

1.1 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON S.F. No. 2527

1.2 A bill for an act
1.3 relating to natural resources; appropriating money from outdoor heritage fund;
1.4 modifying evaluation provisions; modifying prior appropriations; amending
1.5 Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97A.056, subdivision 10; Laws 2015, First
1.6 Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section 2, subdivisions 2, 3, 5.

1.7 May 20, 2016
1.8 The Honorable Sandra L. Pappas
1.9 President of the Senate

1.10 The Honorable Kurt L. Daudt
1.11 Speaker of the House of Representatives

1.12 We, the undersigned conferees for S.F. No. 2527 report that we have agreed upon
1.13 the items in dispute and recommend as follows:

1.14 That the House recede from its amendment and that S.F. No. 2527 be further
1.15 amended as follows:

1.16 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.17 **"ARTICLE 1**

1.18 **OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND**

1.19 Section 1. **OUTDOOR HERITAGE APPROPRIATION.**

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

1.27 **APPROPRIATIONS**
1.28 **Available for the Year**

2.1	<u>Ending June 30</u>	
2.2	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
2.3	Sec. 2. <u>OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND</u>	
2.4	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u> <u>\$ 109,847,000</u>
2.5	<u>This appropriation is from the outdoor</u>	
2.6	<u>heritage fund. The amounts that may be</u>	
2.7	<u>spent for each purpose are specified in the</u>	
2.8	<u>following subdivisions.</u>	
2.9	<u>Subd. 2. Prairies</u>	<u>-0-</u> <u>31,000,000</u>
2.10	<u>(a) DNR Wildlife Management Area and</u>	
2.11	<u>Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition - Phase</u>	
2.12	<u>VIII</u>	
2.13	<u>\$3,250,000 the second year is to the</u>	
2.14	<u>commissioner of natural resources to acquire</u>	
2.15	<u>land in fee for wildlife management purposes</u>	
2.16	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,</u>	
2.17	<u>subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee</u>	
2.18	<u>for scientific and natural area purposes</u>	
2.19	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,</u>	
2.20	<u>subdivision 5. Subject to evaluation criteria</u>	
2.21	<u>in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority</u>	
2.22	<u>must be given to acquisition of lands that</u>	
2.23	<u>are eligible for the native prairie bank under</u>	
2.24	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands</u>	
2.25	<u>adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of</u>	
2.26	<u>proposed land acquisitions must be provided</u>	
2.27	<u>as part of the required accomplishment plan.</u>	
2.28	<u>(b) Accelerating Wildlife Management Area</u>	
2.29	<u>Acquisition - Phase VIII</u>	
2.30	<u>\$5,229,000 the second year is to the</u>	
2.31	<u>commissioner of natural resources for</u>	
2.32	<u>an agreement with Pheasants Forever to</u>	
2.33	<u>acquire in fee and restore lands for wildlife</u>	
2.34	<u>management area purposes under Minnesota</u>	
2.35	<u>Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8.</u>	

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

3.9 **(c) Martin County/Fox Lake Wildlife**
3.10 **Management Area Acquisition**

3.11 \$1,000,000 the second year is to the
3.12 commissioner of natural resources for an
3.13 agreement with Fox Lake Conservation
3.14 League, Inc. to acquire land in fee and restore
3.15 strategic prairie grassland, wetland, and other
3.16 wildlife habitat for wildlife management area
3.17 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
3.18 86A.05, subdivision 8. A list of proposed
3.19 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
3.20 required accomplishment plan.

3.21 **(d) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National**
3.22 **Wildlife Refuge Land Acquisition - Phase VII**

3.23 \$2,754,000 the second year is to the
3.24 commissioner of natural resources for an
3.25 agreement with The Nature Conservancy
3.26 in cooperation with the United States Fish
3.27 and Wildlife Service to acquire land in fee
3.28 or permanent conservation easements and
3.29 restore lands within the Northern Tallgrass
3.30 Prairie Habitat Preservation Area in western
3.31 Minnesota for addition to the Northern
3.32 Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge.
3.33 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota
3.34 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be
3.35 given to acquisition of lands that are eligible
3.36 for the native prairie bank under Minnesota

4.1 Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to
4.2 protected native prairie. A list of proposed
4.3 land acquisitions must be provided as part
4.4 of the required accomplishment plan and
4.5 must be consistent with the priorities in the
4.6 Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

4.7 **(e) Cannon River Headwaters Habitat**
4.8 **Complex - Phase VI**

4.9 \$583,000 the second year is to the
4.10 commissioner of natural resources for an
4.11 agreement with The Trust for Public Land
4.12 to acquire land in fee and restore lands in
4.13 the Cannon River watershed for wildlife
4.14 management purposes under Minnesota
4.15 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8.
4.16 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota
4.17 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be
4.18 given to acquisition of lands that are eligible
4.19 for the native prairie bank under Minnesota
4.20 Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to
4.21 protected native prairie. A list of proposed
4.22 land acquisitions must be provided as part of
4.23 the required accomplishment plan.

4.24 **(f) Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection**
4.25 **- Phase V**

4.26 \$2,541,000 the second year is to the
4.27 commissioner of natural resources
4.28 to implement the Minnesota Prairie
4.29 Conservation Plan through the acquisition of
4.30 permanent conservation easements to protect
4.31 and restore native prairie. Of this amount, up
4.32 to \$120,000 is for establishing monitoring
4.33 and enforcement funds as approved in
4.34 the accomplishment plan and subject to
4.35 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
4.36 subdivision 17. Subject to evaluation criteria

5.1 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
5.2 must be given to acquisition of lands that
5.3 are eligible for the native prairie bank under
5.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
5.5 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of
5.6 permanent conservation easements must be
5.7 provided as part of the final report.

5.8 **(g) Reinvest In Minnesota (RIM) Buffers for**
5.9 **Wildlife and Water - Phase VI**

5.10 \$6,708,000 the second year is to the Board
5.11 of Water and Soil Resources to acquire
5.12 permanent conservation easements and
5.13 restore habitat under Minnesota Statutes,
5.14 section 103F.515, to protect, restore, and
5.15 enhance habitat by expanding the clean
5.16 water fund riparian buffer program for at
5.17 least equal wildlife benefits from buffers on
5.18 private land. Of this amount, up to \$130,000
5.19 is to establish a monitoring and enforcement
5.20 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
5.21 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
5.22 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
5.23 conservation easements must be provided as
5.24 part of the final report.

5.25 **(h) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the**
5.26 **Southern Red River Valley - Phase II**

5.27 \$2,269,000 the second year is to the
5.28 commissioner of natural resources for
5.29 an agreement with Pheasants Forever, in
5.30 cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie
5.31 Chicken Society, to acquire land in fee and
5.32 restore and enhance lands in the southern
5.33 Red River Valley for wildlife management
5.34 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
5.35 86A.05, subdivision 8, or for designation
5.36 and management as waterfowl production

6.1 areas in Minnesota, in cooperation with the
6.2 United States Fish and Wildlife Service.
6.3 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota
6.4 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be
6.5 given to acquisition of lands that are eligible
6.6 for the native prairie bank under Minnesota
6.7 Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to
6.8 protected native prairie. A list of proposed
6.9 land acquisitions must be provided as part of
6.10 the required accomplishment plan.

6.11 **(i) Grassland Conservation Partnership -**
6.12 **Phase II**

6.13 \$1,475,000 the second year is to the
6.14 commissioner of natural resources for an
6.15 agreement with The Conservation Fund, in
6.16 cooperation with Minnesota Land Trust, to
6.17 acquire permanent conservation easements
6.18 and restore high priority grassland, prairie,
6.19 and wetland habitats as follows: \$64,000
6.20 to The Conservation Fund; and \$1,411,000
6.21 to Minnesota Land Trust, of which up to
6.22 \$100,000 is for establishing a monitoring
6.23 and enforcement fund, as approved in
6.24 the accomplishment plan and subject to
6.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
6.26 subdivision 17. Subject to evaluation criteria
6.27 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
6.28 must be given to acquisition of lands that
6.29 are eligible for the native prairie bank under
6.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
6.31 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of
6.32 proposed acquisitions must be provided as
6.33 part of the required accomplishment plan and
6.34 must be consistent with the priorities in the
6.35 Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

7.1 **(j) Accelerated Prairie Restoration and**
7.2 **Enhancement on DNR Lands - Phase VIII**

7.3 \$3,983,000 the second year is to the
7.4 commissioner of natural resources to
7.5 accelerate restoration and enhancement
7.6 of prairies, grasslands, and savannas on
7.7 wildlife management areas, scientific and
7.8 natural areas, native prairie bank land,
7.9 and bluff prairies on state forest land in
7.10 southeastern Minnesota. A list of proposed
7.11 land restorations and enhancements
7.12 must be provided as part of the required
7.13 accomplishment plan.

7.14 **(k) Anoka Sandplain Habitat Restoration and**
7.15 **Enhancement - Phase IV**

7.16 \$1,208,000 the second year is to the
7.17 commissioner of natural resources for
7.18 agreements to restore and enhance wildlife
7.19 habitat on public lands in Anoka, Isanti,
7.20 Morrison, Sherburne, and Todd Counties as
7.21 follows: \$93,000 to Anoka Conservation
7.22 District; \$25,000 to Isanti County Parks
7.23 and Recreation Department; \$813,000 to
7.24 Great River Greening; and \$277,000 to the
7.25 National Wild Turkey Federation. A list of
7.26 proposed land restorations and enhancements
7.27 must be provided as part of the required
7.28 accomplishment plan.

7.29 Subd. 3. Forests

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18,379,000

7.30 **(a) Young Forest Conservation - Phase II**

7.31 \$1,369,000 the second year is to the
7.32 commissioner of natural resources for
7.33 an agreement with the American Bird
7.34 Conservancy to restore publicly owned,
7.35 permanently protected forest lands for

8.1 wildlife management purposes. A list
8.2 of proposed forest land restorations
8.3 must be provided as part of the required
8.4 accomplishment plan.

8.5 **(b) Jack Pine Forest/Crow Wing River**
8.6 **Watershed Habitat Acquisition**

8.7 \$3,570,000 the second year is to the
8.8 commissioner of natural resources for an
8.9 agreement with the Minnesota Deer Hunters
8.10 Association to acquire in fee and restore
8.11 and enhance forest habitat lands in Cass
8.12 and Hubbard Counties for county forest
8.13 purposes. A list of proposed land acquisitions
8.14 must be provided as part of the required
8.15 accomplishment plan.

