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H. F. No. 303

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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

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	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>		
2.2	<u>Available for the Year</u>		
2.3	<u>Ending June 30</u>		
2.4	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	
2.5	Sec. 2. <u>OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND</u>		
2.6	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$ 99,386,000</u>	<u>\$ 607,000</u>
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	<u>Subd. 2. Prairies</u>	<u>40,948,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
2.12	<u>(a) DNR Wildlife Management Area and</u>		
2.13	<u>Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition - Phase</u>		
2.14	<u>VII</u>		
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	<u>(b) Accelerating Wildlife Management Area</u>		
2.32	<u>Acquisition - Phase VII</u>		
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 Sec. 3. **[84.974] MILKWEED.**

21.31 When feasible, the commissioner of natural resources is encouraged to plant
21.32 milkweed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

22.9 (5) two members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the
22.10 house.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23.1 (5) one public member appointed by the senate Subcommittee on Committees of the
23.2 Committee on Rules and Administration for a term ending the first Monday in January
23.3 2013; and

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

23.6 (f) Terms, compensation, and removal of public members are as provided in section
23.7 15.0575. A vacancy on the council may be filled by the appointing authority for the
23.8 remainder of the unexpired term.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24.23 \$3,480,000 in the second year is to the
 24.24 commissioner of natural resources to
 24.25 acquire interests in land in fee or permanent
 24.26 conservation easements for aquatic
 24.27 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,
 24.28 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and
 24.29 97C.02, and to restore and enhance aquatic
 24.30 habitat. A list of proposed land acquisitions
 24.31 must be provided as part of the required
 24.32 accomplishment plan. The accomplishment
 24.33 plan must include an easement stewardship

25.1 plan. Up to \$25,000 is for establishing
25.2 a monitoring and enforcement fund as
25.3 approved in the accomplishment plan
25.4 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
25.5 97A.056, subdivision 17. An annual financial
25.6 report is required for any monitoring and
25.7 enforcement fund established, including
25.8 expenditures from the fund and a description
25.9 of annual monitoring and enforcement
25.10 activities.

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

25.12 \$3,680,000 in the second year is to the
25.13 commissioner of natural resources for
25.14 agreements to acquire interests in land in
25.15 fee or permanent conservation easements
25.16 and to restore and enhance natural systems
25.17 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,
25.18 and St. Croix Rivers as follows: \$1,000,000
25.19 to the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife
25.20 Refuge Trust, Inc.; \$375,000 to the Friends
25.21 of the Mississippi; \$375,000 to Great River
25.22 Greening; \$930,000 to The Minnesota
25.23 Land Trust; and \$1,000,000 to The Trust
25.24 for Public Land. A list of proposed
25.25 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements
25.26 must be provided as part of the required
25.27 accomplishment plan. The accomplishment
25.28 plan must include an easement stewardship
25.29 plan. Up to \$51,000 is for establishing
25.30 a monitoring and enforcement fund as
25.31 approved in the accomplishment plan
25.32 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
25.33 97A.056, subdivision 17. An annual financial
25.34 report is required for any monitoring and
25.35 enforcement fund established, including
25.36 expenditures from the fund and a description

26.1 of annual monitoring and enforcement
26.2 activities.

26.3 **(c) Dakota County Riparian and Lakeshore**
26.4 **Protection and Management - Phase III**

26.5 \$480,000 in the second year is to the
26.6 commissioner of natural resources for an
26.7 agreement with Dakota County to acquire
26.8 permanent conservation easements and
26.9 restore and enhance habitats along the
26.10 Mississippi, Cannon, and Vermillion Rivers.

26.11 A list of proposed acquisitions, restorations,
26.12 and enhancements must be provided as
26.13 part of the required accomplishment plan.

26.14 The accomplishment plan must include
26.15 an easement stewardship plan. Up to
26.16 \$20,000 is for establishing a monitoring
26.17 and enforcement fund as approved in
26.18 the accomplishment plan and subject to
26.19 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
26.20 subdivision 17. An annual financial report is
26.21 required for any monitoring and enforcement
26.22 fund established, including expenditures
26.23 from the fund and a description of annual
26.24 monitoring and enforcement activities.

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

26.26 \$3,670,000 in the second year is to the
26.27 commissioner of natural resources to restore
26.28 habitat in the lower St. Louis River estuary.

26.29 A list of proposed projects must be provided
26.30 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

26.31 **(e) Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement -**
26.32 **Phase IV**

26.33 \$2,120,000 in the second year is to the
26.34 commissioner of natural resources for an
26.35 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited

27.1 to restore and enhance coldwater fish lake,
27.2 river, and stream habitats in Minnesota. A list
27.3 of proposed restorations and enhancements
27.4 must be provided as part of the required
27.5 accomplishment plan.

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

27.7 \$2,320,000 in the second year is to the
27.8 commissioner of natural resources for an
27.9 agreement with the Red Lake Watershed
27.10 District to restore and enhance stream and
27.11 related habitat in Grand Marais Creek. A list
27.12 of proposed restorations and enhancements
27.13 must be provided as part of the required
27.14 accomplishment plan.

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

27.16 \$380,000 in the second year is to the
27.17 commissioner of natural resources for an
27.18 agreement with the Lake Superior Steelhead
27.19 Association to restore trout habitat in the
27.20 Upper Knife River Watershed. A list of
27.21 proposed restorations must be provided as
27.22 part of the required accomplishment plan.
27.23 Notwithstanding rules of the commissioner
27.24 of natural resources, restorations conducted
27.25 pursuant to this paragraph may be
27.26 accomplished by excavation.

27.27 **(h) Protect Aquatic Habitat from Asian**
27.28 **Invasive Carp**

27.29 \$7,500,000 in the second year is to the
27.30 commissioner of natural resources ~~to~~ for
27.31 ~~design, construct, operate, and evaluate~~
27.32 construction, including acquisition,
27.33 operation, and evaluation of structural
27.34 deterrents for Asian invasive carp to protect
27.35 Minnesota's aquatic habitat. Use of this

28.1 money requires a one-to-one match for
28.2 projects on state boundary waters.

28.3 **(i) Outdoor Heritage Conservation Partners**
28.4 **Grant Program - Phase IV**

28.5 \$4,990,000 in the second year is to the
28.6 commissioner of natural resources for a
28.7 program to provide competitive, matching
28.8 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,
28.9 state, and national organizations for
28.10 enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests,
28.11 wetlands, prairies, and habitat for fish, game,
28.12 or wildlife in Minnesota. Grants shall not be
28.13 made for activities required to fulfill the duties
28.14 of owners of lands subject to conservation
28.15 easements. Grants shall not be made from
28.16 appropriations in this paragraph for projects
28.17 that have a total project cost exceeding
28.18 \$575,000. \$366,000 of this appropriation
28.19 may be spent for personnel costs and other
28.20 direct and necessary administrative costs.
28.21 Grantees may acquire land or interests in
28.22 land. Easements must be permanent. Land
28.23 acquired in fee must be open to hunting
28.24 and fishing during the open season unless
28.25 otherwise provided by state law. The
28.26 program shall require a match of at least ten
28.27 percent from nonstate sources for all grants.
28.28 The match may be cash or in-kind resources.
28.29 For grant applications of \$25,000 or less,
28.30 the commissioner shall provide a separate,
28.31 simplified application process. Subject to
28.32 Minnesota Statutes, the commissioner of
28.33 natural resources shall, when evaluating
28.34 projects of equal value, give priority to
28.35 organizations that have a history of receiving
28.36 or charter to receive private contributions

29.1 for local conservation or habitat projects. If
 29.2 acquiring land or a conservation easement,
 29.3 priority shall be given to projects associated
 29.4 with existing wildlife management areas
 29.5 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 29.6 subdivision 8; scientific and natural areas
 29.7 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 84.033
 29.8 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; and aquatic
 29.9 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,
 29.10 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02.
 29.11 All restoration or enhancement projects
 29.12 must be on land permanently protected by a
 29.13 conservation easement or public ownership
 29.14 or in public waters as defined in Minnesota
 29.15 Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision
 29.16 15. Priority shall be given to restoration
 29.17 and enhancement projects on public lands.
 29.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
 29.19 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded
 29.20 under this paragraph. This appropriation is
 29.21 available until June 30, 2016. No less than
 29.22 five percent of the amount of each grant
 29.23 must be held back from reimbursement until
 29.24 the grant recipient has completed a grant
 29.25 accomplishment report by the deadline and
 29.26 in the form prescribed by and satisfactory to
 29.27 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
 29.28 The commissioner shall provide notice of
 29.29 the grant program in the game and fish law
 29.30 summaries that are prepared under Minnesota
 29.31 Statutes, section 97A.051, subdivision 2.

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

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

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

30.1 \$2,560,000 in the second year is to the
30.2 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
30.3 interests in land in fee and permanent
30.4 conservation easements for aquatic
30.5 management purposes under Minnesota
30.6 Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 14,
30.7 and 97C.02, and to restore and enhance
30.8 aquatic habitat. Up to \$32,500 is for
30.9 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
30.10 fund as approved in the accomplishment
30.11 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
30.12 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of
30.13 proposed land acquisitions and restorations
30.14 and enhancements must be provided as part
30.15 of the required accomplishment plan.

30.16 **(b) Fisheries Habitat Protection on**
30.17 **Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes**

30.18 \$2,130,000 in the second year is to the
30.19 commissioner of natural resources for
30.20 agreements with the Leech Lake Area
30.21 Watershed Foundation and Minnesota Land
30.22 Trust to acquire land in fee and permanent
30.23 conservation easements to sustain healthy
30.24 fish habitat on lakes in Aitkin, Cass, Crow
30.25 Wing, and Hubbard Counties as follows:
30.26 \$1,150,300 to Leech Lake Area Watershed
30.27 Foundation; and \$979,700 to Minnesota
30.28 Land Trust, of which up to \$120,000 to
30.29 Minnesota Land Trust is for establishing
30.30 a monitoring and enforcement fund as
30.31 approved in the accomplishment plan and
30.32 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
30.33 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
30.34 land acquisitions must be provided as part of
30.35 the required accomplishment plan.

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

31.2 **- Phase V**

31.3 \$1,190,000 in the second year is to the
31.4 commissioner of natural resources for a
31.5 contract with Dakota County to acquire
31.6 permanent conservation easements and land
31.7 in fee and to restore and enhance habitats in
31.8 rivers and lake watersheds in Dakota County.

31.9 Up to \$15,000 to Dakota County is for
31.10 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
31.11 fund as approved in the accomplishment
31.12 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
31.13 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. Lands
31.14 acquired or lands with easements acquired
31.15 with this appropriation may not be used for
31.16 emergency haying and grazing in response
31.17 to federal or state disaster declarations.

31.18 Conservation grazing under a management
31.19 plan that is already being implemented may
31.20 continue. A list of proposed land acquisitions
31.21 and restorations and enhancements must
31.22 be provided as part of the required
31.23 accomplishment plan.

