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H. F. No. 303

- 01/22/2015 Authored by Urdahl, Clark and Slocum
The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Legacy Funding Finance
- 04/21/2015 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Taxes
- 04/23/2015 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 **Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation**

17.18 Money appropriated in this section may
17.19 not be spent on activities unless they are
17.20 directly related to and necessary for a
17.21 specific appropriation and are specified in
17.22 the accomplishment plan approved by the
17.23 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
17.24 Money appropriated in this section must not
17.25 be spent on indirect costs or other institutional
17.26 overhead charges that are not directly related
17.27 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.
17.28 Unless otherwise provided, the amounts
17.29 in this section are available until June 30,
17.30 2018. For acquisition of real property, the
17.31 amounts in this section are available until
17.32 June 30, 2019, if a binding agreement with a
17.33 landowner or purchase agreement is entered
17.34 into by June 30, 2018, and closed no later

18.1 than June 30, 2019. Money for restoration or
18.2 enhancement is available until June 30, 2020,
18.3 or five years after acquisition, whichever is
18.4 later, in order to complete initial restoration
18.5 or enhancement work. If a project receives
18.6 at least 15 percent of its funding from federal
18.7 funds, the time period of the appropriation
18.8 may be extended to equal the availability
18.9 of federal funding to a maximum of six
18.10 years, provided the federal funding was
18.11 confirmed and included within the first draft
18.12 accomplishment plan. Money appropriated
18.13 for fee title acquisition of land may be used to
18.14 restore, enhance, and provide for public use
18.15 of the land acquired with the appropriation.
18.16 Public use facilities must have a minimal
18.17 impact on habitat in acquired lands.

18.18 **Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital**
18.19 **Equipment Expenditures**

18.20 All agreements referred to in this section must
18.21 be administered on a reimbursement basis
18.22 unless otherwise provided in this section.
18.23 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
18.24 16A.41, expenditures directly related
18.25 to each appropriation's purpose made
18.26 on or after July 1, 2015, or the date of
18.27 accomplishment plan approval, whichever is
18.28 later, are eligible for reimbursement unless
18.29 otherwise provided in this section. For the
18.30 purposes of administering appropriations
18.31 and legislatively authorized agreements paid
18.32 out of the outdoor heritage fund, an expense
18.33 must be considered reimbursable by the
18.34 administering agency when the recipient
18.35 presents the agency with an invoice, or
18.36 binding agreement with the landowner, and

19.1 the recipient attests that the goods have
19.2 been received or the landowner agreement
19.3 is binding. Periodic reimbursement must
19.4 be made upon receiving documentation that
19.5 the items articulated in the accomplishment
19.6 plan approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
19.7 Heritage Council have been achieved,
19.8 including partial achievements as evidenced
19.9 by progress reports approved by the
19.10 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
19.11 Reasonable amounts may be advanced to
19.12 projects to accommodate cash flow needs,
19.13 support future management of acquired
19.14 lands, or match a federal share. The
19.15 advances must be approved as part of the
19.16 accomplishment plan. Capital equipment
19.17 expenditures for specific items in excess of
19.18 \$10,000 must be itemized in and approved as
19.19 part of the accomplishment plan.

19.20 Subd. 9. **Mapping**

19.21 Each direct recipient of money appropriated
19.22 in this section, as well as each recipient of
19.23 a grant awarded pursuant to this section,
19.24 must provide geographic information to the
19.25 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
19.26 for mapping any lands acquired in fee with
19.27 money appropriated in this section and open
19.28 to public taking of fish and game. The
19.29 commissioner of natural resources shall
19.30 include the lands acquired in fee with money
19.31 appropriated in this section on maps showing
19.32 public recreation opportunities. Maps must
19.33 include information on and acknowledgment
19.34 of the outdoor heritage fund, including a
19.35 notation of any restrictions.

20.1 Subd. 10. Disability Access

20.2 Where appropriate, grant recipients of the
20.3 outdoor heritage fund, in consultation with
20.4 the Council on Disability, should make
20.5 progress toward providing greater access
20.6 to programs, print publications, and digital
20.7 media for people with disabilities related
20.8 to the programs the recipient funds using
20.9 appropriations made in this article.

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

20.11 When feasible, the commissioner of natural resources is encouraged to plant
20.12 milkweed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

20.22 (5) two members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the
20.23 house.

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

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

20.33 (d) Legislative members appointed under paragraph (a) shall include the chairs
20.34 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources

21.1 finance or their designee, one member from the minority party of the senate, and one
21.2 member from the minority party of the house of representatives.

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

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

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

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

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

21.15 (5) one public member appointed by the senate Subcommittee on Committees of the
21.16 Committee on Rules and Administration for a term ending the first Monday in January
21.17 2013; and

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

21.20 (f) Terms, compensation, and removal of public members are as provided in section
21.21 15.0575. A vacancy on the council may be filled by the appointing authority for the
21.22 remainder of the unexpired term.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23.4 \$3,480,000 in the second year is to the
 23.5 commissioner of natural resources to
 23.6 acquire interests in land in fee or permanent
 23.7 conservation easements for aquatic
 23.8 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,
 23.9 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and
 23.10 97C.02, and to restore and enhance aquatic
 23.11 habitat. A list of proposed land acquisitions
 23.12 must be provided as part of the required
 23.13 accomplishment plan. The accomplishment
 23.14 plan must include an easement stewardship
 23.15 plan. Up to \$25,000 is for establishing
 23.16 a monitoring and enforcement fund as
 23.17 approved in the accomplishment plan
 23.18 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 23.19 97A.056, subdivision 17. An annual financial
 23.20 report is required for any monitoring and
 23.21 enforcement fund established, including
 23.22 expenditures from the fund and a description
 23.23 of annual monitoring and enforcement
 23.24 activities.

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

23.26 \$3,680,000 in the second year is to the
 23.27 commissioner of natural resources for
 23.28 agreements to acquire interests in land in
 23.29 fee or permanent conservation easements
 23.30 and to restore and enhance natural systems
 23.31 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,
 23.32 and St. Croix Rivers as follows: \$1,000,000
 23.33 to the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife
 23.34 Refuge Trust, Inc.; \$375,000 to the Friends
 23.35 of the Mississippi; \$375,000 to Great River

24.1 Greening; \$930,000 to The Minnesota
24.2 Land Trust; and \$1,000,000 to The Trust
24.3 for Public Land. A list of proposed
24.4 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements
24.5 must be provided as part of the required
24.6 accomplishment plan. The accomplishment
24.7 plan must include an easement stewardship
24.8 plan. Up to \$51,000 is for establishing
24.9 a monitoring and enforcement fund as
24.10 approved in the accomplishment plan
24.11 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
24.12 97A.056, subdivision 17. An annual financial
24.13 report is required for any monitoring and
24.14 enforcement fund established, including
24.15 expenditures from the fund and a description
24.16 of annual monitoring and enforcement
24.17 activities.

24.18 **(c) Dakota County Riparian and Lakeshore**
24.19 **Protection and Management - Phase III**

24.20 \$480,000 in the second year is to the
24.21 commissioner of natural resources for an
24.22 agreement with Dakota County to acquire
24.23 permanent conservation easements and
24.24 restore and enhance habitats along the
24.25 Mississippi, Cannon, and Vermillion Rivers.
24.26 A list of proposed acquisitions, restorations,
24.27 and enhancements must be provided as
24.28 part of the required accomplishment plan.
24.29 The accomplishment plan must include
24.30 an easement stewardship plan. Up to
24.31 \$20,000 is for establishing a monitoring
24.32 and enforcement fund as approved in
24.33 the accomplishment plan and subject to
24.34 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
24.35 subdivision 17. An annual financial report is
24.36 required for any monitoring and enforcement

25.1 fund established, including expenditures
25.2 from the fund and a description of annual
25.3 monitoring and enforcement activities.

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

25.5 \$3,670,000 in the second year is to the
25.6 commissioner of natural resources to restore
25.7 habitat in the lower St. Louis River estuary.

25.8 A list of proposed projects must be provided
25.9 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

25.10 **(e) Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement -**
25.11 **Phase IV**

25.12 \$2,120,000 in the second year is to the
25.13 commissioner of natural resources for an
25.14 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited
25.15 to restore and enhance coldwater fish lake,
25.16 river, and stream habitats in Minnesota. A list
25.17 of proposed restorations and enhancements
25.18 must be provided as part of the required
25.19 accomplishment plan.

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

25.21 \$2,320,000 in the second year is to the
25.22 commissioner of natural resources for an
25.23 agreement with the Red Lake Watershed
25.24 District to restore and enhance stream and
25.25 related habitat in Grand Marais Creek. A list
25.26 of proposed restorations and enhancements
25.27 must be provided as part of the required
25.28 accomplishment plan.

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

25.30 \$380,000 in the second year is to the
25.31 commissioner of natural resources for an
25.32 agreement with the Lake Superior Steelhead
25.33 Association to restore trout habitat in the
25.34 Upper Knife River Watershed. A list of

26.1 proposed restorations must be provided as
26.2 part of the required accomplishment plan.
26.3 Notwithstanding rules of the commissioner
26.4 of natural resources, restorations conducted
26.5 pursuant to this paragraph may be
26.6 accomplished by excavation.

26.7 **(h) Protect Aquatic Habitat from Asian**
26.8 **Invasive Carp**

26.9 \$7,500,000 in the second year is to the
26.10 commissioner of natural resources ~~to~~ for
26.11 ~~design, construct, operate, and evaluate~~
26.12 construction, including acquisition,
26.13 operation, and evaluation of structural
26.14 deterrents for ~~Asian~~ invasive carp to protect
26.15 Minnesota's aquatic habitat. Use of this
26.16 money requires a one-to-one match for
26.17 projects on state boundary waters.

26.18 **(i) Outdoor Heritage Conservation Partners**
26.19 **Grant Program - Phase IV**

26.20 \$4,990,000 in the second year is to the
26.21 commissioner of natural resources for a
26.22 program to provide competitive, matching
26.23 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,
26.24 state, and national organizations for
26.25 enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests,
26.26 wetlands, prairies, and habitat for fish, game,
26.27 or wildlife in Minnesota. Grants shall not be
26.28 made for activities required to fulfill the duties
26.29 of owners of lands subject to conservation
26.30 easements. Grants shall not be made from
26.31 appropriations in this paragraph for projects
26.32 that have a total project cost exceeding
26.33 \$575,000. \$366,000 of this appropriation
26.34 may be spent for personnel costs and other
26.35 direct and necessary administrative costs.
26.36 Grantees may acquire land or interests in

27.1 land. Easements must be permanent. Land
27.2 acquired in fee must be open to hunting
27.3 and fishing during the open season unless
27.4 otherwise provided by state law. The
27.5 program shall require a match of at least ten
27.6 percent from nonstate sources for all grants.
27.7 The match may be cash or in-kind resources.
27.8 For grant applications of \$25,000 or less,
27.9 the commissioner shall provide a separate,
27.10 simplified application process. Subject to
27.11 Minnesota Statutes, the commissioner of
27.12 natural resources shall, when evaluating
27.13 projects of equal value, give priority to
27.14 organizations that have a history of receiving
27.15 or charter to receive private contributions
27.16 for local conservation or habitat projects. If
27.17 acquiring land or a conservation easement,
27.18 priority shall be given to projects associated
27.19 with existing wildlife management areas
27.20 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
27.21 subdivision 8; scientific and natural areas
27.22 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 84.033
27.23 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; and aquatic
27.24 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,
27.25 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02.
27.26 All restoration or enhancement projects
27.27 must be on land permanently protected by a
27.28 conservation easement or public ownership
27.29 or in public waters as defined in Minnesota
27.30 Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision
27.31 15. Priority shall be given to restoration
27.32 and enhancement projects on public lands.
27.33 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
27.34 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded
27.35 under this paragraph. This appropriation is
27.36 available until June 30, 2016. No less than

28.1 five percent of the amount of each grant
 28.2 must be held back from reimbursement until
 28.3 the grant recipient has completed a grant
 28.4 accomplishment report by the deadline and
 28.5 in the form prescribed by and satisfactory to
 28.6 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
 28.7 The commissioner shall provide notice of
 28.8 the grant program in the game and fish law
 28.9 summaries that are prepared under Minnesota
 28.10 Statutes, section 97A.051, subdivision 2.

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

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

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

28.14 \$2,560,000 in the second year is to the
 28.15 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
 28.16 interests in land in fee and permanent
 28.17 conservation easements for aquatic
 28.18 management purposes under Minnesota
 28.19 Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 14,
 28.20 and 97C.02, and to restore and enhance
 28.21 aquatic habitat. Up to \$32,500 is for
 28.22 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
 28.23 fund as approved in the accomplishment
 28.24 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
 28.25 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of
 28.26 proposed land acquisitions and restorations
 28.27 and enhancements must be provided as part
 28.28 of the required accomplishment plan.