8.16 **(c) Camp Ripley Partnership - Phase VI**

8.17 \$1,500,000 the second year is to the Board
8.18 of Water and Soil Resources, in cooperation
8.19 with the Morrison County Soil and Water
8.20 Conservation District, to acquire permanent
8.21 conservation easements and restore forest
8.22 wildlife habitat within the boundaries
8.23 of the Minnesota National Guard Camp
8.24 Ripley Compatible Use Buffer. Of this
8.25 amount, up to \$72,000 is to establish
8.26 a monitoring and enforcement fund, as
8.27 approved in the accomplishment plan and
8.28 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
8.29 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
8.30 conservation easements must be provided as
8.31 part of the final report.

8.32 **(d) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**
8.33 **Restoration - Phase IV**

8.34 \$5,000,000 the second year is to the
8.35 commissioner of natural resources for an

9.1 agreement with The Nature Conservancy, in
9.2 cooperation with The Trust for Public Land
9.3 and Minnesota Land Trust, to acquire land
9.4 in fee for wildlife management purposes
9.5 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
9.6 subdivision 8, to acquire land in fee for
9.7 scientific and natural areas under Minnesota
9.8 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision
9.9 5, to acquire land in fee for state forest
9.10 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
9.11 86A.05, subdivision 7, to acquire permanent
9.12 conservation easements, and to restore
9.13 and enhance prairie, grasslands, forest,
9.14 and savanna as follows: \$1,506,000 to
9.15 The Nature Conservancy; \$2,930,000 to
9.16 The Trust for Public Land; and \$564,000
9.17 to Minnesota Land Trust, of which up to
9.18 \$80,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to
9.19 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund,
9.20 as approved in the accomplishment plan
9.21 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
9.22 97A.056, subdivision 17. Annual income
9.23 statements and balance sheets for income
9.24 and expenses from land acquired in fee with
9.25 this appropriation and not transferred to
9.26 state or local government ownership must
9.27 be submitted to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
9.28 Heritage Council. A list of proposed land
9.29 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
9.30 required accomplishment plan.

9.31 **(e) Minnesota Forests for the Future - Phase IV**

9.32 \$1,840,000 the second year is to the
9.33 commissioner of natural resources to
9.34 acquire forest, wetland, and shoreline
9.35 habitat through working forest permanent
9.36 conservation easements under the Minnesota

10.1 forests for the future program pursuant
10.2 to Minnesota Statutes, section 84.66.
10.3 A conservation easement acquired with
10.4 money appropriated under this paragraph
10.5 must comply with Minnesota Statutes,
10.6 section 97A.056, subdivision 13. The
10.7 accomplishment plan must include an
10.8 easement monitoring and enforcement
10.9 plan. Of this amount, up to \$25,000 is to
10.10 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
10.11 as approved in the accomplishment plan
10.12 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
10.13 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
10.14 conservation easements must be provided as
10.15 part of the final report.

10.16 **(f) Protect Key Forest Lands in Cass County -**
10.17 **Phase VII**

10.18 \$500,000 the second year is to the
10.19 commissioner of natural resources for an
10.20 agreement with Cass County to acquire land
10.21 in fee in Cass County for forest wildlife
10.22 habitat or to prevent forest fragmentation.

10.23 A list of proposed land acquisitions
10.24 must be provided as part of the required
10.25 accomplishment plan.

10.26 **(g) State Forest Acquisitions - Phase III**

10.27 \$1,000,000 the second year is to the
10.28 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
10.29 lands in fee for wildlife habitat purposes
10.30 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
10.31 subdivision 7. A list of proposed land
10.32 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
10.33 required accomplishment plan.

10.34 **(h) Forest Habitat Protection Revolving**
10.35 **Account**

11.1 \$1,000,000 the second year is to the
11.2 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
11.3 lands in fee and permanent conservation
11.4 easements for wildlife habitat purposes,
11.5 for forest consolidation and connective
11.6 corridor purposes, or to prevent forest
11.7 fragmentation under Minnesota Statutes,
11.8 section 86A.05, subdivision 7. Proceeds
11.9 from any subsequent sale of lands acquired
11.10 with this appropriation must be used for the
11.11 purposes of this appropriation. Any sale
11.12 proceeds remaining unused upon close of the
11.13 appropriation availability must be returned to
11.14 the outdoor heritage fund. A list of proposed
11.15 land acquisitions must be provided as part of
11.16 the required accomplishment plan. Unless
11.17 otherwise provided, this appropriation is
11.18 available until June 30, 2022. For acquisition
11.19 of real property, this appropriation is
11.20 available until June 30, 2023, if a binding
11.21 agreement with a landowner or purchase
11.22 agreement is entered into by June 30,
11.23 2022, and closed no later than June 30,
11.24 2023. Of this amount, up to \$50,000 is to
11.25 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
11.26 as approved in the accomplishment plan
11.27 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
11.28 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
11.29 conservation easements must be provided as
11.30 part of the final report.

11.31 **(i) Mississippi River Floodplain Forest**
11.32 **Enhancement - Phase II**

11.33 \$412,000 the second year is to the
11.34 commissioner of natural resources for an
11.35 agreement with the National Audubon
11.36 Society to restore and enhance floodplain

12.1 forest habitat for wildlife on public
12.2 lands along the Mississippi River. A
12.3 list of restorations and enhancements
12.4 must be provided as part of the required
12.5 accomplishment plan.
12.6 **(j) Protecting Forest Wildlife Habitat in the**
12.7 **Wild Rice River Watershed**

12.8 \$2,188,000 the second year is to the
12.9 commissioner of natural resources for an
12.10 agreement with the White Earth Band of
12.11 Ojibwe to acquire lands in fee in Clearwater
12.12 County to be managed for wildlife habitat
12.13 purposes. A list of proposed land acquisitions
12.14 must be provided as part of the required
12.15 accomplishment plan. As a condition of
12.16 receiving the grant under this paragraph, the
12.17 White Earth Band of Ojibwe shall:

12.18 (1) ensure that current access roads and trails
12.19 on the property are maintained and open to
12.20 continue the current access to adjoining lands;

12.21 (2) ensure that the property remains open to
12.22 hunting and fishing for individuals of the
12.23 public who are not members of a federally
12.24 recognized tribe in a manner consistent with
12.25 current law; and

12.26 (3) not transfer fee interest in whole or in part
12.27 to the United States either directly or through
12.28 an intermediary in trust for the White Earth
12.29 Band of Ojibwe.

12.30 Failure to comply with the provisions of
12.31 this paragraph shall trigger the reversion
12.32 provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section
12.33 97A.056, subdivision 15.

12.34 **Subd. 4. Wetlands**

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31,055,000

13.1 **(a) Accelerating the Waterfowl Production**
13.2 **Area Acquisition - Phase VIII**

13.3 \$5,650,000 the second year is to the
13.4 commissioner of natural resources for an
13.5 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire
13.6 in fee and restore and enhance wetlands and
13.7 grasslands to be designated and managed as
13.8 waterfowl production areas in Minnesota,
13.9 in cooperation with the United States Fish
13.10 and Wildlife Service. A list of proposed land
13.11 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
13.12 required accomplishment plan.

13.13 **(b) Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection**
13.14 **Program - Phase V**

13.15 \$5,801,000 the second year is to the
13.16 commissioner of natural resources for an
13.17 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire
13.18 in fee and restore prairie lands, wetlands,
13.19 and land buffering shallow lakes for wildlife
13.20 management purposes under Minnesota
13.21 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8. A list
13.22 of proposed acquisitions must be provided as
13.23 part of the required accomplishment plan.

13.24 **(c) RIM Wetlands Partnership - Phase VII**

13.25 \$13,808,000 the second year is to the Board
13.26 of Water and Soil Resources to acquire lands
13.27 in permanent conservation easements and
13.28 to restore wetlands and native grassland
13.29 habitat under Minnesota Statutes, section
13.30 103F.515. Of this amount, up to \$195,000 is
13.31 to establish a monitoring and enforcement
13.32 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
13.33 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
13.34 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent

14.1 conservation easements must be provided as
14.2 part of the final report.

14.3 **(d) Wetland Habitat Protection Program -**
14.4 **Phase II**

14.5 \$1,629,000 the second year is to the
14.6 commissioner of natural resources for an
14.7 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
14.8 acquire permanent conservation easements
14.9 in high-priority wetland habitat complexes
14.10 in the prairie and forest/prairie transition
14.11 regions. Of this amount, up to \$180,000 is to
14.12 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund,
14.13 as approved in the accomplishment plan
14.14 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
14.15 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
14.16 easement acquisitions must be provided as
14.17 part of the final report.

14.18 **(e) Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetlands**
14.19 **Enhancement - Phase VIII**

14.20 \$2,167,000 the second year is to the
14.21 commissioner of natural resources to enhance
14.22 and restore shallow lakes and wetland habitat
14.23 statewide. A list of proposed land restorations
14.24 and enhancements must be provided as part
14.25 of the required accomplishment plan.

14.26 **(f) Marsh Lake - Phase II**

14.27 \$2,000,000 the second year is to the
14.28 commissioner of natural resources to modify
14.29 the dam at Marsh Lake for improved habitat
14.30 management and to return the historic outlet
14.31 of the Pomme de Terre River to Lac Qui Parle.

14.32 Subd. 5. **Habitats** -0- 29,138,000

14.33 **(a) DNR Aquatic Habitat Protection - Phase**
14.34 **VIII**

15.1 \$1,578,000 the second year is to the
15.2 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
15.3 land in fee and permanent conservation
15.4 easements for aquatic management purposes
15.5 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05,
15.6 subdivision 14, and 97C.02, to acquire
15.7 permanent conservation easements under
15.8 the Minnesota forests for the future
15.9 program pursuant to Minnesota Statutes,
15.10 section 84.66, and to restore and enhance
15.11 aquatic and adjacent upland habitat.
15.12 Of this amount, up to \$153,000 is to
15.13 establish a monitoring and enforcement
15.14 fund as approved in the accomplishment
15.15 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
15.16 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of
15.17 proposed land acquisitions, conservation
15.18 easements, restorations, and enhancements
15.19 must be provided as part of the required
15.20 accomplishment plan.

