

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION**

**H. F. No. 303**

- 01/22/2015 Authored by Urdahl, Clark and Slocum  
The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Legacy Funding Finance
- 04/21/2015 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Taxes
- 04/23/2015 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
- 04/27/2015 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register as Amended  
Read Second Time
- 04/30/2015 Calendar for the Day, Amended  
Read Third Time as Amended  
Passed by the House as Amended and transmitted to the Senate to include Floor Amendments

1.1 A bill for an act  
 1.2 relating to state government; appropriating money from the outdoor heritage  
 1.3 fund, clean water fund, parks and trails fund, and arts and cultural heritage  
 1.4 fund; establishing policy on milkweed; modifying provisions of Lessard-Sams  
 1.5 Outdoor Heritage Council and Clean Water Council; modifying Water Law;  
 1.6 modifying use of legacy funds; modifying previous appropriations; modifying  
 1.7 certain grant eligibility; requiring a report; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014,  
 1.8 sections 16B.24, by adding a subdivision; 85.53, subdivision 2; 97A.056,  
 1.9 subdivisions 2, 8, 11, by adding subdivisions; 103A.206; 103B.101, by adding  
 1.10 a subdivision; 103C.101, by adding a subdivision; 103C.401, subdivision 1;  
 1.11 103C.501, subdivision 5; 114D.30, subdivision 2; 114D.50, subdivision 4;  
 1.12 129D.17, subdivision 2; Laws 2012, chapter 264, article 1, section 2, subdivision  
 1.13 5; Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 2, section 6; article 3, section 4; Laws 2014,  
 1.14 chapter 256, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5; Laws 2014, chapter 295, section  
 1.15 10, subdivision 12; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters  
 1.16 84; 103B.

1.17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.18 **ARTICLE 1**

1.19 **OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND**

1.20 Section 1. **OUTDOOR HERITAGE APPROPRIATION.**

1.21 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the  
 1.22 agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the  
 1.23 outdoor heritage fund for the fiscal year indicated for each purpose. The figures "2016"  
 1.24 and "2017" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under the figure are  
 1.25 available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017, respectively. The  
 1.26 "first year" is fiscal year 2016. The "second year" is fiscal year 2017. The "biennium" is  
 1.27 fiscal years 2016 and 2017, respectively. The appropriations in this article are onetime.

2.1	<b><u>APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>		
2.2	<b><u>Available for the Year</u></b>		
2.3	<b><u>Ending June 30</u></b>		
2.4	<b><u>2016</u></b>	<b><u>2017</u></b>	
2.5	<b>Sec. 2. <u>OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND</u></b>		
2.6	<b><u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 99,386,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 607,000</u></b>
2.7	<u>This appropriation is from the outdoor</u>		
2.8	<u>heritage fund. The amounts that may be</u>		
2.9	<u>spent for each purpose are specified in the</u>		
2.10	<u>following subdivisions.</u>		
2.11	<b><u>Subd. 2. Prairies</u></b>	<b><u>40,948,000</u></b>	<b><u>-0-</u></b>
2.12	<b><u>(a) DNR Wildlife Management Area and</u></b>		
2.13	<b><u>Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition - Phase</u></b>		
2.14	<b><u>VII</u></b>		
2.15	<u>\$4,570,000 in the first year is to the</u>		
2.16	<u>commissioner of natural resources to acquire</u>		
2.17	<u>land in fee for wildlife management purposes</u>		
2.18	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,</u>		
2.19	<u>subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee</u>		
2.20	<u>for scientific and natural area purposes</u>		
2.21	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,</u>		
2.22	<u>subdivision 5. Subject to evaluation criteria</u>		
2.23	<u>in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority</u>		
2.24	<u>must be given to acquisition of lands that</u>		
2.25	<u>are eligible for the native prairie bank under</u>		
2.26	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands</u>		
2.27	<u>adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of</u>		
2.28	<u>proposed land and permanent conservation</u>		
2.29	<u>easement acquisitions must be provided as</u>		
2.30	<u>part of the required accomplishment plan.</u>		
2.31	<b><u>(b) Accelerating Wildlife Management Area</u></b>		
2.32	<b><u>Acquisition - Phase VII</u></b>		
2.33	<u>\$7,452,000 in the first year is to the</u>		
2.34	<u>commissioner of natural resources for an</u>		
2.35	<u>agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire</u>		

3.1 land in fee for wildlife management area  
3.2 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section  
3.3 86A.05, subdivision 8. Subject to evaluation  
3.4 criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,  
3.5 priority must be given to acquisition of  
3.6 lands that are eligible for the native prairie  
3.7 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section  
3.8 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native  
3.9 prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions  
3.10 must be provided as part of the required  
3.11 accomplishment plan.

3.12 **(c) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project - Phase**  
3.13 **VI**

3.14 \$4,032,000 in the first year is to the  
3.15 commissioner of natural resources for an  
3.16 agreement with The Nature Conservancy  
3.17 to acquire native prairie, wetlands, and  
3.18 savanna and restore and enhance grasslands,  
3.19 wetlands, and savanna. Subject to evaluation  
3.20 criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,  
3.21 priority must be given to acquisition of lands  
3.22 that are eligible for the native prairie bank  
3.23 under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or  
3.24 lands adjacent to protected native prairie.

3.25 Annual income statements and balance sheets  
3.26 for income and expenses from land acquired  
3.27 with this appropriation must be submitted  
3.28 to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage  
3.29 Council no later than 180 days following  
3.30 the close of The Nature Conservancy's fiscal  
3.31 year. A list of proposed land acquisitions  
3.32 must be provided as part of the required  
3.33 accomplishment plan and must be consistent  
3.34 with the priorities identified in the Minnesota  
3.35 Prairie Conservation Plan.

4.1 **(d) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National**  
4.2 **Wildlife Refuge Land Acquisition - Phase V**

4.3 \$3,430,000 in the first year is to the  
4.4 commissioner of natural resources for an  
4.5 agreement with The Nature Conservancy  
4.6 in cooperation with the United States Fish  
4.7 and Wildlife Service to acquire land in  
4.8 fee or permanent conservation easements  
4.9 within the Northern Tallgrass Prairie Habitat  
4.10 Preservation Area in western Minnesota  
4.11 for addition to the Northern Tallgrass  
4.12 Prairie National Wildlife Refuge. Subject  
4.13 to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules,  
4.14 part 6136.0900, priority must be given to  
4.15 acquisition of lands that are eligible for  
4.16 the native prairie bank under Minnesota  
4.17 Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to  
4.18 protected native prairie. A list of proposed  
4.19 land acquisitions must be provided as part  
4.20 of the required accomplishment plan and  
4.21 must be consistent with the priorities in the  
4.22 Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

4.23 **(e) Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection**  
4.24 **- Phase IV**

4.25 \$3,740,000 in the first year is to the  
4.26 commissioner of natural resources  
4.27 to implement the Minnesota Prairie  
4.28 Conservation Plan through the acquisition  
4.29 of permanent conservation easements to  
4.30 protect native prairie and grasslands. Up  
4.31 to \$165,000 is for establishing monitoring  
4.32 and enforcement funds as approved in  
4.33 the accomplishment plan and subject to  
4.34 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
4.35 subdivision 17. Subject to evaluation criteria  
4.36 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority

5.1 must be given to acquisition of lands that  
5.2 are eligible for the native prairie bank under  
5.3 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
5.4 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of  
5.5 permanent conservation easements must be  
5.6 provided as part of the final report.

5.7 **(f) Minnesota Buffers for Wildlife and Water**  
5.8 **- Phase V**

5.9 \$4,544,000 in the first year is to the Board  
5.10 of Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
5.11 permanent conservation easements to protect  
5.12 and enhance habitat by expanding the clean  
5.13 water fund riparian buffer program for at  
5.14 least equal wildlife benefits from buffers  
5.15 on private land. Up to \$72,500 is for  
5.16 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
5.17 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
5.18 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
5.19 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
5.20 conservation easements must be provided as  
5.21 part of the final report.

5.22 **(g) Cannon River Headwaters Habitat**  
5.23 **Complex - Phase V**

5.24 \$1,380,000 in the first year is to the  
5.25 commissioner of natural resources for an  
5.26 agreement with The Trust for Public Land to  
5.27 acquire and restore lands in the Cannon River  
5.28 watershed for wildlife management purposes  
5.29 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
5.30 subdivision 8. Subject to evaluation criteria  
5.31 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority  
5.32 must be given to acquisition of lands that  
5.33 are eligible for the native prairie bank under  
5.34 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
5.35 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of

6.1 proposed land acquisitions must be provided  
6.2 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

6.3 **(h) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the**  
6.4 **Southern Red River Valley**

6.5 \$1,800,000 in the first year is to the  
6.6 commissioner of natural resources for  
6.7 an agreement with Pheasants Forever in  
6.8 cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie  
6.9 Chicken Society to acquire and restore lands  
6.10 in the southern Red River Valley for wildlife  
6.11 management purposes under Minnesota  
6.12 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8,  
6.13 or for designation and management as  
6.14 waterfowl production areas in Minnesota,  
6.15 in cooperation with the United States Fish  
6.16 and Wildlife Service. A list of proposed land  
6.17 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
6.18 required accomplishment plan.

6.19 **(i) Protecting and Restoring Minnesota's**  
6.20 **Important Bird Areas**

6.21 \$1,730,000 in the first year is to the  
6.22 commissioner of natural resources for  
6.23 agreements to acquire conservation  
6.24 easements within important bird areas  
6.25 identified in the Minnesota Prairie  
6.26 Conservation Plan, to be used as follows:  
6.27 \$408,000 is to Audubon Minnesota and  
6.28 \$1,322,000 is to Minnesota Land Trust, of  
6.29 which up to \$100,000 is for establishing  
6.30 monitoring and enforcement funds as  
6.31 approved in the accomplishment plan and  
6.32 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
6.33 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
6.34 conservation easements must be provided as  
6.35 part of the final report.

7.1 **(j) Wild Rice River Corridor Habitat**  
7.2 **Restoration**

7.3 \$2,270,000 in the first year is to the  
7.4 commissioner of natural resources for an  
7.5 agreement with the Wild Rice Watershed  
7.6 District to acquire land in fee and permanent  
7.7 conservation easement and to `restore river  
7.8 and related habitat in the Wild Rice River  
7.9 corridor. A list of proposed acquisitions and  
7.10 restorations must be provided as part of the  
7.11 required accomplishment plan.

7.12 **(k) Accelerated Prairie Restoration and**  
7.13 **Enhancement on DNR Lands - Phase VII**

7.14 \$4,880,000 in the first year is to the  
7.15 commissioner of natural resources to  
7.16 accelerate the restoration and enhancement  
7.17 of prairie communities on wildlife  
7.18 management areas, scientific and natural  
7.19 areas, state forest land, and land under  
7.20 native prairie bank easements. A list of  
7.21 proposed land restorations and enhancements  
7.22 must be provided as part of the required  
7.23 accomplishment plan.

7.24 **(l) Enhanced Public Land Grasslands - Phase II**

7.25 \$1,120,000 in the first year is to the  
7.26 commissioner of natural resources for an  
7.27 agreement with Pheasants Forever to enhance  
7.28 and restore habitat on public lands. A list of  
7.29 proposed land restorations and enhancements  
7.30 must be provided as part of the final report.

7.31 Subd. 3. **Forests**

12,634,000

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7.32 **(a) Camp Ripley Partnership - Phase V**

7.33 \$1,500,000 in the first year is to the  
7.34 Board of Water and Soil Resources in

8.1 cooperation with the Morrison County Soil  
8.2 and Water Conservation District to acquire  
8.3 permanent conservation easements within  
8.4 the boundaries of the Minnesota National  
8.5 Guard Compatible Use Buffer to protect  
8.6 forest wildlife habitat. Up to \$55,000 is for  
8.7 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
8.8 fund, as approved in the accomplishment  
8.9 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,  
8.10 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of  
8.11 permanent conservation easements must be  
8.12 provided as part of the final report.

8.13 **(b) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**  
8.14 **Restoration - Phase III**

8.15 \$2,910,000 in the first year is to the  
8.16 commissioner of natural resources for an  
8.17 agreement with The Nature Conservancy to  
8.18 acquire land in fee for wildlife management  
8.19 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section  
8.20 86A.05, subdivision 8; to acquire land  
8.21 in fee for scientific and natural areas  
8.22 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
8.23 subdivision 5; for state forest purposes  
8.24 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
8.25 subdivision 7; and to enhance grasslands,  
8.26 forest, and savanna. A list of proposed  
8.27 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
8.28 required accomplishment plan.

8.29 **(c) Protecting Pinelands Sands Aquifer**  
8.30 **Forestlands - Phase II**

8.31 \$2,180,000 in the first year is to the  
8.32 commissioner of natural resources to  
8.33 acquire forest lands in Cass and Wadena  
8.34 Counties for wildlife management purposes  
8.35 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
8.36 subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee



9.1 for state forests under Minnesota Statutes,  
9.2 section 86A.05, subdivision 7. A list of  
9.3 proposed land acquisitions must be provided  
9.4 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

9.5 **(d) Protect Key Forest Lands in Cass County**  
9.6 **- Phase VI**

9.7 \$442,000 in the first year is to the  
9.8 commissioner of natural resources for an  
9.9 agreement with Cass County to acquire land  
9.10 in fee in Cass County for forest wildlife  
9.11 habitat or to prevent forest fragmentation.

9.12 A list of proposed land acquisitions  
9.13 must be provided as part of the required  
9.14 accomplishment plan.

9.15 **(e) Critical Shoreland Protection Program -**  
9.16 **Phase III**

9.17 \$1,690,000 in the first year is to the  
9.18 commissioner of natural resources for an  
9.19 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to  
9.20 acquire permanent conservation easements  
9.21 along rivers and lakes in the northern  
9.22 forest region. Up to \$220,000 is for  
9.23 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
9.24 fund, as approved in the accomplishment  
9.25 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,  
9.26 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of  
9.27 proposed permanent conservation easements  
9.28 must be provided as part of the required  
9.29 accomplishment plan.

9.30 **(f) Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Partnership**

9.31 \$3,002,000 in the first year is to the  
9.32 commissioner of natural resources to  
9.33 acquire lands in fee and for permanent  
9.34 conservation easements in the Mississippi  
9.35 Headwaters and for agreements as follows:

10.1 \$1,217,000 to The Trust for Public Land;  
 10.2 and \$824,000 to Minnesota Land Trust,  
 10.3 of which up to \$80,000 is for establishing  
 10.4 a monitoring and enforcement fund as  
 10.5 approved in the accomplishment plan and  
 10.6 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
 10.7 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
 10.8 acquisitions must be included as part of the  
 10.9 required accomplishment plan.

10.10 **(g) Southeast Forest Habitat Enhancement**

10.11 \$910,000 in the first year is to the  
 10.12 commissioner of natural resources to  
 10.13 enhance forests in southeastern Minnesota.  
 10.14 A list of proposed land enhancements  
 10.15 must be provided as part of the required  
 10.16 accomplishment plan.

10.17 **Subd. 4. Wetlands**

22,578,000

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10.18 **(a) Accelerating the Waterfowl Production**  
 10.19 **Area Acquisition - Phase VII**

10.20 \$7,620,000 in the first year is to the  
 10.21 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 10.22 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire  
 10.23 land in fee to be designated and managed as  
 10.24 waterfowl production areas in Minnesota,  
 10.25 in cooperation with the United States Fish  
 10.26 and Wildlife Service. A list of proposed land  
 10.27 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
 10.28 required accomplishment plan.

10.29 **(b) Living Shallow Lakes and Wetland**  
 10.30 **Initiative - Phase V**

10.31 \$9,040,000 in the first year is to the  
 10.32 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 10.33 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire  
 10.34 land in fee for wildlife management purposes  
 10.35 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,

11.1 subdivision 8. A list of proposed acquisitions  
 11.2 must be provided as part of the required  
 11.3 accomplishment plan.

11.4 **(c) Wild Rice Shoreland Protection Program**  
 11.5 **- Phase IV**

11.6 \$131,000 in the first year is to the  
 11.7 commissioner of natural resources for the  
 11.8 acquisition of land in fee and \$1,469,000 is  
 11.9 to the Board of Water and Soil Resources to  
 11.10 acquire permanent conservation easements  
 11.11 on wild rice lake shoreland habitat for native  
 11.12 wild rice bed protection. Of this amount, up  
 11.13 to \$90,000 to the Board of Water and Soil  
 11.14 Resources is for establishing a monitoring  
 11.15 and enforcement fund as approved in  
 11.16 the accomplishment plan and subject to  
 11.17 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
 11.18 subdivision 17. A list of proposed fee land  
 11.19 acquisitions must be included as part of  
 11.20 the required accomplishment plan by the  
 11.21 Department of Natural Resources and a list  
 11.22 of permanent conservation easements must  
 11.23 be provided as part of the final report by the  
 11.24 Board of Water and Soil Resources.

11.25 **(d) Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetlands**  
 11.26 **Enhancement - Phase VII**

11.27 \$4,318,000 in the first year is to the  
 11.28 commissioner of natural resources to  
 11.29 enhance and restore shallow lakes statewide.  
 11.30 A list of proposed land restorations and  
 11.31 enhancements must be provided as part of  
 11.32 the required accomplishment plan.

11.33 Subd. 5. **Habitats** 22,368,000 -0-

11.34 **(a) DNR Aquatic Habitat - Phase VII**

12.1 \$4,540,000 in the first year is to the  
12.2 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
12.3 interests in land in fee and permanent  
12.4 conservation easements for aquatic  
12.5 management purposes under Minnesota  
12.6 Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 14,  
12.7 and 97C.02, to acquire interests in land in  
12.8 permanent conservation easements for fish  
12.9 and wildlife habitat under Minnesota Statutes,  
12.10 section 84.66, and to restore and enhance  
12.11 aquatic habitat. Up to \$130,000 is for  
12.12 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
12.13 fund as approved in the accomplishment  
12.14 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,  
12.15 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of  
12.16 proposed land acquisitions and restorations  
12.17 and enhancements must be provided as part  
12.18 of the required accomplishment plan.

12.19 **(b) Metro Big Rivers - Phase VI**

12.20 \$2,000,000 in the first year is to the  
12.21 commissioner of natural resources for  
12.22 agreements to acquire land in fee and in  
12.23 permanent conservation easements and  
12.24 to restore and enhance natural systems  
12.25 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,  
12.26 and St. Croix Rivers as follows: \$475,000 to  
12.27 Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge  
12.28 Trust, Inc.; \$275,000 to Friends of the  
12.29 Mississippi River; \$400,000 to Great River  
12.30 Greening; \$375,000 to Minnesota Land Trust;  
12.31 and \$475,000 to The Trust for Public Land.  
12.32 Up to \$60,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is for  
12.33 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
12.34 fund as approved in the accomplishment  
12.35 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,  
12.36 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of

13.1 proposed land acquisitions and permanent  
13.2 conservation easements must be provided as  
13.3 part of the required accomplishment plan.

13.4 **(c) Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish**  
13.5 **Habitat Enhancement and Restoration - Phase**  
13.6 **VII**

13.7 \$1,890,000 in the first year is to the  
13.8 commissioner of natural resources for an  
13.9 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited  
13.10 to restore and enhance habitat for trout  
13.11 and other species in and along coldwater  
13.12 rivers and streams in Minnesota. A list of  
13.13 proposed restorations and enhancements  
13.14 must be provided as part of the required  
13.15 accomplishment plan.

13.16 **(d) Lake Bemidji South Shore Restoration and**  
13.17 **Enhancement**

13.18 \$1,650,000 in the first year is to the  
13.19 commissioner of natural resources for  
13.20 an agreement with the city of Bemidji to  
13.21 restore and enhance fish habitat on Lake  
13.22 Bemidji. A list of proposed restorations and  
13.23 enhancements must be provided as part of  
13.24 the required accomplishment plan.

