Minnesota WWTF Transition Update

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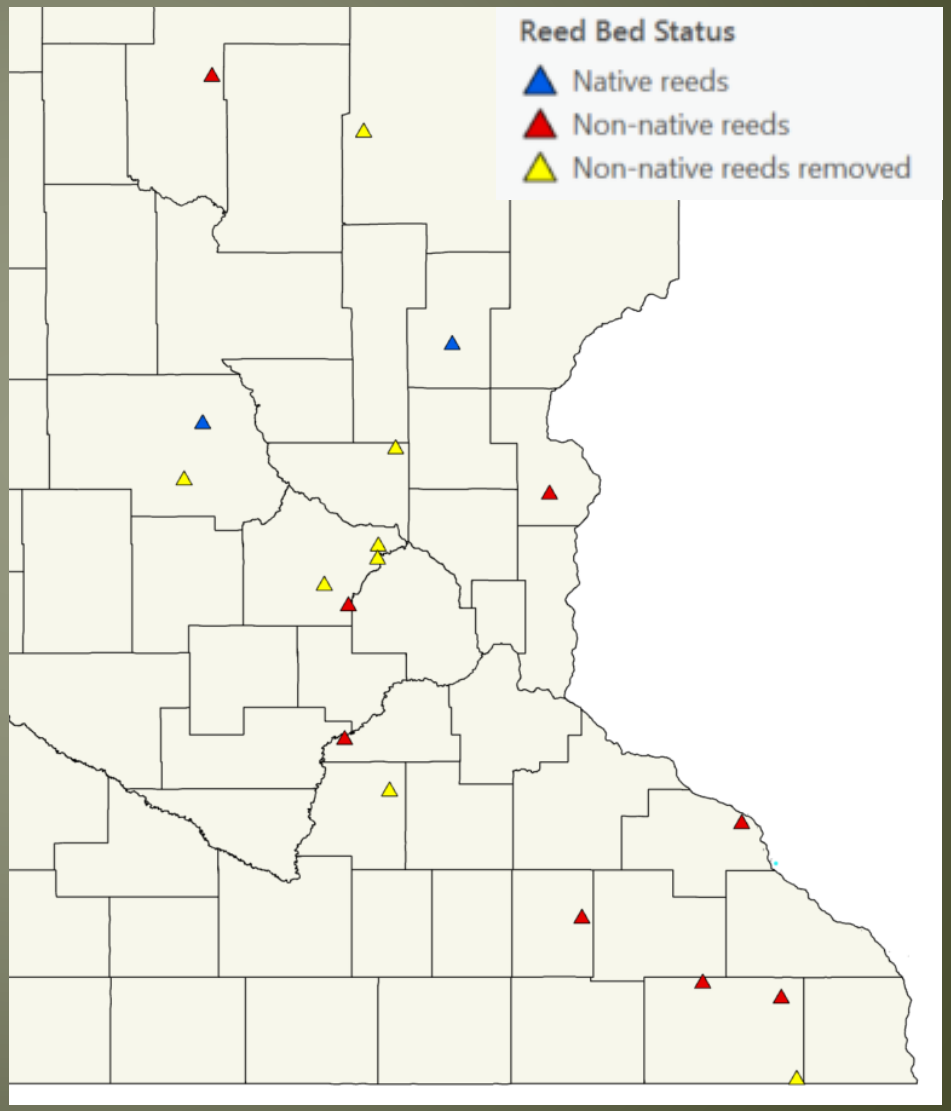
Status of WWTF Transition