15.21 **(b) Metro Big Rivers Habitat - Phase VII**

15.22 \$4,000,000 the second year is to the
15.23 commissioner of natural resources for
15.24 agreements to acquire land in fee and
15.25 permanent conservation easements and
15.26 to restore and enhance natural systems
15.27 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,
15.28 and St. Croix Rivers within the metropolitan
15.29 area as follows: \$500,000 to Minnesota
15.30 Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust,
15.31 Inc.; \$430,000 to Friends of the Mississippi
15.32 River; \$1,170,000 to Great River Greening;
15.33 \$800,000 to The Trust for Public Land; and
15.34 \$1,100,000 to Minnesota Land Trust, of
15.35 which up to \$60,000 to Minnesota Land Trust
15.36 is to establish a monitoring and enforcement

16.1 fund as approved in the accomplishment
16.2 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
16.3 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of
16.4 proposed land acquisitions and permanent
16.5 conservation easements must be provided as
16.6 part of the required accomplishment plan.

16.7 **(c) Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor**
16.8 **Partnership - Phase II**

16.9 \$2,105,000 the second year is to the
16.10 commissioner of natural resources for
16.11 agreements to acquire lands in fee in the
16.12 Mississippi Headwaters and for agreements
16.13 as follows: \$76,000 to the Mississippi
16.14 Headwaters Board; and \$2,029,000 to
16.15 The Trust for Public Land. \$1,045,000
16.16 the second year is to the Board of Water
16.17 and Soil Resources to acquire permanent
16.18 conservation easements and to restore
16.19 wildlife habitat, of which up to \$78,000 is
16.20 to establish a monitoring and enforcement
16.21 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
16.22 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
16.23 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
16.24 acquisitions must be included as part of the
16.25 required accomplishment plan.

16.26 **(d) Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic**
16.27 **North Central Minnesota Lakes - Phase II**

16.28 \$1,425,000 the second year is to the
16.29 commissioner of natural resources for
16.30 agreements with the Leech Lake Area
16.31 Watershed Foundation and Minnesota Land
16.32 Trust to acquire land in fee and permanent
16.33 conservation easements to sustain healthy
16.34 fish habitat on cold water lakes in Aitkin,
16.35 Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard Counties
16.36 as follows: \$480,000 to Leech Lake Area

17.1 Watershed Foundation; and \$945,000 to
17.2 Minnesota Land Trust, of which up to
17.3 \$180,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to
17.4 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
17.5 as approved in the accomplishment plan
17.6 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
17.7 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
17.8 land acquisitions must be provided as part of
17.9 the required accomplishment plan.

17.10 **(e) Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish**
17.11 **Habitat Enhancement and Restoration - Phase**
17.12 **VIII**

17.13 \$1,975,000 the second year is to the
17.14 commissioner of natural resources for an
17.15 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited
17.16 to restore or enhance habitat for trout and
17.17 other species in and along cold water rivers,
17.18 lakes, and streams in Minnesota. A list of
17.19 proposed restorations and enhancements
17.20 must be provided as part of the required
17.21 accomplishment plan.

17.22 **(f) DNR Stream Habitat**

17.23 \$2,074,000 the second year is to the
17.24 commissioner of natural resources to restore
17.25 and enhance habitat to facilitate fish passage,
17.26 degraded streams, and critical aquatic species
17.27 habitat. A list of proposed land restorations
17.28 and enhancements must be provided as part
17.29 of the required accomplishment plan.

17.30 **(g) St. Louis River Restoration Initiative -**
17.31 **Phase III**

17.32 \$2,707,000 the second year is to the
17.33 commissioner of natural resources to restore
17.34 aquatic habitats in the St. Louis River
17.35 estuary. A list of proposed restorations

18.1 must be provided as part of the required
18.2 accomplishment plan.

18.3 **(h) Sand Hill River Fish Passage - Phase II**

18.4 \$828,000 the second year is to the
18.5 commissioner of natural resources for
18.6 an agreement with the Sand Hill River
18.7 Watershed District, in cooperation with
18.8 the Department of Natural Resources and
18.9 Army Corps of Engineers, to restore and
18.10 enhance fish passage and habitat in the Sand
18.11 Hill River watershed. A list of proposed
18.12 restorations must be provided as part of the
18.13 required accomplishment plan.

18.14 **(i) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**
18.15 **Restoration Program - Phase V**

18.16 \$1,200,000 the second year is to the
18.17 commissioner of natural resources for
18.18 an agreement with the Shell Rock River
18.19 Watershed District to acquire in fee, restore,
18.20 and enhance aquatic habitat in the Shell
18.21 Rock River watershed. A list of proposed
18.22 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements
18.23 must be provided as part of the required
18.24 accomplishment plan.

18.25 **(j) Roseau Lake Rehabilitation**

18.26 \$2,763,000 the second year is to the
18.27 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
18.28 land in fee and permanent conservation
18.29 easements for wildlife management purposes
18.30 in Roseau County under Minnesota Statutes,
18.31 section 86A.05, subdivision 8, to restore
18.32 and enhance wildlife habitat. A list of
18.33 proposed land acquisitions and restorations
18.34 and enhancements must be provided as part
18.35 of the required accomplishment plan.

19.1 **(k) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**
19.2 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat -**
19.3 **Phase VIII**

19.4 \$7,438,000 the second year is to the
19.5 commissioner of natural resources for a
19.6 program to provide competitive, matching
19.7 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,
19.8 state, and national organizations for
19.9 enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests,
19.10 wetlands, prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or
19.11 wildlife in Minnesota. Of this amount, up to
19.12 \$2,500,000 is for grants in the seven-county
19.13 metropolitan area and cities with a population
19.14 of 50,000 or greater. Grants shall not be made
19.15 for activities required to fulfill the duties
19.16 of owners of lands subject to conservation
19.17 easements. Grants shall not be made from the
19.18 appropriation in this paragraph for projects
19.19 that have a total project cost exceeding
19.20 \$575,000. Of the total appropriation,
19.21 \$588,000 may be spent for personnel costs
19.22 and other direct and necessary administrative
19.23 costs. Grantees may acquire land or interests
19.24 in land. Easements must be permanent.
19.25 Grants may not be used to establish easement
19.26 stewardship accounts. Land acquired in fee
19.27 must be open to hunting and fishing during
19.28 the open season unless otherwise provided
19.29 by law. The program must require a match
19.30 of at least ten percent from nonstate sources
19.31 for all grants. The match may be cash or
19.32 in-kind resources. For grant applications
19.33 of \$25,000 or less, the commissioner shall
19.34 provide a separate, simplified application
19.35 process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the
19.36 commissioner of natural resources shall,

20.1 when evaluating projects of equal value,
20.2 give priority to organizations that have a
20.3 history of receiving or a charter to receive
20.4 private contributions for local conservation
20.5 or habitat projects. If acquiring land in fee
20.6 or a conservation easement, priority must be
20.7 given to projects associated with or within
20.8 one mile of existing wildlife management
20.9 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section
20.10 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific and natural
20.11 areas under Minnesota Statutes, sections
20.12 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; or aquatic
20.13 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,
20.14 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02.
20.15 All restoration or enhancement projects
20.16 must be on land permanently protected by
20.17 a permanent covenant ensuring perpetual
20.18 maintenance and protection of restored
20.19 and enhanced habitat, by a conservation
20.20 easement, by public ownership, or in public
20.21 waters as defined in Minnesota Statutes,
20.22 section 103G.005, subdivision 15. Priority
20.23 must be given to restoration and enhancement
20.24 projects on public lands. Minnesota Statutes,
20.25 section 97A.056, subdivision 13, applies
20.26 to grants awarded under this paragraph.
20.27 This appropriation is available until June
20.28 30, 2020. No less than five percent of the
20.29 amount of each grant must be held back from
20.30 reimbursement until the grant recipient has
20.31 completed a grant accomplishment report by
20.32 the deadline and in the form prescribed by
20.33 and satisfactory to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
20.34 Heritage Council. The commissioner shall
20.35 provide notice of the grant program in
20.36 the game and fish law summary prepared

21.1 under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.051,
21.2 subdivision 2.

21.3 Subd. 6. Administration -0- 275,000

21.4 **(a) Contract Management**

21.5 \$150,000 the second year is to the
21.6 commissioner of natural resources for
21.7 contract management duties assigned in this
21.8 section. The commissioner shall provide an
21.9 accomplishment plan in the form specified by
21.10 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
21.11 on the expenditure of this appropriation.
21.12 The accomplishment plan must include
21.13 a copy of the grant contract template
21.14 and reimbursement manual. No money
21.15 may be expended prior to Lessard-Sams
21.16 Outdoor Heritage Council approval of the
21.17 accomplishment plan.

21.18 **(b) Technical Evaluation Panel**

21.19 \$125,000 the second year is to the
21.20 commissioner of natural resources for a
21.21 technical evaluation panel to conduct up to
21.22 15 restoration and enhancement evaluations
21.23 under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
21.24 subdivision 10.

21.25 **Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation**

21.26 Money appropriated in this section may
21.27 not be spent on activities unless they are
21.28 directly related to and necessary for a
21.29 specific appropriation and are specified in
21.30 the accomplishment plan approved by the
21.31 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
21.32 Money appropriated in this section must not
21.33 be spent on indirect costs or other institutional
21.34 overhead charges that are not directly related

22.1 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.
22.2 Unless otherwise provided, the amounts
22.3 in this section are available until June 30,
22.4 2019. For acquisition of real property, the
22.5 amounts in this section are available until
22.6 June 30, 2020, if a binding agreement with a
22.7 landowner or purchase agreement is entered
22.8 into by June 30, 2019, and closed no later
22.9 than June 30, 2020. Funds for restoration
22.10 or enhancement are available until June
22.11 30, 2021, or five years after acquisition,
22.12 whichever is later, in order to complete initial
22.13 restoration or enhancement work. If a project
22.14 receives at least 15 percent of its funding
22.15 from federal funds, the time period of the
22.16 appropriation may be extended to equal the
22.17 availability of federal funding to a maximum
22.18 of six years, provided the federal funding
22.19 was confirmed and included in the first draft
22.20 accomplishment plan. Money appropriated
22.21 for fee title acquisition of land may be used to
22.22 restore, enhance, and provide for public use
22.23 of the land acquired with the appropriation.
22.24 Public use facilities must have a minimal
22.25 impact on habitat in acquired lands.

