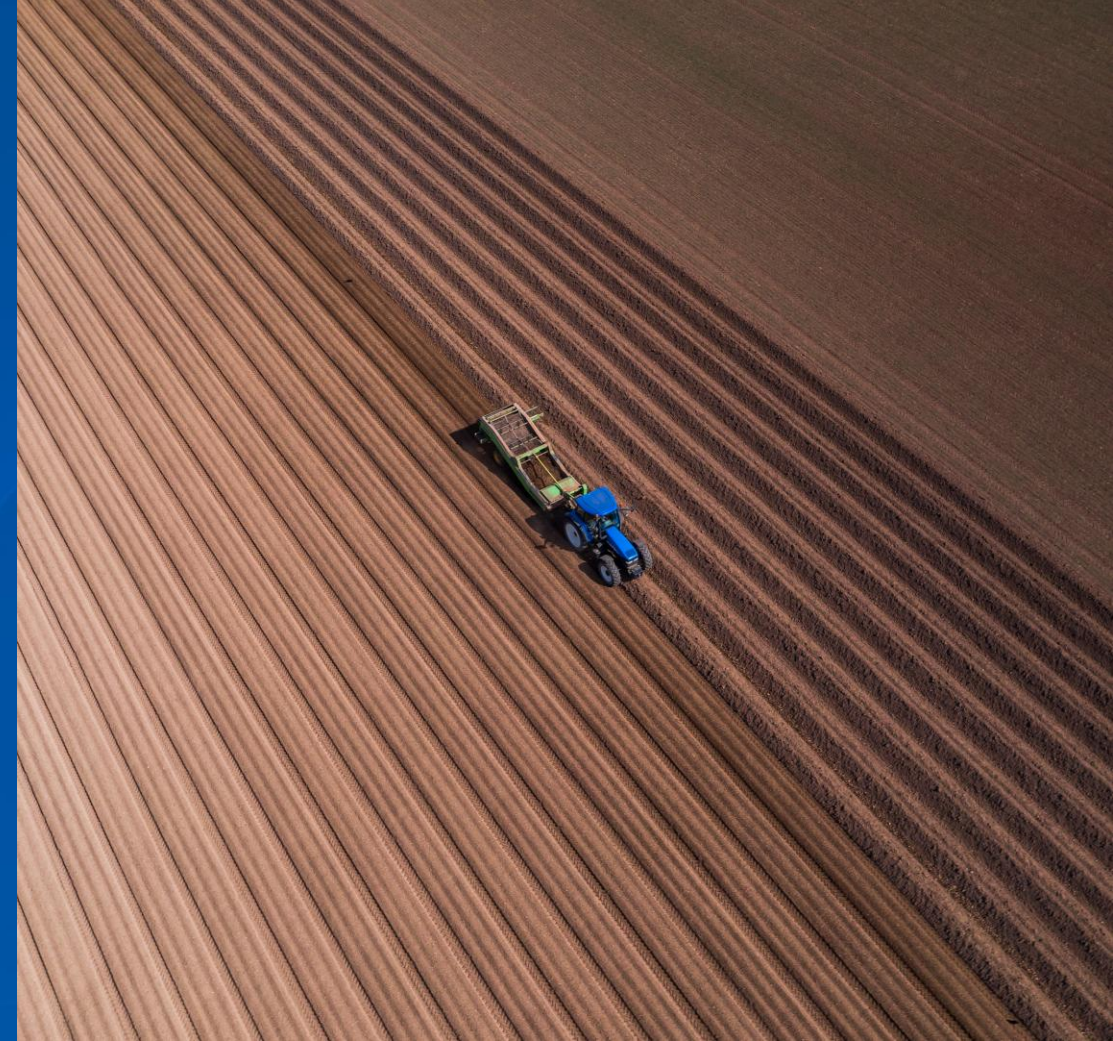
# 2024 Agricultural Preserves Program Report

