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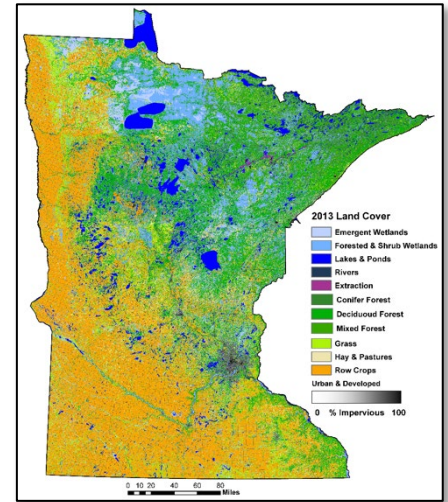
MINNESOTAView 2021 - 2022 ACTIVITIES

MinnesotaView undertakes education and outreach activities in remote sensing through the offering of workshops. The broad goals of these activities are to help stakeholders use remote sensing and to enhance public appreciation of the importance of remote sensing. We particularly focus our efforts on outreach to users and potential users of remote sensing data and methods. The awareness of remote sensing has increased dramatically in Minnesota over the last several years, but there are numerous opportunities to further increase use, and to help ensure that such use is consistent with accepted best practices.

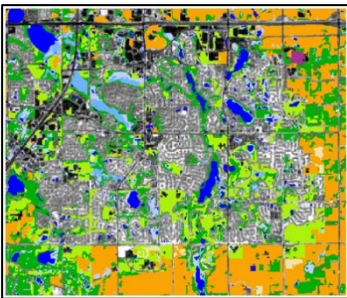
MinnesotaView also supports the development, distribution and application of geospatial information derived from remote sensing data for mapping, monitoring and analysis of land and water resources. Key activities in recent years have been mapping water clarity for over 10,000 Minnesota lakes and completing land cover/use maps for Minnesota (see figures on this page). Our remotely sensed data products can be viewed on our recently revised data portals:

Water Clarity Data Portal: <https://lakes.rs.umn.edu>

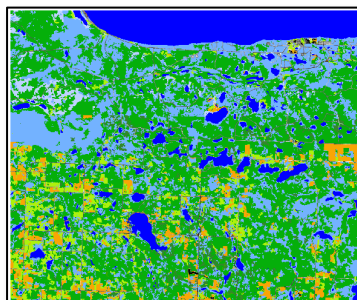
Land Data Portal: <https://z.umn.edu/landcover>



Land Cover/Use of Minnesota mapped using Landsat imagery



Mixed land cover in Woodbury, MN



Lower Red Lake area with cropland, forest, wetland and lakes.

Conversion of rural landscapes to urban and suburban land uses (e.g. Woodbury, MN in the figure to the left) results in increasing amounts of impervious surface area. Imperviousness affects the amount of runoff to streams and lakes and is related water quality of surrounding lakes and streams, to urban heat island effects, habitat degradation and fragmentation, and aesthetics of landscapes.

The University of Minnesota's Remote Sensing and Geospatial Analysis Laboratory has completed classifications of land cover and impervious surface area of the state and for the Twin Cities metro area over several decades. Classification using Landsat Thematic Mapper data enables quantifying the spatial and temporal patterns of impervious surface area over large geographic areas at modest cost.

MinnesotaView was established in 2008 and is working with state agencies and universities in Minnesota to advance remote sensing research and application, education and outreach. The Consortium is led by the University of Minnesota's [Remote Sensing and Geospatial Analysis Laboratory](http://remote.sensing.umn.edu), and includes the [Minnesota Geospatial Information Office](http://geospatial.umn.edu), the [Minnesota Pollution Control Agency](http://pollution.umn.edu), and [Minnesota Department of Natural Resources](http://naturalresources.umn.edu).

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BENEFITS TO MINNESOTA

An ongoing focus of MinnesotaView is offering workshops on remote sensing to Minnesota stakeholders. We have developed a large amount of workshop content for lidar, object-based image analysis, and Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS). UAS operations and applications are increasingly of interest for a variety of stakeholders, including the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forestry group, DNR's Resource Assessment group, the MN Pollution Control Agency's wetlands and water scientists, county land management agencies, and many others. In the 2021-2022 grant year, we conducted two workshops for stakeholders around the state.

The images to the right depict data products derived from our research. The top image shows the structure of a forest plantation, colored by height (red is taller). Such a dataset is useful for management planning, monitoring of tree health, and forest inventory studies. The bottom image is a high-resolution photo of a forest canopy in northern Minnesota, near Ely.

MinnesotaView performs substantial remote sensing research outreach. We believe it is vital that stakeholders and the public see the results of our work.

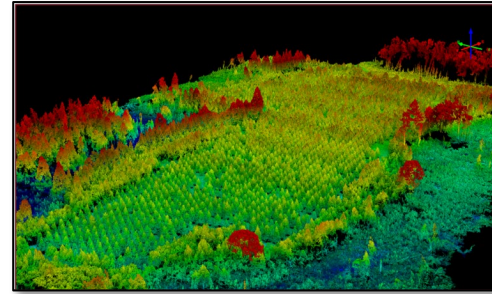


Photo-derived point cloud of a plantation forest in Minnesota



Drone image of a forest research stand in northern Minnesota

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