22.26 **Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital**
22.27 **Equipment Expenditures**

22.28 All agreements referred to in this section must
22.29 be administered on a reimbursement basis
22.30 unless otherwise provided in this section.
22.31 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
22.32 16A.41, expenditures directly related
22.33 to each appropriation's purpose made
22.34 on or after July 1, 2016, or the date of
22.35 accomplishment plan approval, whichever is
22.36 later, are eligible for reimbursement unless

23.1 otherwise provided in this section. For the
23.2 purposes of administering appropriations
23.3 and legislatively authorized agreements paid
23.4 out of the outdoor heritage fund, an expense
23.5 must be considered reimbursable by the
23.6 administering agency when the recipient
23.7 presents the agency with an invoice, or
23.8 binding agreement with the landowner, and
23.9 the recipient attests that the goods have
23.10 been received or the landowner agreement
23.11 is binding. Periodic reimbursement must
23.12 be made upon receiving documentation that
23.13 the items articulated in the accomplishment
23.14 plan approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
23.15 Heritage Council have been achieved,
23.16 including partial achievements as evidenced
23.17 by progress reports approved by the
23.18 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
23.19 Reasonable amounts may be advanced to
23.20 projects to accommodate cash flow needs,
23.21 support future management of acquired
23.22 lands, or match a federal share. The
23.23 advances must be approved as part of the
23.24 accomplishment plan. Capital equipment
23.25 expenditures for specific items in excess of
23.26 \$10,000 must be itemized in and approved as
23.27 part of the accomplishment plan.

23.28 Subd. 9. **Mapping**

23.29 Each direct recipient of money appropriated
23.30 in this section, as well as each recipient of
23.31 a grant awarded pursuant to this section,
23.32 must provide geographic information to the
23.33 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
23.34 for mapping of any lands acquired in fee
23.35 with funds appropriated in this section and
23.36 open to public taking of fish and game. The

24.1 commissioner of natural resources shall
24.2 include the lands acquired in fee with money
24.3 appropriated in this section on maps showing
24.4 public recreation opportunities. Maps must
24.5 include information on and acknowledgment
24.6 of the outdoor heritage fund, including a
24.7 notation of any restrictions.

24.8 **Subd. 10. RIM Buffers for Wildlife and Water**
24.9 **Restorations**

24.10 The following appropriations to the Board
24.11 of Water and Soil Resources for the RIM
24.12 buffers for wildlife and water program
24.13 may be used for restoration of lands
24.14 acquired by conservation easement with the
24.15 appropriations:

24.16 (1) Laws 2015, First Special Session
24.17 chapter 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2,
24.18 paragraph (f);

24.19 (2) Laws 2014, chapter 256, article 1, section
24.20 2, subdivision 2, paragraph (f);

24.21 (3) Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 1, section
24.22 2, subdivision 2, paragraph (e);

24.23 (4) Laws 2012, chapter 264, article 1, section
24.24 2, subdivision 2, paragraph (a); and

24.25 (5) Laws 2011, First Special Session
24.26 chapter 6, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2,
24.27 paragraph (c).

24.28 **Subd. 11. Carryforward of Appropriation**

24.29 (a) The availability of the appropriation in
24.30 Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 1, section
24.31 2, subdivision 5, paragraph (b), for Habitat
24.32 Protection in Dakota County - Phase IV is
24.33 extended to June 30, 2017.

25.1 (b) Paragraph (a) is effective the day
25.2 following final enactment.

25.3 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97A.056, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

25.12 (5) two members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the
25.13 house.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26.5 (5) one public member appointed by the senate Subcommittee on Committees of the
26.6 Committee on Rules and Administration for a term ending the first Monday in January
26.7 2013; and

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

26.10 (f) Terms, compensation, and removal of public members are as provided in section
26.11 15.0575. A vacancy on the council may be filled by the appointing authority for the
26.12 remainder of the unexpired term.

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

26.17 (h) ~~Upon coordination with The Legislative Coordinating Commission, the council~~
26.18 may appoint nonpartisan staff and contract with consultants as necessary to ~~carry out~~
26.19 support the functions of the council. The council has final approval authority for the
26.20 hiring of a candidate for executive director. Up to one percent of the money appropriated
26.21 from the fund may be used to pay for administrative expenses of the council and for
26.22 compensation and expense reimbursement of council members.

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

26.24 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97A.056, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

26.25 Subd. 10. **Restoration and enhancements evaluations.** The commissioner of
26.26 natural resources and the Board of Water and Soil Resources ~~may~~ must convene a technical
26.27 evaluation panel comprised of five members, including one technical representative from
26.28 the Board of Water and Soil Resources, one technical representative from the Department of
26.29 Natural Resources, one technical expert from the University of Minnesota or the Minnesota
26.30 State Colleges and Universities, and two representatives with expertise in the project
26.31 being evaluated. The board and the commissioner may add a technical representative from
26.32 a unit of federal or local government. The members of the technical evaluation panel
26.33 may not be associated with the restoration or enhancement, may vary depending upon
26.34 the projects being reviewed, and shall avoid any potential conflicts of interest. Each year,
26.35 the board and the commissioner may assign a coordinator to identify ~~a sample of up to~~

27.1 ~~ten~~ habitat restoration or enhancement projects completed with outdoor heritage funding.
 27.2 The coordinator shall secure the ~~restoration~~ plans for the projects specified and direct
 27.3 the technical evaluation panel to evaluate the restorations and enhancements relative to
 27.4 the law, current science, and the stated goals and standards in the ~~restoration~~ project
 27.5 plan and, when applicable, to the Board of Water and Soil Resources' native vegetation
 27.6 establishment and enhancement guidelines. The coordinator shall summarize the findings
 27.7 of the panel and provide a report to the chair of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage
 27.8 Council and the chairs of the respective house of representatives and senate policy and
 27.9 finance committees with jurisdiction over natural resources and spending from the outdoor
 27.10 heritage fund. The report shall determine if the restorations and enhancements are meeting
 27.11 planned goals, any problems with the implementation of restorations and enhancements,
 27.12 and, if necessary, recommendations on improving restorations and enhancements. The
 27.13 report shall be focused on improving future restorations and enhancements. At least
 27.14 one-tenth of one percent of forecasted receipts from the outdoor heritage fund must be
 27.15 used for restoration and enhancements evaluations under this section.

27.16 Sec. 5. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2,
 27.17 is amended to read:

27.18 Subd. 2. **Prairies** 40,948,000 -0-

27.19 **(a) DNR Wildlife Management Area and**
 27.20 **Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition - Phase**
 27.21 **VII**

27.22 \$4,570,000 in the first year is to the
 27.23 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
 27.24 land in fee for wildlife management purposes
 27.25 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 27.26 subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee
 27.27 for scientific and natural area purposes
 27.28 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 27.29 subdivision 5. Subject to evaluation criteria
 27.30 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
 27.31 must be given to acquisition of lands that
 27.32 are eligible for the native prairie bank under
 27.33 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
 27.34 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of
 27.35 proposed land and permanent conservation

28.1 easement acquisitions must be provided as
28.2 part of the required accomplishment plan.

28.3 **(b) Accelerating Wildlife Management Area**
28.4 **Acquisition - Phase VII**

28.5 \$7,452,000 in the first year is to the
28.6 commissioner of natural resources for an
28.7 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire
28.8 land in fee for wildlife management area
28.9 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
28.10 86A.05, subdivision 8. Subject to evaluation
28.11 criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,
28.12 priority must be given to acquisition of
28.13 lands that are eligible for the native prairie
28.14 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section
28.15 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native
28.16 prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions
28.17 must be provided as part of the required
28.18 accomplishment plan.

28.19 **(c) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project - Phase**
28.20 **VI**

28.21 \$4,032,000 in the first year is to the
28.22 commissioner of natural resources for an
28.23 agreement with The Nature Conservancy
28.24 to acquire native prairie, wetlands, and
28.25 savanna and restore and enhance grasslands,
28.26 wetlands, and savanna. Subject to evaluation
28.27 criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,
28.28 priority must be given to acquisition of lands
28.29 that are eligible for the native prairie bank
28.30 under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or
28.31 lands adjacent to protected native prairie.
28.32 Annual income statements and balance sheets
28.33 for income and expenses from land acquired
28.34 with this appropriation must be submitted
28.35 to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage
28.36 Council no later than 180 days following

29.1 the close of The Nature Conservancy's fiscal
29.2 year. A list of proposed land acquisitions
29.3 must be provided as part of the required
29.4 accomplishment plan and must be consistent
29.5 with the priorities identified in the Minnesota
29.6 Prairie Conservation Plan.

29.7 **(d) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National**
29.8 **Wildlife Refuge Land Acquisition - Phase V VI**

29.9 \$3,430,000 in the first year is to the
29.10 commissioner of natural resources for an
29.11 agreement with The Nature Conservancy
29.12 in cooperation with the United States Fish
29.13 and Wildlife Service to acquire land in
29.14 fee or permanent conservation easements
29.15 within the Northern Tallgrass Prairie Habitat
29.16 Preservation Area in western Minnesota
29.17 for addition to the Northern Tallgrass
29.18 Prairie National Wildlife Refuge. Subject
29.19 to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules,
29.20 part 6136.0900, priority must be given to
29.21 acquisition of lands that are eligible for
29.22 the native prairie bank under Minnesota
29.23 Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to
29.24 protected native prairie. A list of proposed
29.25 land acquisitions must be provided as part
29.26 of the required accomplishment plan and
29.27 must be consistent with the priorities in the
29.28 Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

29.29 **(e) Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection**
29.30 **- Phase IV**

29.31 \$3,740,000 in the first year is to the
29.32 commissioner of natural resources
29.33 to implement the Minnesota Prairie
29.34 Conservation Plan through the acquisition
29.35 of permanent conservation easements to
29.36 protect native prairie and grasslands. Up

30.1 to \$165,000 is for establishing monitoring
30.2 and enforcement funds as approved in
30.3 the accomplishment plan and subject to
30.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
30.5 subdivision 17. Subject to evaluation criteria
30.6 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
30.7 must be given to acquisition of lands that
30.8 are eligible for the native prairie bank under
30.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
30.10 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of
30.11 permanent conservation easements must be
30.12 provided as part of the final report.

30.13 **(f) Minnesota Buffers for Wildlife and Water**
30.14 **- Phase V**

30.15 \$4,544,000 in the first year is to the Board
30.16 of Water and Soil Resources to acquire
30.17 permanent conservation easements to protect
30.18 and enhance habitat by expanding the clean
30.19 water fund riparian buffer program for at
30.20 least equal wildlife benefits from buffers
30.21 on private land. Up to \$72,500 is for
30.22 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
30.23 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
30.24 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
30.25 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
30.26 conservation easements must be provided as
30.27 part of the final report.