Community Development Committee

MacKenzie Young-Walters, Senior Planner

---

September 2, 2025



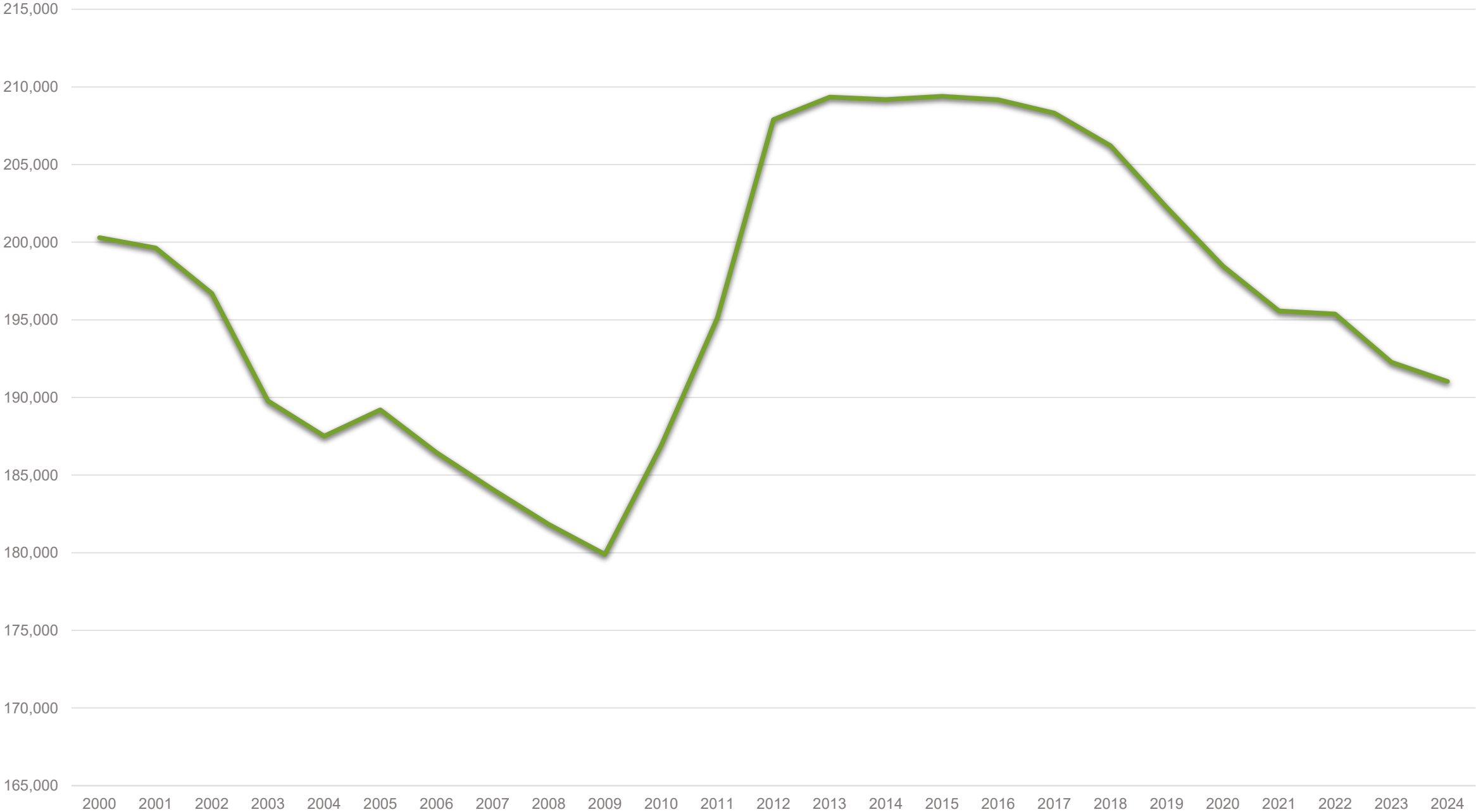
# Overview

- Program Establishment; MN Statute 473H
- Local Comprehensive Planning
  - Communities designate Ag. areas
- Eligibility for enrollment
  - 40+ acres, some exceptions
- Enrollment process
  - Owner applies
  - Local authorities approve enrollment
  - Counties handle taxes
- Program benefits
  - Minimum \$1.50 an acre tax credit.
  - No assessments.
- Termination
  - After 8 years owner can request early exit (local gov. must approve).
  - Otherwise, owner or local authority can give 8-year notice.