28.29 **(b) Fisheries Habitat Protection on**
 28.30 **Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes**

28.31 \$2,130,000 in the second year is to the
 28.32 commissioner of natural resources for
 28.33 agreements with the Leech Lake Area
 28.34 Watershed Foundation and Minnesota Land

29.1 Trust to acquire land in fee and permanent
29.2 conservation easements to sustain healthy
29.3 fish habitat on lakes in Aitkin, Cass, Crow
29.4 Wing, and Hubbard Counties as follows:
29.5 \$1,150,300 to Leech Lake Area Watershed
29.6 Foundation; and \$979,700 to Minnesota
29.7 Land Trust, of which up to \$120,000 to
29.8 Minnesota Land Trust is for establishing
29.9 a monitoring and enforcement fund as
29.10 approved in the accomplishment plan and
29.11 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
29.12 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
29.13 land acquisitions must be provided as part of
29.14 the required accomplishment plan.

29.15 **(c) Habitat Protection in Dakota County**
29.16 **- Phase V**

29.17 \$1,190,000 in the second year is to the
29.18 commissioner of natural resources for a
29.19 contract with Dakota County to acquire
29.20 permanent conservation easements and land
29.21 in fee and to restore and enhance habitats in
29.22 rivers and lake watersheds in Dakota County.
29.23 Up to \$15,000 to Dakota County is for
29.24 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
29.25 fund as approved in the accomplishment
29.26 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
29.27 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. Lands
29.28 acquired or lands with easements acquired
29.29 with this appropriation may not be used for
29.30 emergency haying and grazing in response
29.31 to federal or state disaster declarations.
29.32 Conservation grazing under a management
29.33 plan that is already being implemented may
29.34 continue. A list of proposed land acquisitions
29.35 and restorations and enhancements must

30.1 be provided as part of the required
30.2 accomplishment plan.

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

30.4 \$2,650,000 in the second year is to the
30.5 commissioner of natural resources for
30.6 agreements to acquire land in fee and
30.7 permanent conservation easements and
30.8 to restore and enhance natural systems
30.9 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,
30.10 and St. Croix Rivers as follows: \$600,000
30.11 to Minnesota Valley National Wildlife
30.12 Refuge Trust, Inc.; \$160,000 to Friends of
30.13 the Mississippi River; \$400,000 to Great
30.14 River Greening; \$590,000 to Minnesota
30.15 Land Trust, of which up to \$77,000 is for
30.16 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
30.17 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
30.18 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
30.19 97A.056, subdivision 17; and \$900,000 to
30.20 The Trust for Public Land. Lands acquired
30.21 or lands with easements acquired with
30.22 this appropriation may not be used for
30.23 emergency haying and grazing in response
30.24 to federal or state disaster declarations.
30.25 Conservation grazing under a management
30.26 plan that is already being implemented may
30.27 continue. A list of proposed land acquisitions
30.28 and permanent conservation easements
30.29 must be provided as part of the required
30.30 accomplishment plan.

30.31 **(e) Mustinka River Fish and Wildlife**
30.32 **Habitat Corridor Rehabilitation**

30.33 \$2,440,000 in the second year is to the
30.34 commissioner of natural resources for
30.35 an agreement with the Bois de Sioux

31.1 Watershed District to acquire land in fee
31.2 and to restore natural systems associated
31.3 with the Mustinka River located within the
31.4 Bois de Sioux Watershed. Lands acquired
31.5 with this appropriation may not be used for
31.6 emergency haying and grazing in response
31.7 to federal or state disaster declarations.
31.8 Conservation grazing under a management
31.9 plan that is already being implemented may
31.10 continue. A list of proposed land acquisitions
31.11 must be provided as part of the required
31.12 accomplishment plan.

31.13 **(f) Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater**
31.14 **Fish Habitat Enhancement and**
31.15 **Restoration - Phase VI**

31.16 \$1,900,000 in the second year is to the
31.17 commissioner of natural resources for an
31.18 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited
31.19 to restore and enhance habitat for trout
31.20 and other species in and along coldwater
31.21 rivers and streams in Minnesota. A list of
31.22 proposed land restorations and enhancements
31.23 must be provided as part of the required
31.24 accomplishment plan.

31.25 **(g) St. Louis River Restoration Initiative -**
31.26 **Phase II**

31.27 \$2,290,000 in the second year is to the
31.28 commissioner of natural resources to restore
31.29 habitat in the lower St. Louis River estuary.
31.30 Of this appropriation, up to \$500,000 is for
31.31 an agreement with Minnesota Land Trust. A
31.32 list of proposed restorations must be provided
31.33 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

31.34 **(h) Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation -**
31.35 **Phase II**

32.1 \$1,410,000 in the second year is to the
32.2 commissioner of natural resources for an
32.3 agreement with the Lake Superior Steelhead
32.4 Association to enhance trout habitat in the
32.5 Knife River watershed. A list of proposed
32.6 enhancements must be provided as part of
32.7 the required accomplishment plan.

32.8 **(i) Restoration and Enhancement of**
32.9 **Washington County Public Lands**

32.10 \$430,000 in the second year is to the
32.11 commissioner of natural resources for an
32.12 agreement with Washington County to
32.13 restore and enhance habitat on public lands
32.14 in Washington County. A restoration and
32.15 enhancement plan and a list of proposed
32.16 land restorations and enhancements
32.17 must be provided as part of the required
32.18 accomplishment plan.

32.19 **(j) Wirth Park Enhancements**

32.20 \$600,000 in the second year is to the
32.21 commissioner of natural resources for an
32.22 agreement with the Minneapolis Park Board
32.23 to enhance riparian and upland habitat
32.24 within Wirth Park in Hennepin County.
32.25 A restoration and enhancement plan and
32.26 a list of proposed land restorations and
32.27 enhancements must be provided as part of
32.28 the required accomplishment plan.

32.29 **(k) Evaluate Effectiveness of Aquatic**
32.30 **Invasive Species Prevention Strategies**

32.31 \$4,040,000 in the second year is to the
32.32 commissioner of natural resources for an
32.33 agreement with the Central Minnesota
32.34 Initiative Fund to develop a series of pilot
32.35 projects to enhance aquatic habitat by

33.1 preventing the spread of aquatic invasive
33.2 species, including pilot projects conducting
33.3 education and outreach, inspection and
33.4 decontamination, enforcement, and other
33.5 activities. All pilot projects must be
33.6 conducted on a reimbursement basis and
33.7 require a match of nonoutdoor heritage fund
33.8 dollars. A required evaluation of results
33.9 must be funded with nonoutdoor heritage
33.10 fund dollars. The required evaluation must
33.11 evaluate the efficacy of inspection and
33.12 decontamination activities utilized in any of
33.13 the pilot projects in preventing the spread
33.14 of aquatic invasive species. A list of pilot
33.15 projects must be included in the required final
33.16 report. This appropriation is available until
33.17 June 30, 2019. The accomplishment plan
33.18 must accelerate the start of the pilot project.

33.19 **(l) Albert Lea Lake Management and**
33.20 **Invasive Species Control Structure -**
33.21 **Supplement**

33.22 \$700,000 in the second year is added to
33.23 the appropriation contained in Laws 2013,
33.24 chapter 137, article 1, section 2, subdivision
33.25 5, paragraph (h), to the commissioner of
33.26 natural resources for an agreement with
33.27 the Shell Rock River Watershed District to
33.28 construct structural deterrents and lake level
33.29 controls.

33.30 **(m) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**
33.31 **Program - Phase VI**

33.32 \$4,550,000 in the second year is to the
33.33 commissioner of natural resources for a
33.34 program to provide competitive, matching
33.35 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,

34.1 state, and national organizations for
34.2 enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests,
34.3 wetlands, prairies, or habitat for fish, game,
34.4 or wildlife in Minnesota. Grants shall not
34.5 be made for activities required to fulfill
34.6 the duties of owners of lands subject to
34.7 conservation easements. Grants shall not
34.8 be made from the appropriation in this
34.9 paragraph for projects that have a total
34.10 project cost exceeding \$575,000. Of this
34.11 appropriation, ~~\$460,000~~ \$265,000 may be
34.12 spent for personnel costs and other direct and
34.13 necessary administrative costs. Grantees may
34.14 acquire land or interests in land. Easements
34.15 must be permanent. Grants may not be used
34.16 to establish easement stewardship accounts.
34.17 Land acquired in fee must be open to hunting
34.18 and fishing during the open season unless
34.19 otherwise provided by law. Lands acquired
34.20 or lands with easements acquired with this
34.21 appropriation may not be used for emergency
34.22 haying and grazing in response to federal
34.23 or state disaster declarations. Conservation
34.24 grazing under a management plan that is
34.25 already being implemented may continue.
34.26 The program shall require a match of at
34.27 least ten percent from nonstate sources
34.28 for all grants. The match may be cash or
34.29 in-kind resources. For grant applications
34.30 of \$25,000 or less, the commissioner shall
34.31 provide a separate, simplified application
34.32 process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the
34.33 commissioner of natural resources shall,
34.34 when evaluating projects of equal value,
34.35 give priority to organizations that have a
34.36 history of receiving or charter to receive

35.1 private contributions for local conservation
35.2 or habitat projects. If acquiring land or a
35.3 conservation easement, priority shall be
35.4 given to projects associated with or within
35.5 one mile of existing wildlife management
35.6 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section
35.7 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific and natural
35.8 areas under Minnesota Statutes, sections
35.9 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; or aquatic
35.10 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,
35.11 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02.
35.12 All restoration or enhancement projects
35.13 must be on land permanently protected by
35.14 a permanent covenant ensuring perpetual
35.15 maintenance and protection of restored
35.16 and enhanced habitat, by a conservation
35.17 easement, or by public ownership or in public
35.18 waters as defined in Minnesota Statutes,
35.19 section 103G.005, subdivision 15. Priority
35.20 shall be given to restoration and enhancement
35.21 projects on public lands. Minnesota Statutes,
35.22 section 97A.056, subdivision 13, applies
35.23 to grants awarded under this paragraph.
35.24 This appropriation is available until June
35.25 30, 2018. No less than five percent of the
35.26 amount of each grant must be held back from
35.27 reimbursement until the grant recipient has
35.28 completed a grant accomplishment report by
35.29 the deadline and in the form prescribed by
35.30 and satisfactory to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
35.31 Heritage Council. The commissioner shall
35.32 provide notice of the grant program in
35.33 the game and fish law summary prepared
35.34 under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.051,
35.35 subdivision 2.

36.1 **(n) Conservation Partners Legacy Metro**
36.2 **Grant Program**

36.3 \$4,000,000 in the second year is to the
36.4 commissioner of natural resources for a
36.5 program to provide competitive, matching
36.6 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,
36.7 state, and national organizations for
36.8 enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests,
36.9 wetlands, prairies, or habitat for fish, game,
36.10 or wildlife in the seven-county metropolitan
36.11 area and cities with a population of 50,000
36.12 or greater. Grants shall not be made for
36.13 activities required to fulfill the duties of
36.14 owners of lands subject to conservation
36.15 easements. Grants shall not be made from the
36.16 appropriation in this paragraph for projects
36.17 that have a total project cost exceeding
36.18 \$575,000. Of this appropriation, ~~\$70,000~~
36.19 \$250,000 may be spent for personnel costs
36.20 and other direct and necessary administrative
36.21 costs. Grantees may acquire land or interests
36.22 in land. Easements must be permanent.
36.23 Grants may not be used to establish easement
36.24 stewardship accounts. Land acquired in fee
36.25 must be open to hunting and fishing during
36.26 the open season unless otherwise provided
36.27 by law. Lands acquired or lands with
36.28 easements acquired with this appropriation
36.29 may not be used for emergency haying and
36.30 grazing in response to federal or state disaster
36.31 declarations. Conservation grazing under
36.32 a management plan that is already being
36.33 implemented may continue. The program
36.34 shall require a match of at least ten percent
36.35 from nonstate sources for all grants. The
36.36 match may be cash or in-kind resources.

37.1 For grant applications of \$25,000 or less,
37.2 the commissioner shall provide a separate,
37.3 simplified application process. Subject to
37.4 Minnesota Statutes, the commissioner of
37.5 natural resources shall, when evaluating
37.6 projects of equal value, give priority to
37.7 organizations that have a history of receiving
37.8 or charter to receive private contributions
37.9 for local conservation or habitat projects. If
37.10 acquiring land or a conservation easement,
37.11 priority shall be given to projects associated
37.12 with or within one mile of existing wildlife
37.13 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,
37.14 section 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific
37.15 and natural areas under Minnesota Statutes,
37.16 sections 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision
37.17 5; or aquatic management areas under
37.18 Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05,
37.19 subdivision 14, and 97C.02. All restoration
37.20 or enhancement projects must be on land
37.21 permanently protected by a permanent
37.22 covenant ensuring perpetual maintenance
37.23 and protection of restored and enhanced
37.24 habitat, by a conservation easement, or
37.25 by public ownership or in public waters
37.26 as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section
37.27 103G.005, subdivision 15. Priority shall
37.28 be given to restoration and enhancement
37.29 projects on public lands. Minnesota Statutes,
37.30 section 97A.056, subdivision 13, applies
37.31 to grants awarded under this paragraph.
37.32 This appropriation is available until June
37.33 30, 2018. No less than five percent of the
37.34 amount of each grant must be held back from
37.35 reimbursement until the grant recipient has
37.36 completed a grant accomplishment report by

38.1 the deadline and in the form prescribed by
 38.2 and satisfactory to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
 38.3 Heritage Council. The commissioner shall
 38.4 provide notice of the grant program in
 38.5 the game and fish law summary prepared
 38.6 under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.051,
 38.7 subdivision 2.