30.28 **(g) Cannon River Headwaters Habitat**
30.29 **Complex - Phase V**

30.30 \$1,380,000 in the first year is to the
30.31 commissioner of natural resources for an
30.32 agreement with The Trust for Public Land to
30.33 acquire and restore lands in the Cannon River
30.34 watershed for wildlife management purposes
30.35 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
30.36 subdivision 8. Subject to evaluation criteria

31.1 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
31.2 must be given to acquisition of lands that
31.3 are eligible for the native prairie bank under
31.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
31.5 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of
31.6 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
31.7 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

31.8 **(h) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the**
31.9 **Southern Red River Valley**

31.10 \$1,800,000 in the first year is to the
31.11 commissioner of natural resources for
31.12 an agreement with Pheasants Forever in
31.13 cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie
31.14 Chicken Society to acquire and restore lands
31.15 in the southern Red River Valley for wildlife
31.16 management purposes under Minnesota
31.17 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8,
31.18 or for designation and management as
31.19 waterfowl production areas in Minnesota,
31.20 in cooperation with the United States Fish
31.21 and Wildlife Service. A list of proposed land
31.22 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
31.23 required accomplishment plan.

31.24 **(i) Protecting and Restoring Minnesota's**
31.25 **Important Bird Areas**

31.26 \$1,730,000 in the first year is to the
31.27 commissioner of natural resources for
31.28 agreements to acquire conservation
31.29 easements within important bird areas
31.30 identified in the Minnesota Prairie
31.31 Conservation Plan, to be used as follows:
31.32 \$408,000 is to Audubon Minnesota and
31.33 \$1,322,000 is to Minnesota Land Trust, of
31.34 which up to \$100,000 is for establishing
31.35 monitoring and enforcement funds as
31.36 approved in the accomplishment plan and

32.1 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
32.2 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
32.3 conservation easements must be provided as
32.4 part of the final report.

32.5 **(j) Wild Rice River Corridor Habitat**
32.6 **Restoration**

32.7 \$2,270,000 in the first year is to the
32.8 commissioner of natural resources for an
32.9 agreement with the Wild Rice Watershed
32.10 District to acquire land in fee and permanent
32.11 conservation easement and to `restore river
32.12 and related habitat in the Wild Rice River
32.13 corridor. A list of proposed acquisitions and
32.14 restorations must be provided as part of the
32.15 required accomplishment plan.

32.16 **(k) Accelerated Prairie Restoration and**
32.17 **Enhancement on DNR Lands - Phase VII**

32.18 \$4,880,000 in the first year is to the
32.19 commissioner of natural resources to
32.20 accelerate the restoration and enhancement
32.21 of prairie communities on wildlife
32.22 management areas, scientific and natural
32.23 areas, state forest land, and land under
32.24 native prairie bank easements. A list of
32.25 proposed land restorations and enhancements
32.26 must be provided as part of the required
32.27 accomplishment plan.

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

32.29 \$1,120,000 in the first year is to the
32.30 commissioner of natural resources for an
32.31 agreement with Pheasants Forever to enhance
32.32 and restore habitat on public lands. A list of
32.33 proposed land restorations and enhancements
32.34 must be provided as part of the final report.

33.1 Sec. 6. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 3,
33.2 is amended to read:

33.3 Subd. 3. **Forests** 12,634,000 -0-

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

33.5 \$1,500,000 in the first year is to the
33.6 Board of Water and Soil Resources in
33.7 cooperation with the Morrison County Soil
33.8 and Water Conservation District to acquire
33.9 permanent conservation easements within
33.10 the boundaries of the Minnesota National
33.11 Guard Compatible Use Buffer to protect
33.12 forest wildlife habitat. Up to \$55,000 is for
33.13 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
33.14 fund, as approved in the accomplishment
33.15 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
33.16 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of
33.17 permanent conservation easements must be
33.18 provided as part of the final report.

33.19 **(b) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**
33.20 **Restoration - Phase III**

33.21 \$2,910,000 in the first year is to the
33.22 commissioner of natural resources for an
33.23 agreement with The Nature Conservancy to
33.24 acquire land in fee for wildlife management
33.25 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
33.26 86A.05, subdivision 8; to acquire land
33.27 in fee for scientific and natural areas
33.28 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
33.29 subdivision 5; for state forest purposes
33.30 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
33.31 subdivision 7; and to enhance grasslands,
33.32 forest, and savanna. A list of proposed
33.33 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
33.34 required accomplishment plan.

34.1 **(c) Protecting Pinelands Sands Aquifer**
34.2 **Forestlands - Phase II**

34.3 \$2,180,000 in the first year is to the
34.4 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
34.5 forest lands in Cass, Hubbard, and Wadena
34.6 Counties for wildlife management purposes
34.7 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
34.8 subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee
34.9 for state forests under Minnesota Statutes,
34.10 section 86A.05, subdivision 7. A list of
34.11 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
34.12 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

34.13 **(d) Protect Key Forest Lands in Cass County**
34.14 **- Phase VI**

34.15 \$442,000 in the first year is to the
34.16 commissioner of natural resources for an
34.17 agreement with Cass County to acquire land
34.18 in fee in Cass County for forest wildlife
34.19 habitat or to prevent forest fragmentation.
34.20 A list of proposed land acquisitions
34.21 must be provided as part of the required
34.22 accomplishment plan.

34.23 **(e) Critical Shoreland Protection Program -**
34.24 **Phase III**

34.25 \$1,690,000 in the first year is to the
34.26 commissioner of natural resources for an
34.27 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
34.28 acquire permanent conservation easements
34.29 along rivers and lakes in the northern
34.30 forest region. Up to \$220,000 is for
34.31 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
34.32 fund, as approved in the accomplishment
34.33 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
34.34 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of
34.35 proposed permanent conservation easements

35.1 must be provided as part of the required
35.2 accomplishment plan.

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

35.4 \$3,002,000 in the first year is to the
35.5 commissioner of natural resources to
35.6 acquire lands in fee and for permanent
35.7 conservation easements in the Mississippi
35.8 Headwaters and for agreements as follows:
35.9 \$1,217,000 to The Trust for Public Land;
35.10 and \$824,000 to Minnesota Land Trust,
35.11 of which up to \$80,000 is for establishing
35.12 a monitoring and enforcement fund as
35.13 approved in the accomplishment plan and
35.14 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
35.15 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
35.16 acquisitions must be included as part of the
35.17 required accomplishment plan.

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

35.19 \$910,000 in the first year is to the
35.20 commissioner of natural resources to
35.21 enhance forests in southeastern Minnesota.
35.22 A list of proposed land enhancements
35.23 must be provided as part of the required
35.24 accomplishment plan.

35.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2015.

35.26 Sec. 7. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5,
35.27 is amended to read:

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

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

35.30 \$4,540,000 in the first year is to the
35.31 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
35.32 interests in land in fee and permanent

36.1 conservation easements for aquatic
36.2 management purposes under Minnesota
36.3 Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 14,
36.4 and 97C.02, to acquire interests in land in
36.5 permanent conservation easements for fish
36.6 and wildlife habitat under Minnesota Statutes,
36.7 section 84.66, and to restore and enhance
36.8 aquatic habitat. Up to \$130,000 is for
36.9 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
36.10 fund as approved in the accomplishment
36.11 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
36.12 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of
36.13 proposed land acquisitions and restorations
36.14 and enhancements must be provided as part
36.15 of the required accomplishment plan.

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

36.17 \$2,000,000 in the first year is to the
36.18 commissioner of natural resources for
36.19 agreements to acquire land in fee and in
36.20 permanent conservation easements and
36.21 to restore and enhance natural systems
36.22 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,
36.23 and St. Croix Rivers as follows: \$475,000 to
36.24 Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge
36.25 Trust, Inc.; \$275,000 to Friends of the
36.26 Mississippi River; \$400,000 to Great River
36.27 Greening; \$375,000 to Minnesota Land Trust;
36.28 and \$475,000 to The Trust for Public Land.
36.29 Up to \$60,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is for
36.30 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
36.31 fund as approved in the accomplishment
36.32 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
36.33 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of
36.34 proposed land acquisitions and permanent
36.35 conservation easements must be provided as
36.36 part of the required accomplishment plan.

37.1 **(c) Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish**
37.2 **Habitat Enhancement and Restoration - Phase**
37.3 **VII**

37.4 \$1,890,000 in the first year is to the
37.5 commissioner of natural resources for an
37.6 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited
37.7 to restore and enhance habitat for trout
37.8 and other species in and along coldwater
37.9 rivers and streams in Minnesota. A list of
37.10 proposed restorations and enhancements
37.11 must be provided as part of the required
37.12 accomplishment plan.

37.13 **(d) Lake Bemidji South Shore Restoration and**
37.14 **Enhancement**

37.15 \$1,650,000 in the first year is to the
37.16 commissioner of natural resources for
37.17 an agreement with the city of Bemidji to
37.18 restore and enhance fish habitat on Lake
37.19 Bemidji. A list of proposed restorations and
37.20 enhancements must be provided as part of
37.21 the required accomplishment plan.

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

37.23 \$990,000 in the first year is to the
37.24 commissioner of natural resources for
37.25 an agreement with the Sand Hill River
37.26 Watershed District to restore fish habitat
37.27 in the Sand Hill River watershed. A list of
37.28 proposed restorations must be provided as
37.29 part of the required accomplishment plan.

37.30 **(f) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**
37.31 **Restoration Program - Phase IV**

37.32 \$2,414,000 in the first year is to the
37.33 commissioner of natural resources for
37.34 an agreement with the Shell Rock River
37.35 Watershed District to protect, restore,

38.1 and enhance aquatic habitat in the Shell
38.2 Rock River watershed. A list of proposed
38.3 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements
38.4 must be provided as part of the required
38.5 accomplishment plan.

38.6 **(g) Lake Nokomis Integrated Habitat**
38.7 **Enhancement**

38.8 \$444,000 in the first year is to the
38.9 commissioner of natural resources for an
38.10 agreement with the Minneapolis Park and
38.11 Recreation Board to enhance aquatic habitat
38.12 on Lake Nokomis. A list of proposed
38.13 enhancements must be provided as part of
38.14 the required accomplishment plan.

38.15 **(h) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**
38.16 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat -**
38.17 **Phase VII**

38.18 \$8,440,000 in the first year is to the
38.19 commissioner of natural resources for a
38.20 program to provide competitive, matching
38.21 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,
38.22 state, and national organizations for
38.23 enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests,
38.24 wetlands, prairies, or habitat for fish, game,
38.25 or wildlife in Minnesota. Of this amount,
38.26 \$3,692,000 is for grants in the seven-county
38.27 metropolitan area and cities with a population
38.28 of 50,000 or greater. Grants shall not be made
38.29 for activities required to fulfill the duties
38.30 of owners of lands subject to conservation
38.31 easements. Grants shall not be made from the
38.32 appropriation in this paragraph for projects
38.33 that have a total project cost exceeding
38.34 \$575,000. Of this appropriation, \$596,000
38.35 may be spent for personnel costs and other
38.36 direct and necessary administrative costs.