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

31.25 \$2,650,000 in the second year is to the
31.26 commissioner of natural resources for
31.27 agreements to acquire land in fee and
31.28 permanent conservation easements and
31.29 to restore and enhance natural systems
31.30 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,
31.31 and St. Croix Rivers as follows: \$600,000
31.32 to Minnesota Valley National Wildlife
31.33 Refuge Trust, Inc.; \$160,000 to Friends of
31.34 the Mississippi River; \$400,000 to Great
31.35 River Greening; \$590,000 to Minnesota

32.1 Land Trust, of which up to \$77,000 is for
32.2 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
32.3 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
32.4 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
32.5 97A.056, subdivision 17; and \$900,000 to
32.6 The Trust for Public Land. Lands acquired
32.7 or lands with easements acquired with
32.8 this appropriation may not be used for
32.9 emergency haying and grazing in response
32.10 to federal or state disaster declarations.
32.11 Conservation grazing under a management
32.12 plan that is already being implemented may
32.13 continue. A list of proposed land acquisitions
32.14 and permanent conservation easements
32.15 must be provided as part of the required
32.16 accomplishment plan.

32.17 **(e) Mustinka River Fish and Wildlife**
32.18 **Habitat Corridor Rehabilitation**

32.19 \$2,440,000 in the second year is to the
32.20 commissioner of natural resources for
32.21 an agreement with the Bois de Sioux
32.22 Watershed District to acquire land in fee
32.23 and to restore natural systems associated
32.24 with the Mustinka River located within the
32.25 Bois de Sioux Watershed. Lands acquired
32.26 with this appropriation may not be used for
32.27 emergency haying and grazing in response
32.28 to federal or state disaster declarations.
32.29 Conservation grazing under a management
32.30 plan that is already being implemented may
32.31 continue. A list of proposed land acquisitions
32.32 must be provided as part of the required
32.33 accomplishment plan.

33.1 **(f) Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater**
33.2 **Fish Habitat Enhancement and**
33.3 **Restoration - Phase VI**

33.4 \$1,900,000 in the second year is to the
33.5 commissioner of natural resources for an
33.6 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited
33.7 to restore and enhance habitat for trout
33.8 and other species in and along coldwater
33.9 rivers and streams in Minnesota. A list of
33.10 proposed land restorations and enhancements
33.11 must be provided as part of the required
33.12 accomplishment plan.

33.13 **(g) St. Louis River Restoration Initiative -**
33.14 **Phase II**

33.15 \$2,290,000 in the second year is to the
33.16 commissioner of natural resources to restore
33.17 habitat in the lower St. Louis River estuary.
33.18 Of this appropriation, up to \$500,000 is for
33.19 an agreement with Minnesota Land Trust. A
33.20 list of proposed restorations must be provided
33.21 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

33.22 **(h) Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation -**
33.23 **Phase II**

33.24 \$1,410,000 in the second year is to the
33.25 commissioner of natural resources for an
33.26 agreement with the Lake Superior Steelhead
33.27 Association to enhance trout habitat in the
33.28 Knife River watershed. A list of proposed
33.29 enhancements must be provided as part of
33.30 the required accomplishment plan.

33.31 **(i) Restoration and Enhancement of**
33.32 **Washington County Public Lands**

33.33 \$430,000 in the second year is to the
33.34 commissioner of natural resources for an

34.1 agreement with Washington County to
34.2 restore and enhance habitat on public lands
34.3 in Washington County. A restoration and
34.4 enhancement plan and a list of proposed
34.5 land restorations and enhancements
34.6 must be provided as part of the required
34.7 accomplishment plan.

34.8 **(j) Wirth Park Enhancements**

34.9 \$600,000 in the second year is to the
34.10 commissioner of natural resources for an
34.11 agreement with the Minneapolis Park Board
34.12 to enhance riparian and upland habitat
34.13 within Wirth Park in Hennepin County.
34.14 A restoration and enhancement plan and
34.15 a list of proposed land restorations and
34.16 enhancements must be provided as part of
34.17 the required accomplishment plan.

34.18 **(k) Evaluate Effectiveness of Aquatic
34.19 Invasive Species Prevention Strategies**

34.20 \$4,040,000 in the second year is to the
34.21 commissioner of natural resources for an
34.22 agreement with the Central Minnesota
34.23 Initiative Fund to develop a series of pilot
34.24 projects to enhance aquatic habitat by
34.25 preventing the spread of aquatic invasive
34.26 species, including pilot projects conducting
34.27 education and outreach, inspection and
34.28 decontamination, enforcement, and other
34.29 activities. All pilot projects must be
34.30 conducted on a reimbursement basis and
34.31 require a match of nonoutdoor heritage fund
34.32 dollars. A required evaluation of results
34.33 must be funded with nonoutdoor heritage
34.34 fund dollars. The required evaluation must
34.35 evaluate the efficacy of inspection and

35.1 decontamination activities utilized in any of
35.2 the pilot projects in preventing the spread
35.3 of aquatic invasive species. A list of pilot
35.4 projects must be included in the required final
35.5 report. This appropriation is available until
35.6 June 30, 2019. The accomplishment plan
35.7 must accelerate the start of the pilot project.

35.8 **(l) Albert Lea Lake Management and**
35.9 **Invasive Species Control Structure -**
35.10 **Supplement**

35.11 \$700,000 in the second year is added to
35.12 the appropriation contained in Laws 2013,
35.13 chapter 137, article 1, section 2, subdivision
35.14 5, paragraph (h), to the commissioner of
35.15 natural resources for an agreement with
35.16 the Shell Rock River Watershed District to
35.17 construct structural deterrents and lake level
35.18 controls.

35.19 **(m) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**
35.20 **Program - Phase VI**

35.21 \$4,550,000 in the second year is to the
35.22 commissioner of natural resources for a
35.23 program to provide competitive, matching
35.24 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,
35.25 state, and national organizations for
35.26 enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests,
35.27 wetlands, prairies, or habitat for fish, game,
35.28 or wildlife in Minnesota. Grants shall not
35.29 be made for activities required to fulfill
35.30 the duties of owners of lands subject to
35.31 conservation easements. Grants shall not
35.32 be made from the appropriation in this
35.33 paragraph for projects that have a total
35.34 project cost exceeding \$575,000. Of this
35.35 appropriation, ~~\$460,000~~ \$265,000 may be

36.1 spent for personnel costs and other direct and
36.2 necessary administrative costs. Grantees may
36.3 acquire land or interests in land. Easements
36.4 must be permanent. Grants may not be used
36.5 to establish easement stewardship accounts.
36.6 Land acquired in fee must be open to hunting
36.7 and fishing during the open season unless
36.8 otherwise provided by law. Lands acquired
36.9 or lands with easements acquired with this
36.10 appropriation may not be used for emergency
36.11 haying and grazing in response to federal
36.12 or state disaster declarations. Conservation
36.13 grazing under a management plan that is
36.14 already being implemented may continue.
36.15 The program shall require a match of at
36.16 least ten percent from nonstate sources
36.17 for all grants. The match may be cash or
36.18 in-kind resources. For grant applications
36.19 of \$25,000 or less, the commissioner shall
36.20 provide a separate, simplified application
36.21 process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the
36.22 commissioner of natural resources shall,
36.23 when evaluating projects of equal value,
36.24 give priority to organizations that have a
36.25 history of receiving or charter to receive
36.26 private contributions for local conservation
36.27 or habitat projects. If acquiring land or a
36.28 conservation easement, priority shall be
36.29 given to projects associated with or within
36.30 one mile of existing wildlife management
36.31 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section
36.32 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific and natural
36.33 areas under Minnesota Statutes, sections
36.34 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; or aquatic
36.35 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,
36.36 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02.

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

37.25 **(n) Conservation Partners Legacy Metro**
37.26 **Grant Program**

37.27 \$4,000,000 in the second year is to the
37.28 commissioner of natural resources for a
37.29 program to provide competitive, matching
37.30 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,
37.31 state, and national organizations for
37.32 enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests,
37.33 wetlands, prairies, or habitat for fish, game,
37.34 or wildlife in the seven-county metropolitan
37.35 area and cities with a population of 50,000
37.36 or greater. Grants shall not be made for

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

39.1 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,
39.2 section 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific
39.3 and natural areas under Minnesota Statutes,
39.4 sections 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision
39.5 5; or aquatic management areas under
39.6 Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05,
39.7 subdivision 14, and 97C.02. All restoration
39.8 or enhancement projects must be on land
39.9 permanently protected by a permanent
39.10 covenant ensuring perpetual maintenance
39.11 and protection of restored and enhanced
39.12 habitat, by a conservation easement, or
39.13 by public ownership or in public waters
39.14 as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section
39.15 103G.005, subdivision 15. Priority shall
39.16 be given to restoration and enhancement
39.17 projects on public lands. Minnesota Statutes,
39.18 section 97A.056, subdivision 13, applies
39.19 to grants awarded under this paragraph.
39.20 This appropriation is available until June
39.21 30, 2018. No less than five percent of the
39.22 amount of each grant must be held back from
39.23 reimbursement until the grant recipient has
39.24 completed a grant accomplishment report by
39.25 the deadline and in the form prescribed by
39.26 and satisfactory to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
39.27 Heritage Council. The commissioner shall
39.28 provide notice of the grant program in
39.29 the game and fish law summary prepared
39.30 under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.051,
39.31 subdivision 2.

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

39.33 Sec. 10. **PAYMENT-IN-LIEU OF TAX ALTERNATIVES;**
39.34 **RECOMMENDATIONS.**

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

40.11 **ARTICLE 2**

40.12 **CLEAN WATER FUND**

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

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

	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
	<u>Available for the Year</u>	
	<u>Ending June 30</u>	
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>

40.26 Sec. 2. **CLEAN WATER**

40.27 <u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>113,203,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>112,999,000</u>
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40.28 The amounts that may be spent for each
 40.29 purpose are specified in the following
 40.30 sections.

40.31 **Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation**

40.32 Money appropriated in this article may
 40.33 not be spent on activities unless they are
 40.34 directly related to and necessary for a

41.1 specific appropriation. Money appropriated
 41.2 in this article must be spent in accordance
 41.3 with Minnesota Management and Budget's
 41.4 Guidance to Agencies on Legacy Fund
 41.5 Expenditure. Notwithstanding Minnesota
 41.6 Statutes, section 16A.28, and unless
 41.7 otherwise specified in this article, fiscal year
 41.8 2016 appropriations are available until June
 41.9 30, 2017, and fiscal year 2017 appropriations
 41.10 are available until June 30, 2018. If a project
 41.11 receives federal funds, the time period of
 41.12 the appropriation is extended to equal the
 41.13 availability of federal funding.

41.14 Subd. 3. **Disability Access**

41.15 Where appropriate, grant recipients of clean
 41.16 water funds, in consultation with the Council
 41.17 on Disability, should make progress toward
 41.18 providing greater access to programs, print
 41.19 publications, and digital media for people
 41.20 with disabilities related to the programs the
 41.21 recipient funds using appropriations made
 41.22 in this article.

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

41.24 (a) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the
 41.25 second year are to increase monitoring for
 41.26 pesticides and pesticide degradates in surface
 41.27 water and groundwater and to use data
 41.28 collected to assess pesticide use practices.

41.29 (b) \$2,586,000 the first year and \$2,585,000
 41.30 the second year are for monitoring and
 41.31 evaluating trends in the concentration of
 41.32 nitrate in groundwater in areas vulnerable
 41.33 to groundwater degradation; monitoring
 41.34 for pesticides when nitrate is detected;

42.1 promoting, developing, and evaluating
42.2 regional and crop-specific nutrient best
42.3 management practices; assessing best
42.4 management practice adoption; education
42.5 and technical support from University of
42.6 Minnesota Extension; and other actions to
42.7 protect groundwater from degradation from
42.8 nitrate. This appropriation is available until
42.9 June 30, 2018.