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

38.9 Sec. 10. **PAYMENT-IN-LIEU OF TAX ALTERNATIVES;**
 38.10 **RECOMMENDATIONS.**

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

38.21 **ARTICLE 2**

38.22 **CLEAN WATER FUND**

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

38.24 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the
 38.25 agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the
 38.26 clean water fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for allowable activities
 38.27 under the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 15. The figures "2016" and "2017"
 38.28 used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under them are available for the
 38.29 fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, or June 30, 2017, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal
 38.30 year 2016. "The second year" is fiscal year 2017. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2016
 38.31 and 2017. The appropriations in this article are onetime.

38.32 **APPROPRIATIONS**
 38.33 **Available for the Year**

39.1			<u>Ending June 30</u>	
39.2			<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>

39.3 **Sec. 2. CLEAN WATER**

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

39.8 **Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation**

39.9 Money appropriated in this article may
39.10 not be spent on activities unless they are
39.11 directly related to and necessary for a
39.12 specific appropriation. Money appropriated
39.13 in this article must be spent in accordance
39.14 with Minnesota Management and Budget's
39.15 Guidance to Agencies on Legacy Fund
39.16 Expenditure. Notwithstanding Minnesota
39.17 Statutes, section 16A.28, and unless
39.18 otherwise specified in this article, fiscal year
39.19 2016 appropriations are available until June
39.20 30, 2017, and fiscal year 2017 appropriations
39.21 are available until June 30, 2018. If a project
39.22 receives federal funds, the time period of
39.23 the appropriation is extended to equal the
39.24 availability of federal funding.

39.25 **Subd. 3. Disability Access**

39.26 Where appropriate, grant recipients of clean
39.27 water funds, in consultation with the Council
39.28 on Disability, should make progress toward
39.29 providing greater access to programs, print
39.30 publications, and digital media for people
39.31 with disabilities related to the programs the
39.32 recipient funds using appropriations made
39.33 in this article.

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

40.2 (a) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the

40.3 second year are to increase monitoring for

40.4 pesticides and pesticide degradates in surface

40.5 water and groundwater and to use data

40.6 collected to assess pesticide use practices.

40.7 (b) \$2,586,000 the first year and \$2,585,000

40.8 the second year are for monitoring and

40.9 evaluating trends in the concentration of

40.10 nitrate in groundwater in areas vulnerable

40.11 to groundwater degradation; monitoring

40.12 for pesticides when nitrate is detected;

40.13 promoting, developing, and evaluating

40.14 regional and crop-specific nutrient best

40.15 management practices; assessing best

40.16 management practice adoption; education

40.17 and technical support from University of

40.18 Minnesota Extension; and other actions to

40.19 protect groundwater from degradation from

40.20 nitrate. This appropriation is available until

40.21 June 30, 2018.

40.22 (c) \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the

40.23 second year are for administering clean water

40.24 funds managed through the agriculture best

40.25 management practices loan program. Any

40.26 unencumbered balance at the end of the

40.27 second year shall be added to the corpus of

40.28 the loan fund.

40.29 (d) \$1,125,000 the first year and \$1,125,000

40.30 the second year are for technical assistance,

40.31 research, and demonstration projects on

40.32 proper implementation of best management

40.33 practices and more precise information on

40.34 nonpoint contributions to impaired waters.

- 41.1 This appropriation is available until June 30,
41.2 2020.
- 41.3 (e) \$788,000 the first year and \$787,000 the
41.4 second year are for research to quantify and
41.5 reduce agricultural contributions to impaired
41.6 waters and for development and evaluation
41.7 of best management practices to protect and
41.8 restore water resources. This appropriation
41.9 is available until June 30, 2020.
- 41.10 (f) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the
41.11 second year are for a research inventory
41.12 database containing water-related research
41.13 activities. Costs for information technology
41.14 development or support for this research
41.15 inventory database may be paid to the Office
41.16 of MN.IT Services. This appropriation is
41.17 available until June 30, 2018.
- 41.18 (g) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
41.19 second year are to implement the Minnesota
41.20 agricultural water quality certification
41.21 program statewide. This appropriation is
41.22 available until June 30, 2020.
- 41.23 (h) \$110,000 the first year and \$110,000 the
41.24 second year are to provide funding for a
41.25 regional irrigation water quality specialist
41.26 through University of Minnesota Extension.
- 41.27 (i) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
41.28 second year are for a perennial and cover crop
41.29 research program to develop perennial and
41.30 cover cropping systems specific to Minnesota
41.31 that are necessary to protect and restore the
41.32 state's surface and groundwater resources
41.33 while increasing efficiency, profitability, and
41.34 productivity of Minnesota farmers. This
41.35 appropriation is available until June 30, 2018.

42.1 (j) A portion of the funds in this section may
 42.2 be used for programs to train state and local
 42.3 outreach staff in the intersection between
 42.4 agricultural economics and agricultural
 42.5 conservation.

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

42.7 (a) \$9,000,000 the first year and \$9,000,000
 42.8 the second year are for the point source
 42.9 implementation grants program under
 42.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.073. This
 42.11 appropriation is available until June 30, 2020.

42.12 (b) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000
 42.13 the second year are for small community
 42.14 wastewater treatment grants and loans under
 42.15 Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.075. This
 42.16 appropriation is available until June 30, 2020.

42.17 (c) If there are any uncommitted funds at
 42.18 the end of each fiscal year under paragraph
 42.19 (a) or (b), the Public Facilities Authority
 42.20 may transfer the remaining funds to eligible
 42.21 projects under any of the programs listed
 42.22 in this section based on their priority rank
 42.23 on the Pollution Control Agency's project
 42.24 priority list.

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

42.26 (a) \$8,250,000 the first year and \$8,250,000
 42.27 the second year are for completion of 20
 42.28 percent of the needed statewide assessments
 42.29 of surface water quality and trends. If the
 42.30 amount in the first year is insufficient, the
 42.31 amount in the second year is available in the
 42.32 first year.

- 43.1 (b) \$9,795,000 the first year and \$9,795,000
43.2 the second year are to develop watershed
43.3 restoration and protection strategies
43.4 (WRAPS), which include total maximum
43.5 daily load (TMDL) studies and TMDL
43.6 implementation plans for waters listed on
43.7 the United States Environmental Protection
43.8 Agency approved impaired waters list in
43.9 accordance with Minnesota Statutes, chapter
43.10 114D. The agency shall complete an average
43.11 of ten percent of the TMDLs each year over
43.12 the biennium.
- 43.13 (c) \$1,182,000 the first year and \$1,181,000
43.14 the second year are for groundwater
43.15 assessment, including enhancing the
43.16 ambient monitoring network, modeling, and
43.17 evaluating trends, including the reassessment
43.18 of groundwater that was assessed ten to 15
43.19 years ago and found to be contaminated.
- 43.20 (d) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000
43.21 the second year are for water quality
43.22 improvements in the lower St. Louis River
43.23 and Duluth harbor within the St. Louis River
43.24 System Area of Concern. This appropriation
43.25 must be matched at a rate of 65 percent
43.26 nonstate money to 35 percent state money.
- 43.27 (e) \$275,000 the first year and \$275,000 the
43.28 second year are for storm water research and
43.29 guidance.
- 43.30 (f) \$1,150,000 the first year and \$1,150,000
43.31 the second year are for TMDL research and
43.32 database development.
- 43.33 (g) \$900,000 the first year and \$900,000
43.34 the second year are for national pollutant

44.1 discharge elimination system wastewater and
44.2 storm water TMDL implementation efforts.
44.3 (h) \$3,623,000 the first year and \$3,622,000
44.4 the second year are for enhancing the
44.5 county-level delivery systems for subsurface
44.6 sewage treatment system (SSTS) activities
44.7 necessary to implement Minnesota Statutes,
44.8 sections 115.55 and 115.56, for protection
44.9 of groundwater, including base grants
44.10 for all counties with SSTS programs and
44.11 competitive grants to counties with specific
44.12 plans to significantly reduce water pollution
44.13 by reducing the number of systems that
44.14 are an imminent threat to public health or
44.15 safety or are otherwise failing. Counties that
44.16 receive base grants must report the number
44.17 of sewage noncompliant properties upgraded
44.18 through SSTS replacement, connection
44.19 to a centralized sewer system, or other
44.20 means, including property abandonment
44.21 or buy-out. Counties also must report
44.22 the number of existing SSTS compliance
44.23 inspections conducted in areas under county
44.24 jurisdiction. These required reports are to
44.25 be part of established annual reporting for
44.26 SSTS programs. Counties that conduct SSTS
44.27 inventories or those with an ordinance in
44.28 place that requires an SSTS to be inspected
44.29 as a condition of transferring property or as a
44.30 condition of obtaining a local permit must be
44.31 given priority for competitive grants under
44.32 this paragraph. Of this amount, \$750,000
44.33 each year is available to counties for grants to
44.34 low-income landowners to address systems
44.35 that pose an imminent threat to public health
44.36 or safety or fail to protect groundwater. A

45.1 grant awarded under this paragraph may not
 45.2 exceed \$500,000 for the biennium. A county
 45.3 receiving a grant under this paragraph must
 45.4 submit a report to the agency listing the
 45.5 projects funded, including an account of the
 45.6 expenditures.

45.7 (i) \$275,000 the first year and \$275,000
 45.8 the second year are for a storm water
 45.9 best management practice performance
 45.10 evaluation and technology transfer program
 45.11 to enhance data and information management
 45.12 of storm water best management practices;
 45.13 evaluate best management performance
 45.14 and effectiveness to support meeting total
 45.15 maximum daily loads; develop standards
 45.16 and incorporate state of the art guidance
 45.17 using minimal impact design standards as
 45.18 the model; and implement a knowledge
 45.19 and technology transfer system across
 45.20 local government, industry, and regulatory
 45.21 sectors for pass-through to the University of
 45.22 Minnesota. This appropriation is available
 45.23 until June 30, 2018.

45.24 (j) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the
 45.25 second year are to support activities of the
 45.26 Clean Water Council according to Minnesota
 45.27 Statutes, section 114D.30, subdivision 1.

45.28 (k) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
 45.29 section 16A.28, the appropriations in this
 45.30 section encumbered on or before June 30,
 45.31 2017, as grants or contracts are available
 45.32 until June 30, 2020.

45.33 **Sec. 6. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**
 45.34 **RESOURCES** \$ **8,500,000** \$ **8,500,000**

- 46.1 (a) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000
46.2 the second year are for stream flow
46.3 monitoring.
- 46.4 (b) \$1,300,000 the first year and \$1,300,000
46.5 the second year are for lake Index of
46.6 Biological Integrity (IBI) assessments.
- 46.7 (c) \$135,000 the first year and \$135,000
46.8 the second year are for assessing mercury
46.9 and other contaminants of fish, including
46.10 monitoring to track the status of impaired
46.11 waters over time.
- 46.12 (d) \$1,940,000 the first year and \$1,940,000
46.13 the second year are for developing targeted,
46.14 science-based watershed restoration and
46.15 protection strategies.
- 46.16 (e) \$1,375,000 the first year and \$1,375,000
46.17 the second year are for water supply planning,
46.18 aquifer protection, and monitoring activities.
- 46.19 (f) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
46.20 second year are for technical assistance to
46.21 support local implementation of nonpoint
46.22 source restoration and protection activities,
46.23 including water quality protection in forested
46.24 watersheds.
- 46.25 (g) \$675,000 the first year and \$675,000 the
46.26 second year are for applied research and tools,
46.27 including watershed hydrologic modeling;
46.28 maintaining and updating spatial data for
46.29 watershed boundaries, streams, and water
46.30 bodies and integrating high-resolution digital
46.31 elevation data; assessing effectiveness of
46.32 forestry best management practices for water
46.33 quality; and developing a biomonitoring
46.34 database.

47.1 (h) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000
47.2 the second year are for developing county
47.3 geologic atlases.

47.4 (i) \$325,000 the first year and \$325,000 the
47.5 second year are for analysis and mapping
47.6 in each county related to compliance
47.7 with riparian buffer or alternate practice
47.8 requirements and to provide statewide
47.9 coordination and guidance to local units of
47.10 government for implementation of buffer
47.11 requirements. Maps must be provided to
47.12 local units of government and made available
47.13 to landowners on the Department of Natural
47.14 Resources' Web site.

