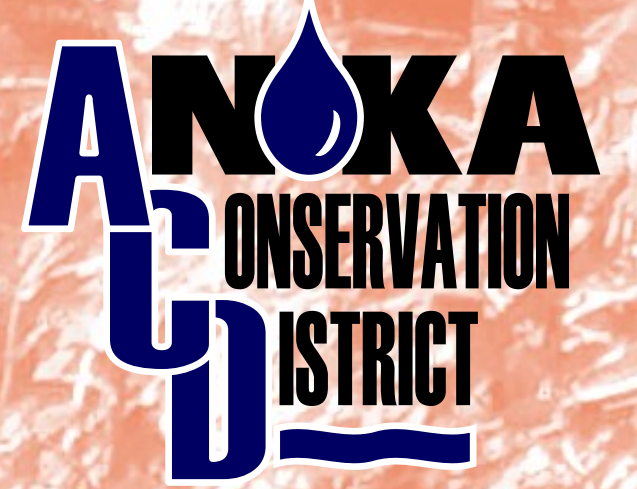


OPEN SPACE PROTECTION



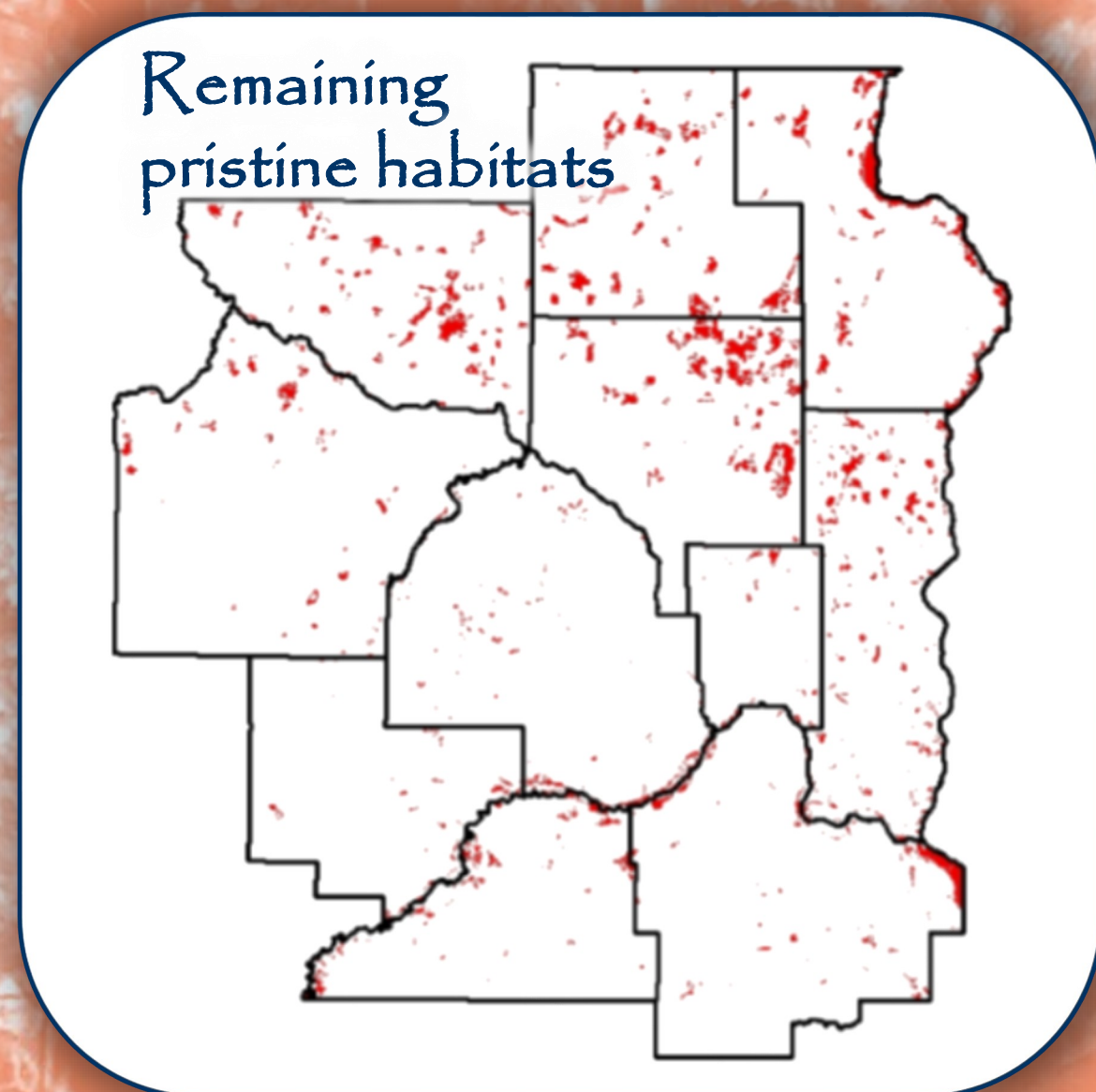
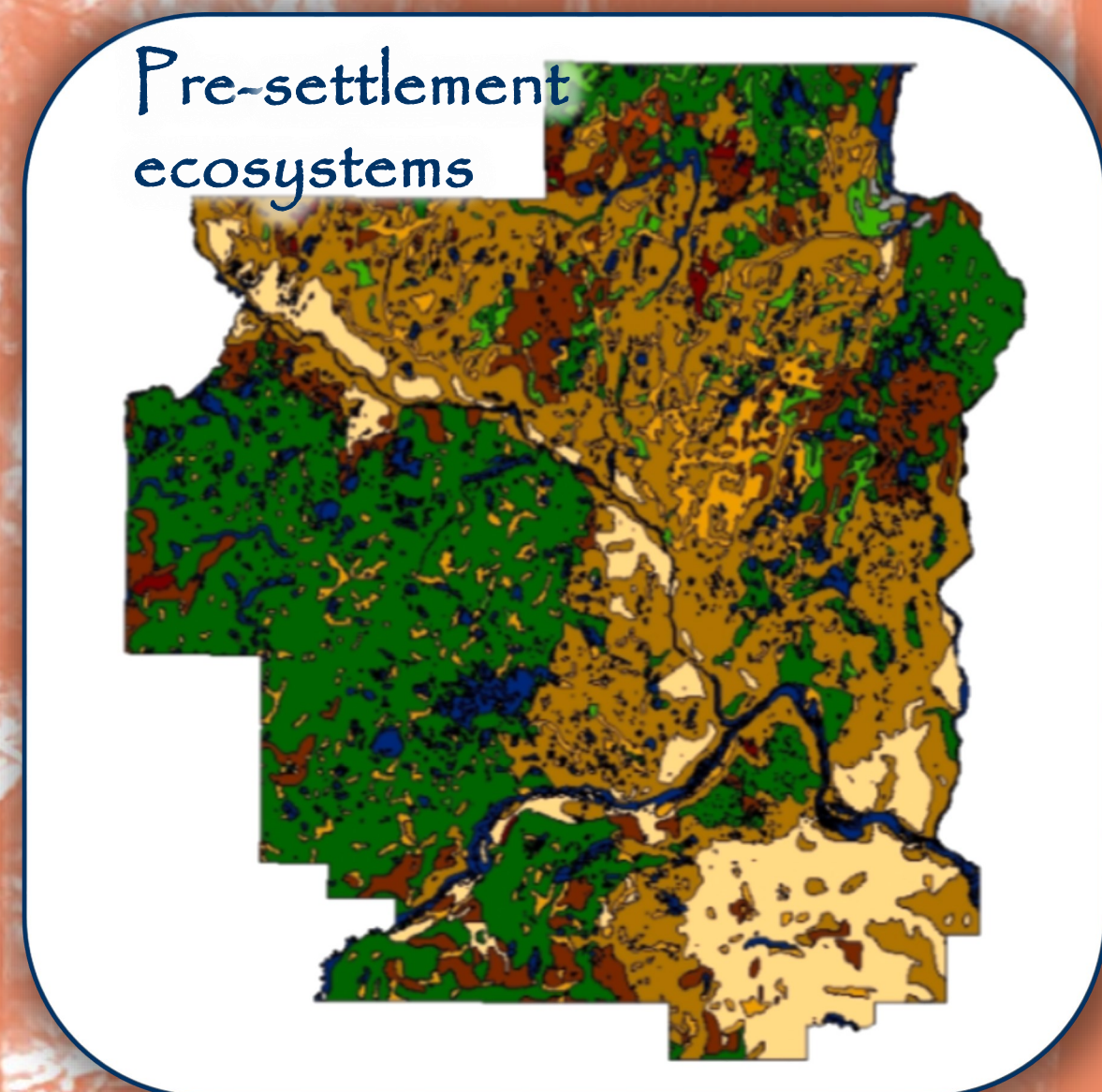
Establishing an
Enduring Legacy



Things we build last for decades, things we protect endure for centuries.