2 - Native *Phragmites*
8 - Invasive *Phragmites*
8 - Mostly/Fully eradicated

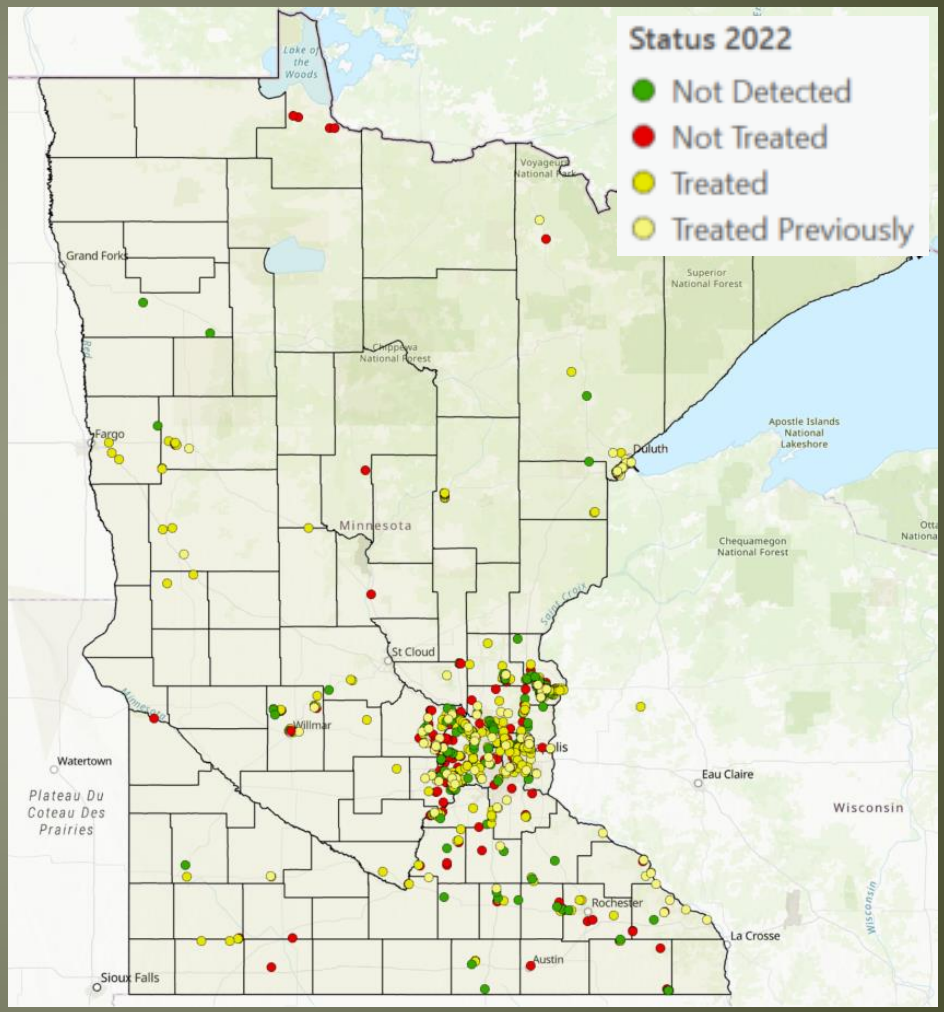


- Operate reed beds as drying beds
- Install screw press technology
- Transition to native Phragmites
- Use invasive *Phragmites* until alternative species ID'd

Statewide Distribution

1900 verified populations

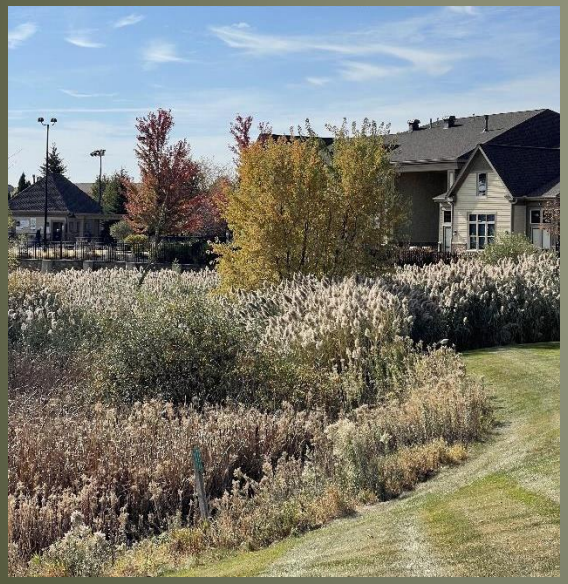
- 49 of 87 counties
- Percent of populations:
  - Metropolitan - 75%
  - Outstate – 25%

