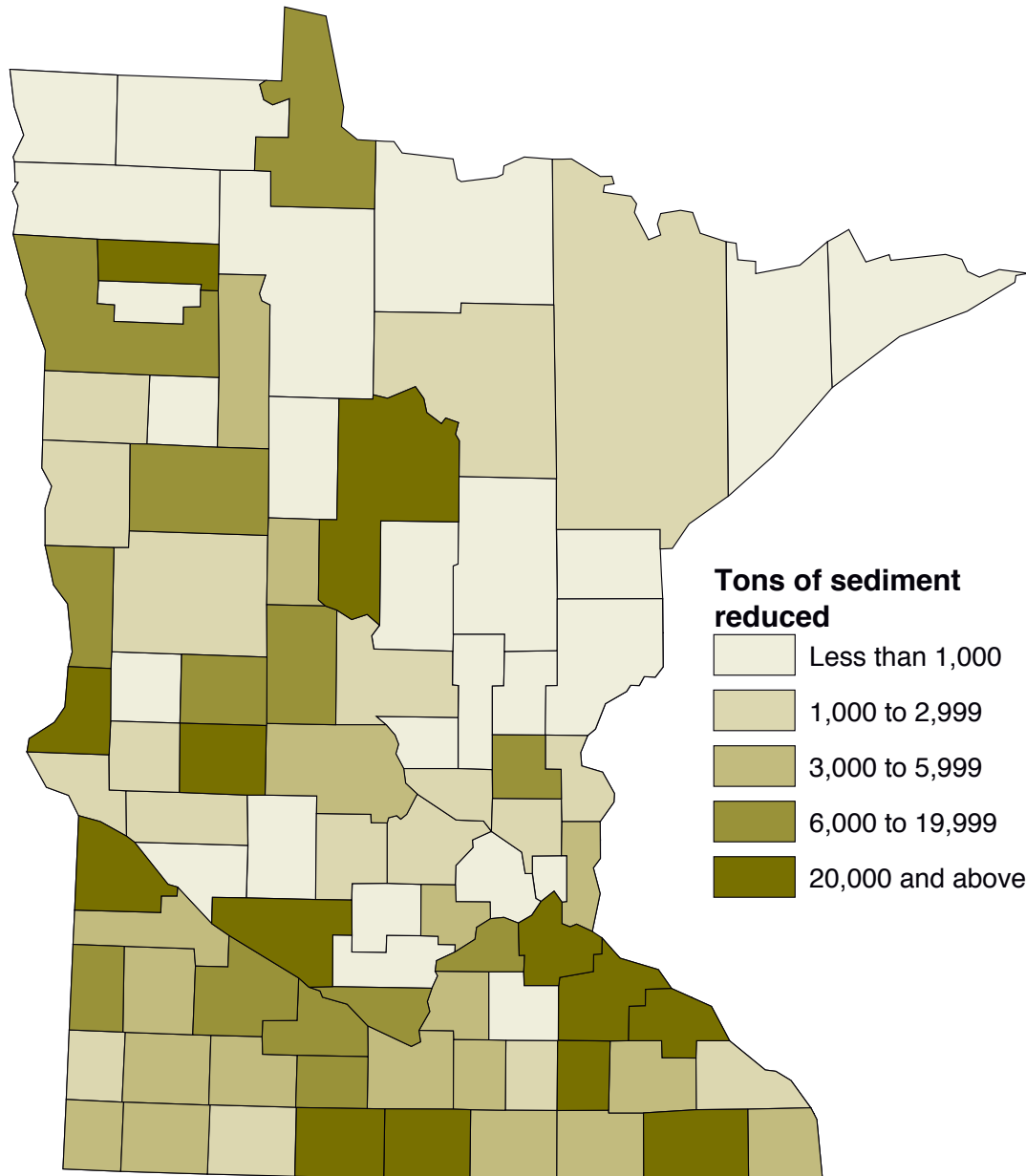


Sediment Reduction, 1997–2005

Sediment is the eroding soil that ultimately makes it into a stream or lake. Sediment flowing into rivers, lakes and wetlands eventually fills them in, increasing flood hazard and often damaging the habitat of birds and animals that depend on these watery environments to live and reproduce. The sediment reduction figure is an estimation of the amount of soil that would have made it into surface water if these conservation practices had not been in place.



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