42.10 (c) \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the
42.11 second year are for administering clean water
42.12 funds managed through the agriculture best
42.13 management practices loan program. Any
42.14 unencumbered balance at the end of the
42.15 second year shall be added to the corpus of
42.16 the loan fund.

42.17 (d) \$1,125,000 the first year and \$1,125,000
42.18 the second year are for technical assistance,
42.19 research, and demonstration projects on
42.20 proper implementation of best management
42.21 practices and more precise information on
42.22 nonpoint contributions to impaired waters.
42.23 This appropriation is available until June 30,
42.24 2020.

42.25 (e) \$788,000 the first year and \$787,000 the
42.26 second year are for research to quantify and
42.27 reduce agricultural contributions to impaired
42.28 waters and for development and evaluation
42.29 of best management practices to protect and
42.30 restore water resources. This appropriation
42.31 is available until June 30, 2020.

42.32 (f) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the
42.33 second year are for a research inventory
42.34 database containing water-related research
42.35 activities. Costs for information technology

43.1 development or support for this research
 43.2 inventory database may be paid to the Office
 43.3 of MN.IT Services. This appropriation is
 43.4 available until June 30, 2018.

43.5 (g) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
 43.6 second year are to implement the Minnesota
 43.7 agricultural water quality certification
 43.8 program statewide. This appropriation is
 43.9 available until June 30, 2020.

43.10 (h) \$110,000 the first year and \$110,000 the
 43.11 second year are to provide funding for a
 43.12 regional irrigation water quality specialist
 43.13 through University of Minnesota Extension.

43.14 (i) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
 43.15 second year are for a perennial and cover crop
 43.16 research program to develop perennial and
 43.17 cover cropping systems specific to Minnesota
 43.18 that are necessary to protect and restore the
 43.19 state's surface and groundwater resources
 43.20 while increasing efficiency, profitability, and
 43.21 productivity of Minnesota farmers. This
 43.22 appropriation is available until June 30, 2018.

43.23 (j) A portion of the funds in this section may
 43.24 be used for programs to train state and local
 43.25 outreach staff in the intersection between
 43.26 agricultural economics and agricultural
 43.27 conservation.

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

43.29 (a) \$9,000,000 the first year and \$9,000,000
 43.30 the second year are for the point source
 43.31 implementation grants program under
 43.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.073. This
 43.33 appropriation is available until June 30, 2020.

44.1 (b) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000
 44.2 the second year are for small community
 44.3 wastewater treatment grants and loans under
 44.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.075. This
 44.5 appropriation is available until June 30, 2020.

44.6 (c) If there are any uncommitted funds at
 44.7 the end of each fiscal year under paragraph
 44.8 (a) or (b), the Public Facilities Authority
 44.9 may transfer the remaining funds to eligible
 44.10 projects under any of the programs listed
 44.11 in this section based on their priority rank
 44.12 on the Pollution Control Agency's project
 44.13 priority list.

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

44.15 (a) \$8,250,000 the first year and \$8,250,000
 44.16 the second year are for completion of 20
 44.17 percent of the needed statewide assessments
 44.18 of surface water quality and trends. If the
 44.19 amount in the first year is insufficient, the
 44.20 amount in the second year is available in the
 44.21 first year.

44.22 (b) \$9,795,000 the first year and \$9,795,000
 44.23 the second year are to develop watershed
 44.24 restoration and protection strategies
 44.25 (WRAPS), which include total maximum
 44.26 daily load (TMDL) studies and TMDL
 44.27 implementation plans for waters listed on
 44.28 the Unites States Environmental Protection
 44.29 Agency approved impaired waters list in
 44.30 accordance with Minnesota Statutes, chapter
 44.31 114D. The agency shall complete an average
 44.32 of ten percent of the TMDLs each year over
 44.33 the biennium.

- 45.1 (c) \$1,182,000 the first year and \$1,181,000
45.2 the second year are for groundwater
45.3 assessment, including enhancing the
45.4 ambient monitoring network, modeling, and
45.5 evaluating trends, including the reassessment
45.6 of groundwater that was assessed ten to 15
45.7 years ago and found to be contaminated.
- 45.8 (d) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000
45.9 the second year are for water quality
45.10 improvements in the lower St. Louis River
45.11 and Duluth harbor within the St. Louis River
45.12 System Area of Concern. This appropriation
45.13 must be matched at a rate of 65 percent
45.14 nonstate money to 35 percent state money.
- 45.15 (e) \$275,000 the first year and \$275,000 the
45.16 second year are for storm water research and
45.17 guidance.
- 45.18 (f) \$1,150,000 the first year and \$1,150,000
45.19 the second year are for TMDL research and
45.20 database development.
- 45.21 (g) \$900,000 the first year and \$900,000
45.22 the second year are for national pollutant
45.23 discharge elimination system wastewater and
45.24 storm water TMDL implementation efforts.
- 45.25 (h) \$3,623,000 the first year and \$3,622,000
45.26 the second year are for enhancing the
45.27 county-level delivery systems for subsurface
45.28 sewage treatment system (SSTS) activities
45.29 necessary to implement Minnesota Statutes,
45.30 sections 115.55 and 115.56, for protection
45.31 of groundwater, including base grants
45.32 for all counties with SSTS programs and
45.33 competitive grants to counties with specific
45.34 plans to significantly reduce water pollution
45.35 by reducing the number of systems that

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

46.30 (i) \$275,000 the first year and \$275,000
46.31 the second year are for a storm water
46.32 best management practice performance
46.33 evaluation and technology transfer program
46.34 to enhance data and information management
46.35 of storm water best management practices;
46.36 evaluate best management performance

47.1 and effectiveness to support meeting total
 47.2 maximum daily loads; develop standards
 47.3 and incorporate state of the art guidance
 47.4 using minimal impact design standards as
 47.5 the model; and implement a knowledge
 47.6 and technology transfer system across
 47.7 local government, industry, and regulatory
 47.8 sectors for pass-through to the University of
 47.9 Minnesota. This appropriation is available
 47.10 until June 30, 2018.

47.11 (j) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the
 47.12 second year are to support activities of the
 47.13 Clean Water Council according to Minnesota
 47.14 Statutes, section 114D.30, subdivision 1.

47.15 (k) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
 47.16 section 16A.28, the appropriations in this
 47.17 section encumbered on or before June 30,
 47.18 2017, as grants or contracts are available
 47.19 until June 30, 2020.

47.20 **Sec. 6. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**
 47.21 **RESOURCES**

\$ 8,500,000 \$ 8,500,000

47.22 (a) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000
 47.23 the second year are for stream flow
 47.24 monitoring.

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

47.28 (c) \$135,000 the first year and \$135,000
 47.29 the second year are for assessing mercury
 47.30 and other contaminants of fish, including
 47.31 monitoring to track the status of impaired
 47.32 waters over time.

47.33 (d) \$1,940,000 the first year and \$1,940,000
 47.34 the second year are for developing targeted,

48.1 science-based watershed restoration and
48.2 protection strategies.

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

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

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

48.22 (h) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000
48.23 the second year are for developing county
48.24 geologic atlases.

48.25 (i) \$325,000 the first year and \$325,000 the
48.26 second year are for analysis and mapping
48.27 in each county related to compliance
48.28 with riparian buffer or alternate practice
48.29 requirements and to provide statewide
48.30 coordination and guidance to local units of
48.31 government for implementation of buffer
48.32 requirements. Maps must be provided to
48.33 local units of government and made available
48.34 to landowners on the Department of Natural
48.35 Resources' Web site.

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

49.3 (a) \$8,929,000 the first year and \$8,929,000
 49.4 the second year are for grants to local
 49.5 government units organized for the
 49.6 management of water in a watershed or
 49.7 subwatershed that have multiyear plans
 49.8 that will result in a significant reduction in
 49.9 water pollution in a selected subwatershed.
 49.10 The grants may be used for establishment
 49.11 of riparian buffers; practices to store
 49.12 water for natural treatment and infiltration,
 49.13 including rain gardens; capturing storm
 49.14 water for reuse; stream bank, shoreland, and
 49.15 ravine stabilization; enforcement activities;
 49.16 and implementation of best management
 49.17 practices for feedlots within riparian areas
 49.18 and other practices demonstrated to be
 49.19 most effective in protecting, enhancing, and
 49.20 restoring water quality in lakes, rivers, and
 49.21 streams and protecting groundwater from
 49.22 degradation. Grant recipients must identify
 49.23 a nonstate match and may use other legacy
 49.24 funds to supplement projects funded under
 49.25 this paragraph. Grants awarded under this
 49.26 paragraph are available for four years and
 49.27 priority must be given to the best designed
 49.28 plans each year.

49.29 (b) \$14,775,000 the first year and
 49.30 \$14,775,000 the second year are for grants
 49.31 to protect and restore surface water and
 49.32 drinking water; to keep water on the land; to
 49.33 protect, enhance, and restore water quality
 49.34 in lakes, rivers, and streams; and to protect
 49.35 groundwater and drinking water, including
 49.36 feedlot water quality and subsurface sewage

50.1 treatment system projects and stream bank,
50.2 stream channel, shoreline restoration,
50.3 and ravine stabilization projects. The
50.4 projects must use practices demonstrated
50.5 to be effective, be of long-lasting public
50.6 benefit, include a match, and be consistent
50.7 with total maximum daily load (TMDL)
50.8 implementation plans, watershed restoration
50.9 and protection strategies (WRAPS), or local
50.10 water management plans or their equivalents.
50.11 A portion of these funds may be used to seek
50.12 administrative efficiencies through shared
50.13 resources by multiple local governmental
50.14 units.

50.15 (c) \$6,000,000 the first year and \$6,000,000
50.16 the second year are for targeted local
50.17 resource protection and enhancement grants
50.18 and statewide program enhancements for
50.19 technical assistance, citizen and community
50.20 outreach, and training and certification, as
50.21 well as projects, practices, and programs that
50.22 supplement or otherwise exceed current state
50.23 standards for protection, enhancement, and
50.24 restoration of water quality in lakes, rivers,
50.25 and streams or that protect groundwater from
50.26 degradation, including compliance.

50.27 (d) \$950,000 the first year and \$950,000
50.28 the second year are to provide state
50.29 oversight and accountability, evaluate
50.30 results, provide implementation tools, and
50.31 measure the value of conservation program
50.32 implementation by local governments,
50.33 including submission to the legislature by
50.34 March 1 each even-numbered year a biennial
50.35 report prepared by the board, in consultation
50.36 with the commissioners of natural resources,

51.1 health, agriculture, and the Pollution Control
51.2 Agency, detailing the recipients, the projects
51.3 funded under this section, and the amount of
51.4 pollution reduced.

51.5 (e) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
51.6 the second year are for grants to local units
51.7 of government to enhance compliance
51.8 with riparian buffer or alternate practice
51.9 requirements.