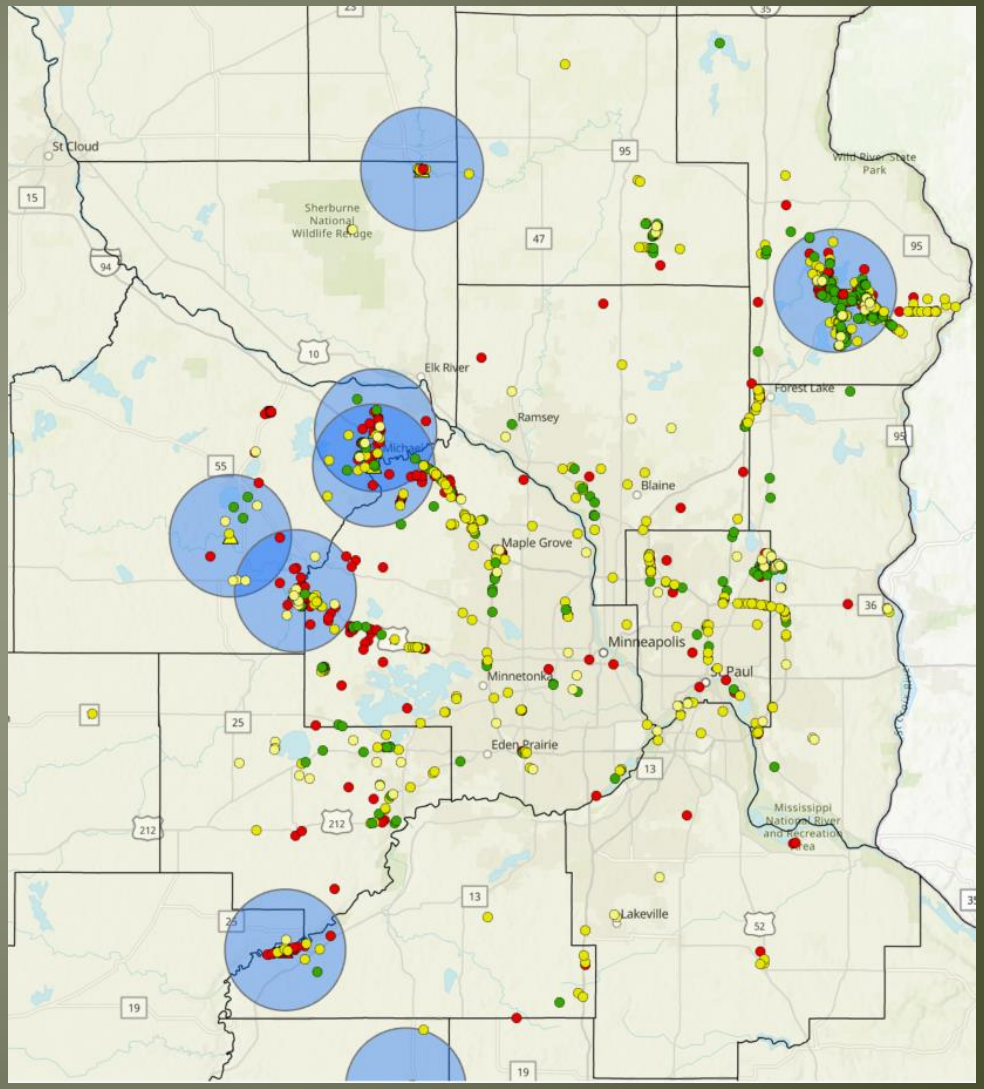


Metro Area Distribution

11- County Metropolitan Area

= 7 Wastewater Treatment Facilities





Develop Haul Out Protocols

- Transition when beds full
- *Apply herbicide to reeds
- Haul out biosolids w/ rhizomes
- Haul out & replace or screen sand
- Land apply or landfill

Reed Bed as a Growing Environment

- High Moisture
- High Nutrient
- Volatiles
- Sedimentation
- pH
- FOG
- Commercial/Industrial vs. Residential

Develop Planting Protocols

Establish native reeds from

- Rhizomes
- Stem cuttings
- Root stocks
- Plugs

Chetek WI - New Reed Beds

- May not use invasive reeds
- Contract with a grower to produce native plugs
- Online spring 2024

What can be learned in WI to move MN forward

2023 Treatment Status*

Year 3 of widespread treatment

- 1100+ (58%) Sites Visited
- 420 (22%) Not Detected
- 647 (34%) Treated

[302 Not Detected 2022]
[897 Sites Treated 2022]

* Not all partners have reported 2023 treatments yet

Questions?

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