47.15 **Sec. 7. BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL**
47.16 **RESOURCES**

\$ 58,131,000 \$ 58,132,000

47.17 (a) \$8,929,000 the first year and \$8,929,000
47.18 the second year are for grants to local
47.19 government units organized for the
47.20 management of water in a watershed or
47.21 subwatershed that have multiyear plans
47.22 that will result in a significant reduction in
47.23 water pollution in a selected subwatershed.
47.24 The grants may be used for establishment
47.25 of riparian buffers; practices to store
47.26 water for natural treatment and infiltration,
47.27 including rain gardens; capturing storm
47.28 water for reuse; stream bank, shoreland, and
47.29 ravine stabilization; enforcement activities;
47.30 and implementation of best management
47.31 practices for feedlots within riparian areas
47.32 and other practices demonstrated to be
47.33 most effective in protecting, enhancing, and
47.34 restoring water quality in lakes, rivers, and
47.35 streams and protecting groundwater from

48.1 degradation. Grant recipients must identify
48.2 a nonstate match and may use other legacy
48.3 funds to supplement projects funded under
48.4 this paragraph. Grants awarded under this
48.5 paragraph are available for four years and
48.6 priority must be given to the best designed
48.7 plans each year.

48.8 (b) \$14,775,000 the first year and
48.9 \$14,775,000 the second year are for grants
48.10 to protect and restore surface water and
48.11 drinking water; to keep water on the land; to
48.12 protect, enhance, and restore water quality
48.13 in lakes, rivers, and streams; and to protect
48.14 groundwater and drinking water, including
48.15 feedlot water quality and subsurface sewage
48.16 treatment system projects and stream bank,
48.17 stream channel, shoreline restoration,
48.18 and ravine stabilization projects. The
48.19 projects must use practices demonstrated
48.20 to be effective, be of long-lasting public
48.21 benefit, include a match, and be consistent
48.22 with total maximum daily load (TMDL)
48.23 implementation plans, watershed restoration
48.24 and protection strategies (WRAPS), or local
48.25 water management plans or their equivalents.
48.26 A portion of these funds may be used to seek
48.27 administrative efficiencies through shared
48.28 resources by multiple local governmental
48.29 units.

48.30 (c) \$6,000,000 the first year and \$6,000,000
48.31 the second year are for targeted local
48.32 resource protection and enhancement grants
48.33 and statewide program enhancements for
48.34 technical assistance, citizen and community
48.35 outreach, and training and certification, as
48.36 well as projects, practices, and programs that

49.1 supplement or otherwise exceed current state
49.2 standards for protection, enhancement, and
49.3 restoration of water quality in lakes, rivers,
49.4 and streams or that protect groundwater from
49.5 degradation, including compliance.

49.6 (d) \$950,000 the first year and \$950,000
49.7 the second year are to provide state
49.8 oversight and accountability, evaluate
49.9 results, provide implementation tools, and
49.10 measure the value of conservation program
49.11 implementation by local governments,
49.12 including submission to the legislature by
49.13 March 1 each even-numbered year a biennial
49.14 report prepared by the board, in consultation
49.15 with the commissioners of natural resources,
49.16 health, agriculture, and the Pollution Control
49.17 Agency, detailing the recipients, the projects
49.18 funded under this section, and the amount of
49.19 pollution reduced.

49.20 (e) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
49.21 the second year are for grants to local units
49.22 of government to enhance compliance
49.23 with riparian buffer or alternate practice
49.24 requirements.

49.25 (f) \$10,043,000 the first year and \$10,044,000
49.26 the second year are to restore or preserve
49.27 permanent conservation on riparian buffers
49.28 adjacent to lakes, rivers, streams, and
49.29 tributaries, to keep water on the land in order
49.30 to decrease sediment, pollutant, and nutrient
49.31 transport; reduce hydrologic impacts to
49.32 surface waters; and increase infiltration for
49.33 groundwater recharge. This appropriation
49.34 may be used for restoration of riparian
49.35 buffers permanently protected by easements

50.1 purchased with this appropriation or contracts
50.2 to achieve permanent protection for riparian
50.3 buffers or stream bank restorations when the
50.4 riparian buffers have been restored. Up to
50.5 \$344,000 is for deposit in a monitoring and
50.6 enforcement account.

50.7 (g) \$1,750,000 the first year and \$1,750,000
50.8 the second year are for permanent
50.9 conservation easements on wellhead
50.10 protection areas under Minnesota Statutes,
50.11 section 103F.515, subdivision 2, paragraph
50.12 (d), or for grants to local units of government
50.13 for fee title acquisition to permanently
50.14 protect groundwater supply sources on
50.15 wellhead protection areas or for otherwise
50.16 assuring long-term protection of groundwater
50.17 supply sources as described under alternative
50.18 management tools in the Department
50.19 of Agriculture's Nitrogen Fertilizer
50.20 Management Plan, including low nitrogen
50.21 cropping systems or implementing nitrogen
50.22 fertilizer best management practices. Priority
50.23 must be placed on land that is located where
50.24 the vulnerability of the drinking water supply
50.25 is designated as high or very high by the
50.26 commissioner of health, where drinking
50.27 water protection plans have identified
50.28 specific activities that will achieve long-term
50.29 protection, and on lands with expiring
50.30 Conservation Reserve Program contracts.
50.31 Up to \$52,500 is for deposit in a monitoring
50.32 and enforcement account.

50.33 (h) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000
50.34 the second year are for community partner
50.35 grants to local units of government for:
50.36 (1) structural or vegetative management

51.1 practices that reduce storm water runoff
51.2 from developed or disturbed lands to reduce
51.3 the movement of sediment, nutrients, and
51.4 pollutants for restoration, protection, or
51.5 enhancement of water quality in lakes, rivers,
51.6 and streams and to protect groundwater
51.7 and drinking water; and (2) installation
51.8 of proven and effective water retention
51.9 practices including, but not limited to, rain
51.10 gardens and other vegetated infiltration
51.11 basins and sediment control basins in order
51.12 to keep water on the land. The projects must
51.13 be of long-lasting public benefit, include a
51.14 local match, and be consistent with TMDL
51.15 implementation plans, watershed restoration
51.16 and protection strategies (WRAPS), or local
51.17 water management plans or their equivalents.
51.18 Local government unit costs may be used as
51.19 a match.
51.20 (i) \$84,000 the first year and \$84,000 the
51.21 second year are for a technical evaluation
51.22 panel to conduct ten restoration evaluations
51.23 under Minnesota Statutes, section 114D.50,
51.24 subdivision 6.
51.25 (j) \$2,100,000 the first year and \$2,100,000
51.26 the second year are for assistance, oversight,
51.27 and grants to local governments to transition
51.28 local water management plans to a watershed
51.29 approach as provided for in Minnesota
51.30 Statutes, chapters 103B, 103C, 103D, and
51.31 114D.
51.32 (k) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000
51.33 the second year are for technical assistance
51.34 and grants for the conservation drainage
51.35 program in consultation with the Drainage

52.1 Work Group, coordinated under Minnesota
52.2 Statutes, section 103B.101, subdivision
52.3 13, that includes projects to improve
52.4 multipurpose water management under
52.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 103E.015.

52.6 (l) \$9,000,000 the first year and \$9,000,000
52.7 the second year are to purchase and restore
52.8 permanent conservation sites via easements
52.9 or contracts to treat and store water on the
52.10 land for water quality improvement purposes
52.11 and related technical assistance. This work
52.12 may be done in cooperation with the United
52.13 States Department of Agriculture with a first
52.14 priority use to accomplish a conservation
52.15 reserve enhancement program, or equivalent,
52.16 in the state. Up to \$1,285,000 is for deposit
52.17 in a monitoring and enforcement account.

52.18 (m) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
52.19 the second year are to purchase permanent
52.20 conservation easements to protect lands
52.21 adjacent to public waters with good water
52.22 quality but threatened with degradation. Up
52.23 to \$190,000 is for deposit in a monitoring
52.24 and enforcement account.

52.25 (n) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000
52.26 the second year are for a program to
52.27 systematically collect data and produce
52.28 county, watershed, and statewide estimates
52.29 of soil erosion caused by water and wind
52.30 along with tracking adoption of conservation
52.31 measures to address erosion.

52.32 (o) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000
52.33 the second year are to supplement, in equal
52.34 amounts, each soil and water conservation
52.35 district's general service grant.

53.1 (p) The Board of Water and Soil
 53.2 Resources must consider the inclusion
 53.3 of environmentally suitable annuals the
 53.4 next time the board establishes or revises
 53.5 vegetation establishment and enhancement
 53.6 guidelines for the purposes of riparian
 53.7 buffers.

53.8 (q) The board may contract for delivery of
 53.9 services with Conservation Corps Minnesota
 53.10 for restoration, maintenance, and other
 53.11 activities under this section.

53.12 (r) The board may shift grant or cost-share
 53.13 funds in this section and may adjust the
 53.14 technical and administrative assistance
 53.15 portion of the funds to leverage federal or
 53.16 other nonstate funds or to address oversight
 53.17 responsibilities or high-priority needs
 53.18 identified in local water management plans.

53.19 (s) The board shall require grantees to specify
 53.20 the outcomes that will be achieved by the
 53.21 grants prior to any grant awards.

53.22 (t) The appropriations in this section are
 53.23 available until June 30, 2020. Returned grant
 53.24 funds are available until expended and shall
 53.25 be regranted consistent with the purposes of
 53.26 this section.

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

53.28 (a) \$1,100,000 the first year and \$1,100,000
 53.29 the second year are for addressing public
 53.30 health concerns related to contaminants
 53.31 found in Minnesota drinking water for which
 53.32 no health-based drinking water standards
 53.33 exist, including accelerating the development
 53.34 of health risk limits and improving the

54.1 capacity of the department's laboratory to
54.2 analyze unregulated contaminants. The
54.3 commissioner shall contract with the Board
54.4 of Regents of the University of Minnesota
54.5 to provide an independent review of the
54.6 department's drinking water contaminants
54.7 of emerging concern program. The review
54.8 must include an assessment and ranking of
54.9 contaminants that are threats to drinking
54.10 water supplies and include benchmarking
54.11 that compares efforts at the department with
54.12 efforts by other states and the United States
54.13 Environmental Protection Agency. The
54.14 review must be submitted to the Clean Water
54.15 Council and the chairs and ranking minority
54.16 members of the house of representatives
54.17 and senate committees and divisions with
54.18 jurisdiction over environment and natural
54.19 resources by June 1, 2016.

54.20 (b) \$1,900,000 the first year and \$1,900,000
54.21 the second year are for protection of drinking
54.22 water sources.

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

54.27 (d) \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000
54.28 the second year are to develop and deliver
54.29 groundwater restoration and protection
54.30 strategies for use on a watershed scale for use
54.31 in local water planning efforts and to provide
54.32 resources to local governments for drinking
54.33 water source protection activities.

54.34 (e) \$325,000 the first year and \$325,000 the
54.35 second year are for studying the occurrence

55.1 and magnitude of contaminants in private
 55.2 wells and developing guidance to ensure
 55.3 that new well placement minimizes the
 55.4 potential for risks, in cooperation with the
 55.5 commissioner of agriculture.

55.6 (f) \$275,000 the first year and \$75,000
 55.7 the second year are for development
 55.8 and implementation of a groundwater
 55.9 virus monitoring plan, including an
 55.10 epidemiological study to determine the
 55.11 association between groundwater virus
 55.12 concentration and community illness rates.

55.13 (g) \$175,000 the first year and \$175,000 the
 55.14 second year are to prepare a comprehensive
 55.15 study of and recommendations for regulatory
 55.16 and nonregulatory approaches to water reuse
 55.17 for use in the development of state policy for
 55.18 water reuse in Minnesota.

55.19 (h) Unless otherwise specified, the
 55.20 appropriations in this section are available
 55.21 until June 30, 2019.

55.22 Sec. 9. METROPOLITAN COUNCIL \$ 1,225,000 \$ 1,225,000

55.23 (a) \$975,000 the first year and \$975,000
 55.24 the second year are to implement projects
 55.25 that address emerging drinking water supply
 55.26 threats, provide cost-effective regional
 55.27 solutions, leverage interjurisdictional
 55.28 coordination, support local implementation
 55.29 of water supply reliability projects, and
 55.30 prevent degradation of groundwater
 55.31 resources in the metropolitan area. These
 55.32 projects will provide to communities:

- 56.1 (1) potential solutions to leverage regional
 56.2 water use through utilization of surface water,
 56.3 storm water, wastewater, and groundwater;
 56.4 (2) an analysis of infrastructure requirements
 56.5 for different alternatives;
 56.6 (3) development of planning level cost
 56.7 estimates, including capital cost and
 56.8 operation cost;
 56.9 (4) identification of funding mechanisms
 56.10 and an equitable cost-sharing structure
 56.11 for regionally beneficial water supply
 56.12 development projects; and
 56.13 (5) development of subregional groundwater
 56.14 models.
 56.15 (b) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000
 56.16 the second year are for the water demand
 56.17 reduction grant program to encourage
 56.18 implementation of water demand reduction
 56.19 measures by municipalities in the
 56.20 metropolitan area to ensure the reliability and
 56.21 protection of drinking water supplies.