13.25 **(e) Sand Hill River Fish Passage**

13.26 \$990,000 in the first year is to the  
13.27 commissioner of natural resources for  
13.28 an agreement with the Sand Hill River  
13.29 Watershed District to restore fish habitat  
13.30 in the Sand Hill River watershed. A list of  
13.31 proposed restorations must be provided as  
13.32 part of the required accomplishment plan.

13.33 **(f) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**  
13.34 **Restoration Program - Phase IV**

14.1 \$2,414,000 in the first year is to the  
14.2 commissioner of natural resources for  
14.3 an agreement with the Shell Rock River  
14.4 Watershed District to protect, restore,  
14.5 and enhance aquatic habitat in the Shell  
14.6 Rock River watershed. A list of proposed  
14.7 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements  
14.8 must be provided as part of the required  
14.9 accomplishment plan.

14.10 **(g) Lake Nokomis Integrated Habitat**  
14.11 **Enhancement**

14.12 \$444,000 in the first year is to the  
14.13 commissioner of natural resources for an  
14.14 agreement with the Minneapolis Park and  
14.15 Recreation Board to enhance aquatic habitat  
14.16 on Lake Nokomis. A list of proposed  
14.17 enhancements must be provided as part of  
14.18 the required accomplishment plan.

14.19 **(h) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**  
14.20 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat -**  
14.21 **Phase VII**

14.22 \$8,440,000 in the first year is to the  
14.23 commissioner of natural resources for a  
14.24 program to provide competitive, matching  
14.25 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,  
14.26 state, and national organizations for  
14.27 enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests,  
14.28 wetlands, prairies, or habitat for fish, game,  
14.29 or wildlife in Minnesota. Of this amount,  
14.30 \$3,692,000 is for grants in the seven-county  
14.31 metropolitan area and cities with a population  
14.32 of 50,000 or greater. Grants shall not be made  
14.33 for activities required to fulfill the duties  
14.34 of owners of lands subject to conservation  
14.35 easements. Grants shall not be made from the  
14.36 appropriation in this paragraph for projects

15.1 that have a total project cost exceeding  
15.2 \$575,000. Of this appropriation, \$596,000  
15.3 may be spent for personnel costs and other  
15.4 direct and necessary administrative costs.  
15.5 Grantees may acquire land or interests in  
15.6 land. Easements must be permanent. Grants  
15.7 may not be used to establish easement  
15.8 stewardship accounts. Land acquired in fee  
15.9 must be open to hunting and fishing during  
15.10 the open season unless otherwise provided  
15.11 by law. The program must require a match  
15.12 of at least ten percent from nonstate sources  
15.13 for all grants. The match may be cash or  
15.14 in-kind resources. For grant applications  
15.15 of \$25,000 or less, the commissioner shall  
15.16 provide a separate, simplified application  
15.17 process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the  
15.18 commissioner of natural resources shall,  
15.19 when evaluating projects of equal value,  
15.20 give priority to organizations that have a  
15.21 history of receiving or a charter to receive  
15.22 private contributions for local conservation  
15.23 or habitat projects. If acquiring land or a  
15.24 conservation easement, priority must be  
15.25 given to projects associated with or within  
15.26 one mile of existing wildlife management  
15.27 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section  
15.28 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific and natural  
15.29 areas under Minnesota Statutes, sections  
15.30 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; or aquatic  
15.31 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,  
15.32 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02.  
15.33 All restoration or enhancement projects  
15.34 must be on land permanently protected by  
15.35 a permanent covenant ensuring perpetual  
15.36 maintenance and protection of restored

16.1 and enhanced habitat, by a conservation  
 16.2 easement, or by public ownership or in  
 16.3 public waters as defined in Minnesota  
 16.4 Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision  
 16.5 15. Priority must be given to restoration  
 16.6 and enhancement projects on public lands.  
 16.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
 16.8 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded  
 16.9 under this paragraph. This appropriation is  
 16.10 available until June 30, 2018. No less than  
 16.11 five percent of the amount of each grant  
 16.12 must be held back from reimbursement until  
 16.13 the grant recipient has completed a grant  
 16.14 accomplishment report by the deadline and  
 16.15 in the form prescribed by and satisfactory to  
 16.16 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.  
 16.17 The commissioner shall provide notice of  
 16.18 the grant program in the game and fish law  
 16.19 summary prepared under Minnesota Statutes,  
 16.20 section 97A.051, subdivision 2.

16.21 Subd. 6. **Administration** 858,000 607,000

16.22 **(a) Contract Management**  
 16.23 \$150,000 in the first year is to the  
 16.24 commissioner of natural resources for  
 16.25 contract management duties assigned in this  
 16.26 section. The commissioner shall provide an  
 16.27 accomplishment plan in the form specified by  
 16.28 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
 16.29 on the expenditure of this appropriation.  
 16.30 The accomplishment plan must include a  
 16.31 copy of the grant contract template and  
 16.32 reimbursement manual. No money may  
 16.33 be expended prior to the Lessard-Sams  
 16.34 Outdoor Heritage Council's approval of the  
 16.35 accomplishment plan.



17.1 **(b) Legislative Coordinating Commission**

17.2 \$608,000 in the first year and \$607,000

17.3 in the second year are to the Legislative

17.4 Coordinating Commission for administrative

17.5 expenses of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor

17.6 Heritage Council and for compensation and

17.7 expense reimbursement of council members.

17.8 This appropriation is available until June 30,

17.9 2017. Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.281,

17.10 applies to this appropriation.

17.11 **(c) Technical Evaluation Panel**

17.12 \$100,000 in the first year is to the

17.13 commissioner of natural resources for a

17.14 technical evaluation panel to conduct up to

17.15 ten restoration evaluations under Minnesota

17.16 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 10.

17.17 **(d) Land Acquisition Report**

17.18 The staff of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor

17.19 Heritage Council, in consultation with the

17.20 commissioner of natural resources, shall

17.21 prepare a report on outdoor heritage fund

17.22 land acquisitions as of June 30, 2015, that

17.23 includes:

17.24 (1) the total number of acres, by county and

17.25 by type, acquired in fee and the percentage

17.26 of land in each county acquired in fee;

17.27 (2) the average price paid per acre, by county,

17.28 for lands acquired in fee;

17.29 (3) the total number of acres, by county, for

17.30 land acquired in easement;

17.31 (4) the average price paid per acre, by county,

17.32 for land acquired in easement;

18.1 (5) the total number of acres, by county,  
18.2 estimated to be acquired in fee and the total  
18.3 number of acres, by county, estimated to  
18.4 be acquired in easement over the life of the  
18.5 outdoor heritage fund if the current rate of  
18.6 acquisition continues;

18.7 (6) the number and percentage of sellers by  
18.8 category, including the number of corporate  
18.9 and other private sellers, nonprofit sellers,  
18.10 and public sellers;

18.11 (7) the total amount of property taxes paid  
18.12 during the five years prior to acquisition,  
18.13 including statewide business property taxes,  
18.14 if any, on the acres acquired in fee by county;

18.15 (8) the total of payment-in-lieu of tax  
18.16 payments made for lands acquired with  
18.17 outdoor heritage funds and the estimate  
18.18 of future payment-in-lieu of tax payments  
18.19 based on the estimated total number of acres  
18.20 acquired over the life of the outdoor heritage  
18.21 fund; and

18.22 (9) the total amount of land acquired in fee  
18.23 by the state, excluding lands acquired by the  
18.24 commissioner of transportation, with any  
18.25 funds over the last ten years.

18.26 The Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
18.27 must submit the report to the Legislative  
18.28 Coordinating Commission, and the chairs  
18.29 and ranking minority members of the house  
18.30 of representatives and senate committees  
18.31 and divisions with jurisdiction over the  
18.32 environment and natural resources, the  
18.33 outdoor heritage fund, and finance and the  
18.34 house of representatives Committee on Ways  
18.35 and Means by January 15, 2016. The report

19.1 must be posted on the Web site required  
19.2 under Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303,  
19.3 subdivision 10.

19.4 **Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation**

19.5 Money appropriated in this section may  
19.6 not be spent on activities unless they are  
19.7 directly related to and necessary for a  
19.8 specific appropriation and are specified in  
19.9 the accomplishment plan approved by the  
19.10 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

19.11 Money appropriated in this section must not  
19.12 be spent on indirect costs or other institutional  
19.13 overhead charges that are not directly related  
19.14 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.

19.15 Unless otherwise provided, the amounts  
19.16 in this section are available until June 30,  
19.17 2018. For acquisition of real property, the  
19.18 amounts in this section are available until  
19.19 June 30, 2019, if a binding agreement with a  
19.20 landowner or purchase agreement is entered  
19.21 into by June 30, 2018, and closed no later  
19.22 than June 30, 2019. Money for restoration or  
19.23 enhancement is available until June 30, 2020,  
19.24 or five years after acquisition, whichever is  
19.25 later, in order to complete initial restoration  
19.26 or enhancement work. If a project receives  
19.27 at least 15 percent of its funding from federal  
19.28 funds, the time period of the appropriation  
19.29 may be extended to equal the availability  
19.30 of federal funding to a maximum of six  
19.31 years, provided the federal funding was  
19.32 confirmed and included within the first draft  
19.33 accomplishment plan. Money appropriated  
19.34 for fee title acquisition of land may be used to  
19.35 restore, enhance, and provide for public use  
19.36 of the land acquired with the appropriation.

20.1 Public use facilities must have a minimal  
20.2 impact on habitat in acquired lands.

20.3 **Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital**  
20.4 **Equipment Expenditures**

20.5 All agreements referred to in this section must  
20.6 be administered on a reimbursement basis  
20.7 unless otherwise provided in this section.

20.8 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
20.9 16A.41, expenditures directly related  
20.10 to each appropriation's purpose made  
20.11 on or after July 1, 2015, or the date of  
20.12 accomplishment plan approval, whichever is  
20.13 later, are eligible for reimbursement unless  
20.14 otherwise provided in this section. For the  
20.15 purposes of administering appropriations  
20.16 and legislatively authorized agreements paid  
20.17 out of the outdoor heritage fund, an expense  
20.18 must be considered reimbursable by the  
20.19 administering agency when the recipient  
20.20 presents the agency with an invoice, or  
20.21 binding agreement with the landowner, and  
20.22 the recipient attests that the goods have  
20.23 been received or the landowner agreement  
20.24 is binding. Periodic reimbursement must  
20.25 be made upon receiving documentation that  
20.26 the items articulated in the accomplishment  
20.27 plan approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor  
20.28 Heritage Council have been achieved,  
20.29 including partial achievements as evidenced  
20.30 by progress reports approved by the  
20.31 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

20.32 Reasonable amounts may be advanced to  
20.33 projects to accommodate cash flow needs,  
20.34 support future management of acquired  
20.35 lands, or match a federal share. The  
20.36 advances must be approved as part of the

21.1 accomplishment plan. Capital equipment  
21.2 expenditures for specific items in excess of  
21.3 \$10,000 must be itemized in and approved as  
21.4 part of the accomplishment plan.

21.5 **Subd. 9. Mapping**

21.6 Each direct recipient of money appropriated  
21.7 in this section, as well as each recipient of  
21.8 a grant awarded pursuant to this section,  
21.9 must provide geographic information to the  
21.10 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
21.11 for mapping any lands acquired in fee with  
21.12 money appropriated in this section and open  
21.13 to public taking of fish and game. The  
21.14 commissioner of natural resources shall  
21.15 include the lands acquired in fee with money  
21.16 appropriated in this section on maps showing  
21.17 public recreation opportunities. Maps must  
21.18 include information on and acknowledgment  
21.19 of the outdoor heritage fund, including a  
21.20 notation of any restrictions.

21.21 **Subd. 10. Disability Access**

21.22 Where appropriate, grant recipients of the  
21.23 outdoor heritage fund, in consultation with  
21.24 the Council on Disability, should make  
21.25 progress toward providing greater access  
21.26 to programs, print publications, and digital  
21.27 media for people with disabilities related  
21.28 to the programs the recipient funds using  
21.29 appropriations made in this article.

21.30 **Subd. 11. Monarch Butterfly Habitat**

21.31 When feasible, a recipient of funds  
21.32 appropriated in this section is encouraged  
21.33 to use conservation practices that promote  
21.34 monarch butterfly habitat, including planting

22.1 and maintaining vegetation beneficial  
22.2 to monarchs and minimizing the use of  
22.3 pesticides.

22.4 Sec. 3. **[84.974] MILKWEED.**

22.5 When feasible, the commissioner of natural resources is encouraged to plant  
22.6 milkweed.

22.7 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97A.056, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

22.8 Subd. 2. **Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.** (a) The Lessard-Sams  
22.9 Outdoor Heritage Council of 12 members is created in the legislative branch, consisting of:

22.10 (1) two public members appointed by the senate Subcommittee on Committees of  
22.11 the Committee on Rules and Administration;

22.12 (2) two public members appointed by the speaker of the house;

22.13 (3) four public members appointed by the governor;

22.14 (4) two members of the senate appointed by the senate Subcommittee on Committees  
22.15 of the Committee on Rules and Administration; and

22.16 (5) two members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the  
22.17 house.

22.18 (b) Members appointed under paragraph (a) must not be registered lobbyists. In  
22.19 making appointments, the governor, senate Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee  
22.20 on Rules and Administration, and the speaker of the house shall consider geographic  
22.21 balance, gender, age, ethnicity, and varying interests including hunting and fishing. The  
22.22 governor's appointments to the council are subject to the advice and consent of the senate.

22.23 (c) Public members appointed under paragraph (a) shall have practical experience  
22.24 or expertise or demonstrated knowledge in the science, policy, or practice of restoring,  
22.25 protecting, and enhancing wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and  
22.26 wildlife.

22.27 (d) Legislative members appointed under paragraph (a) shall include the chairs  
22.28 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources  
22.29 finance or their designee, one member from the minority party of the senate, and one  
22.30 member from the minority party of the house of representatives.

22.31 (e) Public members serve four-year terms. Appointed legislative members serve  
22.32 at the pleasure of the appointing authority. Public and legislative members continue to  
22.33 serve until their successors are appointed. Public members shall be initially appointed  
22.34 according to the following schedule of terms:

23.1 (1) two public members appointed by the governor for a term ending the first  
23.2 Monday in January 2011;

23.3 (2) one public member appointed by the senate Subcommittee on Committees of the  
23.4 Committee on Rules and Administration for a term ending the first Monday in January 2011;

23.5 (3) one public member appointed by the speaker of the house for a term ending  
23.6 the first Monday in January 2011;

23.7 (4) two public members appointed by the governor for a term ending the first  
23.8 Monday in January 2013;

23.9 (5) one public member appointed by the senate Subcommittee on Committees of the  
23.10 Committee on Rules and Administration for a term ending the first Monday in January  
23.11 2013; and

23.12 (6) one public member appointed by the speaker of the house for a term ending  
23.13 the first Monday in January 2013.

23.14 (f) Terms, compensation, and removal of public members are as provided in section  
23.15 15.0575. A vacancy on the council may be filled by the appointing authority for the  
23.16 remainder of the unexpired term.

23.17 (g) ~~The first meeting of the council shall be convened by the chair of the Legislative~~  
23.18 ~~Coordinating Commission no later than December 1, 2008.~~ Members shall elect a chair,  
23.19 vice-chair, secretary, and other officers as determined by the council. The chair may  
23.20 convene meetings as necessary to conduct the duties prescribed by this section.

23.21 (h) ~~Upon coordination with The Legislative Coordinating Commission, the council~~  
23.22 may appoint nonpartisan staff and contract with consultants as necessary to ~~carry out~~  
23.23 support the functions of the council. Up to one percent of the money appropriated from the  
23.24 fund may be used to pay for administrative expenses of the council and for compensation  
23.25 and expense reimbursement of council members.

23.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

23.27 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97A.056, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

23.28 Subd. 8. **Revenues.** (a) When a parcel of land that was previously purchased with  
23.29 money from the outdoor heritage funds fund is transferred to the state, the owner of the  
23.30 land shall disclose to the council and commissioner of natural resources:

23.31 (1) all revenues generated from activities on the land from the time the land was  
23.32 purchased with money from the outdoor heritage funds fund until the land was transferred  
23.33 to the state;

24.1 (2) all holding costs associated with managing the land between the time of purchase  
 24.2 with money from the outdoor heritage funds fund and the time the land was transferred to  
 24.3 the state; and

24.4 (3) the total net revenues as determined by subtracting the costs described in clause  
 24.5 (2) from the revenues described in clause (1).

24.6 (b) The owner of the land shall submit the total net revenues determined under  
 24.7 paragraph (a), clause (3), to the state no later than 60 days after the land is transferred to  
 24.8 the state.

24.9 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97A.056, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 24.10 to read:

24.11 Subd. 20. **Donations.** A recipient shall not accept a monetary donation or payment  
 24.12 from an owner of land that is acquired in fee in whole or in part with an appropriation from  
 24.13 the outdoor heritage fund that exceeds the documented expenses that are directly related  
 24.14 to and necessary for activities specified in the accomplishment plan approved by the  
 24.15 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council, unless expressly approved by the Lessard-Sams  
 24.16 Outdoor Heritage Council in the accomplishment plan. This subdivision does not apply to  
 24.17 donations that are not connected with the acquisition transaction or bargain sales, as defined  
 24.18 by Code of Federal Regulations, title 26, section 1.1011-2, provided that the purchase  
 24.19 price reimbursed by the state does not exceed the purchase price paid by the recipient.

24.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2016, and applies to money  
 24.21 appropriated on or after that date.

24.22 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97A.056, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 24.23 to read:

24.24 Subd. 21. **Haying and grazing.** Lands acquired with money appropriated from the  
 24.25 outdoor heritage fund may not be used for emergency haying and grazing in response to  
 24.26 federal or state disaster declarations. Conservation grazing under a management plan that  
 24.27 is being implemented prior to the emergency declaration may continue.

24.28 Sec. 8. Laws 2012, chapter 264, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

24.29 Subd. 5. **Habitats** -0- 28,620,000

24.30 (a) **DNR Aquatic Habitat - Phase IV**

24.31 \$3,480,000 in the second year is to the  
 24.32 commissioner of natural resources to



25.1 acquire interests in land in fee or permanent  
25.2 conservation easements for aquatic  
25.3 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,  
25.4 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and  
25.5 97C.02, and to restore and enhance aquatic  
25.6 habitat. A list of proposed land acquisitions  
25.7 must be provided as part of the required  
25.8 accomplishment plan. The accomplishment  
25.9 plan must include an easement stewardship  
25.10 plan. Up to \$25,000 is for establishing  
25.11 a monitoring and enforcement fund as  
25.12 approved in the accomplishment plan  
25.13 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
25.14 97A.056, subdivision 17. An annual financial  
25.15 report is required for any monitoring and  
25.16 enforcement fund established, including  
25.17 expenditures from the fund and a description  
25.18 of annual monitoring and enforcement  
25.19 activities.

25.20 **(b) Metro Big Rivers Habitat - Phase III**

25.21 \$3,680,000 in the second year is to the  
25.22 commissioner of natural resources for  
25.23 agreements to acquire interests in land in  
25.24 fee or permanent conservation easements  
25.25 and to restore and enhance natural systems  
25.26 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,  
25.27 and St. Croix Rivers as follows: \$1,000,000  
25.28 to the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife  
25.29 Refuge Trust, Inc.; \$375,000 to the Friends  
25.30 of the Mississippi; \$375,000 to Great River  
25.31 Greening; \$930,000 to The Minnesota  
25.32 Land Trust; and \$1,000,000 to The Trust  
25.33 for Public Land. A list of proposed  
25.34 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements  
25.35 must be provided as part of the required  
25.36 accomplishment plan. The accomplishment

26.1 plan must include an easement stewardship  
26.2 plan. Up to \$51,000 is for establishing  
26.3 a monitoring and enforcement fund as  
26.4 approved in the accomplishment plan  
26.5 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
26.6 97A.056, subdivision 17. An annual financial  
26.7 report is required for any monitoring and  
26.8 enforcement fund established, including  
26.9 expenditures from the fund and a description  
26.10 of annual monitoring and enforcement  
26.11 activities.