Permanent protection of open space is the best way to ensure preservation of our ecological heritage, but not all land is a priority to protect for wildlife. People need places to live, work, and grow food.

European settlers arrived in Minnesota about 200 years ago and began transforming the landscape.

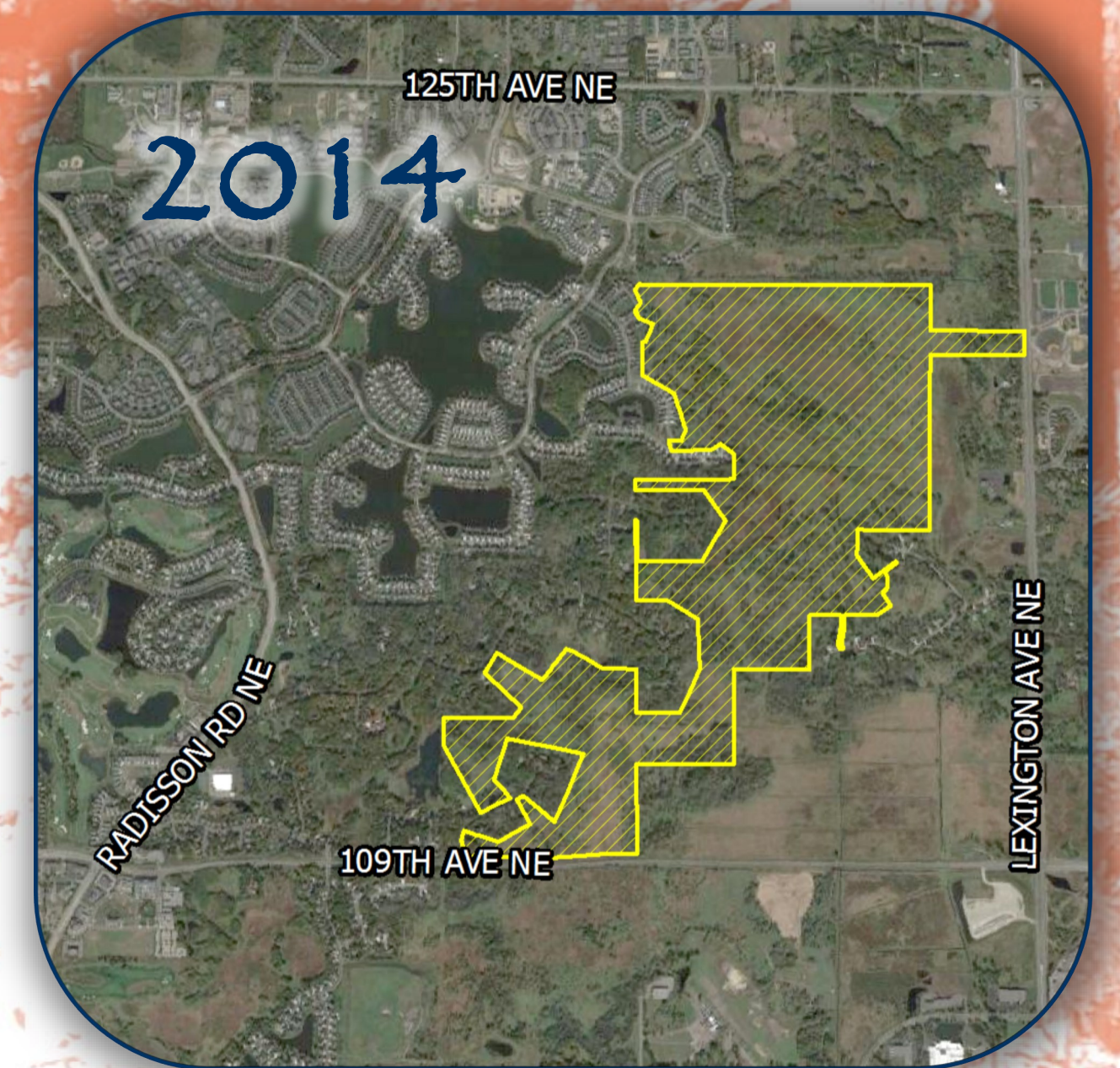