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

56.23 **103A.206 SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION POLICY.**

56.24 Maintaining and enhancing the quality of soil and water for the environmental and
 56.25 economic benefits they produce, preventing degradation, and restoring degraded soil and
 56.26 water resources of this state contribute greatly to the health, safety, economic well-being,
 56.27 and general welfare of this state and its citizens. Land occupiers have the responsibility to
 56.28 implement practices that conserve the soil and water resources of the state. Soil and water
 56.29 conservation measures implemented on private lands in this state provide benefits to the
 56.30 general public by reducing erosion, sedimentation, siltation, water pollution, and damages
 56.31 caused by floods. The soil and water conservation policy of the state is to encourage land
 56.32 occupiers to conserve soil, water, and the natural resources they support through the
 56.33 implementation of practices that:

- 57.1 (1) control or prevent erosion, sedimentation, siltation, and related pollution in
 57.2 order to preserve natural resources;
- 57.3 (2) ensure continued soil health, as defined under section 103C.101, subdivision
 57.4 10a, and soil productivity;
- 57.5 (3) protect water quality;
- 57.6 (4) prevent impairment of dams and reservoirs;
- 57.7 (5) reduce damages caused by floods;
- 57.8 (6) preserve wildlife;
- 57.9 (7) protect the tax base; and
- 57.10 (8) protect public lands and waters.

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

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

57.19 Sec. 12. **[103B.801] COMPREHENSIVE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT**
 57.20 **PLANNING PROGRAM.**

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

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

- 57.25 (1) align local water planning purposes and procedures under chapters 103B, 103C,
 57.26 and 103D on watershed boundaries to create a systematic, watershed-wide, science-based
 57.27 approach to watershed management;
- 57.28 (2) acknowledge and build off existing local government structure, water plan
 57.29 services, and local capacity;
- 57.30 (3) incorporate and make use of data and information, including watershed
 57.31 restoration and protection strategies under section 114D.26;
- 57.32 (4) solicit input and engage experts from agencies, citizens, and stakeholder groups;
 57.33 (5) focus on implementation of prioritized and targeted actions capable of achieving
 57.34 measurable progress; and

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

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

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

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

58.18 (3) requirements for consistency with state agency-adopted water and natural
58.19 resources-related plans and documents required by chapters 103A, 103B, 103C, 103D,
58.20 103E, 103F, 103G, and 114D; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

59.1 (iii) restoration, protection, and improvement of surface water and groundwater
 59.2 quality;

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

59.5 (v) identification of priority areas for wetland enhancement, restoration, and
 59.6 establishment;

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

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

59.9 (viii) promotion of groundwater recharge;

59.10 (ix) protection and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat and water recreational
 59.11 facilities; and

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

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

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

59.20 (5) a land and water resource inventory.

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

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

59.29 Subd. 6. **Authority.** Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, the authorities
 59.30 granted to local government through chapters 103B, 103C, and 103D are retained when
 59.31 a comprehensive watershed management plan is adopted as a substitute for a watershed
 59.32 management plan required under section 103B.231, a county groundwater plan authorized
 59.33 under section 103B.255, a county water plan authorized under section 103B.311, a
 59.34 comprehensive plan authorized under section 103C.331, or a watershed management plan
 59.35 required under section 103D.401 or 103D.405.

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

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

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

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

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

60.13 (2) keep the district boards of the state informed of the activities and experience of
60.14 other districts and facilitate cooperation and an interchange of advice and experience
60.15 among the districts;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

62.2 Subd. 2. **Membership; appointment.** (a) The commissioners of natural resources,
 62.3 agriculture, health, and the Pollution Control Agency, ~~and~~ the executive director of the
 62.4 Board of Water and Soil Resources, the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota,
 62.5 and the Metropolitan Council shall each appoint one person from their respective ~~agency~~
 62.6 entity to serve as a nonvoting member of the council. Two members of the house of
 62.7 representatives, including one member from the majority party and one member from the
 62.8 minority party, appointed by the speaker and two senators, including one member from
 62.9 the majority party and one member from the minority party, appointed according to the
 62.10 rules of the senate shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority as nonvoting
 62.11 members of the council. ~~Agency and legislative~~ Members appointed under this paragraph
 62.12 serve as nonvoting members of the council.

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

62.15 (1) two members representing statewide farm organizations;

62.16 (2) two members representing business organizations;

62.17 (3) two members representing environmental organizations;

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

62.19 (5) one member representing watershed districts;

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

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

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

62.26 ~~(9) one member representing the Metropolitan Council established under section~~
 62.27 ~~473.123;~~

62.28 ~~(10) (9)~~ one member representing township officers;

62.29 ~~(11) (10)~~ one member representing the interests of tribal governments;

62.30 ~~(12) (11)~~ one member representing statewide hunting organizations; and

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

62.33 ~~(14) (12)~~ one member representing statewide fishing organizations.

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

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

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

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

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

63.6 (a) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000
 63.7 the second year are for stream flow
 63.8 monitoring, including the installation of
 63.9 additional monitoring gauges, and monitoring
 63.10 necessary to determine the relationship
 63.11 between stream flow and groundwater.

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

63.15 (c) \$135,000 the first year and \$135,000
 63.16 the second year are for assessing mercury
 63.17 contamination and other contaminants of
 63.18 fish, including monitoring to track the status
 63.19 of waters impaired by mercury and mercury
 63.20 reduction efforts over time.

63.21 (d) \$1,850,000 the first year and \$1,850,000
 63.22 the second year are for developing targeted,
 63.23 science-based watershed restoration and
 63.24 protection strategies, including regional
 63.25 technical assistance for TMDL plans and
 63.26 development of a watershed assessment tool,
 63.27 in cooperation with the commissioner of the
 63.28 Pollution Control Agency. By January 15,
 63.29 2016, the commissioner shall submit a report
 63.30 to the chairs and ranking minority members
 63.31 of the senate and house of representatives
 63.32 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
 63.33 over environment and natural resources
 63.34 policy and finance providing the outcomes

64.1 to lakes, rivers, streams, and groundwater
64.2 achieved with this appropriation and
64.3 recommendations.

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

64.7 (f) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
64.8 the second year are for technical assistance
64.9 to support local implementation of nonpoint
64.10 source restoration and protection activities,
64.11 including water quality protection in forested
64.12 watersheds.

64.13 (g) \$675,000 the first year and \$675,000
64.14 the second year are for applied research
64.15 and tools, including watershed hydrologic
64.16 modeling; maintaining and updating spatial
64.17 data for watershed boundaries, streams, and
64.18 water bodies and integrating high-resolution
64.19 digital elevation data; assessing effectiveness
64.20 of forestry best management practices for
64.21 water quality; and developing an ecological
64.22 monitoring database.

64.23 (h) \$615,000 the first year and \$615,000
64.24 the second year are for developing county
64.25 geologic atlases.

64.26 (i) \$85,000 the first year is to develop design
64.27 standards and best management practices
64.28 for public water access sites to maintain and
64.29 improve water quality by avoiding shoreline
64.30 erosion and runoff.

64.31 (j) \$3,000,000 the first year is for beginning
64.32 to develop and designate groundwater
64.33 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,
64.34 section 103G.287, subdivision 4. The
64.35 commissioner, in consultation with the

65.1 commissioners of the Pollution Control
65.2 Agency, health, and agriculture, shall
65.3 establish a uniform statewide hydrogeologic
65.4 mapping system that will include designated
65.5 groundwater management areas. The
65.6 mapping system must include wellhead
65.7 protection areas, special well construction
65.8 areas, groundwater provinces, groundwater
65.9 recharge areas, and other designated or
65.10 geographical areas related to groundwater.
65.11 This mapping system shall be used to
65.12 implement all groundwater-related laws
65.13 and for reporting and evaluations. This
65.14 appropriation is available until June 30, 2017.
65.15 ~~(k) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the~~
65.16 ~~second year are for grants to counties and~~
65.17 ~~other local units of government to adopt and~~
65.18 ~~implement advanced shoreland protection~~
65.19 ~~measures. The grants awarded under this~~
65.20 ~~paragraph shall be for up to \$100,000 and~~
65.21 ~~must be used to restore and enhance riparian~~
65.22 ~~areas to protect, enhance, and restore water~~
65.23 ~~quality in lakes, rivers, and streams. Grant~~
65.24 ~~recipients must submit a report to the~~
65.25 ~~commissioner on the outcomes achieved~~
65.26 ~~with the grant. To be eligible for a grant~~
65.27 ~~under this paragraph, a county or other local~~
65.28 ~~unit of government must be adopting or have~~
65.29 ~~adopted an ordinance for the subdivision,~~
65.30 ~~use, redevelopment, and development of~~
65.31 ~~shoreland that has been approved by the~~
65.32 ~~commissioner of natural resources as having~~
65.33 ~~advanced shoreland protection measures. An~~
65.34 ~~ordinance must meet or exceed the following~~
65.35 ~~standards:~~

66.1 ~~(1) requires new sewage treatment systems~~
66.2 ~~to be set back at least 100 feet from the~~
66.3 ~~ordinary high water level for recreational~~
66.4 ~~development shorelands and 75 feet for~~
66.5 ~~general development lake shorelands;~~

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

66.10 ~~(3) requires mitigation when any variance to~~
66.11 ~~standards designed to protect lakes, rivers,~~
66.12 ~~and streams is granted;~~

66.13 ~~(4) requires best management practices to be~~
66.14 ~~used to control storm water and sediment as~~
66.15 ~~part of a land alteration;~~

66.16 ~~(5) includes other criteria developed by the~~
66.17 ~~commissioner; and~~

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

66.19 ~~An ordinance that does not exceed all the~~
66.20 ~~standards in clauses (1) to (5) is considered~~
66.21 ~~to meet the requirement if the commissioner~~
66.22 ~~determines that the ordinance provides~~
66.23 ~~significantly greater protection for both~~
66.24 ~~waters and shoreland than those standards.~~

66.25 ~~The commissioner of natural resources~~
66.26 ~~may develop additional criteria for the~~
66.27 ~~grants awarded under this paragraph. In~~
66.28 ~~developing the criteria, the commissioner~~
66.29 ~~shall consider the proposed changes to~~
66.30 ~~the department's shoreland rules discussed~~
66.31 ~~during the rulemaking process authorized~~
66.32 ~~under Laws 2007, chapter 57, article 1,~~
66.33 ~~section 4, subdivision 3. This appropriation~~
66.34 ~~is available until spent.~~

67.1 ~~(j)~~ (k) \$100,000 the first year is for the
67.2 commissioner of natural resources for
67.3 rulemaking under Minnesota Statutes,
67.4 section 116G.15, subdivision 7.

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

67.6 (a) The unspent balance of the appropriation to the Public Facilities Authority for the
67.7 clean water legacy phosphorus reduction grant program under Minnesota Statutes, section
67.8 446A.074, in Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 2, section 3, paragraph (b), is canceled.

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

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

67.14 **ARTICLE 3**

67.15 **PARKS AND TRAILS FUND**

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

67.17 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the
67.18 agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the
67.19 parks and trails fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The
67.20 figures "2016" and "2017" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under
67.21 them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, or June 30, 2017, respectively.
67.22 "The first year" is fiscal year 2016. "The second year" is fiscal year 2017. "The biennium"
67.23 is fiscal years 2016 and 2017. All appropriations in this article are onetime.

67.24		<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
67.25		<u>Available for the Year</u>	
67.26		<u>Ending June 30</u>	
67.27		<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>

67.28 Sec. 2. **PARKS AND TRAILS**

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

68.1 **Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation**

68.2 Money appropriated in this article may
 68.3 not be spent on activities unless they are
 68.4 directly related to and necessary for a
 68.5 specific appropriation. Money appropriated
 68.6 in this article must be spent in accordance
 68.7 with Minnesota Management and Budget's
 68.8 Guidance to Agencies on Legacy Fund
 68.9 Expenditure. Notwithstanding Minnesota
 68.10 Statutes, section 16A.28, and unless
 68.11 otherwise specified in this article, fiscal year
 68.12 2016 appropriations are available until June
 68.13 30, 2018, and fiscal year 2017 appropriations
 68.14 are available until June 30, 2019. If a project
 68.15 receives federal funds, the time period of
 68.16 the appropriation is extended to equal the
 68.17 availability of federal funding.

68.18 **Subd. 3. Disability Access**

68.19 Where appropriate, grant recipients of
 68.20 parks and trails funds, in consultation with
 68.21 the Council on Disability, should make
 68.22 progress toward providing greater access
 68.23 to programs, print publications, and digital
 68.24 media for people with disabilities related
 68.25 to the programs the recipient funds using
 68.26 appropriations made in this article.

68.27 **Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**
 68.28 **RESOURCES**

<u>\$</u>	<u>26,391,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>27,655,000</u>
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68.29 (a) \$17,237,000 the first year and
 68.30 \$18,067,000 the second year are for state
 68.31 parks, recreation areas, and trails to:
 68.32 (1) connect people to the outdoors;
 68.33 (2) acquire land and create opportunities;
 68.34 (3) maintain existing holdings; and

69.1 (4) improve cooperation by coordinating
69.2 with partners to implement the 25-year
69.3 long-range parks and trails legacy plan.