26.12 **(c) Dakota County Riparian and Lakeshore**  
26.13 **Protection and Management - Phase III**

26.14 \$480,000 in the second year is to the  
26.15 commissioner of natural resources for an  
26.16 agreement with Dakota County to acquire  
26.17 permanent conservation easements and  
26.18 restore and enhance habitats along the  
26.19 Mississippi, Cannon, and Vermillion Rivers.

26.20 A list of proposed acquisitions, restorations,  
26.21 and enhancements must be provided as  
26.22 part of the required accomplishment plan.

26.23 The accomplishment plan must include  
26.24 an easement stewardship plan. Up to  
26.25 \$20,000 is for establishing a monitoring  
26.26 and enforcement fund as approved in  
26.27 the accomplishment plan and subject to  
26.28 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
26.29 subdivision 17. An annual financial report is  
26.30 required for any monitoring and enforcement  
26.31 fund established, including expenditures  
26.32 from the fund and a description of annual  
26.33 monitoring and enforcement activities.

26.34 **(d) Lower St. Louis River Habitat Restoration**

27.1 \$3,670,000 in the second year is to the  
27.2 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
27.3 habitat in the lower St. Louis River estuary.

27.4 A list of proposed projects must be provided  
27.5 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

27.6 **(e) Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement -**  
27.7 **Phase IV**

27.8 \$2,120,000 in the second year is to the  
27.9 commissioner of natural resources for an  
27.10 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited  
27.11 to restore and enhance coldwater fish lake,  
27.12 river, and stream habitats in Minnesota. A list  
27.13 of proposed restorations and enhancements  
27.14 must be provided as part of the required  
27.15 accomplishment plan.

27.16 **(f) Grand Marais Creek Outlet Restoration**

27.17 \$2,320,000 in the second year is to the  
27.18 commissioner of natural resources for an  
27.19 agreement with the Red Lake Watershed  
27.20 District to restore and enhance stream and  
27.21 related habitat in Grand Marais Creek. A list  
27.22 of proposed restorations and enhancements  
27.23 must be provided as part of the required  
27.24 accomplishment plan.

27.25 **(g) Knife River Habitat Restoration**

27.26 \$380,000 in the second year is to the  
27.27 commissioner of natural resources for an  
27.28 agreement with the Lake Superior Steelhead  
27.29 Association to restore trout habitat in the  
27.30 Upper Knife River Watershed. A list of  
27.31 proposed restorations must be provided as  
27.32 part of the required accomplishment plan.  
27.33 Notwithstanding rules of the commissioner  
27.34 of natural resources, restorations conducted

28.1 pursuant to this paragraph may be  
28.2 accomplished by excavation.

28.3 **(h) Protect Aquatic Habitat from Asian**  
28.4 **Invasive Carp**

28.5 \$7,500,000 in the second year is to the  
28.6 commissioner of natural resources ~~to~~ for  
28.7 ~~design, construct, operate, and evaluate~~  
28.8 construction, including acquisition,  
28.9 operation, and evaluation of structural  
28.10 deterrents for ~~Asian~~ invasive carp to protect  
28.11 Minnesota's aquatic habitat. Use of this  
28.12 money requires a one-to-one match for  
28.13 projects on state boundary waters.

28.14 **(i) Outdoor Heritage Conservation Partners**  
28.15 **Grant Program - Phase IV**

28.16 \$4,990,000 in the second year is to the  
28.17 commissioner of natural resources for a  
28.18 program to provide competitive, matching  
28.19 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,  
28.20 state, and national organizations for  
28.21 enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests,  
28.22 wetlands, prairies, and habitat for fish, game,  
28.23 or wildlife in Minnesota. Grants shall not be  
28.24 made for activities required to fulfill the duties  
28.25 of owners of lands subject to conservation  
28.26 easements. Grants shall not be made from  
28.27 appropriations in this paragraph for projects  
28.28 that have a total project cost exceeding  
28.29 \$575,000. \$366,000 of this appropriation  
28.30 may be spent for personnel costs and other  
28.31 direct and necessary administrative costs.  
28.32 Grantees may acquire land or interests in  
28.33 land. Easements must be permanent. Land  
28.34 acquired in fee must be open to hunting  
28.35 and fishing during the open season unless  
28.36 otherwise provided by state law. The

29.1 program shall require a match of at least ten  
29.2 percent from nonstate sources for all grants.  
29.3 The match may be cash or in-kind resources.  
29.4 For grant applications of \$25,000 or less,  
29.5 the commissioner shall provide a separate,  
29.6 simplified application process. Subject to  
29.7 Minnesota Statutes, the commissioner of  
29.8 natural resources shall, when evaluating  
29.9 projects of equal value, give priority to  
29.10 organizations that have a history of receiving  
29.11 or charter to receive private contributions  
29.12 for local conservation or habitat projects. If  
29.13 acquiring land or a conservation easement,  
29.14 priority shall be given to projects associated  
29.15 with existing wildlife management areas  
29.16 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
29.17 subdivision 8; scientific and natural areas  
29.18 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 84.033  
29.19 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; and aquatic  
29.20 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,  
29.21 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02.  
29.22 All restoration or enhancement projects  
29.23 must be on land permanently protected by a  
29.24 conservation easement or public ownership  
29.25 or in public waters as defined in Minnesota  
29.26 Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision  
29.27 15. Priority shall be given to restoration  
29.28 and enhancement projects on public lands.  
29.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
29.30 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded  
29.31 under this paragraph. This appropriation is  
29.32 available until June 30, 2016. No less than  
29.33 five percent of the amount of each grant  
29.34 must be held back from reimbursement until  
29.35 the grant recipient has completed a grant  
29.36 accomplishment report by the deadline and

30.1 in the form prescribed by and satisfactory to  
 30.2 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.  
 30.3 The commissioner shall provide notice of  
 30.4 the grant program in the game and fish law  
 30.5 summaries that are prepared under Minnesota  
 30.6 Statutes, section 97A.051, subdivision 2.

30.7 Sec. 9. Laws 2014, chapter 256, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

30.8 Subd. 5. **Habitats** -0- 30,890,000

30.9 **(a) DNR Aquatic Habitat - Phase VI**

30.10 \$2,560,000 in the second year is to the  
 30.11 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
 30.12 interests in land in fee and permanent  
 30.13 conservation easements for aquatic  
 30.14 management purposes under Minnesota  
 30.15 Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 14,  
 30.16 and 97C.02, and to restore and enhance  
 30.17 aquatic habitat. Up to \$32,500 is for  
 30.18 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
 30.19 fund as approved in the accomplishment  
 30.20 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,  
 30.21 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of  
 30.22 proposed land acquisitions and restorations  
 30.23 and enhancements must be provided as part  
 30.24 of the required accomplishment plan.

30.25 **(b) Fisheries Habitat Protection on**  
 30.26 **Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes**

30.27 \$2,130,000 in the second year is to the  
 30.28 commissioner of natural resources for  
 30.29 agreements with the Leech Lake Area  
 30.30 Watershed Foundation and Minnesota Land  
 30.31 Trust to acquire land in fee and permanent  
 30.32 conservation easements to sustain healthy  
 30.33 fish habitat on lakes in Aitkin, Cass, Crow  
 30.34 Wing, and Hubbard Counties as follows:

31.1 \$1,150,300 to Leech Lake Area Watershed  
31.2 Foundation; and \$979,700 to Minnesota  
31.3 Land Trust, of which up to \$120,000 to  
31.4 Minnesota Land Trust is for establishing  
31.5 a monitoring and enforcement fund as  
31.6 approved in the accomplishment plan and  
31.7 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
31.8 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
31.9 land acquisitions must be provided as part of  
31.10 the required accomplishment plan.

31.11 **(c) Habitat Protection in Dakota County**

31.12 **- Phase V**

31.13 \$1,190,000 in the second year is to the  
31.14 commissioner of natural resources for a  
31.15 contract with Dakota County to acquire  
31.16 permanent conservation easements and land  
31.17 in fee and to restore and enhance habitats in  
31.18 rivers and lake watersheds in Dakota County.  
31.19 Up to \$15,000 to Dakota County is for  
31.20 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
31.21 fund as approved in the accomplishment  
31.22 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,  
31.23 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. Lands  
31.24 acquired or lands with easements acquired  
31.25 with this appropriation may not be used for  
31.26 emergency haying and grazing in response  
31.27 to federal or state disaster declarations.  
31.28 Conservation grazing under a management  
31.29 plan that is already being implemented may  
31.30 continue. A list of proposed land acquisitions  
31.31 and restorations and enhancements must  
31.32 be provided as part of the required  
31.33 accomplishment plan.

31.34 **(d) Metro Big Rivers - Phase V**

32.1 \$2,650,000 in the second year is to the  
32.2 commissioner of natural resources for  
32.3 agreements to acquire land in fee and  
32.4 permanent conservation easements and  
32.5 to restore and enhance natural systems  
32.6 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,  
32.7 and St. Croix Rivers as follows: \$600,000  
32.8 to Minnesota Valley National Wildlife  
32.9 Refuge Trust, Inc.; \$160,000 to Friends of  
32.10 the Mississippi River; \$400,000 to Great  
32.11 River Greening; \$590,000 to Minnesota  
32.12 Land Trust, of which up to \$77,000 is for  
32.13 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
32.14 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
32.15 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
32.16 97A.056, subdivision 17; and \$900,000 to  
32.17 The Trust for Public Land. Lands acquired  
32.18 or lands with easements acquired with  
32.19 this appropriation may not be used for  
32.20 emergency haying and grazing in response  
32.21 to federal or state disaster declarations.  
32.22 Conservation grazing under a management  
32.23 plan that is already being implemented may  
32.24 continue. A list of proposed land acquisitions  
32.25 and permanent conservation easements  
32.26 must be provided as part of the required  
32.27 accomplishment plan.

32.28 **(e) Mustinka River Fish and Wildlife**  
32.29 **Habitat Corridor Rehabilitation**

32.30 \$2,440,000 in the second year is to the  
32.31 commissioner of natural resources for  
32.32 an agreement with the Bois de Sioux  
32.33 Watershed District to acquire land in fee  
32.34 and to restore natural systems associated  
32.35 with the Mustinka River located within the  
32.36 Bois de Sioux Watershed. Lands acquired



33.1 with this appropriation may not be used for  
33.2 emergency haying and grazing in response  
33.3 to federal or state disaster declarations.  
33.4 Conservation grazing under a management  
33.5 plan that is already being implemented may  
33.6 continue. A list of proposed land acquisitions  
33.7 must be provided as part of the required  
33.8 accomplishment plan.

33.9 **(f) Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater**  
33.10 **Fish Habitat Enhancement and**  
33.11 **Restoration - Phase VI**

33.12 \$1,900,000 in the second year is to the  
33.13 commissioner of natural resources for an  
33.14 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited  
33.15 to restore and enhance habitat for trout  
33.16 and other species in and along coldwater  
33.17 rivers and streams in Minnesota. A list of  
33.18 proposed land restorations and enhancements  
33.19 must be provided as part of the required  
33.20 accomplishment plan.

33.21 **(g) St. Louis River Restoration Initiative -**  
33.22 **Phase II**

33.23 \$2,290,000 in the second year is to the  
33.24 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
33.25 habitat in the lower St. Louis River estuary.  
33.26 Of this appropriation, up to \$500,000 is for  
33.27 an agreement with Minnesota Land Trust. A  
33.28 list of proposed restorations must be provided  
33.29 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

33.30 **(h) Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation -**  
33.31 **Phase II**

33.32 \$1,410,000 in the second year is to the  
33.33 commissioner of natural resources for an  
33.34 agreement with the Lake Superior Steelhead  
33.35 Association to enhance trout habitat in the

34.1 Knife River watershed. A list of proposed  
34.2 enhancements must be provided as part of  
34.3 the required accomplishment plan.

34.4 **(i) Restoration and Enhancement of**  
34.5 **Washington County Public Lands**

34.6 \$430,000 in the second year is to the  
34.7 commissioner of natural resources for an  
34.8 agreement with Washington County to  
34.9 restore and enhance habitat on public lands  
34.10 in Washington County. A restoration and  
34.11 enhancement plan and a list of proposed  
34.12 land restorations and enhancements  
34.13 must be provided as part of the required  
34.14 accomplishment plan.

34.15 **(j) Wirth Park Enhancements**

34.16 \$600,000 in the second year is to the  
34.17 commissioner of natural resources for an  
34.18 agreement with the Minneapolis Park Board  
34.19 to enhance riparian and upland habitat  
34.20 within Wirth Park in Hennepin County.  
34.21 A restoration and enhancement plan and  
34.22 a list of proposed land restorations and  
34.23 enhancements must be provided as part of  
34.24 the required accomplishment plan.

34.25 **(k) Evaluate Effectiveness of Aquatic**  
34.26 **Invasive Species Prevention Strategies**

34.27 \$4,040,000 in the second year is to the  
34.28 commissioner of natural resources for an  
34.29 agreement with the Central Minnesota  
34.30 Initiative Fund to develop a series of pilot  
34.31 projects to enhance aquatic habitat by  
34.32 preventing the spread of aquatic invasive  
34.33 species, including pilot projects conducting  
34.34 education and outreach, inspection and  
34.35 decontamination, enforcement, and other

35.1 activities. All pilot projects must be  
35.2 conducted on a reimbursement basis and  
35.3 require a match of nonoutdoor heritage fund  
35.4 dollars. A required evaluation of results  
35.5 must be funded with nonoutdoor heritage  
35.6 fund dollars. The required evaluation must  
35.7 evaluate the efficacy of inspection and  
35.8 decontamination activities utilized in any of  
35.9 the pilot projects in preventing the spread  
35.10 of aquatic invasive species. A list of pilot  
35.11 projects must be included in the required final  
35.12 report. This appropriation is available until  
35.13 June 30, 2019. The accomplishment plan  
35.14 must accelerate the start of the pilot project.

35.15 **(l) Albert Lea Lake Management and**  
35.16 **Invasive Species Control Structure -**  
35.17 **Supplement**

35.18 \$700,000 in the second year is added to  
35.19 the appropriation contained in Laws 2013,  
35.20 chapter 137, article 1, section 2, subdivision  
35.21 5, paragraph (h), to the commissioner of  
35.22 natural resources for an agreement with  
35.23 the Shell Rock River Watershed District to  
35.24 construct structural deterrents and lake level  
35.25 controls.

35.26 **(m) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**  
35.27 **Program - Phase VI**

35.28 \$4,550,000 in the second year is to the  
35.29 commissioner of natural resources for a  
35.30 program to provide competitive, matching  
35.31 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,  
35.32 state, and national organizations for  
35.33 enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests,  
35.34 wetlands, prairies, or habitat for fish, game,  
35.35 or wildlife in Minnesota. Grants shall not

36.1 be made for activities required to fulfill  
36.2 the duties of owners of lands subject to  
36.3 conservation easements. Grants shall not  
36.4 be made from the appropriation in this  
36.5 paragraph for projects that have a total  
36.6 project cost exceeding \$575,000. Of this  
36.7 appropriation, ~~\$460,000~~ \$265,000 may be  
36.8 spent for personnel costs and other direct and  
36.9 necessary administrative costs. Grantees may  
36.10 acquire land or interests in land. Easements  
36.11 must be permanent. Grants may not be used  
36.12 to establish easement stewardship accounts.  
36.13 Land acquired in fee must be open to hunting  
36.14 and fishing during the open season unless  
36.15 otherwise provided by law. Lands acquired  
36.16 or lands with easements acquired with this  
36.17 appropriation may not be used for emergency  
36.18 haying and grazing in response to federal  
36.19 or state disaster declarations. Conservation  
36.20 grazing under a management plan that is  
36.21 already being implemented may continue.  
36.22 The program shall require a match of at  
36.23 least ten percent from nonstate sources  
36.24 for all grants. The match may be cash or  
36.25 in-kind resources. For grant applications  
36.26 of \$25,000 or less, the commissioner shall  
36.27 provide a separate, simplified application  
36.28 process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the  
36.29 commissioner of natural resources shall,  
36.30 when evaluating projects of equal value,  
36.31 give priority to organizations that have a  
36.32 history of receiving or charter to receive  
36.33 private contributions for local conservation  
36.34 or habitat projects. If acquiring land or a  
36.35 conservation easement, priority shall be  
36.36 given to projects associated with or within

37.1 one mile of existing wildlife management  
37.2 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section  
37.3 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific and natural  
37.4 areas under Minnesota Statutes, sections  
37.5 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; or aquatic  
37.6 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,  
37.7 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02.  
37.8 All restoration or enhancement projects  
37.9 must be on land permanently protected by  
37.10 a permanent covenant ensuring perpetual  
37.11 maintenance and protection of restored  
37.12 and enhanced habitat, by a conservation  
37.13 easement, or by public ownership or in public  
37.14 waters as defined in Minnesota Statutes,  
37.15 section 103G.005, subdivision 15. Priority  
37.16 shall be given to restoration and enhancement  
37.17 projects on public lands. Minnesota Statutes,  
37.18 section 97A.056, subdivision 13, applies  
37.19 to grants awarded under this paragraph.  
37.20 This appropriation is available until June  
37.21 30, 2018. No less than five percent of the  
37.22 amount of each grant must be held back from  
37.23 reimbursement until the grant recipient has  
37.24 completed a grant accomplishment report by  
37.25 the deadline and in the form prescribed by  
37.26 and satisfactory to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor  
37.27 Heritage Council. The commissioner shall  
37.28 provide notice of the grant program in  
37.29 the game and fish law summary prepared  
37.30 under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.051,  
37.31 subdivision 2.

37.32 **(n) Conservation Partners Legacy Metro**  
37.33 **Grant Program**

37.34 \$4,000,000 in the second year is to the  
37.35 commissioner of natural resources for a  
37.36 program to provide competitive, matching

38.1 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,  
38.2 state, and national organizations for  
38.3 enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests,  
38.4 wetlands, prairies, or habitat for fish, game,  
38.5 or wildlife in the seven-county metropolitan  
38.6 area and cities with a population of 50,000  
38.7 or greater. Grants shall not be made for  
38.8 activities required to fulfill the duties of  
38.9 owners of lands subject to conservation  
38.10 easements. Grants shall not be made from the  
38.11 appropriation in this paragraph for projects  
38.12 that have a total project cost exceeding  
38.13 \$575,000. Of this appropriation, ~~\$70,000~~  
38.14 \$250,000 may be spent for personnel costs  
38.15 and other direct and necessary administrative  
38.16 costs. Grantees may acquire land or interests  
38.17 in land. Easements must be permanent.  
38.18 Grants may not be used to establish easement  
38.19 stewardship accounts. Land acquired in fee  
38.20 must be open to hunting and fishing during  
38.21 the open season unless otherwise provided  
38.22 by law. Lands acquired or lands with  
38.23 easements acquired with this appropriation  
38.24 may not be used for emergency haying and  
38.25 grazing in response to federal or state disaster  
38.26 declarations. Conservation grazing under  
38.27 a management plan that is already being  
38.28 implemented may continue. The program  
38.29 shall require a match of at least ten percent  
38.30 from nonstate sources for all grants. The  
38.31 match may be cash or in-kind resources.  
38.32 For grant applications of \$25,000 or less,  
38.33 the commissioner shall provide a separate,  
38.34 simplified application process. Subject to  
38.35 Minnesota Statutes, the commissioner of  
38.36 natural resources shall, when evaluating

39.1 projects of equal value, give priority to  
39.2 organizations that have a history of receiving  
39.3 or charter to receive private contributions  
39.4 for local conservation or habitat projects. If  
39.5 acquiring land or a conservation easement,  
39.6 priority shall be given to projects associated  
39.7 with or within one mile of existing wildlife  
39.8 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,  
39.9 section 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific  
39.10 and natural areas under Minnesota Statutes,  
39.11 sections 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision  
39.12 5; or aquatic management areas under  
39.13 Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05,  
39.14 subdivision 14, and 97C.02. All restoration  
39.15 or enhancement projects must be on land  
39.16 permanently protected by a permanent  
39.17 covenant ensuring perpetual maintenance  
39.18 and protection of restored and enhanced  
39.19 habitat, by a conservation easement, or  
39.20 by public ownership or in public waters  
39.21 as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section  
39.22 103G.005, subdivision 15. Priority shall  
39.23 be given to restoration and enhancement  
39.24 projects on public lands. Minnesota Statutes,  
39.25 section 97A.056, subdivision 13, applies  
39.26 to grants awarded under this paragraph.  
39.27 This appropriation is available until June  
39.28 30, 2018. No less than five percent of the  
39.29 amount of each grant must be held back from  
39.30 reimbursement until the grant recipient has  
39.31 completed a grant accomplishment report by  
39.32 the deadline and in the form prescribed by  
39.33 and satisfactory to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor  
39.34 Heritage Council. The commissioner shall  
39.35 provide notice of the grant program in  
39.36 the game and fish law summary prepared

40.1 under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.051,  
40.2 subdivision 2.