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

51.27 (g) \$1,750,000 the first year and \$1,750,000
51.28 the second year are for permanent
51.29 conservation easements on wellhead
51.30 protection areas under Minnesota Statutes,
51.31 section 103F.515, subdivision 2, paragraph
51.32 (d), or for grants to local units of government
51.33 for fee title acquisition to permanently
51.34 protect groundwater supply sources on
51.35 wellhead protection areas or for otherwise

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

53.1 and protection strategies (WRAPS), or local
53.2 water management plans or their equivalents.
53.3 Local government unit costs may be used as
53.4 a match.
53.5 (i) \$84,000 the first year and \$84,000 the
53.6 second year are for a technical evaluation
53.7 panel to conduct ten restoration evaluations
53.8 under Minnesota Statutes, section 114D.50,
53.9 subdivision 6.
53.10 (j) \$2,100,000 the first year and \$2,100,000
53.11 the second year are for assistance, oversight,
53.12 and grants to local governments to transition
53.13 local water management plans to a watershed
53.14 approach as provided for in Minnesota
53.15 Statutes, chapters 103B, 103C, 103D, and
53.16 114D.
53.17 (k) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000
53.18 the second year are for technical assistance
53.19 and grants for the conservation drainage
53.20 program in consultation with the Drainage
53.21 Work Group, coordinated under Minnesota
53.22 Statutes, section 103B.101, subdivision
53.23 13, that includes projects to improve
53.24 multipurpose water management under
53.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 103E.015.
53.26 (l) \$9,000,000 the first year and \$9,000,000
53.27 the second year are to purchase and restore
53.28 permanent conservation sites via easements
53.29 or contracts to treat and store water on the
53.30 land for water quality improvement purposes
53.31 and related technical assistance. This work
53.32 may be done in cooperation with the United
53.33 States Department of Agriculture with a first
53.34 priority use to accomplish a conservation
53.35 reserve enhancement program, or equivalent,

54.1 in the state. Up to \$1,285,000 is for deposit
54.2 in a monitoring and enforcement account.

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

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

54.17 (o) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000
54.18 the second year are to supplement, in equal
54.19 amounts, each soil and water conservation
54.20 district's general service grant.

54.21 (p) The Board of Water and Soil
54.22 Resources must consider the inclusion
54.23 of environmentally suitable annuals the
54.24 next time the board establishes or revises
54.25 vegetation establishment and enhancement
54.26 guidelines for the purposes of riparian
54.27 buffers.

54.28 (q) The board may contract for delivery of
54.29 services with Conservation Corps Minnesota
54.30 for restoration, maintenance, and other
54.31 activities under this section.

54.32 (r) The board may shift grant or cost-share
54.33 funds in this section and may adjust the
54.34 technical and administrative assistance
54.35 portion of the funds to leverage federal or

55.1 other nonstate funds or to address oversight
 55.2 responsibilities or high-priority needs
 55.3 identified in local water management plans.

55.4 (s) The board shall require grantees to specify
 55.5 the outcomes that will be achieved by the
 55.6 grants prior to any grant awards.

55.7 (t) The appropriations in this section are
 55.8 available until June 30, 2020. Returned grant
 55.9 funds are available until expended and shall
 55.10 be regranted consistent with the purposes of
 55.11 this section.

55.12 Sec. 8. **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH** **\$** **4,013,000** **\$** **3,812,000**

55.13 (a) \$1,100,000 the first year and \$1,100,000
 55.14 the second year are for addressing public
 55.15 health concerns related to contaminants
 55.16 found in Minnesota drinking water for which
 55.17 no health-based drinking water standards
 55.18 exist, including accelerating the development
 55.19 of health risk limits and improving the
 55.20 capacity of the department's laboratory to
 55.21 analyze unregulated contaminants. The
 55.22 commissioner shall contract with the Board
 55.23 of Regents of the University of Minnesota
 55.24 to provide an independent review of the
 55.25 department's drinking water contaminants
 55.26 of emerging concern program. The review
 55.27 must include an assessment and ranking of
 55.28 contaminants that are threats to drinking
 55.29 water supplies and include benchmarking
 55.30 that compares efforts at the department with
 55.31 efforts by other states and the United States
 55.32 Environmental Protection Agency. The
 55.33 review must be submitted to the Clean Water
 55.34 Council and the chairs and ranking minority
 55.35 members of the house of representatives

56.1 and senate committees and divisions with
56.2 jurisdiction over environment and natural
56.3 resources by June 1, 2016.

56.4 (b) \$1,900,000 the first year and \$1,900,000
56.5 the second year are for protection of drinking
56.6 water sources.

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

56.11 (d) \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000
56.12 the second year are to develop and deliver
56.13 groundwater restoration and protection
56.14 strategies for use on a watershed scale for use
56.15 in local water planning efforts and to provide
56.16 resources to local governments for drinking
56.17 water source protection activities.

56.18 (e) \$325,000 the first year and \$325,000 the
56.19 second year are for studying the occurrence
56.20 and magnitude of contaminants in private
56.21 wells and developing guidance to ensure
56.22 that new well placement minimizes the
56.23 potential for risks, in cooperation with the
56.24 commissioner of agriculture.

56.25 (f) \$275,000 the first year and \$75,000
56.26 the second year are for development
56.27 and implementation of a groundwater
56.28 virus monitoring plan, including an
56.29 epidemiological study to determine the
56.30 association between groundwater virus
56.31 concentration and community illness rates.

56.32 (g) \$175,000 the first year and \$175,000 the
56.33 second year are to prepare a comprehensive
56.34 study of and recommendations for regulatory
56.35 and nonregulatory approaches to water reuse

57.1 for use in the development of state policy for
 57.2 water reuse in Minnesota.

57.3 (h) Unless otherwise specified, the
 57.4 appropriations in this section are available
 57.5 until June 30, 2019.

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

57.7 (a) \$975,000 the first year and \$975,000
 57.8 the second year are to implement projects
 57.9 that address emerging drinking water supply
 57.10 threats, provide cost-effective regional
 57.11 solutions, leverage interjurisdictional
 57.12 coordination, support local implementation
 57.13 of water supply reliability projects, and
 57.14 prevent degradation of groundwater
 57.15 resources in the metropolitan area. These
 57.16 projects will provide to communities:

57.17 (1) potential solutions to leverage regional
 57.18 water use through utilization of surface water,
 57.19 storm water, wastewater, and groundwater;

57.20 (2) an analysis of infrastructure requirements
 57.21 for different alternatives;

57.22 (3) development of planning level cost
 57.23 estimates, including capital cost and
 57.24 operation cost;

57.25 (4) identification of funding mechanisms
 57.26 and an equitable cost-sharing structure
 57.27 for regionally beneficial water supply
 57.28 development projects; and

57.29 (5) development of subregional groundwater
 57.30 models.

57.31 (b) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000
 57.32 the second year are for the water demand
 57.33 reduction grant program to encourage

58.1 implementation of water demand reduction
 58.2 measures by municipalities in the
 58.3 metropolitan area to ensure the reliability and
 58.4 protection of drinking water supplies.

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

58.6 **103A.206 SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION POLICY.**

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

- 58.17 (1) control or prevent erosion, sedimentation, siltation, and related pollution in
 58.18 order to preserve natural resources;
- 58.19 (2) ensure continued soil health, as defined under section 103C.101, subdivision
 58.20 10a, and soil productivity;
- 58.21 (3) protect water quality;
- 58.22 (4) prevent impairment of dams and reservoirs;
- 58.23 (5) reduce damages caused by floods;
- 58.24 (6) preserve wildlife;
- 58.25 (7) protect the tax base; and
- 58.26 (8) protect public lands and waters.

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

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

59.1 Sec. 12. [103B.801] COMPREHENSIVE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT
 59.2 PLANNING PROGRAM.

59.3 Subdivision 1. Definitions. The definitions under section 103B.3363, subdivisions 2
 59.4 to 4, apply to this section.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

59.24 (1) a boundary framework consistent with section 103B.101, subdivision 14,
 59.25 paragraph (a), and procedures, requirements, and criteria for establishing or modifying
 59.26 the framework consistent with the goals of section 103A.212. The metropolitan area, as
 59.27 defined under section 473.121, subdivision 2, may be considered for inclusion in the
 59.28 boundary framework. If included, the metropolitan area is not excluded from the water
 59.29 management programs under sections 103B.201 to 103B.255;

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

59.34 (3) requirements for consistency with state agency-adopted water and natural
 59.35 resources-related plans and documents required by chapters 103A, 103B, 103C, 103D,
 59.36 103E, 103F, 103G, and 114D; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

60.17 (iii) restoration, protection, and improvement of surface water and groundwater
60.18 quality;

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

60.21 (v) identification of priority areas for wetland enhancement, restoration, and
60.22 establishment;

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

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

60.25 (viii) promotion of groundwater recharge;

60.26 (ix) protection and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat and water recreational
60.27 facilities; and

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

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

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

60.36 (5) a land and water resource inventory.

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

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

61.9 Subd. 6. **Authority.** Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, the authorities
 61.10 granted to local government through chapters 103B, 103C, and 103D are retained when
 61.11 a comprehensive watershed management plan is adopted as a substitute for a watershed
 61.12 management plan required under section 103B.231, a county groundwater plan authorized
 61.13 under section 103B.255, a county water plan authorized under section 103B.311, a
 61.14 comprehensive plan authorized under section 103C.331, or a watershed management plan
 61.15 required under section 103D.401 or 103D.405.

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

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

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

61.25 Subdivision 1. **Powers and duties.** In addition to the powers and duties of the state
 61.26 board provided by other law, the state board shall:

61.27 (1) offer to assist the district boards to implement their programs;

61.28 (2) keep the district boards of the state informed of the activities and experience of
 61.29 other districts and facilitate cooperation and an interchange of advice and experience
 61.30 among the districts;

61.31 (3) coordinate the programs and activities of the districts with appropriate agencies
 61.32 by advice and consultation;

61.33 (4) approve or disapprove the plans or programs of districts relating to the use of
 61.34 state funds administered by the state board;

62.1 (5) secure the cooperation and assistance of agencies in the work of the districts
62.2 and develop a program to advise and assist appropriate agencies in obtaining state and
62.3 federal funds for erosion, sedimentation, flooding, and agriculturally related pollution
62.4 control programs;

62.5 (6) develop and implement a public information program concerning the districts'
62.6 activities and programs, the problems and preventive practices relating to erosion control,
62.7 sedimentation, agriculturally related pollution, flood prevention, and the advantages of
62.8 formation of districts in areas where their organization is desirable;

62.9 (7) consolidate districts without a hearing or a referendum;

62.10 (8) assist the statewide program to inventory and classify the types of soils in the
62.11 state as determined by the Minnesota Cooperative Soil Survey;

62.12 (9) identify research needs and cooperate with other public agencies in research
62.13 concerning the nature and extent of erosion, sedimentation, flooding and agriculturally
62.14 related pollution, the amounts and sources of sediment and pollutants delivered to the
62.15 waters of the state, and long-term soil productivity;

62.16 (10) develop structural, land use management practice, and other programs to reduce
62.17 or prevent soil erosion, sedimentation, flooding, and agriculturally related pollution;

62.18 (11) develop a system of priorities to identify the erosion, flooding, sediment, and
62.19 agriculturally related pollution problem areas that most need control systems;

62.20 (12) ensure compliance with statewide programs and policies established by the state
62.21 board by advice, consultation, and approval of grant agreements with the districts; ~~and~~

62.22 (13) service requests from districts to consolidate districts across county boundaries
62.23 and facilitate other agreed-to reorganizations of districts with other districts or other
62.24 local units of government, including making grants, within the limits of available funds,
62.25 to offset the cost of consolidation or reorganization; and

62.26 (14) develop and implement a state-led technical training and certification program.

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

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

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

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

63.6 **(e) (d)** A contract may provide for cooperation or funding with federal agencies.
 63.7 A land occupier or state agency may provide the cost-sharing portion of the contract
 63.8 through services in kind.