69.4 (b) \$8,618,000 the first year and \$9,033,000
69.5 the second year are for grants in accordance
69.6 with Minnesota Statutes, section 85.535,
69.7 for parks and trails of regional or statewide
69.8 significance outside of the metropolitan area,
69.9 as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section
69.10 473.121, subdivision 2. The grants must
69.11 be based on the recommendations to the
69.12 commissioner from the Greater Minnesota
69.13 Regional Parks and Trails Commission
69.14 established under Minnesota Statutes,
69.15 section 85.536. Up to 2.5 percent of the total
69.16 appropriation may be used by the department
69.17 for administering the grants. Of the total
69.18 appropriation, \$356,000 the first year and
69.19 \$362,000 the second year are for grants to
69.20 the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and
69.21 Trails Commission for operating costs.

69.22 (c) \$536,000 the first year and \$555,000 the
69.23 second year are for coordination and projects
69.24 between the department, the Metropolitan
69.25 Council, and the Greater Minnesota Regional
69.26 Parks and Trails Commission; enhanced
69.27 Web-based information for park and trail
69.28 users; and support of activities of the Parks
69.29 and Trails Legacy Advisory Committee.

69.30 (d) The commissioner shall contract for
69.31 services with Conservation Corps Minnesota
69.32 for restoration, maintenance, and other
69.33 activities under this section for at least
69.34 \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the
69.35 second year.

70.1 (e) The implementing agencies receiving
 70.2 appropriations under this section shall
 70.3 give consideration to contracting with
 70.4 Conservation Corps Minnesota for
 70.5 restoration, maintenance, and other activities.

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

70.7 (a) \$17,237,000 the first year and
 70.8 \$18,067,000 the second year are for
 70.9 distribution according to Minnesota Statutes,
 70.10 section 85.53, subdivision 3.

70.11 (b) Money appropriated under this section
 70.12 and distributed to implementing agencies
 70.13 must be used to fund the list of recommended
 70.14 projects in the report submitted pursuant to
 70.15 Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 3, section
 70.16 4, paragraph (o). Projects funded by the
 70.17 money appropriated under this section must
 70.18 be substantially consistent with the project
 70.19 descriptions and dollar amounts in the report.

70.20 Any funds remaining after completion of
 70.21 the listed projects may be spent by the
 70.22 implementing agencies on projects to support
 70.23 parks and trails.

70.24 (c) Grant agreements entered into by the
 70.25 Metropolitan Council and recipients of
 70.26 money appropriated under this section must
 70.27 ensure that the funds are used to supplement
 70.28 and not substitute for traditional sources of
 70.29 funding.

70.30 (d) The implementing agencies receiving
 70.31 appropriations under this section shall
 70.32 give consideration to contracting with
 70.33 Conservation Corps Minnesota for
 70.34 restoration, maintenance, and other activities.

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

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

71.3 (a) \$16,821,000 the first year and \$16,953,000
 71.4 the second year are for parks and trails of
 71.5 regional or statewide significance in the
 71.6 metropolitan area, distributed according to
 71.7 paragraphs (b) to (1). Any funds remaining
 71.8 after completion of the listed project may be
 71.9 spent on projects to support parks and trails
 71.10 by the implementing agency.

71.11 (b) \$1,443,000 the first year and \$1,455,000
 71.12 the second year are for grants to Anoka
 71.13 County for:

71.14 (1) a trail connection for Bunker Hills
 71.15 Regional Park from Avocet Street;

71.16 (2) restoration, including erosion repair,
 71.17 along Pleasure Creek and the Mississippi
 71.18 River Regional Trail at the Coon Rapids
 71.19 Dam Regional Park;

71.20 (3) a new playground and surfacing at Lake
 71.21 George Regional Park;

71.22 (4) land acquisition for the Rice Creek Chain
 71.23 of Lakes Park Reserve;

71.24 (5) improvements at the Rice Creek Chain of
 71.25 Lakes Park Reserve, including maintenance
 71.26 shop rehabilitation, road and parking
 71.27 construction, fencing, beach improvements,
 71.28 and roof repairs;

71.29 (6) trail reconstruction under East River
 71.30 Road on the Rice Creek West Regional Trail;

71.31 (7) contracts with Conservation Corps
 71.32 Minnesota;

- 72.1 (8) a volunteer or resource coordinator
72.2 position;
- 72.3 (9) a landscape designer or architect;
- 72.4 (10) design, engineering, and construction of
72.5 the Central Anoka County Regional Trail;
- 72.6 (11) road rehabilitation at Lake George
72.7 Regional Park;
- 72.8 (12) reconstruction of a retaining wall on the
72.9 Mississippi River Regional Trail;
- 72.10 (13) a trail connection on the Mississippi
72.11 River Regional Trail to connect Mississippi
72.12 West Regional Park to the city of Ramsey;
- 72.13 (14) improvements of the Heritage
72.14 Laboratory/Day Camp at the Rice Creek
72.15 Chain of Lakes Park Reserve; and
- 72.16 (15) trail reconstruction on the Rice Creek
72.17 North Regional Trail from Lexington Avenue
72.18 to Golden Lake Elementary School.
- 72.19 (c) \$289,000 the first year and \$292,000
72.20 the second year are for grants to the city of
72.21 Bloomington to reconstruct parking lots at the
72.22 Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Park Reserve.
- 72.23 (d) \$294,000 the first year and \$297,000 the
72.24 second year are for grants to Carver County
72.25 to connect the Minnesota River Bluffs
72.26 Regional Trail and Southwest Regional Trail
72.27 and for trail and bridge construction on the
72.28 Minnesota River Bluff Regional Trail.
- 72.29 (e) \$1,174,000 the first year and \$1,183,000
72.30 the second year are for grants to Dakota
72.31 County for:
- 72.32 (1) engineering to extend the Mississippi
72.33 River Regional Trail and Big Rivers Regional

73.1 Trails, including extensions to St. Paul, and
73.2 to provide a connection to Lilydale Regional
73.3 Trail;

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

73.7 (3) engineering and construction of regional
73.8 trail segments throughout the county;

73.9 (4) engineering and construction of a bridge
73.10 and trails through the Minnesota Zoological
73.11 Garden on the North Creek Regional
73.12 Greenway; and

73.13 (5) resource management of the county's
73.14 parks and trails system.

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

73.18 (1) design and construction of trail loops,
73.19 river access areas, landscapes, and storm
73.20 water management improvements at Above
73.21 the Falls Regional Park;

73.22 (2) land acquisition at Above the Falls
73.23 Regional Park;

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

73.26 (4) planning and design for the Central
73.27 Riverfront including the water works and the
73.28 Mississippi Whitewater Park sites;

73.29 (5) trail, path, and shoreline improvements
73.30 and play area rehabilitation at
73.31 Nokomis-Hiawatha Regional Park;

73.32 (6) trail, shoreline, water access,
73.33 picnic, sailboat facility, and concession

74.1 improvements at Minneapolis Chain of
74.2 Lakes Regional Park;

74.3 (7) a bird sanctuary, trail stabilization, habitat
74.4 restoration, accessibility improvements, and
74.5 construction of new entrances at Minneapolis
74.6 Chain of Lakes Regional Park;

74.7 (8) a trail connection for the Minnehaha
74.8 Parkway Regional Trail below Lyndale
74.9 Avenue; and

74.10 (9) trail work at Theodore Wirth Regional
74.11 Park.

74.12 (g) \$1,299,000 the first year and \$1,309,000
74.13 the second year are for grants to Ramsey
74.14 County for:

74.15 (1) wayfinding for cross-country ski trails
74.16 at Battle Creek Regional Park, Tamarack
74.17 Nature Center, and Grass-Vadnais-Snail
74.18 Lakes Regional Park;

74.19 (2) contracts with Conservation Corps
74.20 Minnesota;

74.21 (3) design and construction of an early
74.22 learning center at Tamarack Nature Center
74.23 and pedestrian connections, landscape
74.24 restoration, signage, and other site amenities
74.25 at Bald Eagle-Otter Lakes Regional Park;

74.26 (4) improvements to Tamarack Nature
74.27 Center;

74.28 (5) building and supporting a volunteer corps
74.29 for Tamarack Nature Center and Discovery
74.30 Hollow;

74.31 (6) trail development to connect Tamarack
74.32 Nature Center to the Otter Lake boat launch;

- 75.1 (7) a trail on Vadnais Lake, storm water
75.2 management improvements, and site
75.3 amenities at Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lakes
75.4 Regional Park;
- 75.5 (8) trail development and connection, storm
75.6 water management improvements, and site
75.7 amenities at Rice Creek North Regional
75.8 Trail; and
- 75.9 (9) the Bruce Vento Regional Trail.
- 75.10 (h) \$2,378,000 the first year and \$2,397,000
75.11 the second year are for grants to the city of
75.12 Saint Paul for:
- 75.13 (1) an education coordinator;
- 75.14 (2) a volunteer coordinator;
- 75.15 (3) Como Regional Park shuttle operation;
- 75.16 (4) a trail connection to connect Harriet
75.17 Island to the Mississippi Regional Trail;
- 75.18 (5) Estabrook Road reconstruction and
75.19 lighting upgrades at Como Regional Park;
75.20 and
- 75.21 (6) a trail connection and railroad bridge
75.22 reconstruction at Lilydale Regional Park.
- 75.23 (i) \$550,000 the first year and \$554,000 the
75.24 second year are for grants to Scott County for
75.25 construction at Cedar Lake Farm Regional
75.26 Park.
- 75.27 (j) \$3,669,000 the first year and \$3,697,000
75.28 the second year are for grants to Three Rivers
75.29 Park District for:
- 75.30 (1) a trail connection to connect Grand
75.31 Rounds to Nine Mile Creek Trail;

- 76.1 (2) a ~~trail bridge over~~ safe trail crossing of
76.2 County State-Aid Highway 19 for the Lake
76.3 Minnetonka LRT Regional Trail;
- 76.4 (3) trail construction on the Crystal Lake
76.5 Regional Trail;
- 76.6 (4) trail construction on the Bassett Creek
76.7 Regional Trail;
- 76.8 (5) trail construction on the Twin Lakes
76.9 Regional Trail; and
- 76.10 (6) trail construction on the Nine Mile Creek
76.11 Regional Trail.
- 76.12 (k) \$821,000 the first year and \$827,000 the
76.13 second year are for grants to Washington
76.14 County for:
- 76.15 (1) parking, buildings, and other
76.16 improvements at the Swim Pond in Lake
76.17 Elmo Park Reserve;
- 76.18 (2) design and construction of the Point
76.19 Douglas Regional Trail, which connects to
76.20 Wisconsin; and
- 76.21 (3) paving improvements to Hardwood Creek
76.22 Regional Trail, which may include new trail
76.23 sections toward Bald Eagle Regional Park.
- 76.24 (l) \$1,682,000 the first year and \$1,695,000
76.25 the second year are for grants to implementing
76.26 agencies for land acquisition within
76.27 Metropolitan Council approved regional
76.28 parks and trails master plan boundaries as
76.29 provided under Minnesota Statutes, section
76.30 85.53, subdivision 3, clause (4).
- 76.31 (m) A recipient of a grant awarded under
76.32 this section must give consideration to
76.33 Conservation Corps Minnesota for possible

77.1 use of corps services to contract for
 77.2 restoration and enhancement services.
 77.3 (n) For projects with the potential to need
 77.4 historic preservation services, a recipient
 77.5 of a grant awarded under this section must
 77.6 give consideration to the Northern Bedrock
 77.7 Conservation Corps for possible use of the
 77.8 corps' services.

77.9 (o) By January 15, 2015, the council
 77.10 shall submit a list of projects, ranked in
 77.11 priority order, that contains the council's
 77.12 recommendations for funding from the
 77.13 parks and trails fund for the 2016 and
 77.14 2017 biennium to the chairs and ranking
 77.15 minority members of the senate and house
 77.16 of representatives committees and divisions
 77.17 with jurisdiction over the environment and
 77.18 natural resources and the parks and trails
 77.19 fund.

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

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

77.22 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, or other law to the contrary,
 77.23 \$512,000 of the money appropriated in fiscal year 2013 under Laws 2011, First Special
 77.24 Session chapter 6, article 3, section 3, paragraph (c), clause (1), for grants under Minnesota
 77.25 Statutes, section 85.535, is available until June 30, 2017. The commissioner of natural
 77.26 resources shall extend the \$512,000 grant to the St. Louis and Lake Counties Regional
 77.27 Railroad Authority for extension of the Mesabi Trail to June 30, 2017.

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

77.29 **ARTICLE 4**

77.30 **ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND**

77.31 Section 1. **ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND APPROPRIATIONS.**

78.1 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the
 78.2 entities and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the arts
 78.3 and cultural heritage fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for allowable
 78.4 activities under the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 15. The figures "2016" and
 78.5 "2017" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under the figure are available
 78.6 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017, respectively. "The first year"
 78.7 is fiscal year 2016. "The second year" is fiscal year 2017. "The biennium" is fiscal years
 78.8 2016 and 2017. All appropriations in this article are onetime.