40.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2014.

40.4 Sec. 10. **PAYMENT-IN-LIEU OF TAX ALTERNATIVES;**  
40.5 **RECOMMENDATIONS.**

40.6 The commissioner of management and budget, in consultation with the  
40.7 commissioners of natural resources and revenue, shall examine alternatives to  
40.8 payment-in-lieu of tax payments under Minnesota Statutes, sections 477A.10 to 477A.14,  
40.9 including a trust fund approach, that would apply to land acquired with money from the  
40.10 outdoor heritage fund and other dedicated funds. The examination must take into account  
40.11 the ongoing costs to the state and local units of government associated with the acquisition  
40.12 of the land and any constitutional constraints. The commissioner of management and  
40.13 budget shall submit recommendations to the chairs and ranking minority members of the  
40.14 house of representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over the  
40.15 environment and natural resources, legacy funds, and taxes no later than January 15, 2016.

40.16 **ARTICLE 2**

40.17 **CLEAN WATER FUND**

40.18 Section 1. **CLEAN WATER FUND APPROPRIATIONS.**

40.19 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the  
40.20 agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the  
40.21 clean water fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for allowable activities  
40.22 under the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 15. The figures "2016" and "2017"  
40.23 used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under them are available for the  
40.24 fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, or June 30, 2017, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal  
40.25 year 2016. "The second year" is fiscal year 2017. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2016  
40.26 and 2017. The appropriations in this article are onetime.

40.27		<b><u>APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>	
40.28		<b><u>Available for the Year</u></b>	
40.29		<b><u>Ending June 30</u></b>	
40.30		<b><u>2016</u></b>	<b><u>2017</u></b>

40.31 Sec. 2. **CLEAN WATER**

40.32	<b><u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>113,203,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>112,999,000</u></b>
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41.1 The amounts that may be spent for each  
 41.2 purpose are specified in the following  
 41.3 sections.

41.4 **Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation**

41.5 Money appropriated in this article may  
 41.6 not be spent on activities unless they are  
 41.7 directly related to and necessary for a  
 41.8 specific appropriation. Money appropriated  
 41.9 in this article must be spent in accordance  
 41.10 with Minnesota Management and Budget's  
 41.11 Guidance to Agencies on Legacy Fund  
 41.12 Expenditure. Notwithstanding Minnesota  
 41.13 Statutes, section 16A.28, and unless  
 41.14 otherwise specified in this article, fiscal year  
 41.15 2016 appropriations are available until June  
 41.16 30, 2017, and fiscal year 2017 appropriations  
 41.17 are available until June 30, 2018. If a project  
 41.18 receives federal funds, the time period of  
 41.19 the appropriation is extended to equal the  
 41.20 availability of federal funding.

41.21 **Subd. 3. Disability Access**

41.22 Where appropriate, grant recipients of clean  
 41.23 water funds, in consultation with the Council  
 41.24 on Disability, should make progress toward  
 41.25 providing greater access to programs, print  
 41.26 publications, and digital media for people  
 41.27 with disabilities related to the programs the  
 41.28 recipient funds using appropriations made  
 41.29 in this article.

41.30 **Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**    \$        **5,834,000**    \$        **5,832,000**

41.31 (a) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the  
 41.32 second year are to increase monitoring for  
 41.33 pesticides and pesticide degradates in surface

42.1 water and groundwater and to use data  
42.2 collected to assess pesticide use practices.

42.3 (b) \$2,586,000 the first year and \$2,585,000  
42.4 the second year are for monitoring and  
42.5 evaluating trends in the concentration of  
42.6 nitrate in groundwater in areas vulnerable  
42.7 to groundwater degradation; monitoring  
42.8 for pesticides when nitrate is detected;  
42.9 promoting, developing, and evaluating  
42.10 regional and crop-specific nutrient best  
42.11 management practices; assessing best  
42.12 management practice adoption; education  
42.13 and technical support from University of  
42.14 Minnesota Extension; and other actions to  
42.15 protect groundwater from degradation from  
42.16 nitrate. This appropriation is available until  
42.17 June 30, 2018.

42.18 (c) \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the  
42.19 second year are for administering clean water  
42.20 funds managed through the agriculture best  
42.21 management practices loan program. Any  
42.22 unencumbered balance at the end of the  
42.23 second year shall be added to the corpus of  
42.24 the loan fund.

42.25 (d) \$1,125,000 the first year and \$1,125,000  
42.26 the second year are for technical assistance,  
42.27 research, and demonstration projects on  
42.28 proper implementation of best management  
42.29 practices and more precise information on  
42.30 nonpoint contributions to impaired waters.  
42.31 This appropriation is available until June 30,  
42.32 2020.

42.33 (e) \$788,000 the first year and \$787,000 the  
42.34 second year are for research to quantify and  
42.35 reduce agricultural contributions to impaired

43.1 waters and for development and evaluation  
43.2 of best management practices to protect and  
43.3 restore water resources. This appropriation  
43.4 is available until June 30, 2020.

43.5 (f) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the  
43.6 second year are for a research inventory  
43.7 database containing water-related research  
43.8 activities. Costs for information technology  
43.9 development or support for this research  
43.10 inventory database may be paid to the Office  
43.11 of MN.IT Services. This appropriation is  
43.12 available until June 30, 2018.

43.13 (g) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the  
43.14 second year are to implement the Minnesota  
43.15 agricultural water quality certification  
43.16 program statewide. This appropriation is  
43.17 available until June 30, 2020.

43.18 (h) \$110,000 the first year and \$110,000 the  
43.19 second year are to provide funding for a  
43.20 regional irrigation water quality specialist  
43.21 through University of Minnesota Extension.

43.22 (i) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the  
43.23 second year are for a perennial and cover crop  
43.24 research program to develop perennial and  
43.25 cover cropping systems specific to Minnesota  
43.26 that are necessary to protect and restore the  
43.27 state's surface and groundwater resources  
43.28 while increasing efficiency, profitability, and  
43.29 productivity of Minnesota farmers. This  
43.30 appropriation is available until June 30, 2018.

43.31 (j) A portion of the funds in this section may  
43.32 be used for programs to train state and local  
43.33 outreach staff in the intersection between  
43.34 agricultural economics and agricultural  
43.35 conservation.

44.1 **Sec. 4. PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY**     \$     9,250,000 \$     9,250,000

44.2     (a) \$9,000,000 the first year and \$9,000,000

44.3     the second year are for the point source

44.4     implementation grants program under

44.5     Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.073. This

44.6     appropriation is available until June 30, 2020.

44.7     (b) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000

44.8     the second year are for small community

44.9     wastewater treatment grants and loans under

44.10    Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.075. This

44.11    appropriation is available until June 30, 2020.

44.12    (c) If there are any uncommitted funds at

44.13    the end of each fiscal year under paragraph

44.14    (a) or (b), the Public Facilities Authority

44.15    may transfer the remaining funds to eligible

44.16    projects under any of the programs listed

44.17    in this section based on their priority rank

44.18    on the Pollution Control Agency's project

44.19    priority list.

44.20 **Sec. 5. POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY**     \$     26,250,000 \$     26,248,000

44.21     (a) \$8,250,000 the first year and \$8,250,000

44.22     the second year are for completion of 20

44.23     percent of the needed statewide assessments

44.24     of surface water quality and trends. If the

44.25     amount in the first year is insufficient, the

44.26     amount in the second year is available in the

44.27     first year.

44.28     (b) \$9,795,000 the first year and \$9,795,000

44.29     the second year are to develop watershed

44.30     restoration and protection strategies

44.31     (WRAPS), which include total maximum

44.32     daily load (TMDL) studies and TMDL

44.33     implementation plans for waters listed on

44.34     the Unites States Environmental Protection

45.1 Agency approved impaired waters list in  
45.2 accordance with Minnesota Statutes, chapter  
45.3 114D. The agency shall complete an average  
45.4 of ten percent of the TMDLs each year over  
45.5 the biennium.

45.6 (c) \$1,182,000 the first year and \$1,181,000  
45.7 the second year are for groundwater  
45.8 assessment, including enhancing the  
45.9 ambient monitoring network, modeling, and  
45.10 evaluating trends, including the reassessment  
45.11 of groundwater that was assessed ten to 15  
45.12 years ago and found to be contaminated.

45.13 (d) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000  
45.14 the second year are for water quality  
45.15 improvements in the lower St. Louis River  
45.16 and Duluth harbor within the St. Louis River  
45.17 System Area of Concern. This appropriation  
45.18 must be matched at a rate of 65 percent  
45.19 nonstate money to 35 percent state money.

45.20 (e) \$275,000 the first year and \$275,000 the  
45.21 second year are for storm water research and  
45.22 guidance.

45.23 (f) \$1,150,000 the first year and \$1,150,000  
45.24 the second year are for TMDL research and  
45.25 database development.

45.26 (g) \$900,000 the first year and \$900,000  
45.27 the second year are for national pollutant  
45.28 discharge elimination system wastewater and  
45.29 storm water TMDL implementation efforts.

45.30 (h) \$3,623,000 the first year and \$3,622,000  
45.31 the second year are for enhancing the  
45.32 county-level delivery systems for subsurface  
45.33 sewage treatment system (SSTS) activities  
45.34 necessary to implement Minnesota Statutes,  
45.35 sections 115.55 and 115.56, for protection

46.1 of groundwater, including base grants  
46.2 for all counties with SSTS programs and  
46.3 competitive grants to counties with specific  
46.4 plans to significantly reduce water pollution  
46.5 by reducing the number of systems that  
46.6 are an imminent threat to public health or  
46.7 safety or are otherwise failing. Counties that  
46.8 receive base grants must report the number  
46.9 of sewage noncompliant properties upgraded  
46.10 through SSTS replacement, connection  
46.11 to a centralized sewer system, or other  
46.12 means, including property abandonment  
46.13 or buy-out. Counties also must report  
46.14 the number of existing SSTS compliance  
46.15 inspections conducted in areas under county  
46.16 jurisdiction. These required reports are to  
46.17 be part of established annual reporting for  
46.18 SSTS programs. Counties that conduct SSTS  
46.19 inventories or those with an ordinance in  
46.20 place that requires an SSTS to be inspected  
46.21 as a condition of transferring property or as a  
46.22 condition of obtaining a local permit must be  
46.23 given priority for competitive grants under  
46.24 this paragraph. Of this amount, \$750,000  
46.25 each year is available to counties for grants to  
46.26 low-income landowners to address systems  
46.27 that pose an imminent threat to public health  
46.28 or safety or fail to protect groundwater. A  
46.29 grant awarded under this paragraph may not  
46.30 exceed \$500,000 for the biennium. A county  
46.31 receiving a grant under this paragraph must  
46.32 submit a report to the agency listing the  
46.33 projects funded, including an account of the  
46.34 expenditures.  
46.35 (i) \$275,000 the first year and \$275,000  
46.36 the second year are for a storm water

47.1 best management practice performance  
 47.2 evaluation and technology transfer program  
 47.3 to enhance data and information management  
 47.4 of storm water best management practices;  
 47.5 evaluate best management performance  
 47.6 and effectiveness to support meeting total  
 47.7 maximum daily loads; develop standards  
 47.8 and incorporate state of the art guidance  
 47.9 using minimal impact design standards as  
 47.10 the model; and implement a knowledge  
 47.11 and technology transfer system across  
 47.12 local government, industry, and regulatory  
 47.13 sectors for pass-through to the University of  
 47.14 Minnesota. This appropriation is available  
 47.15 until June 30, 2018.

47.16 (j) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the  
 47.17 second year are to support activities of the  
 47.18 Clean Water Council according to Minnesota  
 47.19 Statutes, section 114D.30, subdivision 1.

47.20 (k) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,  
 47.21 section 16A.28, the appropriations in this  
 47.22 section encumbered on or before June 30,  
 47.23 2017, as grants or contracts are available  
 47.24 until June 30, 2020.

47.25 **Sec. 6. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**  
 47.26 **RESOURCES**

<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>8,500,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>8,500,000</u></b>
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47.27 (a) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000  
 47.28 the second year are for stream flow  
 47.29 monitoring.

47.30 (b) \$1,300,000 the first year and \$1,300,000  
 47.31 the second year are for lake Index of  
 47.32 Biological Integrity (IBI) assessments.

47.33 (c) \$135,000 the first year and \$135,000  
 47.34 the second year are for assessing mercury  
 47.35 and other contaminants of fish, including

48.1 monitoring to track the status of impaired  
48.2 waters over time.

48.3 (d) \$1,940,000 the first year and \$1,940,000  
48.4 the second year are for developing targeted,  
48.5 science-based watershed restoration and  
48.6 protection strategies.

48.7 (e) \$1,375,000 the first year and \$1,375,000  
48.8 the second year are for water supply planning,  
48.9 aquifer protection, and monitoring activities.

48.10 (f) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the  
48.11 second year are for technical assistance to  
48.12 support local implementation of nonpoint  
48.13 source restoration and protection activities,  
48.14 including water quality protection in forested  
48.15 watersheds.

48.16 (g) \$675,000 the first year and \$675,000 the  
48.17 second year are for applied research and tools,  
48.18 including watershed hydrologic modeling;  
48.19 maintaining and updating spatial data for  
48.20 watershed boundaries, streams, and water  
48.21 bodies and integrating high-resolution digital  
48.22 elevation data; assessing effectiveness of  
48.23 forestry best management practices for water  
48.24 quality; and developing a biomonitoring  
48.25 database.

48.26 (h) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000  
48.27 the second year are for developing county  
48.28 geologic atlases.

48.29 (i) \$325,000 the first year and \$325,000 the  
48.30 second year are for analysis and mapping  
48.31 in each county related to compliance  
48.32 with riparian buffer or alternate practice  
48.33 requirements and to provide statewide  
48.34 coordination and guidance to local units of  
48.35 government for implementation of buffer



49.1 requirements. Maps must be provided to  
 49.2 local units of government and made available  
 49.3 to landowners on the Department of Natural  
 49.4 Resources' Web site.

49.5 **Sec. 7. BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL**  
 49.6 **RESOURCES** **\$ 58,131,000 \$ 58,132,000**

49.7 (a) \$8,929,000 the first year and \$8,929,000  
 49.8 the second year are for grants to local  
 49.9 government units organized for the  
 49.10 management of water in a watershed or  
 49.11 subwatershed that have multiyear plans  
 49.12 that will result in a significant reduction in  
 49.13 water pollution in a selected subwatershed.

49.14 The grants may be used for establishment  
 49.15 of riparian buffers; practices to store  
 49.16 water for natural treatment and infiltration,  
 49.17 including rain gardens; capturing storm  
 49.18 water for reuse; stream bank, shoreland, and  
 49.19 ravine stabilization; enforcement activities;  
 49.20 and implementation of best management  
 49.21 practices for feedlots within riparian areas  
 49.22 and other practices demonstrated to be  
 49.23 most effective in protecting, enhancing, and  
 49.24 restoring water quality in lakes, rivers, and  
 49.25 streams and protecting groundwater from  
 49.26 degradation. Grant recipients must identify  
 49.27 a nonstate match and may use other legacy  
 49.28 funds to supplement projects funded under  
 49.29 this paragraph. Grants awarded under this  
 49.30 paragraph are available for four years and  
 49.31 priority must be given to the best designed  
 49.32 plans each year.

49.33 (b) \$14,775,000 the first year and  
 49.34 \$14,775,000 the second year are for grants  
 49.35 to protect and restore surface water and

50.1 drinking water; to keep water on the land; to  
50.2 protect, enhance, and restore water quality  
50.3 in lakes, rivers, and streams; and to protect  
50.4 groundwater and drinking water, including  
50.5 feedlot water quality and subsurface sewage  
50.6 treatment system projects and stream bank,  
50.7 stream channel, shoreline restoration,  
50.8 and ravine stabilization projects. The  
50.9 projects must use practices demonstrated  
50.10 to be effective, be of long-lasting public  
50.11 benefit, include a match, and be consistent  
50.12 with total maximum daily load (TMDL)  
50.13 implementation plans, watershed restoration  
50.14 and protection strategies (WRAPS), or local  
50.15 water management plans or their equivalents.  
50.16 A portion of these funds may be used to seek  
50.17 administrative efficiencies through shared  
50.18 resources by multiple local governmental  
50.19 units.  
50.20 (c) \$6,000,000 the first year and \$6,000,000  
50.21 the second year are for targeted local  
50.22 resource protection and enhancement grants  
50.23 and statewide program enhancements for  
50.24 technical assistance, citizen and community  
50.25 outreach, and training and certification, as  
50.26 well as projects, practices, and programs that  
50.27 supplement or otherwise exceed current state  
50.28 standards for protection, enhancement, and  
50.29 restoration of water quality in lakes, rivers,  
50.30 and streams or that protect groundwater from  
50.31 degradation, including compliance.  
50.32 (d) \$950,000 the first year and \$950,000  
50.33 the second year are to provide state  
50.34 oversight and accountability, evaluate  
50.35 results, provide implementation tools, and  
50.36 measure the value of conservation program

51.1 implementation by local governments,  
51.2 including submission to the legislature by  
51.3 March 1 each even-numbered year a biennial  
51.4 report prepared by the board, in consultation  
51.5 with the commissioners of natural resources,  
51.6 health, agriculture, and the Pollution Control  
51.7 Agency, detailing the recipients, the projects  
51.8 funded under this section, and the amount of  
51.9 pollution reduced.

51.10 (e) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000  
51.11 the second year are for grants to local units  
51.12 of government to enhance compliance  
51.13 with riparian buffer or alternate practice  
51.14 requirements.

51.15 (f) \$10,043,000 the first year and \$10,044,000  
51.16 the second year are to restore or preserve  
51.17 permanent conservation on riparian buffers  
51.18 adjacent to lakes, rivers, streams, and  
51.19 tributaries, to keep water on the land in order  
51.20 to decrease sediment, pollutant, and nutrient  
51.21 transport; reduce hydrologic impacts to  
51.22 surface waters; and increase infiltration for  
51.23 groundwater recharge. This appropriation  
51.24 may be used for restoration of riparian  
51.25 buffers permanently protected by easements  
51.26 purchased with this appropriation or contracts  
51.27 to achieve permanent protection for riparian  
51.28 buffers or stream bank restorations when the  
51.29 riparian buffers have been restored. Up to  
51.30 \$344,000 is for deposit in a monitoring and  
51.31 enforcement account.

