



MACPZA 2021 Legislative Update

MACPZA 2021 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



SOLAR DECOMMISSIONING:

MACPZA supports addressing solar panel end of life handling to ensure the financial burden does not fall onto local governments and local taxpayers who may or may not have benefitted from the solar energy generated.

AIS FUNDING AND IMPLEMENTATION:

MACPZA supports state (DNR) assistance with implementation of regional executive boards to meet minimum standards developed by MAIRSC, MNDNR, MACPZA, and MLR.

SSTS COMPLIANCE:

MACPZA supports engaging industry professionals, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and MACPZA membership related to extending the life of SSTS Certificates of Compliance.

MACPZA 2021 Legislative Session Summary

LAND USE PLANNING AND REGULATION



PASSED

Rural Event Center Regulations

DNR Lands Bill

Tax-Forfeited Property Underground
Storage Tanks

Natural Resources Block Grant
with additional SSTS Grant funds

DID NOT PASS

Ag Land Preservation Program

Granny Pod Exemption

Use of Proceeds from Sales of
Tax-Forfeited Lands

Tax-Forfeited Property Clean-up
Grant Program

County Agriculture Inspectors Funding

Micro Dwellings/Sacred Settlements

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WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT



PASSED

Ordinary High-Water Mark Designations

Bulk Water Transfers

County Stormwater (MS4) Permits

Water Storage Program

Ag BMP Loan Program

404 Assumption Extension

DID NOT PASS

Public Waters Inventory

DEED and Mortgage Fee – SWCD Funding

**Watershed District and
Soil and Water Conservation District Mergers**

Drainage Repair Permits

Buffer Tax Credit

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DEDICATED FUNDS/ANIMAL AG/ENERGY



PASSED

Legacy Funding Bill

**Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund
– LCCMR Bill**

Feedlot General Permit Manure Restrictions

Evergreen Energy – Wood Waste Management

Solar on Closed Landfills

Wind Turbine Lighting Systems

DID NOT PASS

**Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
at County Facilities**

Solar Permitting - Transmission

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CURRENT TOPICS



- **WOTUS Rulemaking (x 2)**
- **PWI Appeals Court Decision**
- **EQB EAW update - Pilot climate considerations**
- **SSTS Funding – BWSR and MPCA coordination – Last Week Notice**
- **Unsewered Communities**
- **Housing Bill (Impact fees, Comp Plans, Building Code, and Granny Pods)**

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AMC ENR PRIORITIES 2022



2022 Environment and Natural Resources Policy Committee Priorities:

- 1) Blighted/tax-forfeited property clean-up assistance.
- 2) Stakeholder agreement on a solution to Public Waters Inventory issues.
- 3) Dedicate 100% of SWMT to state and county waste management activities (increase SCORE).
- 4) Support and defend counties' ability to perform solid waste management responsibilities (WTE).
- 5) Support extension of the renewable production tax to all commercial generation (under 1MW).

MACPZA 2021 Legislative Session Summary

2022 SESSION PRIMER



Second Year of Biennium

Split Legislature Dynamics Remain

New Senate Leadership

Increasing State Surplus

Upcoming Election/Redistricting

All 201 Legislators and Constitutional Officers Up for Re-election

Ongoing/Lingering Issues to Address

Additional Special Session? – Worker Pay, Drought, Pandemic



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