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

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

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

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

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

- 63.29 (1) two members representing statewide farm organizations;
 63.30 (2) two members representing business organizations;
 63.31 (3) two members representing environmental organizations;
 63.32 (4) one member representing soil and water conservation districts;
 63.33 (5) one member representing watershed districts;
 63.34 (6) one member representing nonprofit organizations focused on improvement of
 63.35 Minnesota lakes or streams;

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

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

64.5 ~~(9) one member representing the Metropolitan Council established under section~~
 64.6 ~~473.123;~~

64.7 ~~(10)~~ (9) one member representing township officers;

64.8 ~~(11)~~ (10) one member representing the interests of tribal governments;

64.9 ~~(12)~~ (11) one member representing statewide hunting organizations; and

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

64.12 ~~(14)~~ (12) one member representing statewide fishing organizations.

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

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

64.15 The members of the council appointed by the governor are subject to the advice and
 64.16 consent of the senate.

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

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

64.20 (a) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000
 64.21 the second year are for stream flow
 64.22 monitoring, including the installation of
 64.23 additional monitoring gauges, and monitoring
 64.24 necessary to determine the relationship
 64.25 between stream flow and groundwater.

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

64.29 (c) \$135,000 the first year and \$135,000
 64.30 the second year are for assessing mercury
 64.31 contamination and other contaminants of
 64.32 fish, including monitoring to track the status
 64.33 of waters impaired by mercury and mercury
 64.34 reduction efforts over time.

65.1 (d) \$1,850,000 the first year and \$1,850,000
65.2 the second year are for developing targeted,
65.3 science-based watershed restoration and
65.4 protection strategies, including regional
65.5 technical assistance for TMDL plans and
65.6 development of a watershed assessment tool,
65.7 in cooperation with the commissioner of the
65.8 Pollution Control Agency. By January 15,
65.9 2016, the commissioner shall submit a report
65.10 to the chairs and ranking minority members
65.11 of the senate and house of representatives
65.12 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
65.13 over environment and natural resources
65.14 policy and finance providing the outcomes
65.15 to lakes, rivers, streams, and groundwater
65.16 achieved with this appropriation and
65.17 recommendations.

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

65.21 (f) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
65.22 the second year are for technical assistance
65.23 to support local implementation of nonpoint
65.24 source restoration and protection activities,
65.25 including water quality protection in forested
65.26 watersheds.

65.27 (g) \$675,000 the first year and \$675,000
65.28 the second year are for applied research
65.29 and tools, including watershed hydrologic
65.30 modeling; maintaining and updating spatial
65.31 data for watershed boundaries, streams, and
65.32 water bodies and integrating high-resolution
65.33 digital elevation data; assessing effectiveness
65.34 of forestry best management practices for

66.1 water quality; and developing an ecological
66.2 monitoring database.

66.3 (h) \$615,000 the first year and \$615,000
66.4 the second year are for developing county
66.5 geologic atlases.

66.6 (i) \$85,000 the first year is to develop design
66.7 standards and best management practices
66.8 for public water access sites to maintain and
66.9 improve water quality by avoiding shoreline
66.10 erosion and runoff.

66.11 (j) \$3,000,000 the first year is for beginning
66.12 to develop and designate groundwater
66.13 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,
66.14 section 103G.287, subdivision 4. The
66.15 commissioner, in consultation with the
66.16 commissioners of the Pollution Control
66.17 Agency, health, and agriculture, shall
66.18 establish a uniform statewide hydrogeologic
66.19 mapping system that will include designated
66.20 groundwater management areas. The
66.21 mapping system must include wellhead
66.22 protection areas, special well construction
66.23 areas, groundwater provinces, groundwater
66.24 recharge areas, and other designated or
66.25 geographical areas related to groundwater.

66.26 This mapping system shall be used to
66.27 implement all groundwater-related laws
66.28 and for reporting and evaluations. This
66.29 appropriation is available until June 30, 2017.

66.30 ~~(k) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the~~
66.31 ~~second year are for grants to counties and~~
66.32 ~~other local units of government to adopt and~~
66.33 ~~implement advanced shoreland protection~~
66.34 ~~measures. The grants awarded under this~~
66.35 ~~paragraph shall be for up to \$100,000 and~~

67.1 ~~must be used to restore and enhance riparian~~
67.2 ~~areas to protect, enhance, and restore water~~
67.3 ~~quality in lakes, rivers, and streams. Grant~~
67.4 ~~recipients must submit a report to the~~
67.5 ~~commissioner on the outcomes achieved~~
67.6 ~~with the grant. To be eligible for a grant~~
67.7 ~~under this paragraph, a county or other local~~
67.8 ~~unit of government must be adopting or have~~
67.9 ~~adopted an ordinance for the subdivision,~~
67.10 ~~use, redevelopment, and development of~~
67.11 ~~shoreland that has been approved by the~~
67.12 ~~commissioner of natural resources as having~~
67.13 ~~advanced shoreland protection measures. An~~
67.14 ~~ordinance must meet or exceed the following~~
67.15 ~~standards:~~

67.16 ~~(1) requires new sewage treatment systems~~
67.17 ~~to be set back at least 100 feet from the~~
67.18 ~~ordinary high water level for recreational~~
67.19 ~~development shorelands and 75 feet for~~
67.20 ~~general development lake shorelands;~~

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

67.25 ~~(3) requires mitigation when any variance to~~
67.26 ~~standards designed to protect lakes, rivers,~~
67.27 ~~and streams is granted;~~

67.28 ~~(4) requires best management practices to be~~
67.29 ~~used to control storm water and sediment as~~
67.30 ~~part of a land alteration;~~

67.31 ~~(5) includes other criteria developed by the~~
67.32 ~~commissioner; and~~

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

68.1 ~~An ordinance that does not exceed all the~~
68.2 ~~standards in clauses (1) to (5) is considered~~
68.3 ~~to meet the requirement if the commissioner~~
68.4 ~~determines that the ordinance provides~~
68.5 ~~significantly greater protection for both~~
68.6 ~~waters and shoreland than those standards.~~

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

68.17 ~~(†) (k) \$100,000 the first year is for the~~
68.18 ~~commissioner of natural resources for~~
68.19 ~~rulemaking under Minnesota Statutes,~~
68.20 ~~section 116G.15, subdivision 7.~~

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

68.22 (a) The unspent balance of the appropriation to the Public Facilities Authority for the
68.23 clean water legacy phosphorus reduction grant program under Minnesota Statutes, section
68.24 446A.074, in Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 2, section 3, paragraph (b), is canceled.

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

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

68.30 **ARTICLE 3**

68.31 **PARKS AND TRAILS FUND**

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

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

69.8		<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
69.9		<u>Available for the Year</u>	
69.10		<u>Ending June 30</u>	
69.11		<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>

69.12 **Sec. 2. PARKS AND TRAILS**

69.13	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>43,628,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>45,722,000</u>
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69.14 The amounts that may be spent for each
 69.15 purpose are specified in the following
 69.16 sections.

69.17 **Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation**

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

69.34 **Subd. 3. Disability Access**

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

70.9 **Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**
 70.10 **RESOURCES**

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

70.11 (a) \$17,237,000 the first year and
 70.12 \$18,067,000 the second year are for state
 70.13 parks, recreation areas, and trails to:

- 70.14 (1) connect people to the outdoors;
- 70.15 (2) acquire land and create opportunities;
- 70.16 (3) maintain existing holdings; and
- 70.17 (4) improve cooperation by coordinating
 70.18 with partners to implement the 25-year
 70.19 long-range parks and trails legacy plan.

70.20 (b) \$8,618,000 the first year and \$9,033,000
 70.21 the second year are for grants in accordance
 70.22 with Minnesota Statutes, section 85.535,
 70.23 for parks and trails of regional or statewide
 70.24 significance outside of the metropolitan area,
 70.25 as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section
 70.26 473.121, subdivision 2. The grants must
 70.27 be based on the recommendations to the
 70.28 commissioner from the Greater Minnesota
 70.29 Regional Parks and Trails Commission
 70.30 established under Minnesota Statutes,
 70.31 section 85.536. Up to 2.5 percent of the total
 70.32 appropriation may be used by the department
 70.33 for administering the grants. Of the total
 70.34 appropriation, \$356,000 the first year and

71.1 \$362,000 the second year are for grants to
 71.2 the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and
 71.3 Trails Commission for operating costs.

71.4 (c) \$536,000 the first year and \$555,000 the
 71.5 second year are for coordination and projects
 71.6 between the department, the Metropolitan
 71.7 Council, and the Greater Minnesota Regional
 71.8 Parks and Trails Commission; enhanced
 71.9 Web-based information for park and trail
 71.10 users; and support of activities of the Parks
 71.11 and Trails Legacy Advisory Committee.

71.12 (d) The commissioner shall contract for
 71.13 services with Conservation Corps Minnesota
 71.14 for restoration, maintenance, and other
 71.15 activities under this section for at least
 71.16 \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the
 71.17 second year.

71.18 (e) The implementing agencies receiving
 71.19 appropriations under this section shall
 71.20 give consideration to contracting with
 71.21 Conservation Corps Minnesota for
 71.22 restoration, maintenance, and other activities.

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

71.24 (a) \$17,237,000 the first year and
 71.25 \$18,067,000 the second year are for
 71.26 distribution according to Minnesota Statutes,
 71.27 section 85.53, subdivision 3.

71.28 (b) Money appropriated under this section
 71.29 and distributed to implementing agencies
 71.30 must be used to fund the list of recommended
 71.31 projects in the report submitted pursuant to
 71.32 Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 3, section
 71.33 4, paragraph (o). Projects funded by the
 71.34 money appropriated under this section must

- 73.1 (2) restoration, including erosion repair,
73.2 along Pleasure Creek and the Mississippi
73.3 River Regional Trail at the Coon Rapids
73.4 Dam Regional Park;
- 73.5 (3) a new playground and surfacing at Lake
73.6 George Regional Park;
- 73.7 (4) land acquisition for the Rice Creek Chain
73.8 of Lakes Park Reserve;
- 73.9 (5) improvements at the Rice Creek Chain of
73.10 Lakes Park Reserve, including maintenance
73.11 shop rehabilitation, road and parking
73.12 construction, fencing, beach improvements,
73.13 and roof repairs;
- 73.14 (6) trail reconstruction under East River
73.15 Road on the Rice Creek West Regional Trail;
- 73.16 (7) contracts with Conservation Corps
73.17 Minnesota;
- 73.18 (8) a volunteer or resource coordinator
73.19 position;
- 73.20 (9) a landscape designer or architect;
- 73.21 (10) design, engineering, and construction of
73.22 the Central Anoka County Regional Trail;
- 73.23 (11) road rehabilitation at Lake George
73.24 Regional Park;
- 73.25 (12) reconstruction of a retaining wall on the
73.26 Mississippi River Regional Trail;
- 73.27 (13) a trail connection on the Mississippi
73.28 River Regional Trail to connect Mississippi
73.29 West Regional Park to the city of Ramsey;
- 73.30 (14) improvements of the Heritage
73.31 Laboratory/Day Camp at the Rice Creek
73.32 Chain of Lakes Park Reserve; and

- 74.1 (15) trail reconstruction on the Rice Creek
74.2 North Regional Trail from Lexington Avenue
74.3 to Golden Lake Elementary School.
- 74.4 (c) \$289,000 the first year and \$292,000
74.5 the second year are for grants to the city of
74.6 Bloomington to reconstruct parking lots at the
74.7 Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Park Reserve.
- 74.8 (d) \$294,000 the first year and \$297,000 the
74.9 second year are for grants to Carver County
74.10 to connect the Minnesota River Bluffs
74.11 Regional Trail and Southwest Regional Trail
74.12 and for trail and bridge construction on the
74.13 Minnesota River Bluff Regional Trail.
- 74.14 (e) \$1,174,000 the first year and \$1,183,000
74.15 the second year are for grants to Dakota
74.16 County for:
- 74.17 (1) engineering to extend the Mississippi
74.18 River Regional Trail and Big Rivers Regional
74.19 Trails, including extensions to St. Paul, and
74.20 to provide a connection to Lilydale Regional
74.21 Trail;
- 74.22 (2) a trail connection for the Mississippi
74.23 River Regional Trail to connect St. Paul and
74.24 to construct a bridge over railroad tracks;
- 74.25 (3) engineering and construction of regional
74.26 trail segments throughout the county;
- 74.27 (4) engineering and construction of a bridge
74.28 and trails through the Minnesota Zoological
74.29 Garden on the North Creek Regional
74.30 Greenway; and
- 74.31 (5) resource management of the county's
74.32 parks and trails system.

