

**Twin Cities Metropolitan Area**

**River and Stream Corridors Linking Regionally Significant Natural Resource Areas (Terrestrial and Wetland)**



River and Stream Corridors

- Terrestrial Routes
- Aquatic Routes
- Sections where routes coincide

Regionally Significant Natural Resource Areas (RSNRA)

- Terrestrial RSNRA
- Wetland RSNRA
- Considered as Both Terrestrial and Wetland RSNRA

Open Water Features (including wetlands)

- Interstate Highway
- Federal Trunk Highway
- State Trunk Highway
- Municipal/Township Boundary
- County Boundary

Regionally Significant Natural Resource Areas (RSNRAs)

The Regionally Significant Natural Resource Areas (RSNRA) are derived from an ecological/GIS modeling process. These areas must meet specific criteria that were established to qualify as regionally significant (e.g. size, shape, connectivity, adjacent land use).

River and Stream Corridors

The River and Stream Corridors are shortest-distance paths in and along rivers, streams, lakes, and wetlands that connect at least two Regionally Significant Natural Resource Areas (RSNRA). The corridors consist of Aquatic Routes and Terrestrial Routes. The Aquatic Routes link wetland derived RSNRAs using any open water (streams, rivers, etc.). The Terrestrial Routes link upland derived RSNRAs using natural/semi-natural vegetation cover along the banks and shores of open water.

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