51.32 (g) \$1,750,000 the first year and \$1,750,000  
51.33 the second year are for permanent  
51.34 conservation easements on wellhead  
51.35 protection areas under Minnesota Statutes,

52.1 section 103F.515, subdivision 2, paragraph  
52.2 (d), or for grants to local units of government  
52.3 for fee title acquisition to permanently  
52.4 protect groundwater supply sources on  
52.5 wellhead protection areas or for otherwise  
52.6 assuring long-term protection of groundwater  
52.7 supply sources as described under alternative  
52.8 management tools in the Department  
52.9 of Agriculture's Nitrogen Fertilizer  
52.10 Management Plan, including low nitrogen  
52.11 cropping systems or implementing nitrogen  
52.12 fertilizer best management practices. Priority  
52.13 must be placed on land that is located where  
52.14 the vulnerability of the drinking water supply  
52.15 is designated as high or very high by the  
52.16 commissioner of health, where drinking  
52.17 water protection plans have identified  
52.18 specific activities that will achieve long-term  
52.19 protection, and on lands with expiring  
52.20 Conservation Reserve Program contracts.  
52.21 Up to \$52,500 is for deposit in a monitoring  
52.22 and enforcement account.  
52.23 (h) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000  
52.24 the second year are for community partner  
52.25 grants to local units of government for:  
52.26 (1) structural or vegetative management  
52.27 practices that reduce storm water runoff  
52.28 from developed or disturbed lands to reduce  
52.29 the movement of sediment, nutrients, and  
52.30 pollutants for restoration, protection, or  
52.31 enhancement of water quality in lakes, rivers,  
52.32 and streams and to protect groundwater  
52.33 and drinking water; and (2) installation  
52.34 of proven and effective water retention  
52.35 practices including, but not limited to, rain  
52.36 gardens and other vegetated infiltration

53.1 basins and sediment control basins in order  
53.2 to keep water on the land. The projects must  
53.3 be of long-lasting public benefit, include a  
53.4 local match, and be consistent with TMDL  
53.5 implementation plans, watershed restoration  
53.6 and protection strategies (WRAPS), or local  
53.7 water management plans or their equivalents.  
53.8 Local government unit costs may be used as  
53.9 a match.

53.10 (i) \$84,000 the first year and \$84,000 the  
53.11 second year are for a technical evaluation  
53.12 panel to conduct ten restoration evaluations  
53.13 under Minnesota Statutes, section 114D.50,  
53.14 subdivision 6.

53.15 (j) \$2,100,000 the first year and \$2,100,000  
53.16 the second year are for assistance, oversight,  
53.17 and grants to local governments to transition  
53.18 local water management plans to a watershed  
53.19 approach as provided for in Minnesota  
53.20 Statutes, chapters 103B, 103C, 103D, and  
53.21 114D.

53.22 (k) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000  
53.23 the second year are for technical assistance  
53.24 and grants for the conservation drainage  
53.25 program in consultation with the Drainage  
53.26 Work Group, coordinated under Minnesota  
53.27 Statutes, section 103B.101, subdivision  
53.28 13, that includes projects to improve  
53.29 multipurpose water management under  
53.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 103E.015.

53.31 (l) \$9,000,000 the first year and \$9,000,000  
53.32 the second year are to purchase and restore  
53.33 permanent conservation sites via easements  
53.34 or contracts to treat and store water on the  
53.35 land for water quality improvement purposes

54.1 and related technical assistance. This work  
54.2 may be done in cooperation with the United  
54.3 States Department of Agriculture with a first  
54.4 priority use to accomplish a conservation  
54.5 reserve enhancement program, or equivalent,  
54.6 in the state. Up to \$1,285,000 is for deposit  
54.7 in a monitoring and enforcement account.

54.8 (m) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000  
54.9 the second year are to purchase permanent  
54.10 conservation easements to protect lands  
54.11 adjacent to public waters with good water  
54.12 quality but threatened with degradation. Up  
54.13 to \$190,000 is for deposit in a monitoring  
54.14 and enforcement account.

54.15 (n) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000  
54.16 the second year are for a program to  
54.17 systematically collect data and produce  
54.18 county, watershed, and statewide estimates  
54.19 of soil erosion caused by water and wind  
54.20 along with tracking adoption of conservation  
54.21 measures to address erosion.

54.22 (o) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000  
54.23 the second year are to supplement, in equal  
54.24 amounts, each soil and water conservation  
54.25 district's general service grant.

54.26 (p) The Board of Water and Soil  
54.27 Resources must consider the inclusion  
54.28 of environmentally suitable annuals the  
54.29 next time the board establishes or revises  
54.30 vegetation establishment and enhancement  
54.31 guidelines for the purposes of riparian  
54.32 buffers.

54.33 (q) The board shall contract for delivery  
54.34 of services with Conservation Corps  
54.35 Minnesota for restoration, maintenance, and



56.1 contaminants that are threats to drinking  
56.2 water supplies and include benchmarking  
56.3 that compares efforts at the department with  
56.4 efforts by other states and the United States  
56.5 Environmental Protection Agency. The  
56.6 review must be submitted to the Clean Water  
56.7 Council and the chairs and ranking minority  
56.8 members of the house of representatives  
56.9 and senate committees and divisions with  
56.10 jurisdiction over environment and natural  
56.11 resources by June 1, 2016.

56.12 (b) \$1,900,000 the first year and \$1,900,000  
56.13 the second year are for protection of drinking  
56.14 water sources.

56.15 (c) \$113,000 the first year and \$112,000 the  
56.16 second year are for cost-share assistance to  
56.17 public and private well owners for up to 50  
56.18 percent of the cost of sealing unused wells.

56.19 (d) \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000  
56.20 the second year are to develop and deliver  
56.21 groundwater restoration and protection  
56.22 strategies for use on a watershed scale for use  
56.23 in local water planning efforts and to provide  
56.24 resources to local governments for drinking  
56.25 water source protection activities.

56.26 (e) \$325,000 the first year and \$325,000 the  
56.27 second year are for studying the occurrence  
56.28 and magnitude of contaminants in private  
56.29 wells and developing guidance to ensure  
56.30 that new well placement minimizes the  
56.31 potential for risks, in cooperation with the  
56.32 commissioner of agriculture.

56.33 (f) \$275,000 the first year and \$75,000  
56.34 the second year are for development  
56.35 and implementation of a groundwater



57.1 virus monitoring plan, including an  
 57.2 epidemiological study to determine the  
 57.3 association between groundwater virus  
 57.4 concentration and community illness rates.

57.5 (g) \$175,000 the first year and \$175,000 the  
 57.6 second year are to prepare a comprehensive  
 57.7 study of and recommendations for regulatory  
 57.8 and nonregulatory approaches to water reuse  
 57.9 for use in the development of state policy for  
 57.10 water reuse in Minnesota.

57.11 (h) Unless otherwise specified, the  
 57.12 appropriations in this section are available  
 57.13 until June 30, 2019.

57.14 **Sec. 9. METROPOLITAN COUNCIL                    \$            1,225,000 \$            1,225,000**

57.15 (a) \$975,000 the first year and \$975,000  
 57.16 the second year are to implement projects  
 57.17 that address emerging drinking water supply  
 57.18 threats, provide cost-effective regional  
 57.19 solutions, leverage interjurisdictional  
 57.20 coordination, support local implementation  
 57.21 of water supply reliability projects, and  
 57.22 prevent degradation of groundwater  
 57.23 resources in the metropolitan area. These  
 57.24 projects will provide to communities:

57.25 (1) potential solutions to leverage regional  
 57.26 water use through utilization of surface water,  
 57.27 storm water, wastewater, and groundwater;

57.28 (2) an analysis of infrastructure requirements  
 57.29 for different alternatives;

57.30 (3) development of planning level cost  
 57.31 estimates, including capital cost and  
 57.32 operation cost;

57.33 (4) identification of funding mechanisms  
 57.34 and an equitable cost-sharing structure

58.1 for regionally beneficial water supply  
58.2 development projects; and  
58.3 (5) development of subregional groundwater  
58.4 models.  
58.5 (b) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000  
58.6 the second year are for the water demand  
58.7 reduction grant program to encourage  
58.8 implementation of water demand reduction  
58.9 measures by municipalities in the  
58.10 metropolitan area to ensure the reliability and  
58.11 protection of drinking water supplies.

58.12 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 103A.206, is amended to read:

58.13 **103A.206 SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION POLICY.**

58.14 Maintaining and enhancing the quality of soil and water for the environmental and  
58.15 economic benefits they produce, preventing degradation, and restoring degraded soil and  
58.16 water resources of this state contribute greatly to the health, safety, economic well-being,  
58.17 and general welfare of this state and its citizens. Land occupiers have the responsibility to  
58.18 implement practices that conserve the soil and water resources of the state. Soil and water  
58.19 conservation measures implemented on private lands in this state provide benefits to the  
58.20 general public by reducing erosion, sedimentation, siltation, water pollution, and damages  
58.21 caused by floods. The soil and water conservation policy of the state is to encourage land  
58.22 occupiers to conserve soil, water, and the natural resources they support through the  
58.23 implementation of practices that:

- 58.24 (1) control or prevent erosion, sedimentation, siltation, and related pollution in  
58.25 order to preserve natural resources;
- 58.26 (2) ensure continued soil health, as defined under section 103C.101, subdivision  
58.27 10a, and soil productivity;
- 58.28 (3) protect water quality;
- 58.29 (4) prevent impairment of dams and reservoirs;
- 58.30 (5) reduce damages caused by floods;
- 58.31 (6) preserve wildlife;
- 58.32 (7) protect the tax base; and
- 58.33 (8) protect public lands and waters.

59.1 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 103B.101, is amended by adding a  
59.2 subdivision to read:

59.3 Subd. 16. **Water quality practices; standardized specifications.** The Board of  
59.4 Water and Soil Resources shall work with state and federal agencies, academic institutions,  
59.5 local governments, practitioners, and stakeholders to foster mutual understanding and  
59.6 provide recommendations for standardized specifications for water quality and soil  
59.7 conservation protection and improvement practices and projects. The board may convene  
59.8 working groups or work teams to develop information, education, and recommendations.

59.9 Sec. 12. **[103B.801] COMPREHENSIVE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT**  
59.10 **PLANNING PROGRAM.**

59.11 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** The definitions under section 103B.3363, subdivisions 2  
59.12 to 4, apply to this section.

59.13 Subd. 2. **Program purposes.** The purposes of the comprehensive watershed  
59.14 management plan program under section 103B.101, subdivision 14, paragraph (a), are to:

59.15 (1) align local water planning purposes and procedures under chapters 103B, 103C,  
59.16 and 103D on watershed boundaries to create a systematic, watershed-wide, science-based  
59.17 approach to watershed management;

59.18 (2) acknowledge and build off existing local government structure, water plan  
59.19 services, and local capacity;

59.20 (3) incorporate and make use of data and information, including watershed  
59.21 restoration and protection strategies under section 114D.26;

59.22 (4) solicit input and engage experts from agencies, citizens, and stakeholder groups;

59.23 (5) focus on implementation of prioritized and targeted actions capable of achieving  
59.24 measurable progress; and

59.25 (6) serve as a substitute for a comprehensive plan, local water management plan, or  
59.26 watershed management plan developed or amended, approved, and adopted, according  
59.27 to chapter 103B, 103C, or 103D.

59.28 Subd. 3. **Coordination.** The board shall develop policies for coordination and  
59.29 development of comprehensive watershed management plans. To ensure effectiveness  
59.30 and accountability in meeting the purposes of subdivision 2, these policies must address,  
59.31 at a minimum:

59.32 (1) a boundary framework consistent with section 103B.101, subdivision 14,  
59.33 paragraph (a), and procedures, requirements, and criteria for establishing or modifying  
59.34 the framework consistent with the goals of section 103A.212. The metropolitan area, as  
59.35 defined under section 473.121, subdivision 2, may be considered for inclusion in the

60.1 boundary framework. If included, the metropolitan area is not excluded from the water  
60.2 management programs under sections 103B.201 to 103B.255;

60.3 (2) requirements for coordination, participation, and commitment between local  
60.4 government units in the development, approval, adoption, and implementation of  
60.5 comprehensive watershed management plans within planning boundaries identified  
60.6 according to this subdivision;

60.7 (3) requirements for consistency with state agency-adopted water and natural  
60.8 resources-related plans and documents required by chapters 103A, 103B, 103C, 103D,  
60.9 103E, 103F, 103G, and 114D; and

60.10 (4) procedures for plan development, review, and approval consistent with the intent  
60.11 of sections 103B.201, 103B.255, 103B.311, 103B.321, 103D.401, and 103D.405. If the  
60.12 procedures in these sections are contradictory as applied to a specific proceeding, the  
60.13 board must establish a forum where the public interest conflicts involved can be presented  
60.14 and, by consideration of the whole body of water law, the controlling policy can be  
60.15 determined and apparent inconsistencies resolved.

60.16 Subd. 4. **Plan content.** (a) The board shall develop policies for required  
60.17 comprehensive watershed management plan content consistent with comprehensive local  
60.18 water management planning. To ensure effectiveness and accountability in meeting the  
60.19 purposes of subdivision 2, plan content must include, at a minimum:

60.20 (1) an analysis and prioritization of issues and resource concerns;

60.21 (2) measurable goals to address the issues and concerns, including but not limited to:

60.22 (i) restoration, protection, and preservation of natural surface water and groundwater  
60.23 storage and retention systems;

60.24 (ii) minimization of public capital expenditures needed to correct flooding and  
60.25 water quality problems;

60.26 (iii) restoration, protection, and improvement of surface water and groundwater  
60.27 quality;

60.28 (iv) establishment of more uniform local policies and official controls for surface  
60.29 water and groundwater management;

60.30 (v) identification of priority areas for wetland enhancement, restoration, and  
60.31 establishment;

60.32 (vi) identification of priority areas for riparian zone management and buffers;

60.33 (vii) prevention of erosion and soil transport into surface water systems;

60.34 (viii) promotion of groundwater recharge;

60.35 (ix) protection and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat and water recreational  
60.36 facilities; and

61.1 (x) securing other benefits associated with the proper management of surface water  
 61.2 and groundwater;

61.3 (3) a targeted implementation schedule describing at a minimum the actions,  
 61.4 locations, timeline, estimated costs, method of measurement, and identification of roles  
 61.5 and responsible government units;

61.6 (4) a description of implementation programs, including how the implementation  
 61.7 schedule will be achieved and how the plan will be administered and coordinated between  
 61.8 local water management responsibilities; and

61.9 (5) a land and water resource inventory.

61.10 Subd. 5. **Timelines; administration.** (a) The board shall develop and adopt, by  
 61.11 June 30, 2016, a transition plan for development, approval, adoption, and coordination  
 61.12 of plans consistent with section 103A.212. The transition plan must include a goal of  
 61.13 completing statewide transition to comprehensive watershed management plans by 2025.  
 61.14 The metropolitan area may be considered for inclusion in the transition plan.

61.15 (b) The board may use the authority under section 103B.3369, subdivision 9, to  
 61.16 support development or implementation of a comprehensive watershed management  
 61.17 plan under this section.

61.18 Subd. 6. **Authority.** Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, the authorities  
 61.19 granted to local government through chapters 103B, 103C, and 103D are retained when  
 61.20 a comprehensive watershed management plan is adopted as a substitute for a watershed  
 61.21 management plan required under section 103B.231, a county groundwater plan authorized  
 61.22 under section 103B.255, a county water plan authorized under section 103B.311, a  
 61.23 comprehensive plan authorized under section 103C.331, or a watershed management plan  
 61.24 required under section 103D.401 or 103D.405.

61.25 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 103C.101, is amended by adding a  
 61.26 subdivision to read:

61.27 Subd. 10a. **Soil health.** "Soil health" means the continued capacity of soil to  
 61.28 function as a vital living system that sustains plants, animals, and humans. Indicators  
 61.29 of soil health include water infiltration capacity; organic matter content; water holding  
 61.30 capacity; biological capacity to break down plant residue and other substances and  
 61.31 to maintain soil aggregation; nutrient sequestration and cycling capacity; carbon  
 61.32 sequestration; and soil resistance.

61.33 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 103C.401, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

- 62.1           Subdivision 1. **Powers and duties.** In addition to the powers and duties of the state  
62.2 board provided by other law, the state board shall:
- 62.3           (1) offer to assist the district boards to implement their programs;
- 62.4           (2) keep the district boards of the state informed of the activities and experience of  
62.5 other districts and facilitate cooperation and an interchange of advice and experience  
62.6 among the districts;
- 62.7           (3) coordinate the programs and activities of the districts with appropriate agencies  
62.8 by advice and consultation;
- 62.9           (4) approve or disapprove the plans or programs of districts relating to the use of  
62.10 state funds administered by the state board;
- 62.11           (5) secure the cooperation and assistance of agencies in the work of the districts  
62.12 and develop a program to advise and assist appropriate agencies in obtaining state and  
62.13 federal funds for erosion, sedimentation, flooding, and agriculturally related pollution  
62.14 control programs;
- 62.15           (6) develop and implement a public information program concerning the districts'  
62.16 activities and programs, the problems and preventive practices relating to erosion control,  
62.17 sedimentation, agriculturally related pollution, flood prevention, and the advantages of  
62.18 formation of districts in areas where their organization is desirable;
- 62.19           (7) consolidate districts without a hearing or a referendum;
- 62.20           (8) assist the statewide program to inventory and classify the types of soils in the  
62.21 state as determined by the Minnesota Cooperative Soil Survey;
- 62.22           (9) identify research needs and cooperate with other public agencies in research  
62.23 concerning the nature and extent of erosion, sedimentation, flooding and agriculturally  
62.24 related pollution, the amounts and sources of sediment and pollutants delivered to the  
62.25 waters of the state, and long-term soil productivity;
- 62.26           (10) develop structural, land use management practice, and other programs to reduce  
62.27 or prevent soil erosion, sedimentation, flooding, and agriculturally related pollution;
- 62.28           (11) develop a system of priorities to identify the erosion, flooding, sediment, and  
62.29 agriculturally related pollution problem areas that most need control systems;
- 62.30           (12) ensure compliance with statewide programs and policies established by the state  
62.31 board by advice, consultation, and approval of grant agreements with the districts; ~~and~~
- 62.32           (13) service requests from districts to consolidate districts across county boundaries  
62.33 and facilitate other agreed-to reorganizations of districts with other districts or other  
62.34 local units of government, including making grants, within the limits of available funds,  
62.35 to offset the cost of consolidation or reorganization; and
- 62.36           (14) develop and implement a state-led technical training and certification program.

63.1 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 103C.501, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

63.2 Subd. 5. **Contracts by districts.** (a) A district board may contract on a cost-share  
63.3 basis to furnish financial aid to a land occupier or to a state agency for permanent systems  
63.4 for erosion or sedimentation control or water quality or water quantity improvements that  
63.5 are consistent with the district's comprehensive and annual work plans.

63.6 (b) A district board, with approval from the state board and consistent with state  
63.7 board rules and policies, may contract on a cost-share basis to furnish financial aid to a  
63.8 land occupier for nonstructural land management practices that are part of a planned  
63.9 erosion control or water quality improvement plan.

63.10 ~~(b)~~ (c) The duration of the contract must, at a minimum, be the time required to  
63.11 complete the planned systems. A contract must specify that the land occupier is liable for  
63.12 monetary damages and penalties in an amount up to 150 percent of the financial assistance  
63.13 received from the district, for failure to complete the systems or practices in a timely  
63.14 manner or maintain the systems or practices as specified in the contract.