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

75.4 (1) design and construction of trail loops,
75.5 river access areas, landscapes, and storm
75.6 water management improvements at Above
75.7 the Falls Regional Park;

75.8 (2) land acquisition at Above the Falls
75.9 Regional Park;

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

75.12 (4) planning and design for the Central
75.13 Riverfront including the water works and the
75.14 Mississippi Whitewater Park sites;

75.15 (5) trail, path, and shoreline improvements
75.16 and play area rehabilitation at
75.17 Nokomis-Hiawatha Regional Park;

75.18 (6) trail, shoreline, water access,
75.19 picnic, sailboat facility, and concession
75.20 improvements at Minneapolis Chain of
75.21 Lakes Regional Park;

75.22 (7) a bird sanctuary, trail stabilization, habitat
75.23 restoration, accessibility improvements, and
75.24 construction of new entrances at Minneapolis
75.25 Chain of Lakes Regional Park;

75.26 (8) a trail connection for the Minnehaha
75.27 Parkway Regional Trail below Lyndale
75.28 Avenue; and

75.29 (9) trail work at Theodore Wirth Regional
75.30 Park.

75.31 (g) \$1,299,000 the first year and \$1,309,000
75.32 the second year are for grants to Ramsey
75.33 County for:

- 76.1 (1) wayfinding for cross-country ski trails
76.2 at Battle Creek Regional Park, Tamarack
76.3 Nature Center, and Grass-Vadnais-Snail
76.4 Lakes Regional Park;
- 76.5 (2) contracts with Conservation Corps
76.6 Minnesota;
- 76.7 (3) design and construction of an early
76.8 learning center at Tamarack Nature Center
76.9 and pedestrian connections, landscape
76.10 restoration, signage, and other site amenities
76.11 at Bald Eagle-Otter Lakes Regional Park;
- 76.12 (4) improvements to Tamarack Nature
76.13 Center;
- 76.14 (5) building and supporting a volunteer corps
76.15 for Tamarack Nature Center and Discovery
76.16 Hollow;
- 76.17 (6) trail development to connect Tamarack
76.18 Nature Center to the Otter Lake boat launch;
- 76.19 (7) a trail on Vadnais Lake, storm water
76.20 management improvements, and site
76.21 amenities at Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lakes
76.22 Regional Park;
- 76.23 (8) trail development and connection, storm
76.24 water management improvements, and site
76.25 amenities at Rice Creek North Regional
76.26 Trail; and
- 76.27 (9) the Bruce Vento Regional Trail.
- 76.28 (h) \$2,378,000 the first year and \$2,397,000
76.29 the second year are for grants to the city of
76.30 Saint Paul for:
- 76.31 (1) an education coordinator;
76.32 (2) a volunteer coordinator;
76.33 (3) Como Regional Park shuttle operation;

- 77.1 (4) a trail connection to connect Harriet
77.2 Island to the Mississippi Regional Trail;
- 77.3 (5) Estabrook Road reconstruction and
77.4 lighting upgrades at Como Regional Park;
77.5 and
- 77.6 (6) a trail connection and railroad bridge
77.7 reconstruction at Lilydale Regional Park.
- 77.8 (i) \$550,000 the first year and \$554,000 the
77.9 second year are for grants to Scott County for
77.10 construction at Cedar Lake Farm Regional
77.11 Park.
- 77.12 (j) \$3,669,000 the first year and \$3,697,000
77.13 the second year are for grants to Three Rivers
77.14 Park District for:
- 77.15 (1) a trail connection to connect Grand
77.16 Rounds to Nine Mile Creek Trail;
- 77.17 (2) a ~~trail bridge over~~ safe trail crossing of
77.18 County State-Aid Highway 19 for the Lake
77.19 Minnetonka LRT Regional Trail;
- 77.20 (3) trail construction on the Crystal Lake
77.21 Regional Trail;
- 77.22 (4) trail construction on the Bassett Creek
77.23 Regional Trail;
- 77.24 (5) trail construction on the Twin Lakes
77.25 Regional Trail; and
- 77.26 (6) trail construction on the Nine Mile Creek
77.27 Regional Trail.
- 77.28 (k) \$821,000 the first year and \$827,000 the
77.29 second year are for grants to Washington
77.30 County for:
- 77.31 (1) parking, buildings, and other
77.32 improvements at the Swim Pond in Lake
77.33 Elmo Park Reserve;

78.1 (2) design and construction of the Point
78.2 Douglas Regional Trail, which connects to
78.3 Wisconsin; and

78.4 (3) paving improvements to Hardwood Creek
78.5 Regional Trail, which may include new trail
78.6 sections toward Bald Eagle Regional Park.

78.7 (l) \$1,682,000 the first year and \$1,695,000
78.8 the second year are for grants to implementing
78.9 agencies for land acquisition within
78.10 Metropolitan Council approved regional
78.11 parks and trails master plan boundaries as
78.12 provided under Minnesota Statutes, section
78.13 85.53, subdivision 3, clause (4).

78.14 (m) A recipient of a grant awarded under
78.15 this section must give consideration to
78.16 Conservation Corps Minnesota for possible
78.17 use of corps services to contract for
78.18 restoration and enhancement services.

78.19 (n) For projects with the potential to need
78.20 historic preservation services, a recipient
78.21 of a grant awarded under this section must
78.22 give consideration to the Northern Bedrock
78.23 Conservation Corps for possible use of the
78.24 corps' services.

78.25 (o) By January 15, 2015, the council
78.26 shall submit a list of projects, ranked in
78.27 priority order, that contains the council's
78.28 recommendations for funding from the
78.29 parks and trails fund for the 2016 and
78.30 2017 biennium to the chairs and ranking
78.31 minority members of the senate and house
78.32 of representatives committees and divisions
78.33 with jurisdiction over the environment and
78.34 natural resources and the parks and trails
78.35 fund.

80.1 related to and necessary for a specific
 80.2 appropriation. Money appropriated in this
 80.3 article must not be spent on indirect costs
 80.4 or other institutional overhead charges that
 80.5 are not directly related to and necessary for
 80.6 a specific appropriation. Notwithstanding
 80.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, and
 80.8 unless otherwise specified in this article,
 80.9 fiscal year 2016 appropriations are available
 80.10 until June 30, 2017, and fiscal year 2017
 80.11 appropriations are available until June 30,
 80.12 2018. If a project receives federal funds, the
 80.13 time period of the appropriation is extended
 80.14 to equal the availability of federal funding.

80.15 <u>Subd. 3. Minnesota State Arts Board</u>	<u>28,300,000</u>	<u>29,040,000</u>
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80.16 (a) These amounts are appropriated to
 80.17 the Minnesota State Arts Board for arts,
 80.18 arts education, arts preservation, and arts
 80.19 access. Grant agreements entered into
 80.20 by the Minnesota State Arts Board and
 80.21 other recipients of appropriations in this
 80.22 subdivision must ensure that these funds are
 80.23 used to supplement and not substitute for
 80.24 traditional sources of funding. Each grant
 80.25 program established within this appropriation
 80.26 must be separately administered from other
 80.27 state appropriations for program planning
 80.28 and outcome measurements, but may take
 80.29 into consideration other state resources
 80.30 awarded in the selection of applicants and
 80.31 grant award size.

80.32 (b) **Arts Preservation**

80.33 \$2,200,000 the first year is for transfer to
 80.34 the commissioner of administration for

- 81.1 restoration and preservation of the fine art
81.2 located in the State Capitol complex.
- 81.3 **(c) Arts and Arts Access Initiatives**
- 81.4 \$20,300,00 the first year and \$23,240,000 the
81.5 second year are to support Minnesota artists
81.6 and arts organizations in creating, producing,
81.7 and presenting high-quality arts activities; to
81.8 overcome barriers to accessing high-quality
81.9 arts activities; and to instill the arts into the
81.10 community and public life in this state.
- 81.11 **(d) Arts Education**
- 81.12 \$4,050,000 the first year and \$4,050,000
81.13 the second year are for high-quality,
81.14 age-appropriate arts education for
81.15 Minnesotans of all ages to develop
81.16 knowledge, skills, and understanding of the
81.17 arts.
- 81.18 **(e) Arts and Cultural Heritage**
- 81.19 \$1,750,000 the first year and \$1,750,000 the
81.20 second year are for events and activities that
81.21 represent the diverse cultural arts traditions,
81.22 including folk and traditional artists and art
81.23 organizations, represented in this state.
- 81.24 **(f) Up to 4.5 percent of the funds appropriated**
81.25 **in paragraphs (b) to (d) may be used by the**
81.26 **board for administering grant programs,**
81.27 **delivering technical services, providing**
81.28 **fiscal oversight for the statewide system, and**
81.29 **ensuring accountability.**
- 81.30 **(g) Thirty percent of the remaining total**
81.31 **appropriation to each of the categories listed**
81.32 **in paragraphs (b) to (d) is for grants to the**
81.33 **regional arts councils. Notwithstanding any**
81.34 **other provision of law, regional arts council**

82.1 grants or other arts council grants for touring
 82.2 programs, projects, or exhibits must ensure
 82.3 the programs, projects, or exhibits are able to
 82.4 tour in their own region as well as all other
 82.5 regions of the state.

82.6 (h) Any unencumbered balance remaining
 82.7 under this section in the first year does not
 82.8 cancel, but is available for the second year
 82.9 of the biennium.

82.10	<u>Subd. 4. Minnesota Historical Society</u>	<u>15,995,000</u>	<u>16,415,000</u>
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82.11 (a) These amounts are appropriated to the
 82.12 governing board of the Minnesota Historical
 82.13 Society to preserve and enhance access to
 82.14 Minnesota's history and its cultural and
 82.15 historical resources. Grant agreements
 82.16 entered into by the Minnesota Historical
 82.17 Society and other recipients of appropriations
 82.18 in this subdivision must ensure that
 82.19 these funds are used to supplement and
 82.20 not substitute for traditional sources of
 82.21 funding. Funds directly appropriated to the
 82.22 Minnesota Historical Society must be used to
 82.23 supplement and not substitute for traditional
 82.24 sources of funding. Notwithstanding
 82.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, for
 82.26 historic preservation projects that improve
 82.27 historic structures, the amounts are available
 82.28 until June 30, 2019. The Minnesota
 82.29 Historical Society or grant recipients of the
 82.30 Minnesota Historical Society using arts and
 82.31 cultural heritage funds under this subdivision
 82.32 must give consideration to Conservation
 82.33 Corps Minnesota and Northern Bedrock
 82.34 Conservation Corps, or an organization
 82.35 carrying out similar work, for projects with

83.1 the potential to need historic preservation
83.2 services.