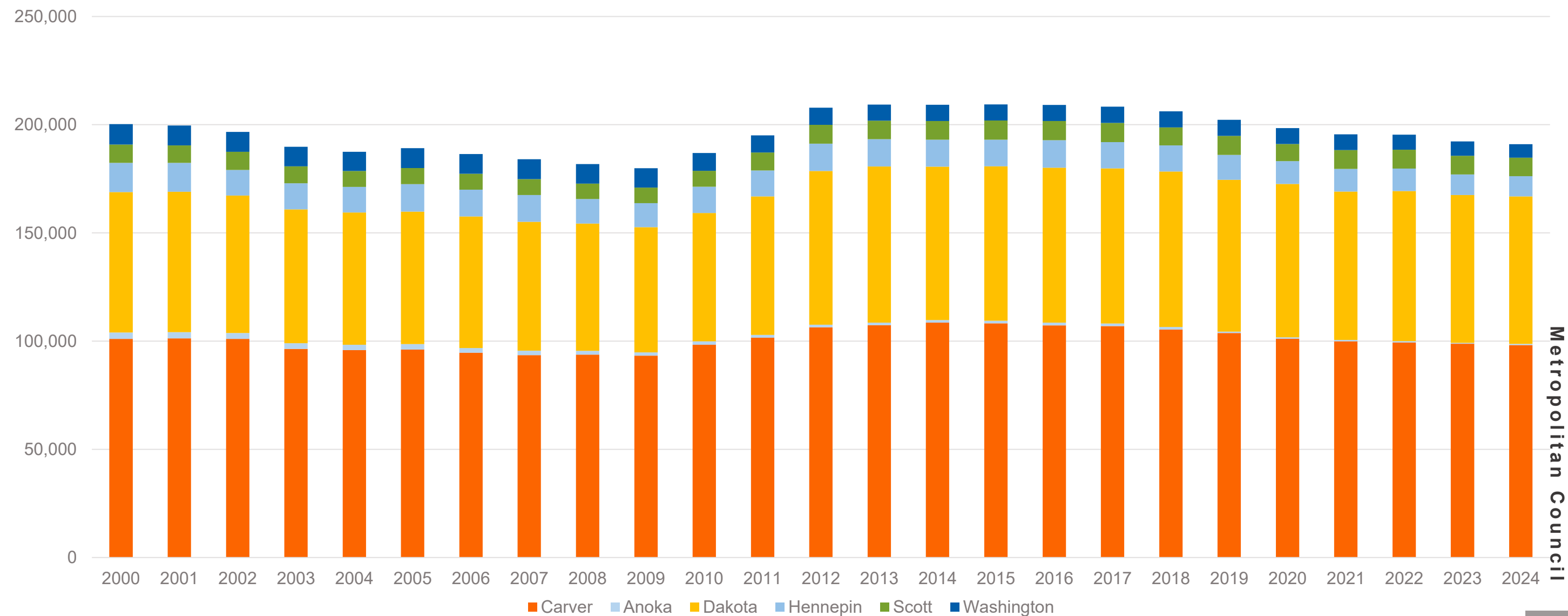
# Enrollment Trends

Ag Preserves Total Acreage

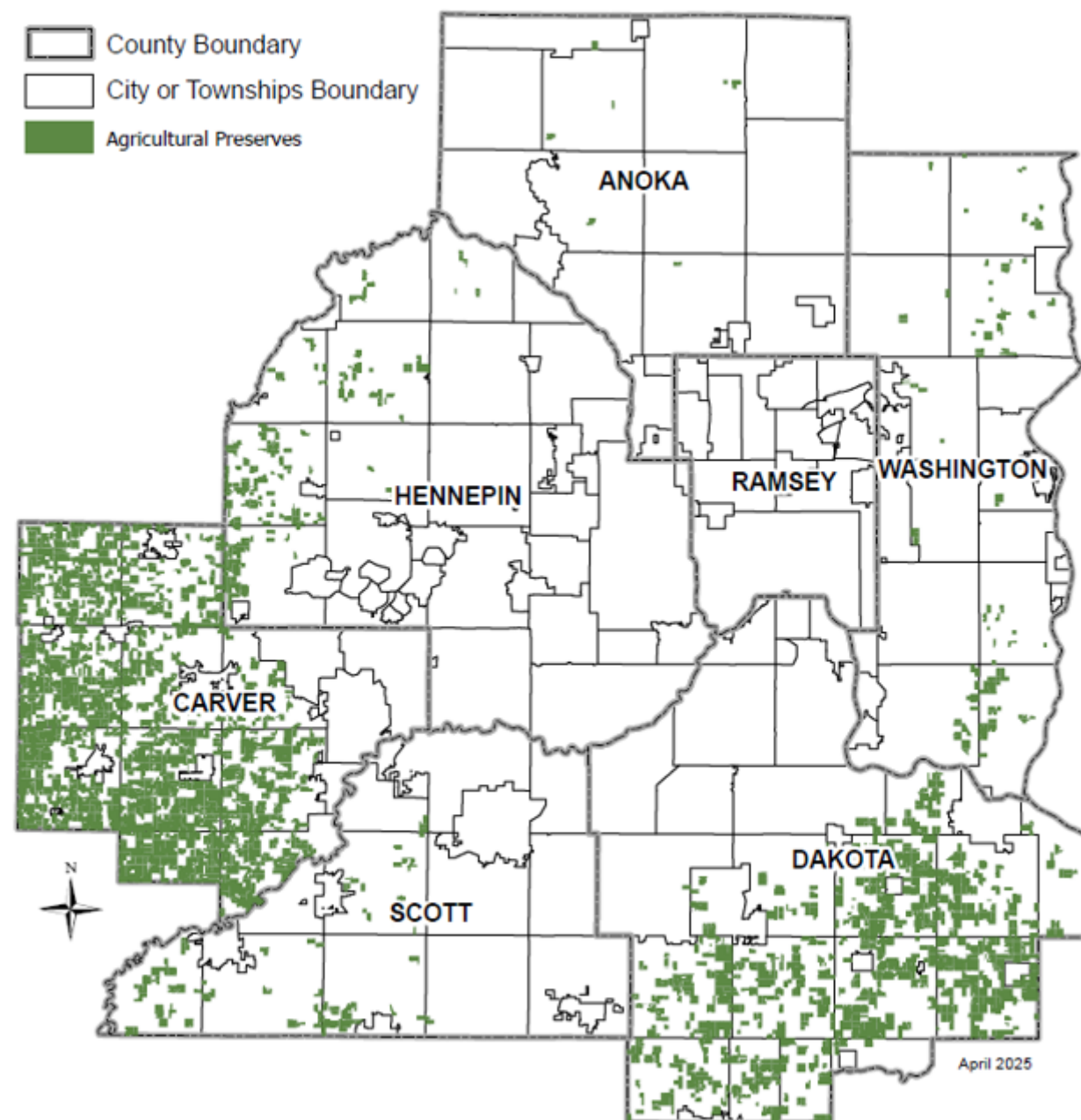




# Enrollment Trends by County



# 2024 Enrolled Parcels



County	2024 Acres Enrolled
Anoka	569
Carver	98,132
Dakota	68,169
Hennepin	9,381
Scott	8,523
Washington	6,259
<b>Total (Acres)</b>	<b>191,033</b>

# Funding



*Table 1. County and State Conservation Accounts*

County	2024 Acres Enrolled	2023 County Conservation Account Revenue	Credits Reimbursed From County Account	Tax Credits Amount Left in County Conservation Account	Reimbursed From State Conservation Fund and State General Fund
<b>Greater MN Counties</b>					
Waseca	78,211.41	\$ 3,077.50	\$ 3,077.50	\$ -	\$ 112,964.97
Winona	37,777.94	\$ 5,795.00	\$ 5,795.00	\$ -	\$ 50,872.41
Wright	8,845.07	\$ 22,852.50	\$ 12,861.18	\$ 9,991.32	0
<b>Metropolitan Counties</b>					
Anoka	569.41	\$ 42,563.00	\$ 1,008.66	\$ 41,554.34	\$ -
Carver	98,132.24	\$ 15,960.00	\$ 15,960.00	\$ -	\$ 181,731.16
Dakota	68,169.05	\$ 49,600.00	\$ 49,600.00	\$ -	\$ 69,378.43
Hennepin	9,380.71	\$ 134,495.50	\$ 105,721.96	\$ 28,773.54	\$ -
Ramsey	0.00	\$ 49,282.50	\$ -	\$ 49,282.50	\$ -
Scott	8,522.57	\$ 18,635.00	\$ 14,671.06	\$ 3,963.94	\$ -
Washington	6,259.25	\$ 34,615.00	\$ 13,613.58	\$ 21,001.42	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>315,867.65</b>	<b>\$ 376,876.00</b>	<b>\$ 222,308.94</b>	<b>\$ 154,567.06</b>	<b>\$ 414,946.97</b>
Note: The full amount was paid from the state conservation fund, with nothing paid from the state general fund.					

Source: Minnesota Department of Revenue



# Questions?

**MacKenzie Young-Walters**

Senior Planner

Local Planning Assistance

[MacKenzie.Young-Walters@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:MacKenzie.Young-Walters@metc.state.mn.us)