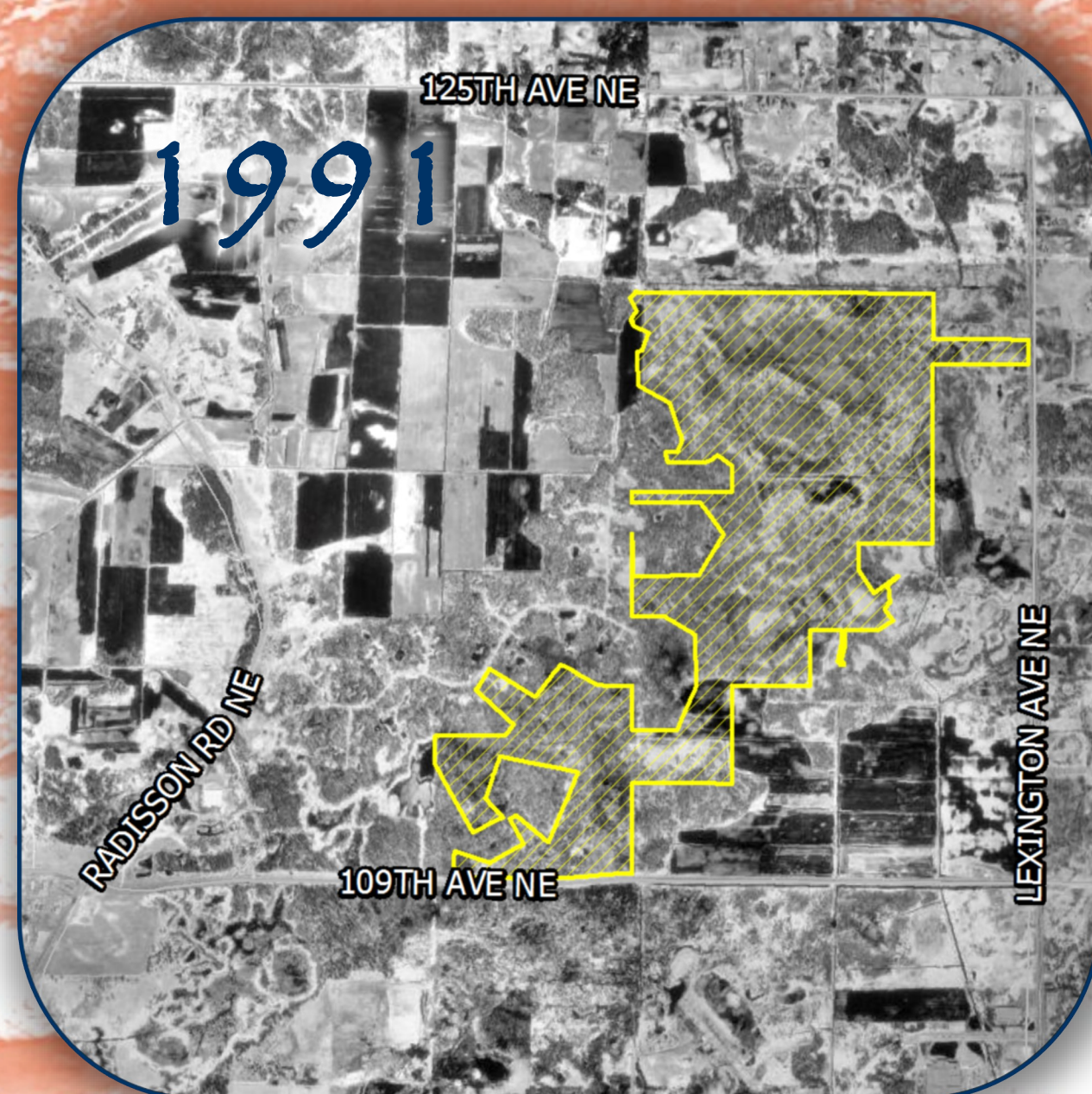
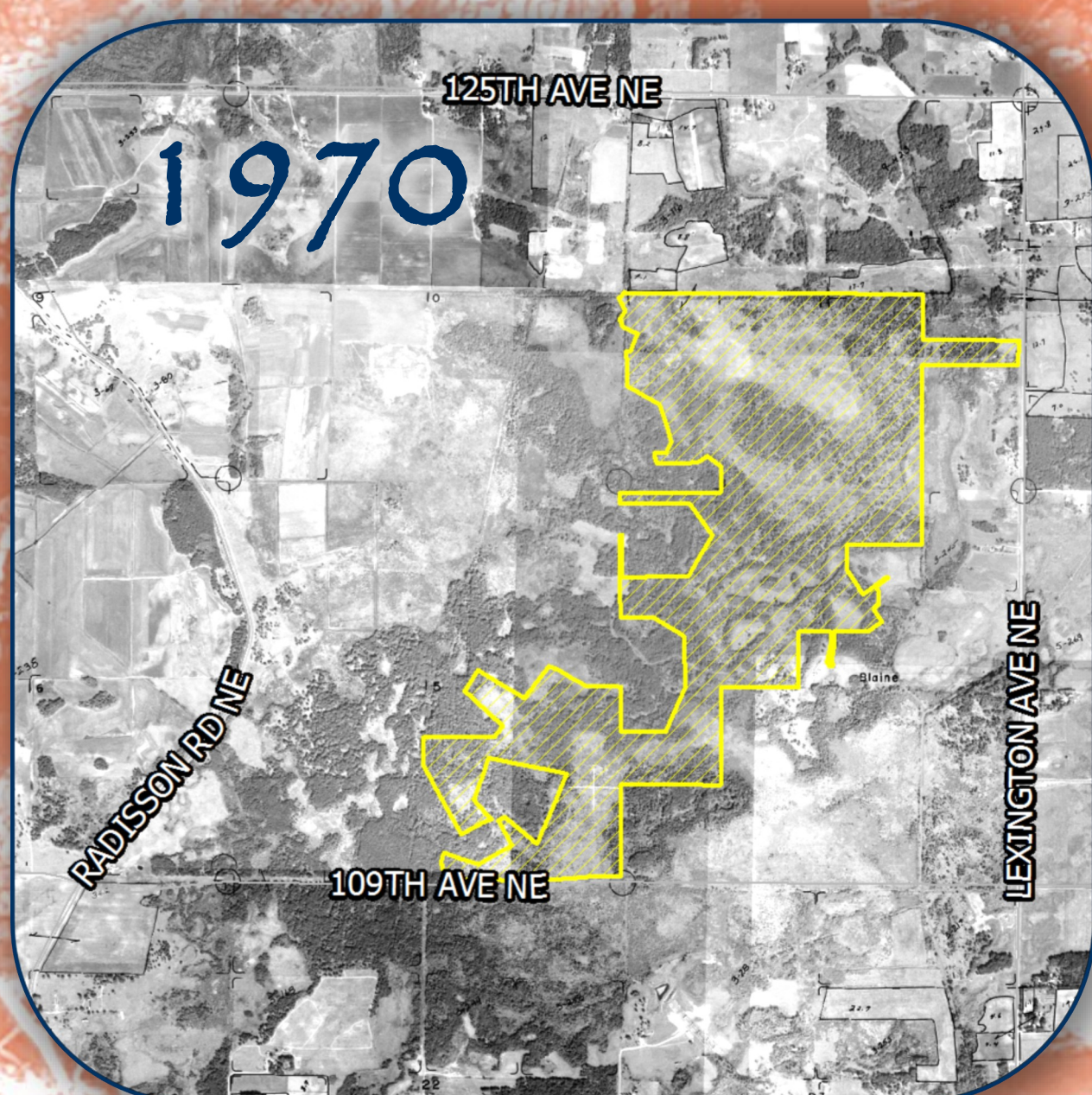


Lands with the Highest Conservation Value

- Large parcels (20+ acres)
- Lakes or rivers nearby
- Connected to open spaces
- High-quality ecosystems
- Rare species present

Land protection options are customizable including allowable activities, permanent or limited term, and public or private ownership and access. Landowners can sell or donate a conservation easement or title. Some options include tax benefits.

The march of progress across our landscape is ceaseless.
Without protection all land is destined for development.



Blaine Wetland Sanctuary (shaded yellow)