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

83.4 **(1) Statewide Historic and Cultural Grants**

83.5 \$5,600,000 the first year and \$6,000,000 the
83.6 second year are for history programs and
83.7 projects operated or conducted by or through
83.8 local, county, regional, or other historical
83.9 or cultural organizations or for activities
83.10 to preserve significant historic and cultural
83.11 resources. Funds are to be distributed through
83.12 a competitive grant process. The Minnesota
83.13 Historical Society shall administer these
83.14 funds using established grant mechanisms,
83.15 with assistance from the advisory committee
83.16 created under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article
83.17 4, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (b),
83.18 item (ii). Notwithstanding these guidelines,
83.19 the historical society and the advisory
83.20 committee may consider a grant to the
83.21 Gunflint Trail Historical Society for the
83.22 Chik-Wauk Museum.

83.23 **(2) Programs**

83.24 \$5,660,000 the first year and \$6,000,000 the
83.25 second year are for programs and purposes
83.26 related to the historical and cultural heritage
83.27 of the state of Minnesota, conducted by the
83.28 Minnesota Historical Society. Of the amount
83.29 in this paragraph, \$60,000 the first year is for
83.30 the Minnesota Historical Society to develop a
83.31 museum installation celebrating the legacy of
83.32 Minnesota disability culture. The Minnesota
83.33 Historical Society shall collaborate with
83.34 the Minnesota State Council on Disability
83.35 to create the museum installation and may

84.1 use the funding to promote the exhibit and
84.2 increase access to the exhibit.

84.3 (3) History Partnerships

84.4 \$2,300,000 the first year and \$2,340,000 the
84.5 second year are for partnerships involving
84.6 multiple organizations, which may include
84.7 the Minnesota Historical Society, to preserve
84.8 and enhance access to Minnesota's history
84.9 and cultural heritage in all regions of the state.

84.10 (4) Statewide Survey of Historical and
84.11 Archaeological Sites

84.12 \$280,000 the first year and \$300,000 the
84.13 second year are for a contract or contracts
84.14 to be awarded on a competitive basis to
84.15 conduct statewide surveys of Minnesota's
84.16 sites of historical, archaeological, and
84.17 cultural significance. Results of the surveys
84.18 must be published in a searchable form
84.19 and available to the public on a cost-free
84.20 basis. The Minnesota Historical Society, the
84.21 Office of the State Archaeologist, and the
84.22 Indian Affairs Council shall each appoint a
84.23 representative to an oversight board to select
84.24 contractors and direct the conduct of the
84.25 surveys. The oversight board shall consult
84.26 with the Departments of Transportation and
84.27 Natural Resources.

84.28 (5) Digital Library

84.29 \$280,000 the first year and \$300,000 the
84.30 second year are for a digital library project
84.31 to preserve, digitize, and share Minnesota
84.32 images, documents, and historical materials.
84.33 The Minnesota Historical Society shall
84.34 cooperate with the Minitex interlibrary

85.1 loan system and shall jointly share this
 85.2 appropriation for these purposes.
 85.3 (6) Historic Recognition Grants Program
 85.4 \$1,875,000 the first year and \$1,475,000
 85.5 the second year are for a competitive grants
 85.6 program to provide grants for projects
 85.7 that preserve, recognize, and promote the
 85.8 historic legacy of Minnesota. Grants may be
 85.9 awarded to projects that honor the history
 85.10 of Minnesota, including but not limited to:
 85.11 projects to build or design exhibits; artistic
 85.12 productions including film, television,
 85.13 and music; education presentations; and
 85.14 commemorative events.

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

85.16 These amounts are appropriated to the
 85.17 commissioner of education for grants to
 85.18 the 12 Minnesota regional library systems
 85.19 to provide educational opportunities in
 85.20 the arts, history, literary arts, and cultural
 85.21 heritage of Minnesota. These funds must be
 85.22 allocated using the formulas in Minnesota
 85.23 Statutes, section 134.355, subdivisions 3,
 85.24 4, and 5, with the remaining 25 percent to
 85.25 be distributed to all qualifying systems in
 85.26 an amount proportionate to the number of
 85.27 qualifying system entities in each system.
 85.28 For purposes of this subdivision, "qualifying
 85.29 system entity" means a public library, a
 85.30 regional library system, a regional library
 85.31 system headquarters, a county, or an outreach
 85.32 service program. These funds may be used
 85.33 to sponsor programs provided by regional
 85.34 libraries or to provide grants to local arts
 85.35 and cultural heritage programs for programs

86.1 in partnership with regional libraries.
 86.2 These funds must be distributed in ten
 86.3 equal payments per year. Notwithstanding
 86.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the
 86.5 appropriations encumbered on or before
 86.6 June 30, 2017, as grants or contracts in this
 86.7 subdivision are available until June 30, 2019.

86.8 <u>Subd. 6. Department of Administration</u>	<u>9,172,000</u>	<u>8,643,000</u>
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86.9 (a) These amounts are appropriated to
 86.10 the commissioner of administration for
 86.11 grants to the named organizations for the
 86.12 purposes specified in this subdivision. Up
 86.13 to one percent of funds may be used by the
 86.14 commissioner for grants administration.

86.15 (b) Grant agreements entered into by
 86.16 the commissioner and recipients of
 86.17 appropriations under this subdivision must
 86.18 ensure that money appropriated in this
 86.19 subdivision is used to supplement and not
 86.20 substitute for traditional sources of funding.

86.21 **(c) Veterans Rest Camp**
 86.22 \$113,000 the first year is for the Disabled
 86.23 Veterans Rest Camp Association for the
 86.24 veterans rest camp on Big Marine Lake for
 86.25 parks, trails, and recreation areas.

86.26 **(d) Minnesota Public Radio**
 86.27 \$1,417,000 each year is for Minnesota Public
 86.28 Radio to create programming and expand
 86.29 news service on Minnesota's cultural heritage
 86.30 and history.

86.31 **(e) Association of Minnesota Public**
 86.32 **Educational Radio Stations**
 86.33 \$1,417,000 each year is appropriated for a
 86.34 grant to the Association of Minnesota Public

87.1 Educational Radio Stations for production
87.2 and acquisition grants in accordance with
87.3 Minnesota Statutes, section 129D.19.

87.4 **(f) Public Television**

87.5 \$3,000,000 the first year and \$3,834,000
87.6 the second year are for grants to the
87.7 Minnesota Public Television Association for
87.8 production and acquisition grants according
87.9 to Minnesota Statutes, section 129D.18.

87.10 **(g) Wilderness Inquiry**

87.11 \$250,000 each year is for grants to Wilderness
87.12 Inquiry to preserve Minnesota's outdoor
87.13 history, culture, and heritage by connecting
87.14 Minnesota youth to natural resources.

87.15 **(h) Como Park Zoo**

87.16 \$1,125,000 each year is for the Como
87.17 Park Zoo for program development that
87.18 features education programs and habitat
87.19 enhancement, special exhibits, music
87.20 appreciation programs, and historical garden
87.21 access and preservation.

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

87.23 \$600,000 each year is for arts, arts education,
87.24 and arts access and to preserve Minnesota's
87.25 history and cultural heritage, including
87.26 student and teacher outreach and expansion
87.27 of the museum's American Indian initiatives
87.28 programs.

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

87.30 \$250,000 the first year is for development,
87.31 preparation, and construction of an exhibit
87.32 on the unsalted seas to preserve Minnesota's

88.1 history and cultural heritage related to fresh
 88.2 water lakes.

88.3 **(k) Capitol Art Preservation**

88.4 \$1,000,000 the first year is for restoration
 88.5 and preservation of the fine art located in the
 88.6 State Capitol complex.

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

88.8 These amounts are appropriated to the
 88.9 Minnesota Zoological Board for programs
 88.10 and development of the Minnesota
 88.11 Zoological Garden and to provide access and
 88.12 education related to programs on the cultural
 88.13 heritage of Minnesota.

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

88.15 (a) These amounts are appropriated to
 88.16 the Board of Directors of the Minnesota
 88.17 Humanities Center for the purposes
 88.18 specified in this subdivision. The Minnesota
 88.19 Humanities Center may use a portion of
 88.20 the following grants to cover the cost of
 88.21 administering, planning, evaluating, and
 88.22 reporting these grants. The Minnesota
 88.23 Humanities Center must develop a written
 88.24 plan to issue the grants in this subdivision and
 88.25 shall submit the plan for review and approval
 88.26 by the Department of Administration.

88.27 The grant agreements must specify the direct
 88.28 administrative costs that the grant funds may
 88.29 be used for and require a final report and
 88.30 accounting to the Minnesota Humanities
 88.31 Center due 30 days after the completion of
 88.32 the grant program that verifies compliance
 88.33 with the grant agreement. No grants awarded
 88.34 in this subdivision may be used for travel

89.1 outside the state of Minnesota. The grant
89.2 agreement must specify the repercussions for
89.3 failing to comply with the grant agreement.

89.4 **(b) Programs and Purposes**

89.5 \$825,000 each year is for programs and
89.6 purposes of the Minnesota Humanities
89.7 Center. Of this amount, \$100,000 each year
89.8 may be used for the veterans' voices program.

89.9 The Minnesota Humanities Center may
89.10 consider museums and organizations
89.11 celebrating the identities of Minnesotans for
89.12 grants from these funds.

89.13 **(c) Heritage Grants Program**

89.14 \$900,000 each year is for a competitive grants
89.15 program to provide grants to preserve and
89.16 promote the cultural heritage of Minnesota.

89.17 The Minnesota Humanities Center shall
89.18 operate a competitive grants program to
89.19 provide grants for programs, including but
89.20 not limited to: music, film, television, radio,
89.21 recreation, or the design and use of public
89.22 spaces that preserves and honors the cultural
89.23 heritage of Minnesota. Grants made under
89.24 this paragraph must not be used for travel
89.25 costs inside or outside of the state.

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

89.27 \$875,000 each year is for arts and cultural
89.28 heritage grants to children's museums.
89.29 Of this amount, \$500,000 each year is for the
89.30 Minnesota Children's Museum, including the
89.31 Minnesota Children's Museum in Rochester;
89.32 \$125,000 each year is for the Duluth
89.33 Children's Museum; \$125,000 each year is
89.34 for the Grand Rapids Children's Museum;

90.1 and \$125,000 each year is for the Southern
90.2 Minnesota Children's Museum.

90.3 **(e) Civics Programs**

90.4 \$150,000 each year is for grants to Kids
90.5 Voting St. Paul, the Learning Law and
90.6 Democracy Foundation, and YMCA
90.7 Youth in Government to conduct civics
90.8 education programs for the civic and cultural
90.9 development of Minnesota youth. Civics
90.10 education is the study of constitutional
90.11 principles and the democratic foundation
90.12 of our national, state, and local institutions
90.13 and the study of political processes and
90.14 structures of government, grounded in the
90.15 understanding of constitutional government
90.16 under the rule of law.