63.15 ~~(e)~~ (d) A contract may provide for cooperation or funding with federal agencies.  
63.16 A land occupier or state agency may provide the cost-sharing portion of the contract  
63.17 through services in kind.

63.18 ~~(d)~~ (e) The state board or the district board may not furnish any financial aid for  
63.19 practices designed only to increase land productivity.

63.20 ~~(e)~~ (f) When a district board determines that long-term maintenance of a system or  
63.21 practice is desirable, the board may require that maintenance be made a covenant upon  
63.22 the land for the effective life of the practice. A covenant under this subdivision shall be  
63.23 construed in the same manner as a conservation restriction under section 84.65.

63.24 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 114D.30, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

63.25 Subd. 2. **Membership; appointment.** (a) The commissioners of natural resources,  
63.26 agriculture, health, and the Pollution Control Agency, ~~and~~ the executive director of the  
63.27 Board of Water and Soil Resources, the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota,  
63.28 and the Metropolitan Council shall each appoint one person from their respective ~~agency~~  
63.29 entity to serve as a nonvoting member of the council. Two members of the house of  
63.30 representatives, including one member from the majority party and one member from the  
63.31 minority party, appointed by the speaker and two senators, including one member from  
63.32 the majority party and one member from the minority party, appointed according to the  
63.33 rules of the senate shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority as nonvoting  
63.34 members of the council. ~~Agency and legislative~~ Members appointed under this paragraph  
63.35 serve as nonvoting members of the council.

64.1 (b) ~~Nineteen~~ Seventeen voting members of the council shall be appointed by the  
64.2 governor as follows:

64.3 (1) two members representing statewide farm organizations;

64.4 (2) two members representing business organizations;

64.5 (3) two members representing environmental organizations;

64.6 (4) one member representing soil and water conservation districts;

64.7 (5) one member representing watershed districts;

64.8 (6) one member representing nonprofit organizations focused on improvement of  
64.9 Minnesota lakes or streams;

64.10 (7) two members representing organizations of county governments, one member  
64.11 representing the interests of rural counties and one member representing the interests of  
64.12 counties in the seven-county metropolitan area;

64.13 (8) two members representing organizations of city governments;

64.14 ~~(9) one member representing the Metropolitan Council established under section  
64.15 473.123;~~

64.16 ~~(10)~~ (9) one member representing township officers;

64.17 ~~(11)~~ (10) one member representing the interests of tribal governments;

64.18 ~~(12)~~ (11) one member representing statewide hunting organizations; and

64.19 ~~(13) one member representing the University of Minnesota or a Minnesota state  
64.20 university; and~~

64.21 ~~(14)~~ (12) one member representing statewide fishing organizations.

64.22 Members appointed under this paragraph must not be registered lobbyists or legislators.

64.23 In making appointments, the governor must attempt to provide for geographic balance.

64.24 The members of the council appointed by the governor are subject to the advice and

64.25 consent of the senate.

64.26 Sec. 17. Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 2, section 6, is amended to read:

64.27	Sec. 6. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL		<del>12,635,000</del>	<u>9,450,000</u>
64.28	RESOURCES	\$	<u>12,135,000</u>	\$ <u>8,950,000</u>

64.29 (a) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000

64.30 the second year are for stream flow

64.31 monitoring, including the installation of

64.32 additional monitoring gauges, and monitoring

64.33 necessary to determine the relationship

64.34 between stream flow and groundwater.



65.1 (b) \$1,300,000 the first year and \$1,300,000  
65.2 the second year are for lake Index of  
65.3 Biological Integrity (IBI) assessments.

65.4 (c) \$135,000 the first year and \$135,000  
65.5 the second year are for assessing mercury  
65.6 contamination and other contaminants of  
65.7 fish, including monitoring to track the status  
65.8 of waters impaired by mercury and mercury  
65.9 reduction efforts over time.

65.10 (d) \$1,850,000 the first year and \$1,850,000  
65.11 the second year are for developing targeted,  
65.12 science-based watershed restoration and  
65.13 protection strategies, including regional  
65.14 technical assistance for TMDL plans and  
65.15 development of a watershed assessment tool,  
65.16 in cooperation with the commissioner of the  
65.17 Pollution Control Agency. By January 15,  
65.18 2016, the commissioner shall submit a report  
65.19 to the chairs and ranking minority members  
65.20 of the senate and house of representatives  
65.21 committees and divisions with jurisdiction  
65.22 over environment and natural resources  
65.23 policy and finance providing the outcomes  
65.24 to lakes, rivers, streams, and groundwater  
65.25 achieved with this appropriation and  
65.26 recommendations.

65.27 (e) \$1,375,000 the first year and \$1,375,000  
65.28 the second year are for water supply planning,  
65.29 aquifer protection, and monitoring activities.

65.30 (f) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000  
65.31 the second year are for technical assistance  
65.32 to support local implementation of nonpoint  
65.33 source restoration and protection activities,  
65.34 including water quality protection in forested  
65.35 watersheds.

66.1 (g) \$675,000 the first year and \$675,000  
66.2 the second year are for applied research  
66.3 and tools, including watershed hydrologic  
66.4 modeling; maintaining and updating spatial  
66.5 data for watershed boundaries, streams, and  
66.6 water bodies and integrating high-resolution  
66.7 digital elevation data; assessing effectiveness  
66.8 of forestry best management practices for  
66.9 water quality; and developing an ecological  
66.10 monitoring database.

66.11 (h) \$615,000 the first year and \$615,000  
66.12 the second year are for developing county  
66.13 geologic atlases.

66.14 (i) \$85,000 the first year is to develop design  
66.15 standards and best management practices  
66.16 for public water access sites to maintain and  
66.17 improve water quality by avoiding shoreline  
66.18 erosion and runoff.

66.19 (j) \$3,000,000 the first year is for beginning  
66.20 to develop and designate groundwater  
66.21 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,  
66.22 section 103G.287, subdivision 4. The  
66.23 commissioner, in consultation with the  
66.24 commissioners of the Pollution Control  
66.25 Agency, health, and agriculture, shall  
66.26 establish a uniform statewide hydrogeologic  
66.27 mapping system that will include designated  
66.28 groundwater management areas. The  
66.29 mapping system must include wellhead  
66.30 protection areas, special well construction  
66.31 areas, groundwater provinces, groundwater  
66.32 recharge areas, and other designated or  
66.33 geographical areas related to groundwater.  
66.34 This mapping system shall be used to  
66.35 implement all groundwater-related laws

67.1 and for reporting and evaluations. This  
67.2 appropriation is available until June 30, 2017.

67.3 ~~(k) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the~~  
67.4 ~~second year are for grants to counties and~~  
67.5 ~~other local units of government to adopt and~~  
67.6 ~~implement advanced shoreland protection~~  
67.7 ~~measures. The grants awarded under this~~  
67.8 ~~paragraph shall be for up to \$100,000 and~~  
67.9 ~~must be used to restore and enhance riparian~~  
67.10 ~~areas to protect, enhance, and restore water~~  
67.11 ~~quality in lakes, rivers, and streams. Grant~~  
67.12 ~~recipients must submit a report to the~~  
67.13 ~~commissioner on the outcomes achieved~~  
67.14 ~~with the grant. To be eligible for a grant~~  
67.15 ~~under this paragraph, a county or other local~~  
67.16 ~~unit of government must be adopting or have~~  
67.17 ~~adopted an ordinance for the subdivision,~~  
67.18 ~~use, redevelopment, and development of~~  
67.19 ~~shoreland that has been approved by the~~  
67.20 ~~commissioner of natural resources as having~~  
67.21 ~~advanced shoreland protection measures. An~~  
67.22 ~~ordinance must meet or exceed the following~~  
67.23 ~~standards:~~

67.24 ~~(1) requires new sewage treatment systems~~  
67.25 ~~to be set back at least 100 feet from the~~  
67.26 ~~ordinary high water level for recreational~~  
67.27 ~~development shorelands and 75 feet for~~  
67.28 ~~general development lake shorelands;~~

67.29 ~~(2) requires redevelopment and new~~  
67.30 ~~development on shoreland to have at least~~  
67.31 ~~a 50-foot vegetative buffer. An access path~~  
67.32 ~~and recreational use area may be allowed;~~

67.33 ~~(3) requires mitigation when any variance to~~  
67.34 ~~standards designed to protect lakes, rivers,~~  
67.35 ~~and streams is granted;~~

68.1 ~~(4) requires best management practices to be~~  
68.2 ~~used to control storm water and sediment as~~  
68.3 ~~part of a land alteration;~~

68.4 ~~(5) includes other criteria developed by the~~  
68.5 ~~commissioner; and~~

68.6 ~~(6) has been adopted by July 1, 2015.~~

68.7 ~~An ordinance that does not exceed all the~~  
68.8 ~~standards in clauses (1) to (5) is considered~~  
68.9 ~~to meet the requirement if the commissioner~~  
68.10 ~~determines that the ordinance provides~~  
68.11 ~~significantly greater protection for both~~  
68.12 ~~waters and shoreland than those standards.~~

68.13 ~~The commissioner of natural resources~~  
68.14 ~~may develop additional criteria for the~~  
68.15 ~~grants awarded under this paragraph. In~~  
68.16 ~~developing the criteria, the commissioner~~  
68.17 ~~shall consider the proposed changes to~~  
68.18 ~~the department's shoreland rules discussed~~  
68.19 ~~during the rulemaking process authorized~~  
68.20 ~~under Laws 2007, chapter 57, article 1,~~  
68.21 ~~section 4, subdivision 3. This appropriation~~  
68.22 ~~is available until spent.~~

68.23 ~~(k) \$100,000 the first year is for the~~  
68.24 ~~commissioner of natural resources for~~  
68.25 ~~rulemaking under Minnesota Statutes,~~  
68.26 ~~section 116G.15, subdivision 7.~~

68.27 **Sec. 18. CANCELLATION OF PRIOR APPROPRIATIONS.**

68.28 (a) The unspent balance of the appropriation to the Public Facilities Authority for the  
68.29 clean water legacy phosphorus reduction grant program under Minnesota Statutes, section  
68.30 446A.074, in Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 2, section 3, paragraph (b), is canceled.

68.31 (b) The unspent balance of the appropriation to the Public Facilities Authority for  
68.32 the clean water legacy phosphorus reduction grant program under Minnesota Statutes,  
68.33 section 446A.074, in Laws 2011, First Special Session chapter 6, article 2, section 4,  
68.34 paragraph (b), is canceled.

69.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

69.2 **ARTICLE 3**

69.3 **PARKS AND TRAILS FUND**

69.4 Section 1. **PARKS AND TRAILS FUND APPROPRIATIONS.**

69.5 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the  
69.6 agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the  
69.7 parks and trails fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The  
69.8 figures "2016" and "2017" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under  
69.9 them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, or June 30, 2017, respectively.  
69.10 "The first year" is fiscal year 2016. "The second year" is fiscal year 2017. "The biennium"  
69.11 is fiscal years 2016 and 2017. All appropriations in this article are onetime.

69.12		<u><b>APPROPRIATIONS</b></u>	
69.13		<u><b>Available for the Year</b></u>	
69.14		<u><b>Ending June 30</b></u>	
69.15		<u><b>2016</b></u>	<u><b>2017</b></u>

69.16 Sec. 2. **PARKS AND TRAILS**

69.17	<u>Subdivision 1. <b>Total Appropriation</b></u>	<u><b>\$</b></u>	<u><b>43,628,000</b></u>	<u><b>\$</b></u>	<u><b>45,722,000</b></u>
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69.18 The amounts that may be spent for each  
69.19 purpose are specified in the following  
69.20 sections.

69.21 Subd. 2. **Availability of Appropriation**

69.22 Money appropriated in this article may  
69.23 not be spent on activities unless they are  
69.24 directly related to and necessary for a  
69.25 specific appropriation. Money appropriated  
69.26 in this article must be spent in accordance  
69.27 with Minnesota Management and Budget's  
69.28 Guidance to Agencies on Legacy Fund  
69.29 Expenditure. Notwithstanding Minnesota  
69.30 Statutes, section 16A.28, and unless  
69.31 otherwise specified in this article, fiscal year  
69.32 2016 appropriations are available until June  
69.33 30, 2018, and fiscal year 2017 appropriations  
69.34 are available until June 30, 2019. If a project

70.1 receives federal funds, the time period of  
70.2 the appropriation is extended to equal the  
70.3 availability of federal funding.

70.4 Subd. 3. **Disability Access**

70.5 Where appropriate, grant recipients of  
70.6 parks and trails funds, in consultation with  
70.7 the Council on Disability, should make  
70.8 progress toward providing greater access  
70.9 to programs, print publications, and digital  
70.10 media for people with disabilities related  
70.11 to the programs the recipient funds using  
70.12 appropriations made in this article.

70.13 Sec. 3. **DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**  
70.14 **RESOURCES**

\$ 26,391,000 \$ 27,655,000

70.15 (a) \$17,237,000 the first year and  
70.16 \$18,067,000 the second year are for state  
70.17 parks, recreation areas, and trails to:

70.18 (1) connect people to the outdoors;

70.19 (2) acquire land and create opportunities;

70.20 (3) maintain existing holdings; and

70.21 (4) improve cooperation by coordinating

70.22 with partners to implement the 25-year

70.23 long-range parks and trails legacy plan.

70.24 (b) \$8,618,000 the first year and \$9,033,000

70.25 the second year are for grants in accordance

70.26 with Minnesota Statutes, section 85.535,

70.27 for parks and trails of regional or statewide

70.28 significance outside of the metropolitan area,

70.29 as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section

70.30 473.121, subdivision 2. The grants must

70.31 be based on the recommendations to the

70.32 commissioner from the Greater Minnesota

70.33 Regional Parks and Trails Commission

70.34 established under Minnesota Statutes,

71.1 section 85.536. Up to 2.5 percent of the total  
71.2 appropriation may be used by the department  
71.3 for administering the grants. Of the total  
71.4 appropriation, \$356,000 the first year and  
71.5 \$362,000 the second year are for grants to  
71.6 the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and  
71.7 Trails Commission for operating costs.

71.8 (c) By January 15, 2016, the Greater  
71.9 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails  
71.10 Commission shall submit a list of projects,  
71.11 ranked in priority order, that contains the  
71.12 commission's recommendations for funding  
71.13 from the parks and trails fund for fiscal year  
71.14 2017 to the chairs and ranking minority  
71.15 members of the house of representatives  
71.16 and senate committees and divisions with  
71.17 jurisdiction over the environment and natural  
71.18 resources and the parks and trails fund.

71.19 (d) By January 15, 2016, the Greater  
71.20 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails  
71.21 Commission shall submit a report that  
71.22 contains the commission's criteria for  
71.23 funding from the parks and trails fund,  
71.24 including the criteria used to determine if a  
71.25 park or trail is of regional significance, to  
71.26 the chairs and ranking minority members  
71.27 of the house of representatives and senate  
71.28 committees and divisions with jurisdiction  
71.29 over the environment and natural resources  
71.30 and the parks and trails fund.

71.31 (e) \$536,000 the first year and \$555,000 the  
71.32 second year are for coordination and projects  
71.33 between the department, the Metropolitan  
71.34 Council, and the Greater Minnesota Regional  
71.35 Parks and Trails Commission; enhanced

72.1 Web-based information for park and trail  
 72.2 users; and support of activities of the Parks  
 72.3 and Trails Legacy Advisory Committee.

72.4 (f) The commissioner shall contract for  
 72.5 services with Conservation Corps Minnesota  
 72.6 for restoration, maintenance, and other  
 72.7 activities under this section for at least  
 72.8 \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the  
 72.9 second year.

72.10 (g) The implementing agencies receiving  
 72.11 appropriations under this section shall  
 72.12 give consideration to contracting with  
 72.13 Conservation Corps Minnesota for  
 72.14 restoration, maintenance, and other activities.

72.15 **Sec. 4. METROPOLITAN COUNCIL                    \$        17,237,000 \$        18,067,000**

72.16 (a) \$17,237,000 the first year and  
 72.17 \$18,067,000 the second year are for  
 72.18 distribution according to Minnesota Statutes,  
 72.19 section 85.53, subdivision 3.

72.20 (b) Money appropriated under this section  
 72.21 and distributed to implementing agencies  
 72.22 must be used to fund the list of recommended  
 72.23 projects in the report submitted pursuant to  
 72.24 Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 3, section  
 72.25 4, paragraph (o). Projects funded by the  
 72.26 money appropriated under this section must  
 72.27 be substantially consistent with the project  
 72.28 descriptions and dollar amounts in the report.

72.29 Any funds remaining after completion of  
 72.30 the listed projects may be spent by the  
 72.31 implementing agencies on projects to support  
 72.32 parks and trails.

72.33 (c) Grant agreements entered into by the  
 72.34 Metropolitan Council and recipients of



73.1 money appropriated under this section must  
 73.2 ensure that the funds are used to supplement  
 73.3 and not substitute for traditional sources of  
 73.4 funding.

73.5 (d) The implementing agencies receiving  
 73.6 appropriations under this section shall  
 73.7 give consideration to contracting with  
 73.8 Conservation Corps Minnesota for  
 73.9 restoration, maintenance, and other activities.

73.10 Sec. 5. Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 3, section 4, is amended to read:

73.11 Sec. 4. **METROPOLITAN COUNCIL** \$ **16,821,000** \$ **16,953,000**

73.12 (a) \$16,821,000 the first year and \$16,953,000  
 73.13 the second year are for parks and trails of  
 73.14 regional or statewide significance in the  
 73.15 metropolitan area, distributed according to  
 73.16 paragraphs (b) to (1). Any funds remaining  
 73.17 after completion of the listed project may be  
 73.18 spent on projects to support parks and trails  
 73.19 by the implementing agency.

73.20 (b) \$1,443,000 the first year and \$1,455,000  
 73.21 the second year are for grants to Anoka  
 73.22 County for:

73.23 (1) a trail connection for Bunker Hills  
 73.24 Regional Park from Avocet Street;

73.25 (2) restoration, including erosion repair,  
 73.26 along Pleasure Creek and the Mississippi  
 73.27 River Regional Trail at the Coon Rapids  
 73.28 Dam Regional Park;

73.29 (3) a new playground and surfacing at Lake  
 73.30 George Regional Park;

73.31 (4) land acquisition for the Rice Creek Chain  
 73.32 of Lakes Park Reserve;

- 74.1 (5) improvements at the Rice Creek Chain of  
74.2 Lakes Park Reserve, including maintenance  
74.3 shop rehabilitation, road and parking  
74.4 construction, fencing, beach improvements,  
74.5 and roof repairs;
- 74.6 (6) trail reconstruction under East River  
74.7 Road on the Rice Creek West Regional Trail;
- 74.8 (7) contracts with Conservation Corps  
74.9 Minnesota;
- 74.10 (8) a volunteer or resource coordinator  
74.11 position;
- 74.12 (9) a landscape designer or architect;
- 74.13 (10) design, engineering, and construction of  
74.14 the Central Anoka County Regional Trail;
- 74.15 (11) road rehabilitation at Lake George  
74.16 Regional Park;
- 74.17 (12) reconstruction of a retaining wall on the  
74.18 Mississippi River Regional Trail;
- 74.19 (13) a trail connection on the Mississippi  
74.20 River Regional Trail to connect Mississippi  
74.21 West Regional Park to the city of Ramsey;
- 74.22 (14) improvements of the Heritage  
74.23 Laboratory/Day Camp at the Rice Creek  
74.24 Chain of Lakes Park Reserve; and
- 74.25 (15) trail reconstruction on the Rice Creek  
74.26 North Regional Trail from Lexington Avenue  
74.27 to Golden Lake Elementary School.
- 74.28 (c) \$289,000 the first year and \$292,000  
74.29 the second year are for grants to the city of  
74.30 Bloomington to reconstruct parking lots at the  
74.31 Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Park Reserve.
- 74.32 (d) \$294,000 the first year and \$297,000 the  
74.33 second year are for grants to Carver County

75.1 to connect the Minnesota River Bluffs  
75.2 Regional Trail and Southwest Regional Trail  
75.3 and for trail and bridge construction on the  
75.4 Minnesota River Bluff Regional Trail.

