

## INSTITUTE ON THE ENVIRONMENT



*Discovering Solutions to the Earth's Most Pressing Environmental Problems*

### A Center of Excellence for the Environment:

- Addressing complex global environmental issues with regional significance

*A new way of thinking: Assemble truly trans-disciplinary research teams integrating basic science, agriculture, economics, health, policy, and the social sciences.*

- Producing practical, high-impact solutions that significantly improve the environment and the human condition

*A new way of thinking: Link basic research to public policy, to implementation, and to public engagement.*



### A Flagship Institute for the University:

- Integrating, enhancing and showcasing the University's competitive advantage in environmental education and research.

*A new way of thinking: Transform the sum of its excellent parts into a greater, unified, and highly visible whole.*



### A Transformative Enterprise:

- Transforming our University by building capacity at the University to compete for large, interdisciplinary environmental research grants and attracting top academic talent to the University;
- Transforming our community by attracting business and investment to the State of Minnesota and positioning the University of Minnesota and the State at the forefront of *the* defining issue of the 21st century; and
- Transforming our world by delivering innovative and practical solutions to our most pressing environmental problems.