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

90.18 \$100,000 each year is for a grant to Ka
90.19 Joog for the Fanka Program to provide
90.20 arts education and workshops, mentor
90.21 programs, and community engagement
90.22 events throughout Minnesota.

90.23 **Subd. 9. Perpich Center for Arts Education** 500,000 500,000

90.24 (a) These amounts are appropriated to the
90.25 Board of Directors of the Perpich Center
90.26 for Arts Education for the programs under
90.27 paragraph (c).

90.28 (b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
90.29 section 16A.28, the appropriations
90.30 encumbered on or before June 30, 2017, are
90.31 available until June 30, 2019.

90.32 **(c) Arts Integration and Turnaround Arts**
90.33 **Programs**

91.1	<u>\$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the</u>		
91.2	<u>second year are for the arts integration</u>		
91.3	<u>program and Turnaround Arts programs to</u>		
91.4	<u>assist schools and programs throughout the</u>		
91.5	<u>state.</u>		
91.6	<u>Subd. 10. Indian Affairs Council</u>	<u>1,325,000</u>	<u>1,325,000</u>
91.7	<u>(a) \$1,250,000 each year is for the Indian</u>		
91.8	<u>Affairs Council to provide grants to preserve</u>		
91.9	<u>Dakota and Ojibwe Indian language and to</u>		
91.10	<u>foster education programs and immersion</u>		
91.11	<u>programs in Dakota and Ojibwe language.</u>		
91.12	<u>(b) \$75,000 each year is for the Indian</u>		
91.13	<u>Affairs Council to carry out responsibilities</u>		
91.14	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 307.08, to</u>		
91.15	<u>comply with Public Law 101-601, the Native</u>		
91.16	<u>American Graves Protection and Repatriation</u>		
91.17	<u>Act, and to develop an osteology laboratory</u>		
91.18	<u>and repository for American Indian human</u>		
91.19	<u>remains.</u>		
91.20	<u>Subd. 11. Board of Regents</u>	<u>125,000</u>	<u>125,000</u>
91.21	<u>This amount is appropriated to the Board of</u>		
91.22	<u>Regents of the University of Minnesota for a</u>		
91.23	<u>grant to the Bell Museum of Natural History</u>		
91.24	<u>for the planetarium network and portable</u>		
91.25	<u>planetarium program. This appropriation</u>		
91.26	<u>must not be used for the purchase of motor</u>		
91.27	<u>vehicles.</u>		
91.28	<u>Subd. 12. Legislature</u>	<u>400,000</u>	<u>400,000</u>
91.29	<u>This amount is appropriated to the Legislative</u>		
91.30	<u>Coordinating Commission to operate the</u>		
91.31	<u>Web site for dedicated funds required</u>		
91.32	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303,</u>		
91.33	<u>subdivision 10.</u>		
91.34	<u>Subd. 13. Disability Access</u>		

92.1 Where appropriate, grant recipients of arts
 92.2 and cultural heritage funds, in consultation
 92.3 with the Council on Disability, should make
 92.4 progress toward providing greater access
 92.5 to programs, print publications, and digital
 92.6 media for people with disabilities related
 92.7 to the programs the recipient funds using
 92.8 appropriations made in this section.

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

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

92.12 For a grant to the city of St. Paul to predesign,
 92.13 design, construct, furnish, and equip an
 92.14 expansion and renovation of the Minnesota
 92.15 Children's Museum. The expansion and
 92.16 exhibit upgrades should incorporate the
 92.17 latest research on early learning, allow for
 92.18 new state-of-the art education facilities, and
 92.19 increase the capacity of visitors to galleries
 92.20 and programming areas. This appropriation
 92.21 is not available until the commissioner of
 92.22 management and budget has determined that
 92.23 at least ~~an equal amount~~ \$4,000,000 has been
 92.24 committed from nonstate sources. Amounts
 92.25 expended for this project by nonstate sources
 92.26 since October 1, 2010, shall count toward the
 92.27 nonstate match.

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

92.29 **ARTICLE 5**
 92.30 **GENERAL PROVISIONS; ALL LEGACY FUNDS**

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

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

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

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

93.7 Subd. 2. **Expenditures; accountability.** (a) A project or program receiving funding
93.8 from the parks and trails fund must meet or exceed the constitutional requirement to
93.9 support parks and trails of regional or statewide significance. A project or program
93.10 receiving funding from the parks and trails fund must include measurable outcomes, as
93.11 defined in section 3.303, subdivision 10, and a plan for measuring and evaluating the
93.12 results. A project or program must be consistent with current science and incorporate
93.13 state-of-the-art technology, except when the project or program is a portrayal or restoration
93.14 of historical significance.

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

93.17 (c) A state agency or other recipient of a direct appropriation from the parks and
93.18 trails fund must compile and submit all information for funded projects or programs,
93.19 including the proposed measurable outcomes and all other items required under section
93.20 3.303, subdivision 10, to the Legislative Coordinating Commission as soon as practicable
93.21 or by January 15 of the applicable fiscal year, whichever comes first. The Legislative
93.22 Coordinating Commission must post submitted information on the Web site required
93.23 under section 3.303, subdivision 10, as soon as it becomes available.

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

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

93.30 (f) When practicable, a direct recipient of an appropriation from the parks and
93.31 trails fund shall prominently display on the recipient's Web site home page the legacy
93.32 logo required under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 5, section 10, as amended by Laws
93.33 2010, chapter 361, article 3, section 5, accompanied by the phrase "Click here for more
93.34 information." When a person clicks on the legacy logo image, the Web site must direct
93.35 the person to a Web page that includes both the contact information that a person may

94.1 use to obtain additional information, as well as a link to the Legislative Coordinating
94.2 Commission Web site required under section 3.303, subdivision 10.

94.3 (g) Future eligibility for money from the parks and trails fund is contingent upon a
94.4 state agency or other recipient satisfying all applicable requirements in this section, as
94.5 well as any additional requirements contained in applicable session law. If the Office of
94.6 the Legislative Auditor, in the course of an audit or investigation, publicly reports that a
94.7 recipient of money from the parks and trails fund has not complied with the laws, rules, or
94.8 regulations in this section or other laws applicable to the recipient, the recipient must be
94.9 listed in an annual report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the legacy
94.10 funds. The list must be publicly available. The legislative auditor shall remove a recipient
94.11 from the list upon determination that the recipient is in compliance. A recipient on the
94.12 list is not eligible for future funding from the parks and trails fund until the recipient
94.13 demonstrates compliance to the legislative auditor.

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

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

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

94.30 (c) Future eligibility for money from the outdoor heritage fund is contingent upon a
94.31 state agency or other recipient satisfying all applicable requirements in this section, as
94.32 well as any additional requirements contained in applicable session law. If the Office of
94.33 the Legislative Auditor, in the course of an audit or investigation, publicly reports that a
94.34 recipient of money from the outdoor heritage fund has not complied with the laws, rules,
94.35 or regulations in this section or other laws applicable to the recipient, the recipient must be

95.1 listed in an annual report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the legacy
95.2 funds. The list must be publicly available. The legislative auditor shall remove a recipient
95.3 from the list upon determination that the recipient is in compliance. A recipient on the
95.4 list is not eligible for future funding from the outdoor heritage fund until the recipient
95.5 demonstrates compliance to the legislative auditor.

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

95.7 Subd. 4. **Expenditures; accountability.** (a) A project receiving funding from the
95.8 clean water fund must meet or exceed the constitutional requirements to protect, enhance,
95.9 and restore water quality in lakes, rivers, and streams and to protect groundwater and
95.10 drinking water from degradation. Priority may be given to projects that meet more than
95.11 one of these requirements. A project receiving funding from the clean water fund shall
95.12 include measurable outcomes, as defined in section 3.303, subdivision 10, and a plan for
95.13 measuring and evaluating the results. A project must be consistent with current science
95.14 and incorporate state-of-the-art technology.

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

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

95.26 (d) Grants funded by the clean water fund must be implemented according to section
95.27 16B.98 and must account for all expenditures. Proposals must specify a process for any
95.28 regranting envisioned. Priority for grant proposals must be given to proposals involving
95.29 grants that will be competitively awarded.

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

95.32 (f) When practicable, a direct recipient of an appropriation from the clean water fund
95.33 shall prominently display on the recipient's Web site home page the legacy logo required
95.34 under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 5, section 10, as amended by Laws 2010, chapter
95.35 361, article 3, section 5, accompanied by the phrase "Click here for more information."

96.1 When a person clicks on the legacy logo image, the Web site must direct the person to
96.2 a Web page that includes both the contact information that a person may use to obtain
96.3 additional information, as well as a link to the Legislative Coordinating Commission Web
96.4 site required under section 3.303, subdivision 10.

96.5 (g) Future eligibility for money from the clean water fund is contingent upon a
96.6 state agency or other recipient satisfying all applicable requirements in this section, as
96.7 well as any additional requirements contained in applicable session law. If the Office of
96.8 the Legislative Auditor, in the course of an audit or investigation, publicly reports that a
96.9 recipient of money from the clean water fund has not complied with the laws, rules, or
96.10 regulations in this section or other laws applicable to the recipient, the recipient must be
96.11 listed in an annual report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the legacy
96.12 funds. The list must be publicly available. The legislative auditor shall remove a recipient
96.13 from the list upon determination that the recipient is in compliance. A recipient on the list
96.14 is not eligible for future funding from the clean water fund until the recipient demonstrates
96.15 compliance to the legislative auditor.

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

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

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

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

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

96.33 (d) A state agency or other recipient of a direct appropriation from the arts and
96.34 cultural heritage fund must compile and submit all information for funded projects or
96.35 programs, including the proposed measurable outcomes and all other items required

97.1 under section 3.303, subdivision 10, to the Legislative Coordinating Commission as soon
97.2 as practicable or by January 15 of the applicable fiscal year, whichever comes first. The
97.3 Legislative Coordinating Commission must post submitted information on the Web site
97.4 required under section 3.303, subdivision 10, as soon as it becomes available.

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

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

97.11 (g) When practicable, a direct recipient of an appropriation from the arts and cultural
97.12 heritage fund shall prominently display on the recipient's Web site home page the legacy
97.13 logo required under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 5, section 10, as amended by Laws
97.14 2010, chapter 361, article 3, section 5, accompanied by the phrase "Click here for more
97.15 information." When a person clicks on the legacy logo image, the Web site must direct
97.16 the person to a Web page that includes both the contact information that a person may
97.17 use to obtain additional information, as well as a link to the Legislative Coordinating
97.18 Commission Web site required under section 3.303, subdivision 10.

97.19 (h) Future eligibility for money from the arts and cultural heritage fund is contingent
97.20 upon a state agency or other recipient satisfying all applicable requirements in this section,
97.21 as well as any additional requirements contained in applicable session law. If the Office of
97.22 the Legislative Auditor, in the course of an audit or investigation, publicly reports that a
97.23 recipient of money from the arts and cultural heritage fund has not complied with the laws,
97.24 rules, or regulations in this section or other laws applicable to the recipient, the recipient
97.25 must be listed in an annual report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the
97.26 legacy funds. The list must be publicly available. The legislative auditor shall remove a
97.27 recipient from the list upon determination that the recipient is in compliance. A recipient
97.28 on the list is not eligible for future funding from the arts and cultural heritage fund until
97.29 the recipient demonstrates compliance to the legislative auditor.

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