75.5 (e) \$1,174,000 the first year and \$1,183,000  
75.6 the second year are for grants to Dakota  
75.7 County for:

75.8 (1) engineering to extend the Mississippi  
75.9 River Regional Trail and Big Rivers Regional  
75.10 Trails, including extensions to St. Paul, and  
75.11 to provide a connection to Lilydale Regional  
75.12 Trail;

75.13 (2) a trail connection for the Mississippi  
75.14 River Regional Trail to connect St. Paul and  
75.15 to construct a bridge over railroad tracks;

75.16 (3) engineering and construction of regional  
75.17 trail segments throughout the county;

75.18 (4) engineering and construction of a bridge  
75.19 and trails through the Minnesota Zoological  
75.20 Garden on the North Creek Regional  
75.21 Greenway; and

75.22 (5) resource management of the county's  
75.23 parks and trails system.

75.24 (f) \$3,221,000 the first year and \$3,246,000  
75.25 the second are for grants to the Minneapolis  
75.26 Park and Recreation Board for:

75.27 (1) design and construction of trail loops,  
75.28 river access areas, landscapes, and storm  
75.29 water management improvements at Above  
75.30 the Falls Regional Park;

75.31 (2) land acquisition at Above the Falls  
75.32 Regional Park;

75.33 (3) a master plan and trail design for Central  
75.34 Mississippi Riverfront Regional Park;

76.1 (4) planning and design for the Central  
76.2 Riverfront including the water works and the  
76.3 Mississippi Whitewater Park sites;

76.4 (5) trail, path, and shoreline improvements  
76.5 and play area rehabilitation at  
76.6 Nokomis-Hiawatha Regional Park;

76.7 (6) trail, shoreline, water access,  
76.8 picnic, sailboat facility, and concession  
76.9 improvements at Minneapolis Chain of  
76.10 Lakes Regional Park;

76.11 (7) a bird sanctuary, trail stabilization, habitat  
76.12 restoration, accessibility improvements, and  
76.13 construction of new entrances at Minneapolis  
76.14 Chain of Lakes Regional Park;

76.15 (8) a trail connection for the Minnehaha  
76.16 Parkway Regional Trail below Lyndale  
76.17 Avenue; and

76.18 (9) trail work at Theodore Wirth Regional  
76.19 Park.

76.20 (g) \$1,299,000 the first year and \$1,309,000  
76.21 the second year are for grants to Ramsey  
76.22 County for:

76.23 (1) wayfinding for cross-country ski trails  
76.24 at Battle Creek Regional Park, Tamarack  
76.25 Nature Center, and Grass-Vadnais-Snail  
76.26 Lakes Regional Park;

76.27 (2) contracts with Conservation Corps  
76.28 Minnesota;

76.29 (3) design and construction of an early  
76.30 learning center at Tamarack Nature Center  
76.31 and pedestrian connections, landscape  
76.32 restoration, signage, and other site amenities  
76.33 at Bald Eagle-Otter Lakes Regional Park;

- 77.1 (4) improvements to Tamarack Nature  
77.2 Center;
- 77.3 (5) building and supporting a volunteer corps  
77.4 for Tamarack Nature Center and Discovery  
77.5 Hollow;
- 77.6 (6) trail development to connect Tamarack  
77.7 Nature Center to the Otter Lake boat launch;
- 77.8 (7) a trail on Vadnais Lake, storm water  
77.9 management improvements, and site  
77.10 amenities at Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lakes  
77.11 Regional Park;
- 77.12 (8) trail development and connection, storm  
77.13 water management improvements, and site  
77.14 amenities at Rice Creek North Regional  
77.15 Trail; and
- 77.16 (9) the Bruce Vento Regional Trail.
- 77.17 (h) \$2,378,000 the first year and \$2,397,000  
77.18 the second year are for grants to the city of  
77.19 Saint Paul for:
- 77.20 (1) an education coordinator;
- 77.21 (2) a volunteer coordinator;
- 77.22 (3) Como Regional Park shuttle operation;
- 77.23 (4) a trail connection to connect Harriet  
77.24 Island to the Mississippi Regional Trail;
- 77.25 (5) Estabrook Road reconstruction and  
77.26 lighting upgrades at Como Regional Park;  
77.27 and
- 77.28 (6) a trail connection and railroad bridge  
77.29 reconstruction at Lilydale Regional Park.
- 77.30 (i) \$550,000 the first year and \$554,000 the  
77.31 second year are for grants to Scott County for  
77.32 construction at Cedar Lake Farm Regional  
77.33 Park.

78.1 (j) \$3,669,000 the first year and \$3,697,000  
78.2 the second year are for grants to Three Rivers  
78.3 Park District for:

78.4 (1) a trail connection to connect Grand  
78.5 Rounds to Nine Mile Creek Trail;

78.6 (2) a ~~trail bridge over~~ safe trail crossing of  
78.7 County State-Aid Highway 19 for the Lake  
78.8 Minnetonka LRT Regional Trail;

78.9 (3) trail construction on the Crystal Lake  
78.10 Regional Trail;

78.11 (4) trail construction on the Bassett Creek  
78.12 Regional Trail;

78.13 (5) trail construction on the Twin Lakes  
78.14 Regional Trail; and

78.15 (6) trail construction on the Nine Mile Creek  
78.16 Regional Trail.

78.17 (k) \$821,000 the first year and \$827,000 the  
78.18 second year are for grants to Washington  
78.19 County for:

78.20 (1) parking, buildings, and other  
78.21 improvements at the Swim Pond in Lake  
78.22 Elmo Park Reserve;

78.23 (2) design and construction of the Point  
78.24 Douglas Regional Trail, which connects to  
78.25 Wisconsin; and

78.26 (3) paving improvements to Hardwood Creek  
78.27 Regional Trail, which may include new trail  
78.28 sections toward Bald Eagle Regional Park.

78.29 (l) \$1,682,000 the first year and \$1,695,000  
78.30 the second year are for grants to implementing  
78.31 agencies for land acquisition within  
78.32 Metropolitan Council approved regional  
78.33 parks and trails master plan boundaries as

79.1 provided under Minnesota Statutes, section  
79.2 85.53, subdivision 3, clause (4).

79.3 (m) A recipient of a grant awarded under  
79.4 this section must give consideration to  
79.5 Conservation Corps Minnesota for possible  
79.6 use of corps services to contract for  
79.7 restoration and enhancement services.

79.8 (n) For projects with the potential to need  
79.9 historic preservation services, a recipient  
79.10 of a grant awarded under this section must  
79.11 give consideration to the Northern Bedrock  
79.12 Conservation Corps for possible use of the  
79.13 corps' services.

79.14 (o) By January 15, 2015, the council  
79.15 shall submit a list of projects, ranked in  
79.16 priority order, that contains the council's  
79.17 recommendations for funding from the  
79.18 parks and trails fund for the 2016 and  
79.19 2017 biennium to the chairs and ranking  
79.20 minority members of the senate and house  
79.21 of representatives committees and divisions  
79.22 with jurisdiction over the environment and  
79.23 natural resources and the parks and trails  
79.24 fund.

79.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

79.26 Sec. 6. **MESABI TRAIL GRANT EXTENSION.**

79.27 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, or other law to the contrary,  
79.28 \$512,000 of the money appropriated in fiscal year 2013 under Laws 2011, First Special  
79.29 Session chapter 6, article 3, section 3, paragraph (c), clause (1), for grants under Minnesota  
79.30 Statutes, section 85.535, is available until June 30, 2017. The commissioner of natural  
79.31 resources shall extend the \$512,000 grant to the St. Louis and Lake Counties Regional  
79.32 Railroad Authority for extension of the Mesabi Trail to June 30, 2017.

79.33 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.





81.1 2018. If a project receives federal funds, the  
 81.2 time period of the appropriation is extended  
 81.3 to equal the availability of federal funding.

81.4 **Subd. 3. Minnesota State Arts Board** 28,300,000 29,040,000

81.5 (a) These amounts are appropriated to  
 81.6 the Minnesota State Arts Board for arts,  
 81.7 arts education, arts preservation, and arts  
 81.8 access. Grant agreements entered into  
 81.9 by the Minnesota State Arts Board and  
 81.10 other recipients of appropriations in this  
 81.11 subdivision must ensure that these funds are  
 81.12 used to supplement and not substitute for  
 81.13 traditional sources of funding. Each grant  
 81.14 program established within this appropriation  
 81.15 must be separately administered from other  
 81.16 state appropriations for program planning  
 81.17 and outcome measurements, but may take  
 81.18 into consideration other state resources  
 81.19 awarded in the selection of applicants and  
 81.20 grant award size.

81.21 **(b) Arts Preservation**

81.22 \$2,200,000 the first year is for transfer to  
 81.23 the commissioner of administration for  
 81.24 restoration and preservation of the fine art  
 81.25 located in the State Capitol complex.

81.26 **(c) Arts and Arts Access Initiatives**

81.27 \$20,300,00 the first year and \$23,240,000 the  
 81.28 second year are to support Minnesota artists  
 81.29 and arts organizations in creating, producing,  
 81.30 and presenting high-quality arts activities; to  
 81.31 overcome barriers to accessing high-quality  
 81.32 arts activities; and to instill the arts into the  
 81.33 community and public life in this state.

81.34 **(d) Arts Education**

82.1 \$4,050,000 the first year and \$4,050,000  
 82.2 the second year are for high-quality,  
 82.3 age-appropriate arts education for  
 82.4 Minnesotans of all ages to develop  
 82.5 knowledge, skills, and understanding of the  
 82.6 arts.

82.7 **(e) Arts and Cultural Heritage**

82.8 \$1,750,000 the first year and \$1,750,000 the  
 82.9 second year are for events and activities that  
 82.10 represent the diverse cultural arts traditions,  
 82.11 including folk and traditional artists and art  
 82.12 organizations, represented in this state.

82.13 (f) Up to 4.5 percent of the funds appropriated  
 82.14 in paragraphs (b) to (d) may be used by the  
 82.15 board for administering grant programs,  
 82.16 delivering technical services, providing  
 82.17 fiscal oversight for the statewide system, and  
 82.18 ensuring accountability.

82.19 (g) Thirty percent of the remaining total  
 82.20 appropriation to each of the categories listed  
 82.21 in paragraphs (b) to (d) is for grants to the  
 82.22 regional arts councils. Notwithstanding any  
 82.23 other provision of law, regional arts council  
 82.24 grants or other arts council grants for touring  
 82.25 programs, projects, or exhibits must ensure  
 82.26 the programs, projects, or exhibits are able to  
 82.27 tour in their own region as well as all other  
 82.28 regions of the state.

82.29 (h) Any unencumbered balance remaining  
 82.30 under this section in the first year does not  
 82.31 cancel, but is available for the second year  
 82.32 of the biennium.

82.33 <u>Subd. 4. <b>Minnesota Historical Society</b></u>	<u>15,995,000</u>	<u>16,415,000</u>
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83.1 (a) These amounts are appropriated to the  
83.2 governing board of the Minnesota Historical  
83.3 Society to preserve and enhance access to  
83.4 Minnesota's history and its cultural and  
83.5 historical resources. Grant agreements  
83.6 entered into by the Minnesota Historical  
83.7 Society and other recipients of appropriations  
83.8 in this subdivision must ensure that  
83.9 these funds are used to supplement and  
83.10 not substitute for traditional sources of  
83.11 funding. Funds directly appropriated to the  
83.12 Minnesota Historical Society must be used to  
83.13 supplement and not substitute for traditional  
83.14 sources of funding. Notwithstanding  
83.15 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, for  
83.16 historic preservation projects that improve  
83.17 historic structures, the amounts are available  
83.18 until June 30, 2019. The Minnesota  
83.19 Historical Society or grant recipients of the  
83.20 Minnesota Historical Society using arts and  
83.21 cultural heritage funds under this subdivision  
83.22 must give consideration to Conservation  
83.23 Corps Minnesota and Northern Bedrock  
83.24 Conservation Corps, or an organization  
83.25 carrying out similar work, for projects with  
83.26 the potential to need historic preservation  
83.27 services.

83.28 **(b) Historical Grants and Programs**

83.29 (1) Statewide Historic and Cultural Grants  
83.30 \$5,600,000 the first year and \$6,000,000 the  
83.31 second year are for history programs and  
83.32 projects operated or conducted by or through  
83.33 local, county, regional, or other historical  
83.34 or cultural organizations or for activities  
83.35 to preserve significant historic and cultural

84.1 resources. Funds are to be distributed through  
84.2 a competitive grant process. The Minnesota  
84.3 Historical Society shall administer these  
84.4 funds using established grant mechanisms,  
84.5 with assistance from the advisory committee  
84.6 created under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article  
84.7 4, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (b),  
84.8 item (ii). Notwithstanding these guidelines,  
84.9 the historical society and the advisory  
84.10 committee may consider a grant to the  
84.11 Gunflint Trail Historical Society for the  
84.12 Chik-Wauk Museum.

84.13 (2) Programs

84.14 \$5,660,000 the first year and \$6,000,000 the  
84.15 second year are for programs and purposes  
84.16 related to the historical and cultural heritage  
84.17 of the state of Minnesota, conducted by the  
84.18 Minnesota Historical Society. Of the amount  
84.19 in this paragraph, \$60,000 the first year is for  
84.20 the Minnesota Historical Society to develop a  
84.21 museum installation celebrating the legacy of  
84.22 Minnesota disability culture. The Minnesota  
84.23 Historical Society shall collaborate with  
84.24 the Minnesota State Council on Disability  
84.25 to create the museum installation and may  
84.26 use the funding to promote the exhibit and  
84.27 increase access to the exhibit.

84.28 (3) History Partnerships

84.29 \$2,300,000 the first year and \$2,340,000 the  
84.30 second year are for partnerships involving  
84.31 multiple organizations, which may include  
84.32 the Minnesota Historical Society, to preserve  
84.33 and enhance access to Minnesota's history  
84.34 and cultural heritage in all regions of the state.

85.1 (4) Statewide Survey of Historical and  
85.2 Archaeological Sites

85.3 \$280,000 the first year and \$300,000 the  
85.4 second year are for a contract or contracts  
85.5 to be awarded on a competitive basis to  
85.6 conduct statewide surveys of Minnesota's  
85.7 sites of historical, archaeological, and  
85.8 cultural significance. Results of the surveys  
85.9 must be published in a searchable form  
85.10 and available to the public on a cost-free  
85.11 basis. The Minnesota Historical Society, the  
85.12 Office of the State Archaeologist, and the  
85.13 Indian Affairs Council shall each appoint a  
85.14 representative to an oversight board to select  
85.15 contractors and direct the conduct of the  
85.16 surveys. The oversight board shall consult  
85.17 with the Departments of Transportation and  
85.18 Natural Resources.

85.19 (5) Digital Library

85.20 \$280,000 the first year and \$300,000 the  
85.21 second year are for a digital library project  
85.22 to preserve, digitize, and share Minnesota  
85.23 images, documents, and historical materials.  
85.24 The Minnesota Historical Society shall  
85.25 cooperate with the Minitex interlibrary  
85.26 loan system and shall jointly share this  
85.27 appropriation for these purposes.

85.28 (6) Historic Recognition Grants Program

85.29 \$1,875,000 the first year and \$1,475,000  
85.30 the second year are for a competitive grants  
85.31 program to provide grants for projects  
85.32 that preserve, recognize, and promote the  
85.33 historic legacy of Minnesota. Grants may be  
85.34 awarded to projects that honor the history  
85.35 of Minnesota, including but not limited to:

86.1 projects to build or design exhibits; artistic  
 86.2 productions including film, television,  
 86.3 and music; education presentations; and  
 86.4 commemorative events.

86.5 **Subd. 5. Department of Education** 1,500,000 2,500,000

86.6 These amounts are appropriated to the  
 86.7 commissioner of education for grants to  
 86.8 the 12 Minnesota regional library systems  
 86.9 to provide educational opportunities in  
 86.10 the arts, history, literary arts, and cultural  
 86.11 heritage of Minnesota. These funds must be  
 86.12 allocated using the formulas in Minnesota  
 86.13 Statutes, section 134.355, subdivisions 3,  
 86.14 4, and 5, with the remaining 25 percent to  
 86.15 be distributed to all qualifying systems in  
 86.16 an amount proportionate to the number of  
 86.17 qualifying system entities in each system.  
 86.18 For purposes of this subdivision, "qualifying  
 86.19 system entity" means a public library, a  
 86.20 regional library system, a regional library  
 86.21 system headquarters, a county, or an outreach  
 86.22 service program. These funds may be used  
 86.23 to sponsor programs provided by regional  
 86.24 libraries or to provide grants to local arts  
 86.25 and cultural heritage programs for programs  
 86.26 in partnership with regional libraries.  
 86.27 These funds must be distributed in ten  
 86.28 equal payments per year. Notwithstanding  
 86.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the  
 86.30 appropriations encumbered on or before  
 86.31 June 30, 2017, as grants or contracts in this  
 86.32 subdivision are available until June 30, 2019.

86.33 **Subd. 6. Department of Administration** 9,172,000 8,643,000

86.34 (a) These amounts are appropriated to  
 86.35 the commissioner of administration for

87.1 grants to the named organizations for the  
 87.2 purposes specified in this subdivision. Up  
 87.3 to one percent of funds may be used by the  
 87.4 commissioner for grants administration.

87.5 (b) Grant agreements entered into by  
 87.6 the commissioner and recipients of  
 87.7 appropriations under this subdivision must  
 87.8 ensure that money appropriated in this  
 87.9 subdivision is used to supplement and not  
 87.10 substitute for traditional sources of funding.

87.11 **(c) Veterans Rest Camp**

87.12 \$113,000 the first year is for the Disabled  
 87.13 Veterans Rest Camp Association for the  
 87.14 veterans rest camp on Big Marine Lake for  
 87.15 parks, trails, and recreation areas.

87.16 **(d) Minnesota Public Radio**

87.17 \$1,417,000 each year is for Minnesota Public  
 87.18 Radio to create programming and expand  
 87.19 news service on Minnesota's cultural heritage  
 87.20 and history.

87.21 **(e) Association of Minnesota Public**  
 87.22 **Educational Radio Stations**

87.23 \$1,417,000 each year is appropriated for a  
 87.24 grant to the Association of Minnesota Public  
 87.25 Educational Radio Stations for production  
 87.26 and acquisition grants in accordance with  
 87.27 Minnesota Statutes, section 129D.19.

87.28 **(f) Public Television**

87.29 \$3,000,000 the first year and \$3,834,000  
 87.30 the second year are for grants to the  
 87.31 Minnesota Public Television Association for  
 87.32 production and acquisition grants according  
 87.33 to Minnesota Statutes, section 129D.18.

87.34 **(g) Wilderness Inquiry**

88.1 \$250,000 each year is for grants to Wilderness  
 88.2 Inquiry to preserve Minnesota's outdoor  
 88.3 history, culture, and heritage by connecting  
 88.4 Minnesota youth to natural resources.

88.5 **(h) Como Park Zoo**

88.6 \$1,125,000 each year is for the Como  
 88.7 Park Zoo for program development that  
 88.8 features education programs and habitat  
 88.9 enhancement, special exhibits, music  
 88.10 appreciation programs, and historical garden  
 88.11 access and preservation.

88.12 **(i) Science Museum of Minnesota**

88.13 \$600,000 each year is for arts, arts education,  
 88.14 and arts access and to preserve Minnesota's  
 88.15 history and cultural heritage, including  
 88.16 student and teacher outreach and expansion  
 88.17 of the museum's American Indian initiatives  
 88.18 programs.