78.9		APPROPRIATIONS	
78.10		<u>Available for the Year</u>	
78.11		<u>Ending June 30</u>	
78.12		<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>

78.13 **Sec. 2. ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE**

78.14	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	\$	<u>61,292,000</u>	\$	<u>62,923,000</u>
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78.15 The amounts that may be spent for each
 78.16 purpose are specified in the following
 78.17 subdivisions.

78.18 **Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation**

78.19 Money appropriated in this article may not
 78.20 be spent on activities unless they are directly
 78.21 related to and necessary for a specific
 78.22 appropriation. Money appropriated in this
 78.23 article must not be spent on indirect costs
 78.24 or other institutional overhead charges that
 78.25 are not directly related to and necessary for
 78.26 a specific appropriation. Notwithstanding
 78.27 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, and
 78.28 unless otherwise specified in this article,
 78.29 fiscal year 2016 appropriations are available
 78.30 until June 30, 2017, and fiscal year 2017
 78.31 appropriations are available until June 30,
 78.32 2018. If a project receives federal funds, the
 78.33 time period of the appropriation is extended
 78.34 to equal the availability of federal funding.

78.35	<u>Subd. 3. Minnesota State Arts Board</u>	<u>28,300,000</u>	<u>29,040,000</u>
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79.1 (a) These amounts are appropriated to
79.2 the Minnesota State Arts Board for arts,
79.3 arts education, arts preservation, and arts
79.4 access. Grant agreements entered into
79.5 by the Minnesota State Arts Board and
79.6 other recipients of appropriations in this
79.7 subdivision must ensure that these funds are
79.8 used to supplement and not substitute for
79.9 traditional sources of funding. Each grant
79.10 program established within this appropriation
79.11 must be separately administered from other
79.12 state appropriations for program planning
79.13 and outcome measurements, but may take
79.14 into consideration other state resources
79.15 awarded in the selection of applicants and
79.16 grant award size.

79.17 **(b) Arts Preservation**

79.18 \$2,200,000 the first year is for transfer to
79.19 the commissioner of administration for
79.20 restoration and preservation of the fine art
79.21 located in the State Capitol complex.

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

79.23 \$20,300,00 the first year and \$23,240,000 the
79.24 second year are to support Minnesota artists
79.25 and arts organizations in creating, producing,
79.26 and presenting high-quality arts activities; to
79.27 overcome barriers to accessing high-quality
79.28 arts activities; and to instill the arts into the
79.29 community and public life in this state.

79.30 **(d) Arts Education**

79.31 \$4,050,000 the first year and \$4,050,000
79.32 the second year are for high-quality,
79.33 age-appropriate arts education for
79.34 Minnesotans of all ages to develop

80.1 knowledge, skills, and understanding of the
 80.2 arts.

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

80.4 \$1,750,000 the first year and \$1,750,000 the
 80.5 second year are for events and activities that
 80.6 represent the diverse cultural arts traditions,
 80.7 including folk and traditional artists and art
 80.8 organizations, represented in this state.

80.9 (f) Up to 4.5 percent of the funds appropriated
 80.10 in paragraphs (b) to (d) may be used by the
 80.11 board for administering grant programs,
 80.12 delivering technical services, providing
 80.13 fiscal oversight for the statewide system, and
 80.14 ensuring accountability.

80.15 (g) Thirty percent of the remaining total
 80.16 appropriation to each of the categories listed
 80.17 in paragraphs (b) to (d) is for grants to the
 80.18 regional arts councils. Notwithstanding any
 80.19 other provision of law, regional arts council
 80.20 grants or other arts council grants for touring
 80.21 programs, projects, or exhibits must ensure
 80.22 the programs, projects, or exhibits are able to
 80.23 tour in their own region as well as all other
 80.24 regions of the state.

80.25 (h) Any unencumbered balance remaining
 80.26 under this section in the first year does not
 80.27 cancel, but is available for the second year
 80.28 of the biennium.

80.29 <u>Subd. 4. Minnesota Historical Society</u>	<u>15,995,000</u>	<u>16,415,000</u>
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80.30 (a) These amounts are appropriated to the
 80.31 governing board of the Minnesota Historical
 80.32 Society to preserve and enhance access to
 80.33 Minnesota's history and its cultural and
 80.34 historical resources. Grant agreements

81.1 entered into by the Minnesota Historical
81.2 Society and other recipients of appropriations
81.3 in this subdivision must ensure that
81.4 these funds are used to supplement and
81.5 not substitute for traditional sources of
81.6 funding. Funds directly appropriated to the
81.7 Minnesota Historical Society must be used to
81.8 supplement and not substitute for traditional
81.9 sources of funding. Notwithstanding
81.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, for
81.11 historic preservation projects that improve
81.12 historic structures, the amounts are available
81.13 until June 30, 2019. The Minnesota
81.14 Historical Society or grant recipients of the
81.15 Minnesota Historical Society using arts and
81.16 cultural heritage funds under this subdivision
81.17 must give consideration to Conservation
81.18 Corps Minnesota and Northern Bedrock
81.19 Conservation Corps, or an organization
81.20 carrying out similar work, for projects with
81.21 the potential to need historic preservation
81.22 services.

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

81.24 (1) Statewide Historic and Cultural Grants
81.25 \$5,600,000 the first year and \$6,000,000 the
81.26 second year are for history programs and
81.27 projects operated or conducted by or through
81.28 local, county, regional, or other historical
81.29 or cultural organizations or for activities
81.30 to preserve significant historic and cultural
81.31 resources. Funds are to be distributed through
81.32 a competitive grant process. The Minnesota
81.33 Historical Society shall administer these
81.34 funds using established grant mechanisms,
81.35 with assistance from the advisory committee

82.1 created under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article
82.2 4, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (b),
82.3 item (ii). Notwithstanding these guidelines,
82.4 the historical society and the advisory
82.5 committee may consider a grant to the
82.6 Gunflint Trail Historical Society for the
82.7 Chik-Wauk Museum.

82.8 (2) Programs

82.9 \$5,660,000 the first year and \$6,000,000 the
82.10 second year are for programs and purposes
82.11 related to the historical and cultural heritage
82.12 of the state of Minnesota, conducted by the
82.13 Minnesota Historical Society. Of the amount
82.14 in this paragraph, \$60,000 the first year is for
82.15 the Minnesota Historical Society to develop a
82.16 museum installation celebrating the legacy of
82.17 Minnesota disability culture. The Minnesota
82.18 Historical Society shall collaborate with
82.19 the Minnesota State Council on Disability
82.20 to create the museum installation and may
82.21 use the funding to promote the exhibit and
82.22 increase access to the exhibit.

82.23 (3) History Partnerships

82.24 \$2,300,000 the first year and \$2,340,000 the
82.25 second year are for partnerships involving
82.26 multiple organizations, which may include
82.27 the Minnesota Historical Society, to preserve
82.28 and enhance access to Minnesota's history
82.29 and cultural heritage in all regions of the state.

82.30 (4) Statewide Survey of Historical and
82.31 Archaeological Sites

82.32 \$280,000 the first year and \$300,000 the
82.33 second year are for a contract or contracts
82.34 to be awarded on a competitive basis to
82.35 conduct statewide surveys of Minnesota's

83.1 sites of historical, archaeological, and
 83.2 cultural significance. Results of the surveys
 83.3 must be published in a searchable form
 83.4 and available to the public on a cost-free
 83.5 basis. The Minnesota Historical Society, the
 83.6 Office of the State Archaeologist, and the
 83.7 Indian Affairs Council shall each appoint a
 83.8 representative to an oversight board to select
 83.9 contractors and direct the conduct of the
 83.10 surveys. The oversight board shall consult
 83.11 with the Departments of Transportation and
 83.12 Natural Resources.

83.13 (5) Digital Library

83.14 \$280,000 the first year and \$300,000 the
 83.15 second year are for a digital library project
 83.16 to preserve, digitize, and share Minnesota
 83.17 images, documents, and historical materials.
 83.18 The Minnesota Historical Society shall
 83.19 cooperate with the Minitex interlibrary
 83.20 loan system and shall jointly share this
 83.21 appropriation for these purposes.

83.22 (6) Historic Recognition Grants Program

83.23 \$1,875,000 the first year and \$1,475,000
 83.24 the second year are for a competitive grants
 83.25 program to provide grants for projects
 83.26 that preserve, recognize, and promote the
 83.27 historic legacy of Minnesota. Grants may be
 83.28 awarded to projects that honor the history
 83.29 of Minnesota, including but not limited to:
 83.30 projects to build or design exhibits; artistic
 83.31 productions including film, television,
 83.32 and music; education presentations; and
 83.33 commemorative events.

83.34	<u>Subd. 5. Department of Education</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>	<u>2,500,000</u>
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84.1 These amounts are appropriated to the
 84.2 commissioner of education for grants to
 84.3 the 12 Minnesota regional library systems
 84.4 to provide educational opportunities in
 84.5 the arts, history, literary arts, and cultural
 84.6 heritage of Minnesota. These funds must be
 84.7 allocated using the formulas in Minnesota
 84.8 Statutes, section 134.355, subdivisions 3,
 84.9 4, and 5, with the remaining 25 percent to
 84.10 be distributed to all qualifying systems in
 84.11 an amount proportionate to the number of
 84.12 qualifying system entities in each system.
 84.13 For purposes of this subdivision, "qualifying
 84.14 system entity" means a public library, a
 84.15 regional library system, a regional library
 84.16 system headquarters, a county, or an outreach
 84.17 service program. These funds may be used
 84.18 to sponsor programs provided by regional
 84.19 libraries or to provide grants to local arts
 84.20 and cultural heritage programs for programs
 84.21 in partnership with regional libraries.
 84.22 These funds must be distributed in ten
 84.23 equal payments per year. Notwithstanding
 84.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the
 84.25 appropriations encumbered on or before
 84.26 June 30, 2017, as grants or contracts in this
 84.27 subdivision are available until June 30, 2019.

84.28 <u>Subd. 6. Department of Administration</u>	<u>9,172,000</u>	<u>8,643,000</u>
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84.29 (a) These amounts are appropriated to
 84.30 the commissioner of administration for
 84.31 grants to the named organizations for the
 84.32 purposes specified in this subdivision. Up
 84.33 to one percent of funds may be used by the
 84.34 commissioner for grants administration.

85.1 (b) Grant agreements entered into by
 85.2 the commissioner and recipients of
 85.3 appropriations under this subdivision must
 85.4 ensure that money appropriated in this
 85.5 subdivision is used to supplement and not
 85.6 substitute for traditional sources of funding.

85.7 **(c) Veterans Rest Camp**

85.8 \$113,000 the first year is for the Disabled
 85.9 Veterans Rest Camp Association for the
 85.10 veterans rest camp on Big Marine Lake for
 85.11 parks, trails, and recreation areas.

85.12 **(d) Minnesota Public Radio**

85.13 \$1,417,000 each year is for Minnesota Public
 85.14 Radio to create programming and expand
 85.15 news service on Minnesota's cultural heritage
 85.16 and history.

85.17 **(e) Association of Minnesota Public**
 85.18 **Educational Radio Stations**

85.19 \$1,417,000 each year is appropriated for a
 85.20 grant to the Association of Minnesota Public
 85.21 Educational Radio Stations for production
 85.22 and acquisition grants in accordance with
 85.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 129D.19.

85.24 **(f) Public Television**

85.25 \$3,000,000 the first year and \$3,834,000
 85.26 the second year are for grants to the
 85.27 Minnesota Public Television Association for
 85.28 production and acquisition grants according
 85.29 to Minnesota Statutes, section 129D.18.

85.30 **(g) Wilderness Inquiry**

85.31 \$250,000 each year is for grants to Wilderness
 85.32 Inquiry to preserve Minnesota's outdoor
 85.33 history, culture, and heritage by connecting
 85.34 Minnesota youth to natural resources.

- 86.1 **(h) Como Park Zoo**
- 86.2 \$1,125,000 each year is for the Como
- 86.3 Park Zoo for program development that
- 86.4 features education programs and habitat
- 86.5 enhancement, special exhibits, music
- 86.6 appreciation programs, and historical garden
- 86.7 access and preservation.
- 86.8 **(i) Science Museum of Minnesota**
- 86.9 \$600,000 each year is for arts, arts education,
- 86.10 and arts access and to preserve Minnesota's
- 86.11 history and cultural heritage, including
- 86.12 student and teacher outreach and expansion
- 86.13 of the museum's American Indian initiatives
- 86.14 programs.
- 86.15 **(j) Lake Superior Center Authority**
- 86.16 \$250,000 the first year is for development,
- 86.17 preparation, and construction of an exhibit
- 86.18 on the unsalted seas to preserve Minnesota's
- 86.19 history and cultural heritage related to fresh
- 86.20 water lakes.
- 86.21 **(k) Capitol Art Preservation**
- 86.22 \$1,000,000 the first year is for restoration
- 86.23 and preservation of the fine art located in the
- 86.24 State Capitol complex.
- 86.25 **Subd. 7. Minnesota Zoo** 1,125,000 1,125,000
- 86.26 These amounts are appropriated to the
- 86.27 Minnesota Zoological Board for programs
- 86.28 and development of the Minnesota
- 86.29 Zoological Garden and to provide access and
- 86.30 education related to programs on the cultural
- 86.31 heritage of Minnesota.
- 86.32 **Subd. 8. Minnesota Humanities Center** 2,850,000 2,850,000

87.1 (a) These amounts are appropriated to
87.2 the Board of Directors of the Minnesota
87.3 Humanities Center for the purposes
87.4 specified in this subdivision. The Minnesota
87.5 Humanities Center may use a portion of
87.6 the following grants to cover the cost of
87.7 administering, planning, evaluating, and
87.8 reporting these grants.