39.1 Grantees may acquire land or interests in
39.2 land. Easements must be permanent. Grants
39.3 may not be used to establish easement
39.4 stewardship accounts. Land acquired in fee
39.5 must be open to hunting and fishing during
39.6 the open season unless otherwise provided
39.7 by law. The program must require a match
39.8 of at least ten percent from nonstate sources
39.9 for all grants. The match may be cash or
39.10 in-kind resources. For grant applications
39.11 of \$25,000 or less, the commissioner shall
39.12 provide a separate, simplified application
39.13 process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the
39.14 commissioner of natural resources shall,
39.15 when evaluating projects of equal value,
39.16 give priority to organizations that have a
39.17 history of receiving or a charter to receive
39.18 private contributions for local conservation
39.19 or habitat projects. If acquiring land or a
39.20 conservation easement, priority must be
39.21 given to projects associated with or within
39.22 one mile of existing wildlife management
39.23 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section
39.24 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific and natural
39.25 areas under Minnesota Statutes, sections
39.26 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; or aquatic
39.27 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,
39.28 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02.
39.29 All restoration or enhancement projects
39.30 must be on land permanently protected by
39.31 a permanent covenant ensuring perpetual
39.32 maintenance and protection of restored
39.33 and enhanced habitat, by a conservation
39.34 easement, or by public ownership or in
39.35 public waters as defined in Minnesota
39.36 Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision

40.1 15. Priority must be given to restoration
 40.2 and enhancement projects on public lands.
 40.3 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
 40.4 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded
 40.5 under this paragraph. This appropriation is
 40.6 available until June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019. No less
 40.7 than five percent of the amount of each grant
 40.8 must be held back from reimbursement until
 40.9 the grant recipient has completed a grant
 40.10 accomplishment report by the deadline and
 40.11 in the form prescribed by and satisfactory to
 40.12 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
 40.13 The commissioner shall provide notice of
 40.14 the grant program in the game and fish law
 40.15 summary prepared under Minnesota Statutes,
 40.16 section 97A.051, subdivision 2.

40.17 **ARTICLE 2**

40.18 **CLEAN WATER FUND**

40.19 Section 1. Laws 2011, First Special Session chapter 6, article 2, section 3, is amended
 40.20 to read:

40.21				<u>7,700,000</u>	
40.22	Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	\$	7,700,000	\$	<u>7,110,000</u>

40.23 (a) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the
 40.24 second year are to increase monitoring for
 40.25 pesticides and pesticide degradates in surface
 40.26 water and groundwater and to use data
 40.27 collected to assess pesticide use practices.

40.28 (b) \$850,000 the first year and \$850,000
 40.29 the second year are to increase monitoring
 40.30 and evaluate trends in the concentration of
 40.31 nitrates in groundwater in high-risk areas
 40.32 and regionally and to promote and evaluate
 40.33 regional and crop-specific nutrient best
 40.34 management practices. This appropriation is
 40.35 available until June 30, 2016.

41.1 (c) \$4,500,000 the first year and \$4,500,000
41.2 the second year are for the agriculture best
41.3 management practices loan program. At
41.4 least \$3,500,000 the first year and at least
41.5 \$3,900,000 the second year are for transfer to
41.6 the clean water agricultural best management
41.7 practices loan account and are available
41.8 for pass-through to local governments
41.9 and lenders for low-interest loans under
41.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 17.117. Any
41.11 unencumbered balance that is not used for
41.12 pass-through to local governments does not
41.13 cancel at the end of the first year and is
41.14 available for the second year.

41.15 (d) \$775,000 the first year and ~~\$775,000~~
41.16 \$675,000 the second year are for research,
41.17 pilot projects, and technical assistance on
41.18 proper implementation of best management
41.19 practices and more precise information on
41.20 nonpoint contributions to impaired waters.
41.21 This appropriation is available until June 30,
41.22 2016.

41.23 (e) \$1,050,000 the first year and ~~\$1,050,000~~
41.24 \$560,000 the second year are for research
41.25 to quantify agricultural contributions to
41.26 impaired waters and for development and
41.27 evaluation of best management practices to
41.28 protect and restore water resources while
41.29 maintaining productivity. This appropriation
41.30 is available until June 30, 2016.

41.31 (f) \$175,000 the first year and \$175,000 the
41.32 second year are for a research inventory
41.33 database containing water-related research
41.34 activities. This appropriation is available
41.35 until June 30, 2016.

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

42.2 Sec. 2. Laws 2011, First Special Session chapter 6, article 2, section 5, is amended to
 42.3 read:

42.4			<u>23,558,000</u>
42.5	Sec. 5. POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY	\$ 24,212,000	\$ <u>23,400,000</u>

42.6 (a) ~~\$7,500,000~~ the first year and ~~\$7,500,000~~
 42.7 \$7,485,000 the second year are for
 42.8 completion of 20 percent of the needed
 42.9 statewide assessments of surface water
 42.10 quality and trends. Of this amount, \$100,000
 42.11 the first year and \$100,000 the second year
 42.12 are for grants to the Red River Watershed
 42.13 Management Board to enhance and expand
 42.14 the existing water quality and watershed
 42.15 monitoring river watch activities in the
 42.16 schools in the Red River of the North. The
 42.17 Red River Watershed Management Board
 42.18 shall provide a report to the commissioner
 42.19 of the Pollution Control Agency and the
 42.20 legislative committees and divisions with
 42.21 jurisdiction over environment and natural
 42.22 resources finance and policy and the clean
 42.23 water fund by February 15, 2013, on the
 42.24 expenditure of these funds.

42.25 (b) ~~\$9,400,000~~ the first year and ~~\$9,400,000~~
 42.26 \$9,261,000 the second year are to develop
 42.27 total maximum daily load (TMDL) studies
 42.28 and TMDL implementation plans for waters
 42.29 listed on the United States Environmental
 42.30 Protection Agency approved impaired waters
 42.31 list in accordance with Minnesota Statutes,
 42.32 chapter 114D. The agency shall complete an
 42.33 average of ten percent of the TMDL's each
 42.34 year over the biennium.

43.1 (c) \$1,125,000 the first year and \$1,125,000
43.2 the second year are for groundwater
43.3 assessment, including enhancing the
43.4 ambient monitoring network, modeling,
43.5 and continuing to monitor for and assess
43.6 contaminants of emerging concern.

43.7 (d) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000
43.8 the second year are for water quality
43.9 improvements in the lower St. Louis River
43.10 and Duluth harbor. This appropriation must
43.11 be matched at a rate of 65 percent nonstate
43.12 money to 35 percent state money.

43.13 (e) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
43.14 the second year are for the clean water
43.15 partnership program to provide grants
43.16 to protect and improve the basins and
43.17 watersheds of the state and provide financial
43.18 and technical assistance to study waters
43.19 with nonpoint source pollution problems.
43.20 Priority shall be given to projects preventing
43.21 impairments and degradation of lakes, rivers,
43.22 streams, and groundwater in accordance
43.23 with Minnesota Statutes, section 114D.20,
43.24 subdivision 2, clause (4). Any balance
43.25 remaining in the first year does not cancel
43.26 and is available for the second year.

43.27 (f) \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the
43.28 second year are for storm water research and
43.29 guidance.

43.30 (g) \$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 (h) \$800,000 the first year and \$800,000
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 (i) \$225,000 the first year and \$225,000
44.4 the second year are transferred to the
44.5 commissioner of administration for the
44.6 Environmental Quality Board in cooperation
44.7 with the United States Geological Survey to
44.8 characterize groundwater flow and aquifer
44.9 properties in the I-94 corridor in cooperation
44.10 with local units of government. This
44.11 appropriation is available until June 30, 2016.

44.12 (j) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$500,000
44.13 the second year are for a wild rice standards
44.14 study.

44.15 (k) \$862,000 the first year and ~~\$708,000~~
44.16 \$704,000 the second year are for groundwater
44.17 protection or prevention of groundwater
44.18 degradation activities through enhancing the
44.19 county-level delivery system for subsurface
44.20 sewage treatment systems (SSTS). The
44.21 commissioner shall consult with the SSTS
44.22 Compliance Task Force in developing a
44.23 distribution allocation for the county base
44.24 grants.

44.25 (l) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
44.26 section 16A.28, the appropriations
44.27 encumbered on or before June 30, 2013,
44.28 as grants or contracts in this section are
44.29 available until June 30, 2016.

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

44.31 Sec. 3. Laws 2011, First Special Session chapter 6, article 2, section 7, as amended by
44.32 Laws 2012, chapter 264, article 2, section 3, is amended to read:

45.1	Sec. 7. BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL		31,734,000
45.2	RESOURCES	\$ 27,534,000 \$	<u>30,662,000</u>

45.3 (a) \$13,750,000 the first year and
 45.4 ~~\$15,350,000~~ \$14,751,000 the second year are
 45.5 for pollution reduction and restoration grants
 45.6 to local government units and joint powers
 45.7 organizations of local government units to
 45.8 protect surface water and drinking water; to
 45.9 keep water on the land; to protect, enhance,
 45.10 and restore water quality in lakes, rivers,
 45.11 and streams; and to protect groundwater
 45.12 and drinking water, including feedlot water
 45.13 quality and subsurface sewage treatment
 45.14 system (SSTS) projects and stream bank,
 45.15 stream channel, and shoreline restoration
 45.16 projects. The projects must be of long-lasting
 45.17 public benefit, include a match, and be
 45.18 consistent with TMDL implementation plans
 45.19 or local water management plans.

45.20 (b) \$3,000,000 the first year and ~~\$3,600,000~~
 45.21 \$3,475,000 the second year are for targeted
 45.22 local resource protection and enhancement
 45.23 grants. The board shall give priority
 45.24 consideration to projects and practices
 45.25 that complement, supplement, or exceed
 45.26 current state standards for protection,
 45.27 enhancement, and restoration of water
 45.28 quality in lakes, rivers, and streams or that
 45.29 protect groundwater from degradation. Of
 45.30 this amount, at least \$1,500,000 each year is
 45.31 for county SSTS implementation.