88.19 **(j) Lake Superior Center Authority**

88.20 \$250,000 the first year is for development,  
 88.21 preparation, and construction of an exhibit  
 88.22 on the unsalted seas to preserve Minnesota's  
 88.23 history and cultural heritage related to fresh  
 88.24 water lakes.

88.25 **(k) Capitol Art Preservation**

88.26 \$1,000,000 the first year is for restoration  
 88.27 and preservation of the fine art located in the  
 88.28 State Capitol complex.

88.29 **Subd. 7. Minnesota Zoo** 1,125,000 1,125,000

88.30 These amounts are appropriated to the  
 88.31 Minnesota Zoological Board for programs  
 88.32 and development of the Minnesota  
 88.33 Zoological Garden and to provide access and



89.1 education related to programs on the cultural  
 89.2 heritage of Minnesota.

89.3 **Subd. 8. Minnesota Humanities Center** 2,850,000 2,850,000

89.4 (a) These amounts are appropriated to  
 89.5 the Board of Directors of the Minnesota  
 89.6 Humanities Center for the purposes  
 89.7 specified in this subdivision. The Minnesota  
 89.8 Humanities Center may use a portion of  
 89.9 the following grants to cover the cost of  
 89.10 administering, planning, evaluating, and  
 89.11 reporting these grants. The Minnesota  
 89.12 Humanities Center must develop a written  
 89.13 plan to issue the grants in this subdivision and  
 89.14 shall submit the plan for review and approval  
 89.15 by the Department of Administration.

89.16 The grant agreements must specify the direct  
 89.17 administrative costs that the grant funds may  
 89.18 be used for and require a final report and  
 89.19 accounting to the Minnesota Humanities  
 89.20 Center due 30 days after the completion of  
 89.21 the grant program that verifies compliance  
 89.22 with the grant agreement. No grants awarded  
 89.23 in this subdivision may be used for travel  
 89.24 outside the state of Minnesota. The grant  
 89.25 agreement must specify the repercussions for  
 89.26 failing to comply with the grant agreement.

89.27 **(b) Programs and Purposes**

89.28 \$825,000 each year is for programs and  
 89.29 purposes of the Minnesota Humanities  
 89.30 Center. Of this amount, \$100,000 each year  
 89.31 may be used for the veterans' voices program.

89.32 The Minnesota Humanities Center may  
 89.33 consider museums and organizations  
 89.34 celebrating the identities of Minnesotans for  
 89.35 grants from these funds.

90.1 **(c) Heritage Grants Program**

90.2 \$900,000 each year is for a competitive grants  
90.3 program to provide grants to preserve and  
90.4 promote the cultural heritage of Minnesota.

90.5 The Minnesota Humanities Center shall  
90.6 operate a competitive grants program to  
90.7 provide grants for programs, including but  
90.8 not limited to: music, film, television, radio,  
90.9 recreation, or the design and use of public  
90.10 spaces that preserves and honors the cultural  
90.11 heritage of Minnesota. Grants made under  
90.12 this paragraph must not be used for travel  
90.13 costs inside or outside of the state.

90.14 **(d) Children's Museum Grants**

90.15 \$875,000 each year is for arts and cultural  
90.16 heritage grants to children's museums.  
90.17 Of this amount, \$500,000 each year is for the  
90.18 Minnesota Children's Museum, including the  
90.19 Minnesota Children's Museum in Rochester;  
90.20 \$125,000 each year is for the Duluth  
90.21 Children's Museum; \$125,000 each year is  
90.22 for the Grand Rapids Children's Museum;  
90.23 and \$125,000 each year is for the Southern  
90.24 Minnesota Children's Museum.

90.25 **(e) Civics Programs**

90.26 \$150,000 each year is for grants to Kids  
90.27 Voting St. Paul, the Learning Law and  
90.28 Democracy Foundation, and YMCA  
90.29 Youth in Government to conduct civics  
90.30 education programs for the civic and cultural  
90.31 development of Minnesota youth. Civics  
90.32 education is the study of constitutional  
90.33 principles and the democratic foundation  
90.34 of our national, state, and local institutions

91.1 and the study of political processes and  
 91.2 structures of government, grounded in the  
 91.3 understanding of constitutional government  
 91.4 under the rule of law.

91.5 **(f) Ka Joog Fanka Program**

91.6 \$100,000 each year is for a grant to Ka  
 91.7 Joog for the Fanka Program to provide  
 91.8 arts education and workshops, mentor  
 91.9 programs, and community engagement  
 91.10 events throughout Minnesota.

91.11 <b><u>Subd. 9. Perpich Center for Arts Education</u></b>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>
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91.12 (a) These amounts are appropriated to the  
 91.13 Board of Directors of the Perpich Center  
 91.14 for Arts Education for the programs under  
 91.15 paragraph (c).

91.16 (b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,  
 91.17 section 16A.28, the appropriations  
 91.18 encumbered on or before June 30, 2017, are  
 91.19 available until June 30, 2019.

91.20 **(c) Arts Integration and Turnaround Arts**  
 91.21 **Programs**

91.22 \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the  
 91.23 second year are for the arts integration  
 91.24 program and Turnaround Arts programs to  
 91.25 assist schools and programs throughout the  
 91.26 state.

91.27 <b><u>Subd. 10. Indian Affairs Council</u></b>	<u>1,325,000</u>	<u>1,325,000</u>
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91.28 (a) \$1,250,000 each year is for the Indian  
 91.29 Affairs Council to provide grants to preserve  
 91.30 Dakota and Ojibwe Indian language and to  
 91.31 foster education programs and immersion  
 91.32 programs in Dakota and Ojibwe language.

91.33 (b) \$75,000 each year is for the Indian  
 91.34 Affairs Council to carry out responsibilities

92.1 under Minnesota Statutes, section 307.08, to  
 92.2 comply with Public Law 101-601, the Native  
 92.3 American Graves Protection and Repatriation  
 92.4 Act, and to develop an osteology laboratory  
 92.5 and repository for American Indian human  
 92.6 remains.

92.7 **Subd. 11. Board of Regents** 125,000 125,000

92.8 This amount is appropriated to the Board of  
 92.9 Regents of the University of Minnesota for a  
 92.10 grant to the Bell Museum of Natural History  
 92.11 for the planetarium network and portable  
 92.12 planetarium program. This appropriation  
 92.13 must not be used for the purchase of motor  
 92.14 vehicles.

92.15 **Subd. 12. Legislature** 400,000 400,000

92.16 This amount is appropriated to the Legislative  
 92.17 Coordinating Commission to operate the  
 92.18 Web site for dedicated funds required  
 92.19 under Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303,  
 92.20 subdivision 10.

92.21 **Subd. 13. Disability Access**

92.22 Where appropriate, grant recipients of arts  
 92.23 and cultural heritage funds, in consultation  
 92.24 with the Council on Disability, should make  
 92.25 progress toward providing greater access  
 92.26 to programs, print publications, and digital  
 92.27 media for people with disabilities related  
 92.28 to the programs the recipient funds using  
 92.29 appropriations made in this section.

92.30 Sec. 3. Laws 2014, chapter 295, section 10, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

92.31 **Subd. 12. St. Paul - Minnesota Children's**  
 92.32 **Museum** 7,485,000

93.1 For a grant to the city of St. Paul to predesign,  
 93.2 design, construct, furnish, and equip an  
 93.3 expansion and renovation of the Minnesota  
 93.4 Children's Museum. The expansion and  
 93.5 exhibit upgrades should incorporate the  
 93.6 latest research on early learning, allow for  
 93.7 new state-of-the art education facilities, and  
 93.8 increase the capacity of visitors to galleries  
 93.9 and programming areas. This appropriation  
 93.10 is not available until the commissioner of  
 93.11 management and budget has determined that  
 93.12 at least ~~an equal amount~~ \$4,000,000 has been  
 93.13 committed from nonstate sources. Amounts  
 93.14 expended for this project by nonstate sources  
 93.15 since October 1, 2010, shall count toward the  
 93.16 nonstate match.

93.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

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## ARTICLE 5

93.19

### GENERAL PROVISIONS; ALL LEGACY FUNDS

93.20 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 16B.24, is amended by adding a  
 93.21 subdivision to read:

93.22 Subd. 12. **State band.** The commissioner must provide free rehearsal and storage  
 93.23 space in the same building in the Capitol Area to an entity known as the Minnesota  
 93.24 State Band, which is a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal  
 93.25 Revenue Code.

93.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

93.27 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 85.53, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

93.28 Subd. 2. **Expenditures; accountability.** (a) A project or program receiving funding  
 93.29 from the parks and trails fund must meet or exceed the constitutional requirement to  
 93.30 support parks and trails of regional or statewide significance. A project or program  
 93.31 receiving funding from the parks and trails fund must include measurable outcomes, as  
 93.32 defined in section 3.303, subdivision 10, and a plan for measuring and evaluating the  
 93.33 results. A project or program must be consistent with current science and incorporate

94.1 state-of-the-art technology, except when the project or program is a portrayal or restoration  
94.2 of historical significance.

94.3 (b) Money from the parks and trails fund shall be expended to balance the benefits  
94.4 across all regions and residents of the state.

94.5 (c) A state agency or other recipient of a direct appropriation from the parks and  
94.6 trails fund must compile and submit all information for funded projects or programs,  
94.7 including the proposed measurable outcomes and all other items required under section  
94.8 3.303, subdivision 10, to the Legislative Coordinating Commission as soon as practicable  
94.9 or by January 15 of the applicable fiscal year, whichever comes first. The Legislative  
94.10 Coordinating Commission must post submitted information on the Web site required  
94.11 under section 3.303, subdivision 10, as soon as it becomes available.

94.12 (d) Grants funded by the parks and trails fund must be implemented according to  
94.13 section 16B.98 and must account for all expenditures. Proposals must specify a process  
94.14 for any regranting envisioned. Priority for grant proposals must be given to proposals  
94.15 involving grants that will be competitively awarded.

94.16 (e) Money from the parks and trails fund may only be spent on projects located  
94.17 in Minnesota.

94.18 (f) When practicable, a direct recipient of an appropriation from the parks and  
94.19 trails fund shall prominently display on the recipient's Web site home page the legacy  
94.20 logo required under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 5, section 10, as amended by Laws  
94.21 2010, chapter 361, article 3, section 5, accompanied by the phrase "Click here for more  
94.22 information." When a person clicks on the legacy logo image, the Web site must direct  
94.23 the person to a Web page that includes both the contact information that a person may  
94.24 use to obtain additional information, as well as a link to the Legislative Coordinating  
94.25 Commission Web site required under section 3.303, subdivision 10.

94.26 (g) Future eligibility for money from the parks and trails fund is contingent upon a  
94.27 state agency or other recipient satisfying all applicable requirements in this section, as  
94.28 well as any additional requirements contained in applicable session law. If the Office of  
94.29 the Legislative Auditor, in the course of an audit or investigation, publicly reports that a  
94.30 recipient of money from the parks and trails fund has not complied with the laws, rules, or  
94.31 regulations in this section or other laws applicable to the recipient, the recipient must be  
94.32 listed in an annual report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the legacy  
94.33 funds. The list must be publicly available. The legislative auditor shall remove a recipient  
94.34 from the list upon determination that the recipient is in compliance. A recipient on the  
94.35 list is not eligible for future funding from the parks and trails fund until the recipient  
94.36 demonstrates compliance to the legislative auditor.

95.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97A.056, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

95.2 Subd. 11. **Recipient requirements.** (a) A state agency or other recipient of a direct  
95.3 appropriation from the outdoor heritage fund must compile and submit all information  
95.4 for funded projects or programs, including the proposed measurable outcomes and all  
95.5 other items required under section 3.303, subdivision 10, to the Legislative Coordinating  
95.6 Commission as soon as practicable or by January 15 of the applicable fiscal year, whichever  
95.7 comes first. The Legislative Coordinating Commission must post submitted information on  
95.8 the Web site required under section 3.303, subdivision 10, as soon as it becomes available.

95.9 (b) When practicable, a direct recipient of an appropriation from the outdoor  
95.10 heritage fund shall prominently display on the recipient's Web site home page the legacy  
95.11 logo required under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 5, section 10, as amended by Laws  
95.12 2010, chapter 361, article 3, section 5, accompanied by the phrase "Click here for more  
95.13 information." When a person clicks on the legacy logo image, the Web site must direct  
95.14 the person to a Web page that includes both the contact information that a person may  
95.15 use to obtain additional information, as well as a link to the Legislative Coordinating  
95.16 Commission Web site required under section 3.303, subdivision 10.

95.17 (c) Future eligibility for money from the outdoor heritage fund is contingent upon a  
95.18 state agency or other recipient satisfying all applicable requirements in this section, as  
95.19 well as any additional requirements contained in applicable session law. If the Office of  
95.20 the Legislative Auditor, in the course of an audit or investigation, publicly reports that a  
95.21 recipient of money from the outdoor heritage fund has not complied with the laws, rules,  
95.22 or regulations in this section or other laws applicable to the recipient, the recipient must be  
95.23 listed in an annual report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the legacy  
95.24 funds. The list must be publicly available. The legislative auditor shall remove a recipient  
95.25 from the list upon determination that the recipient is in compliance. A recipient on the  
95.26 list is not eligible for future funding from the outdoor heritage fund until the recipient  
95.27 demonstrates compliance to the legislative auditor.

95.28 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 114D.50, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

95.29 Subd. 4. **Expenditures; accountability.** (a) A project receiving funding from the  
95.30 clean water fund must meet or exceed the constitutional requirements to protect, enhance,  
95.31 and restore water quality in lakes, rivers, and streams and to protect groundwater and  
95.32 drinking water from degradation. Priority may be given to projects that meet more than  
95.33 one of these requirements. A project receiving funding from the clean water fund shall  
95.34 include measurable outcomes, as defined in section 3.303, subdivision 10, and a plan for

96.1 measuring and evaluating the results. A project must be consistent with current science  
96.2 and incorporate state-of-the-art technology.

96.3 (b) Money from the clean water fund shall be expended to balance the benefits  
96.4 across all regions and residents of the state.

96.5 (c) A state agency or other recipient of a direct appropriation from the clean  
96.6 water fund must compile and submit all information for proposed and funded projects  
96.7 or programs, including the proposed measurable outcomes and all other items required  
96.8 under section 3.303, subdivision 10, to the Legislative Coordinating Commission as soon  
96.9 as practicable or by January 15 of the applicable fiscal year, whichever comes first. The  
96.10 Legislative Coordinating Commission must post submitted information on the Web site  
96.11 required under section 3.303, subdivision 10, as soon as it becomes available. Information  
96.12 classified as not public under section 13D.05, subdivision 3, paragraph (d), is not required  
96.13 to be placed on the Web site.

96.14 (d) Grants funded by the clean water fund must be implemented according to section  
96.15 16B.98 and must account for all expenditures. Proposals must specify a process for any  
96.16 regranting envisioned. Priority for grant proposals must be given to proposals involving  
96.17 grants that will be competitively awarded.

96.18 (e) Money from the clean water fund may only be spent on projects that benefit  
96.19 Minnesota waters.

96.20 (f) When practicable, a direct recipient of an appropriation from the clean water fund  
96.21 shall prominently display on the recipient's Web site home page the legacy logo required  
96.22 under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 5, section 10, as amended by Laws 2010, chapter  
96.23 361, article 3, section 5, accompanied by the phrase "Click here for more information."  
96.24 When a person clicks on the legacy logo image, the Web site must direct the person to  
96.25 a Web page that includes both the contact information that a person may use to obtain  
96.26 additional information, as well as a link to the Legislative Coordinating Commission Web  
96.27 site required under section 3.303, subdivision 10.

96.28 (g) Future eligibility for money from the clean water fund is contingent upon a  
96.29 state agency or other recipient satisfying all applicable requirements in this section, as  
96.30 well as any additional requirements contained in applicable session law. If the Office of  
96.31 the Legislative Auditor, in the course of an audit or investigation, publicly reports that a  
96.32 recipient of money from the clean water fund has not complied with the laws, rules, or  
96.33 regulations in this section or other laws applicable to the recipient, the recipient must be  
96.34 listed in an annual report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the legacy  
96.35 funds. The list must be publicly available. The legislative auditor shall remove a recipient  
96.36 from the list upon determination that the recipient is in compliance. A recipient on the list



97.1 is not eligible for future funding from the clean water fund until the recipient demonstrates  
97.2 compliance to the legislative auditor.

97.3 (h) Money from the clean water fund may be used to leverage federal funds through  
97.4 execution of formal project partnership agreements with federal agencies consistent with  
97.5 respective federal agency partnership agreement requirements.

97.6 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 129D.17, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

97.7 Subd. 2. **Expenditures; accountability.** (a) Funding from the arts and cultural  
97.8 heritage fund may be spent only for arts, arts education, and arts access, and to preserve  
97.9 Minnesota's history and cultural heritage. A project or program receiving funding from  
97.10 the arts and cultural heritage fund must include measurable outcomes, and a plan for  
97.11 measuring and evaluating the results. A project or program must be consistent with current  
97.12 scholarship, or best practices, when appropriate and must incorporate state-of-the-art  
97.13 technology when appropriate.

97.14 (b) Funding from the arts and cultural heritage fund may be granted for an entire  
97.15 project or for part of a project so long as the recipient provides a description and cost for  
97.16 the entire project and can demonstrate that it has adequate resources to ensure that the  
97.17 entire project will be completed.

97.18 (c) Money from the arts and cultural heritage fund shall be expended for benefits  
97.19 across all regions and residents of the state.

97.20 (d) A state agency or other recipient of a direct appropriation from the arts and  
97.21 cultural heritage fund must compile and submit all information for funded projects or  
97.22 programs, including the proposed measurable outcomes and all other items required  
97.23 under section 3.303, subdivision 10, to the Legislative Coordinating Commission as soon  
97.24 as practicable or by January 15 of the applicable fiscal year, whichever comes first. The  
97.25 Legislative Coordinating Commission must post submitted information on the Web site  
97.26 required under section 3.303, subdivision 10, as soon as it becomes available.

97.27 (e) Grants funded by the arts and cultural heritage fund must be implemented  
97.28 according to section 16B.98 and must account for all expenditures of funds. Priority for  
97.29 grant proposals must be given to proposals involving grants that will be competitively  
97.30 awarded.

97.31 (f) All money from the arts and cultural heritage fund must be for projects located  
97.32 in Minnesota.

97.33 (g) When practicable, a direct recipient of an appropriation from the arts and cultural  
97.34 heritage fund shall prominently display on the recipient's Web site home page the legacy  
97.35 logo required under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 5, section 10, as amended by Laws

98.1 2010, chapter 361, article 3, section 5, accompanied by the phrase "Click here for more  
98.2 information." When a person clicks on the legacy logo image, the Web site must direct  
98.3 the person to a Web page that includes both the contact information that a person may  
98.4 use to obtain additional information, as well as a link to the Legislative Coordinating  
98.5 Commission Web site required under section 3.303, subdivision 10.

98.6 (h) Future eligibility for money from the arts and cultural heritage fund is contingent  
98.7 upon a state agency or other recipient satisfying all applicable requirements in this section,  
98.8 as well as any additional requirements contained in applicable session law. If the Office of  
98.9 the Legislative Auditor, in the course of an audit or investigation, publicly reports that a  
98.10 recipient of money from the arts and cultural heritage fund has not complied with the laws,  
98.11 rules, or regulations in this section or other laws applicable to the recipient, the recipient  
98.12 must be listed in an annual report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the  
98.13 legacy funds. The list must be publicly available. The legislative auditor shall remove a  
98.14 recipient from the list upon determination that the recipient is in compliance. A recipient  
98.15 on the list is not eligible for future funding from the arts and cultural heritage fund until  
98.16 the recipient demonstrates compliance to the legislative auditor.

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