87.9 **(b) Programs and Purposes**

87.10 \$825,000 each year is for programs and
87.11 purposes of the Minnesota Humanities
87.12 Center. Of this amount, \$100,000 each year
87.13 may be used for the veterans' voices program.

87.14 The Minnesota Humanities Center may
87.15 consider museums and organizations
87.16 celebrating the identities of Minnesotans for
87.17 grants from these funds. The Minnesota
87.18 Humanities Center may develop a written
87.19 plan to competitively issue these grants and,
87.20 if a plan is developed, shall submit the plan
87.21 for review and approval by the Department
87.22 of Administration.

87.23 **(c) Heritage Grants Program**

87.24 \$900,000 each year is for a competitive grants
87.25 program to provide grants to preserve and
87.26 promote the cultural heritage of Minnesota.

87.27 The Minnesota Humanities Center shall
87.28 operate a competitive grants program to
87.29 provide grants for programs, including but
87.30 not limited to: music, film, television, radio,
87.31 recreation, or the design and use of public
87.32 spaces that preserves and honors the cultural
87.33 heritage of Minnesota. Grants made under
87.34 this paragraph must not be used for travel
87.35 costs inside or outside of the state.

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

88.2 \$875,000 each year is for arts and cultural

88.3 heritage grants to children's museums.

88.4 Of this amount, \$500,000 each year is for the

88.5 Minnesota Children's Museum, including the

88.6 Minnesota Children's Museum in Rochester;

88.7 \$125,000 each year is for the Duluth

88.8 Children's Museum; \$125,000 each year is

88.9 for the Grand Rapids Children's Museum;

88.10 and \$125,000 each year is for the Southern

88.11 Minnesota Children's Museum.

88.12 **(e) Civics Programs**

88.13 \$150,000 each year is for grants to Kids

88.14 Voting St. Paul, the Learning Law and

88.15 Democracy Foundation, and YMCA

88.16 Youth in Government to conduct civics

88.17 education programs for the civic and cultural

88.18 development of Minnesota youth. Civics

88.19 education is the study of constitutional

88.20 principles and the democratic foundation

88.21 of our national, state, and local institutions

88.22 and the study of political processes and

88.23 structures of government, grounded in the

88.24 understanding of constitutional government

88.25 under the rule of law.

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

88.27 \$100,000 each year is for a grant to Ka

88.28 Joog for the Fanka Program to provide

88.29 arts education and workshops, mentor

88.30 programs, and community engagement

88.31 events throughout Minnesota.

88.32 **Subd. 9. Perpich Center for Arts Education**

500,000

500,000

88.33 (a) These amounts are appropriated to the

88.34 Board of Directors of the Perpich Center

89.1 for Arts Education for the programs under
 89.2 paragraph (c).

89.3 (b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
 89.4 section 16A.28, the appropriations
 89.5 encumbered on or before June 30, 2017, are
 89.6 available until June 30, 2019.

89.7 **(c) Arts Integration and Turnaround Arts**
 89.8 **Programs**

89.9 \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
 89.10 second year are for the arts integration
 89.11 program and Turnaround Arts programs to
 89.12 assist schools and programs throughout the
 89.13 state.

89.14	<u>Subd. 10. Indian Affairs Council</u>	<u>1,325,000</u>	<u>1,325,000</u>
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89.15 (a) \$1,250,000 each year is for the Indian
 89.16 Affairs Council to provide grants to preserve
 89.17 Dakota and Ojibwe Indian language and to
 89.18 foster education programs and immersion
 89.19 programs in Dakota and Ojibwe language.

89.20 (b) \$75,000 each year is for the Indian
 89.21 Affairs Council to carry out responsibilities
 89.22 under Minnesota Statutes, section 307.08, to
 89.23 comply with Public Law 101-601, the Native
 89.24 American Graves Protection and Repatriation
 89.25 Act, and to develop an osteology laboratory
 89.26 and repository for American Indian human
 89.27 remains.

89.28	<u>Subd. 11. Board of Regents</u>	<u>125,000</u>	<u>125,000</u>
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89.29 This amount is appropriated to the Board of
 89.30 Regents of the University of Minnesota for a
 89.31 grant to the Bell Museum of Natural History
 89.32 for the planetarium network and portable
 89.33 planetarium program. This appropriation

90.1 must not be used for the purchase of motor
 90.2 vehicles.

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

90.4 This amount is appropriated to the Legislative
 90.5 Coordinating Commission to operate the
 90.6 Web site for dedicated funds required
 90.7 under Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303,
 90.8 subdivision 10.

90.9 Subd. 13. **Disability Access**

90.10 Where appropriate, grant recipients of arts
 90.11 and cultural heritage funds, in consultation
 90.12 with the Council on Disability, should make
 90.13 progress toward providing greater access
 90.14 to programs, print publications, and digital
 90.15 media for people with disabilities related
 90.16 to the programs the recipient funds using
 90.17 appropriations made in this section.

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

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

90.21 For a grant to the city of St. Paul to predesign,
 90.22 design, construct, furnish, and equip an
 90.23 expansion and renovation of the Minnesota
 90.24 Children's Museum. The expansion and
 90.25 exhibit upgrades should incorporate the
 90.26 latest research on early learning, allow for
 90.27 new state-of-the art education facilities, and
 90.28 increase the capacity of visitors to galleries
 90.29 and programming areas. This appropriation
 90.30 is not available until the commissioner of
 90.31 management and budget has determined that
 90.32 at least ~~an equal amount~~ \$4,000,000 has been
 90.33 committed from nonstate sources. Amounts
 90.34 expended for this project by nonstate sources

91.1 since October 1, 2010, shall count toward the
91.2 nonstate match.

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

91.4 **ARTICLE 5**

91.5 **GENERAL PROVISIONS; ALL LEGACY FUNDS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

91.24 (c) A state agency or other recipient of a direct appropriation from the parks and
91.25 trails fund must compile and submit all information for funded projects or programs,
91.26 including the proposed measurable outcomes and all other items required under section
91.27 3.303, subdivision 10, to the Legislative Coordinating Commission as soon as practicable
91.28 or by January 15 of the applicable fiscal year, whichever comes first. The Legislative
91.29 Coordinating Commission must post submitted information on the Web site required
91.30 under section 3.303, subdivision 10, as soon as it becomes available.

91.31 (d) Grants funded by the parks and trails fund must be implemented according to
91.32 section 16B.98 and must account for all expenditures. Proposals must specify a process

92.1 for any regrating envisioned. Priority for grant proposals must be given to proposals
92.2 involving grants that will be competitively awarded.

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

92.5 (f) When practicable, a direct recipient of an appropriation from the parks and
92.6 trails fund shall prominently display on the recipient's Web site home page the legacy
92.7 logo required under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 5, section 10, as amended by Laws
92.8 2010, chapter 361, article 3, section 5, accompanied by the phrase "Click here for more
92.9 information." When a person clicks on the legacy logo image, the Web site must direct
92.10 the person to a Web page that includes both the contact information that a person may
92.11 use to obtain additional information, as well as a link to the Legislative Coordinating
92.12 Commission Web site required under section 3.303, subdivision 10.

92.13 (g) Future eligibility for money from the parks and trails fund is contingent upon a
92.14 state agency or other recipient satisfying all applicable requirements in this section, as
92.15 well as any additional requirements contained in applicable session law. If the Office of
92.16 the Legislative Auditor, in the course of an audit or investigation, publicly reports that a
92.17 recipient of money from the parks and trails fund has not complied with the laws, rules, or
92.18 regulations in this section or other laws applicable to the recipient, the recipient must be
92.19 listed in an annual report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the legacy
92.20 funds. The list must be publicly available. The legislative auditor shall remove a recipient
92.21 from the list upon determination that the recipient is in compliance. A recipient on the
92.22 list is not eligible for future funding from the parks and trails fund until the recipient
92.23 demonstrates compliance to the legislative auditor.

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

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

92.32 (b) When practicable, a direct recipient of an appropriation from the outdoor
92.33 heritage fund shall prominently display on the recipient's Web site home page the legacy
92.34 logo required under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 5, section 10, as amended by Laws
92.35 2010, chapter 361, article 3, section 5, accompanied by the phrase "Click here for more

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

93.5 (c) Future eligibility for money from the outdoor heritage fund is contingent upon a
93.6 state agency or other recipient satisfying all applicable requirements in this section, as
93.7 well as any additional requirements contained in applicable session law. If the Office of
93.8 the Legislative Auditor, in the course of an audit or investigation, publicly reports that a
93.9 recipient of money from the outdoor heritage fund has not complied with the laws, rules,
93.10 or regulations in this section or other laws applicable to the recipient, the recipient must be
93.11 listed in an annual report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the legacy
93.12 funds. The list must be publicly available. The legislative auditor shall remove a recipient
93.13 from the list upon determination that the recipient is in compliance. A recipient on the
93.14 list is not eligible for future funding from the outdoor heritage fund until the recipient
93.15 demonstrates compliance to the legislative auditor.

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

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

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

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

94.1 (d) Grants funded by the clean water fund must be implemented according to section
94.2 16B.98 and must account for all expenditures. Proposals must specify a process for any
94.3 regranting envisioned. Priority for grant proposals must be given to proposals involving
94.4 grants that will be competitively awarded.

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

94.7 (f) When practicable, a direct recipient of an appropriation from the clean water fund
94.8 shall prominently display on the recipient's Web site home page the legacy logo required
94.9 under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 5, section 10, as amended by Laws 2010, chapter
94.10 361, article 3, section 5, accompanied by the phrase "Click here for more information."
94.11 When a person clicks on the legacy logo image, the Web site must direct the person to
94.12 a Web page that includes both the contact information that a person may use to obtain
94.13 additional information, as well as a link to the Legislative Coordinating Commission Web
94.14 site required under section 3.303, subdivision 10.

94.15 (g) Future eligibility for money from the clean water fund is contingent upon a
94.16 state agency or other recipient satisfying all applicable requirements in this section, as
94.17 well as any additional requirements contained in applicable session law. If the Office of
94.18 the Legislative Auditor, in the course of an audit or investigation, publicly reports that a
94.19 recipient of money from the clean water fund has not complied with the laws, rules, or
94.20 regulations in this section or other laws applicable to the recipient, the recipient must be
94.21 listed in an annual report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the legacy
94.22 funds. The list must be publicly available. The legislative auditor shall remove a recipient
94.23 from the list upon determination that the recipient is in compliance. A recipient on the list
94.24 is not eligible for future funding from the clean water fund until the recipient demonstrates
94.25 compliance to the legislative auditor.

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

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

94.30 Subd. 2. **Expenditures; accountability.** (a) Funding from the arts and cultural
94.31 heritage fund may be spent only for arts, arts education, and arts access, and to preserve
94.32 Minnesota's history and cultural heritage. A project or program receiving funding from
94.33 the arts and cultural heritage fund must include measurable outcomes, and a plan for
94.34 measuring and evaluating the results. A project or program must be consistent with current

95.1 scholarship, or best practices, when appropriate and must incorporate state-of-the-art
95.2 technology when appropriate.

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

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

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

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

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

95.22 (g) When practicable, a direct recipient of an appropriation from the arts and cultural
95.23 heritage fund shall prominently display on the recipient's Web site home page the legacy
95.24 logo required under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 5, section 10, as amended by Laws
95.25 2010, chapter 361, article 3, section 5, accompanied by the phrase "Click here for more
95.26 information." When a person clicks on the legacy logo image, the Web site must direct
95.27 the person to a Web page that includes both the contact information that a person may
95.28 use to obtain additional information, as well as a link to the Legislative Coordinating
95.29 Commission Web site required under section 3.303, subdivision 10.

95.30 (h) Future eligibility for money from the arts and cultural heritage fund is contingent
95.31 upon a state agency or other recipient satisfying all applicable requirements in this section,
95.32 as well as any additional requirements contained in applicable session law. If the Office of
95.33 the Legislative Auditor, in the course of an audit or investigation, publicly reports that a
95.34 recipient of money from the arts and cultural heritage fund has not complied with the laws,
95.35 rules, or regulations in this section or other laws applicable to the recipient, the recipient
95.36 must be listed in an annual report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the

96.1 legacy funds. The list must be publicly available. The legislative auditor shall remove a
96.2 recipient from the list upon determination that the recipient is in compliance. A recipient
96.3 on the list is not eligible for future funding from the arts and cultural heritage fund until
96.4 the recipient demonstrates compliance to the legislative auditor.

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