45.32 (c) \$900,000 the first year and ~~\$1,200,000~~
 45.33 \$897,000 the second year are to provide state
 45.34 oversight and accountability, evaluate results,
 45.35 and develop an electronic system to measure

46.1 and track the value of conservation program
46.2 implementation by local governments,
46.3 including submission to the legislature
46.4 by March 1 each year an annual report
46.5 prepared by the board, in consultation with
46.6 the commissioners of natural resources,
46.7 health, agriculture, and the Pollution Control
46.8 Agency, detailing the recipients and projects
46.9 funded under this section. The board shall
46.10 require grantees to specify the outcomes that
46.11 will be achieved by the grants prior to any
46.12 grant awards.

46.13 (d) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,700,000
46.14 the second year are for technical assistance
46.15 and grants for the conservation drainage
46.16 program in consultation with the Drainage
46.17 Work Group, created under Minnesota
46.18 Statutes, section 103B.101, subdivision 13,
46.19 to facilitate the installation of conservation
46.20 practices on drainage systems that will result
46.21 in water quality improvements and evaluate
46.22 the outcomes of these installations. The
46.23 board shall coordinate practice standards
46.24 with the Natural Resources Conservation
46.25 Service of the United States Department
46.26 of Agriculture and seek to leverage federal
46.27 funds as part of conservation drainage
46.28 program implementation.

46.29 (e) \$6,000,000 the first year and \$6,000,000
46.30 the second year are to purchase and restore
46.31 permanent conservation easements on
46.32 riparian buffers adjacent to public waters,
46.33 excluding wetlands, to keep water on the
46.34 land in order to decrease sediment, pollutant,
46.35 and nutrient transport; reduce hydrologic
46.36 impacts to surface waters; and increase

47.1 infiltration for groundwater recharge. The
47.2 riparian buffers must be at least 50 feet unless
47.3 there is a natural impediment, a road, or
47.4 other impediment beyond the control of the
47.5 landowner. This appropriation may be used
47.6 for restoration of riparian buffers protected by
47.7 easements purchased with this appropriation
47.8 and for stream bank restorations when the
47.9 riparian buffers have been restored.

47.10 (f) \$1,300,000 the first year and \$2,300,000
47.11 the second year are for permanent
47.12 conservation easements on wellhead
47.13 protection areas under Minnesota Statutes,
47.14 section 103F.515, subdivision 2, paragraph
47.15 (d). Priority must be placed on land that
47.16 is located where the vulnerability of the
47.17 drinking water supply is designated as high
47.18 or very high by the commissioner of health.
47.19 The board shall coordinate with the United
47.20 States Geological Survey, the commissioners
47.21 of health and natural resources, and local
47.22 communities contained in the Decorah
47.23 and St. Lawrence Edge areas of Winona,
47.24 Goodhue, Olmsted, and Wabasha Counties
47.25 to obtain easements in identified areas as
47.26 having the most vulnerability to groundwater
47.27 contamination.

47.28 (g) \$1,500,000 the first year and ~~\$1,500,000~~
47.29 \$1,455,000 the second year are for
47.30 community partners grants to local units of
47.31 government for: (1) structural or vegetative
47.32 management practices that reduce storm
47.33 water runoff from developed or disturbed
47.34 lands to reduce the movement of sediment,
47.35 nutrients, and pollutants for restoration,
47.36 protection, or enhancement of water quality

48.1 in lakes, rivers, and streams and to protect
48.2 groundwater and drinking water; and (2)
48.3 installation of proven and effective water
48.4 retention practices including, but not
48.5 limited to, rain gardens and other vegetated
48.6 infiltration basins and sediment control
48.7 basins in order to keep water on the land.
48.8 The projects must be of long-lasting public
48.9 benefit, include a local match, and be
48.10 consistent with TMDL implementation plans
48.11 or local water management plans. Local
48.12 government unit staff and administration
48.13 costs may be used as a match.

48.14 (h) \$84,000 the first year and \$84,000 the
48.15 second year are for a technical evaluation
48.16 panel to conduct up to ten restoration
48.17 evaluations under Minnesota Statutes,
48.18 section 114D.50, subdivision 6.

48.19 (i) The board shall contract for services
48.20 with Conservation Corps Minnesota for
48.21 restoration, maintenance, and other activities
48.22 under this section for \$500,000 the first year
48.23 and \$500,000 the second year.

48.24 (j) The board may shift grant or cost-share
48.25 funds in this section and may adjust the
48.26 technical and administrative assistance
48.27 portion of the funds to leverage federal or
48.28 other nonstate funds or to address oversight
48.29 responsibilities or high-priority needs
48.30 identified in local water management plans.

48.31 (k) The appropriations in this section are
48.32 available until June 30, 2016.

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

49.1 Sec. 4. Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 2, section 3, is amended to read:

49.2			7,460,000
49.3	Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	\$ 7,310,000	<u>7,399,000</u>

49.4 (a) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the
 49.5 second year are to increase monitoring for
 49.6 pesticides and pesticide degradates in surface
 49.7 water and groundwater and to use data
 49.8 collected to assess pesticide use practices.

49.9 (b) \$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,500,000
 49.10 the second year are to increase monitoring
 49.11 and evaluate trends in the concentration of
 49.12 nitrates in groundwater in areas vulnerable
 49.13 to groundwater degradation, including a
 49.14 substantial increase of monitoring of private
 49.15 wells in cooperation with the commissioner
 49.16 of health, monitoring for pesticides when
 49.17 nitrates are detected, and promoting and
 49.18 evaluating regional and crop-specific
 49.19 nutrient best management practices to
 49.20 protect groundwater from degradation.

49.21 Of this amount, \$75,000 may be used for
 49.22 accelerating the update for the commercial
 49.23 manure applicator manual. This amount
 49.24 is to be matched with general funds. This
 49.25 appropriation is available until June 30, 2016,
 49.26 when the commissioner shall submit a report
 49.27 to the chairs and ranking minority members
 49.28 of the senate and house of representatives
 49.29 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
 49.30 over agriculture and environment and
 49.31 natural resources policy and finance on
 49.32 the expenditure of these funds, including
 49.33 the progress in preventing groundwater
 49.34 degradation and recommendations. By
 49.35 October 15, 2014, the commissioner shall
 49.36 submit an interim report to the chairs and

50.1 ranking minority members of the senate and
50.2 house of representatives committees and
50.3 divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture
50.4 and environment and natural resources policy
50.5 and finance on the expenditure of these
50.6 funds, including recommendations.

50.7 (c) \$200,000 the first year and \$200,000
50.8 the second year are for the agriculture best
50.9 management practices loan program. At
50.10 least \$170,000 each year is for transfer
50.11 to an agricultural and environmental
50.12 revolving account created under Minnesota
50.13 Statutes, section 17.117, subdivision 5a,
50.14 and is available for pass-through to local
50.15 government and lenders for low-interest
50.16 loans under Minnesota Statutes, section
50.17 17.117. Any unencumbered balance
50.18 that is not used for pass-through to local
50.19 governments does not cancel at the end of the
50.20 first year and is available for the second year.

50.21 (d) \$1,500,000 the first year and \$1,500,000
50.22 the second year are for research, pilot
50.23 projects, and technical assistance on
50.24 proper implementation of best management
50.25 practices and more precise information on
50.26 nonpoint contributions to impaired waters.
50.27 This appropriation is available until June 30,
50.28 2018.

50.29 (e) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,100,000
50.30 the second year are for research to quantify
50.31 agricultural contributions to impaired waters
50.32 and for development and evaluation of
50.33 best management practices to protect and
50.34 restore water resources while maintaining

51.1 productivity. This appropriation is available
51.2 until June 30, 2018.

51.3 (f) \$100,000 the first year and ~~\$150,000~~
51.4 \$90,000 the second year are for a research
51.5 inventory database containing water-related
51.6 research activities. Any information
51.7 technology development or support or costs
51.8 necessary for this research inventory database
51.9 will be incorporated into the agency's service
51.10 level agreement with and paid to the Office
51.11 of Enterprise Technology. This appropriation
51.12 is available until June 30, 2018.

51.13 (g) \$1,500,000 the first year and \$1,500,000
51.14 the second year are to implement a Minnesota
51.15 agricultural water quality certification
51.16 program. This appropriation is available
51.17 until June 30, 2018.

51.18 (h) \$110,000 the first year and \$110,000 the
51.19 second year are to provide funding for a
51.20 regional irrigation water quality specialist
51.21 through University of Minnesota Extension.

51.22 (i) \$50,000 the first year and ~~\$50,000~~ \$49,000
51.23 the second year are to develop and implement
51.24 a comprehensive, up-to-date instruction
51.25 system for animal waste technicians who
51.26 apply manure to the ground for hire.

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

51.28 Sec. 5. Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 2, section 5, is amended to read:

51.29				28,265,000	
51.30	Sec. 5. POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY	\$	28,365,000	\$	<u>28,010,000</u>

51.31 (a) \$7,600,000 the first year and ~~\$7,600,000~~
51.32 \$7,522,000 the second year are for
51.33 completion of 20 percent of the needed

52.1 statewide assessments of surface water
52.2 quality and trends. Of this amount,
52.3 \$500,000 each year is to monitor and
52.4 assess contaminants of emerging concern in
52.5 groundwater and surface water, and \$100,000
52.6 each year is for grants to the Red River
52.7 Watershed Management Board to enhance
52.8 and expand the existing water quality and
52.9 watershed monitoring river watch activities
52.10 in the schools in the Red River of the North
52.11 Watershed. The Red River Watershed
52.12 Management Board shall provide a report to
52.13 the commissioner of the Pollution Control
52.14 Agency and the legislative committees and
52.15 divisions with jurisdiction over environment
52.16 and natural resources finance and policy and
52.17 the clean water fund by February 15, 2015,
52.18 on the expenditure of these funds.

52.19 (b) \$9,400,000 the first year and ~~\$9,400,000~~
52.20 \$9,323,000 the second year are to develop
52.21 watershed restoration and protection
52.22 strategies (WRAPS), which include total
52.23 maximum daily load (TMDL) studies and
52.24 TMDL implementation plans for waters
52.25 listed on the United States Environmental
52.26 Protection Agency approved impaired waters
52.27 list in accordance with Minnesota Statutes,
52.28 chapter 114D. The agency shall complete an
52.29 average of ten percent of the TMDL's each
52.30 year over the biennium.

52.31 (c) \$1,125,000 the first year and ~~\$1,125,000~~
52.32 \$1,108,000 the second year are for
52.33 groundwater assessment, including
52.34 enhancing the ambient monitoring network,
52.35 modeling, and evaluating trends, including
52.36 the reassessment of groundwater that was

53.1 assessed ten to 15 years ago and found to
53.2 be contaminated. By January 15, 2016, the
53.3 commissioner shall submit a report with
53.4 recommendations for reducing or preventing
53.5 groundwater degradation from contaminants
53.6 to the chairs and ranking minority members
53.7 of the senate and house of representatives
53.8 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
53.9 over environment and natural resources
53.10 policy and finance.

53.11 (d) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000
53.12 the second year are for water quality
53.13 improvements in the lower St. Louis River
53.14 and Duluth harbor within the St. Louis River
53.15 System Area of Concern. This appropriation
53.16 must be matched at a rate of 65 percent
53.17 nonstate money to 35 percent state money.

53.18 (e) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000
53.19 the second year are for the clean water
53.20 partnership program to provide grants
53.21 to protect and improve the basins and
53.22 watersheds of the state and provide financial
53.23 and technical assistance to study waters
53.24 with nonpoint source pollution problems.
53.25 Priority shall be given to projects preventing
53.26 impairments and degradation of lakes, rivers,
53.27 streams, and groundwater in accordance
53.28 with Minnesota Statutes, section 114D.20,
53.29 subdivision 2, clause (4). Any balance
53.30 remaining in the first year does not cancel
53.31 and is available for the second year.

53.32 (f) \$275,000 the first year and \$275,000 the
53.33 second year are for storm water research and
53.34 guidance.

- 54.1 (g) \$1,150,000 the first year and ~~\$1,150,000~~
54.2 \$1,131,000 the second year are for TMDL
54.3 research and database development.
- 54.4 (h) \$1,000,000 the first year and ~~\$1,000,000~~
54.5 \$936,000 the second year are to initiate
54.6 development of a multiagency watershed
54.7 database reporting portal. Any information
54.8 technology development or support or costs
54.9 necessary for this research inventory database
54.10 will be incorporated into the agency's service
54.11 level agreement with and paid to the Office
54.12 of Enterprise Technology.
- 54.13 (i) \$900,000 the first year and \$900,000
54.14 the second year are for national pollutant
54.15 discharge elimination system wastewater and
54.16 storm water TMDL implementation efforts.
- 54.17 (j) \$3,250,000 the first year and \$3,650,000
54.18 the second year are for enhancing the
54.19 county-level delivery systems for subsurface
54.20 sewage treatment systems (SSTS) activities
54.21 necessary to implement Minnesota Statutes,
54.22 sections 115.55 and 115.56, for protection
54.23 of groundwater, including base grants
54.24 for all counties with SSTS programs and
54.25 competitive grants to counties with specific
54.26 plans to significantly reduce water pollution
54.27 by reducing the number of systems that
54.28 are an imminent threat to public health or
54.29 safety or are otherwise failing. Counties that
54.30 receive base grants must report the number
54.31 of sewage noncompliant properties upgraded
54.32 through SSTS replacement, connection to
54.33 a centralized sewer system, or other means
54.34 including property abandonment or buy-out.
54.35 Counties also must report the number of

55.1 compliance inspections of existing SSTS's
55.2 conducted in areas under county jurisdiction.
55.3 These required reports are to be part of
55.4 established annual reporting for SSTS
55.5 programs. Counties that conduct SSTS
55.6 inventories or those with an ordinance in
55.7 place that requires an SSTS to be inspected
55.8 as a condition of transferring property or as a
55.9 condition of obtaining a local permit shall be
55.10 given priority for competitive grants under
55.11 this paragraph. Of this amount, \$750,000
55.12 each year is available to counties for grants to
55.13 low-income landowners to address systems
55.14 that pose an imminent threat to public health
55.15 or safety or fail to protect groundwater. A
55.16 grant awarded under this paragraph may not
55.17 exceed \$500,000 for the biennium. A county
55.18 receiving a grant under this paragraph must
55.19 submit a report to the agency listing the
55.20 projects funded, including an account of the
55.21 expenditures.

55.22 (k) \$1,500,000 the first year is for a
55.23 competitive grant program for sewer projects
55.24 that helps protect or restore the water quality
55.25 of waters in any national park located in
55.26 the state. Grants may be awarded to local
55.27 government units and must be matched with
55.28 25 percent non-clean-water-fund dollars.

55.29 (l) \$375,000 the first year and \$375,000 the
55.30 second year are for developing wastewater
55.31 treatment system designs and practices
55.32 and providing technical assistance. Of
55.33 this amount, \$145,000 each year is for
55.34 transfer to the Board of Regents of the
55.35 University of Minnesota to provide ongoing
55.36 support for design teams with scientific

56.1 and technical expertise pertaining to
 56.2 wastewater management and treatment
 56.3 that will include representatives from the
 56.4 University of Minnesota, Pollution Control
 56.5 Agency, and municipal wastewater utilities
 56.6 and other wastewater engineering experts.
 56.7 The design teams shall promote the use of
 56.8 new technology, designs, and practices to
 56.9 address existing and emerging wastewater
 56.10 treatment challenges, including the treatment
 56.11 of wastewater for reuse and the emergence
 56.12 of new and other unregulated contaminants.
 56.13 This appropriation is available until June 30,
 56.14 2016.

56.15 (m) \$40,000 the first year and \$40,000 the
 56.16 second year are to support activities of the
 56.17 Clean Water Council according to Minnesota
 56.18 Statutes, section 114D.30, subdivision 1.

56.19 (n) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
 56.20 section 16A.28, the appropriations
 56.21 encumbered on or before June 30, 2015,
 56.22 as grants or contracts in this section are
 56.23 available until June 30, 2018.

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

56.25 Sec. 6. Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 2, section 6, as amended by Laws 2015, First
 56.26 Special Session chapter 2, article 2, section 17, is amended to read:

56.27	Sec. 6. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL	12,135,000	
56.28	RESOURCES	\$ <u>10,943,000</u>	\$ 8,950,000

56.29 (a) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000
 56.30 the second year are for stream flow
 56.31 monitoring, including the installation of
 56.32 additional monitoring gauges, and monitoring
 56.33 necessary to determine the relationship
 56.34 between stream flow and groundwater.

- 57.1 (b) \$1,300,000 the first year and \$1,300,000
57.2 the second year are for lake Index of
57.3 Biological Integrity (IBI) assessments.
- 57.4 (c) \$135,000 the first year and \$135,000
57.5 the second year are for assessing mercury
57.6 and other contaminants of fish, including
57.7 monitoring to track the status of waters
57.8 impaired by mercury and mercury reduction
57.9 efforts over time.
- 57.10 (d) \$1,850,000 the first year and \$1,850,000
57.11 the second year are for developing targeted,
57.12 science-based watershed restoration and
57.13 protection strategies, including regional
57.14 technical assistance for TMDL plans and
57.15 development of a watershed assessment tool,
57.16 in cooperation with the commissioner of the
57.17 Pollution Control Agency. By January 15,
57.18 2016, the commissioner shall submit a report
57.19 to the chairs and ranking minority members
57.20 of the senate and house of representatives
57.21 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
57.22 over environment and natural resources
57.23 policy and finance providing the outcomes
57.24 to lakes, rivers, streams, and groundwater
57.25 achieved with this appropriation and
57.26 recommendations.
- 57.27 (e) \$1,375,000 the first year and \$1,375,000
57.28 the second year are for water supply planning,
57.29 aquifer protection, and monitoring activities.
- 57.30 (f) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
57.31 the second year are for technical assistance
57.32 to support local implementation of nonpoint
57.33 source restoration and protection activities,
57.34 including water quality protection in forested
57.35 watersheds.

58.1 (g) \$675,000 the first year and \$675,000
58.2 the second year are for applied research
58.3 and tools, including watershed hydrologic
58.4 modeling; maintaining and updating spatial
58.5 data for watershed boundaries, streams, and
58.6 water bodies and integrating high-resolution
58.7 digital elevation data; assessing effectiveness
58.8 of forestry best management practices for
58.9 water quality; and developing an ecological
58.10 monitoring database.

58.11 (h) \$615,000 the first year and \$615,000
58.12 the second year are for developing county
58.13 geologic atlases.

58.14 (i) \$85,000 the first year is to develop design
58.15 standards and best management practices
58.16 for public water access sites to maintain and
58.17 improve water quality by avoiding shoreline
58.18 erosion and runoff.

58.19 (j) ~~\$3,000,000~~ \$1,808,000 the first year
58.20 is for beginning to develop and designate
58.21 groundwater management areas under
58.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.287,
58.23 subdivision 4. The commissioner, in
58.24 consultation with the commissioners of
58.25 the Pollution Control Agency, health,
58.26 and agriculture, shall establish a uniform
58.27 statewide hydrogeologic mapping system
58.28 that will include designated groundwater
58.29 management areas. The mapping system
58.30 must include wellhead protection areas,
58.31 special well construction areas, groundwater
58.32 provinces, groundwater recharge areas, and
58.33 other designated or geographical areas related
58.34 to groundwater. This mapping system shall
58.35 be used to implement all groundwater-related

59.1 laws and for reporting and evaluations. This
 59.2 appropriation is available until June 30, 2017.

59.3 (k) \$100,000 the first year is for the
 59.4 commissioner of natural resources for
 59.5 rulemaking under Minnesota Statutes,
 59.6 section 116G.15, subdivision 7.

59.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2016.

59.8 Sec. 7. Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 2, section 7, is amended to read:

59.9	Sec. 7. BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL		34,740,000
59.10	RESOURCES	\$ 30,689,000 \$	<u>34,647,000</u>

59.11 (a) \$5,000,000 the first year and \$7,000,000
 59.12 the second year are for grants to local
 59.13 government units organized for the
 59.14 management of water in a watershed or
 59.15 subwatershed that have multiyear plans
 59.16 that will result in a significant reduction in
 59.17 water pollution in a selected subwatershed.
 59.18 The grants may be used for the following
 59.19 purposes: establishment of riparian buffers;
 59.20 practices to store water for natural treatment
 59.21 and infiltration, including rain gardens;
 59.22 capturing storm water for reuse; stream
 59.23 bank, shoreland, and ravine stabilization;
 59.24 enforcement activities; and implementation
 59.25 of best management practices for feedlots
 59.26 within riparian areas and other practices
 59.27 demonstrated to be most effective in
 59.28 protecting, enhancing, and restoring water
 59.29 quality in lakes, rivers, and streams and
 59.30 protecting groundwater from degradation.
 59.31 Grant recipients must identify a nonstate
 59.32 cash match of at least 25 percent of the
 59.33 total eligible project costs. Grant recipients
 59.34 may use other legacy funds to supplement

60.1 projects funded under this paragraph. Grants
60.2 awarded under this paragraph are available
60.3 for four years and priority shall be given
60.4 to the three to six best designed plans each
60.5 year. By January 15, 2016, the board shall
60.6 submit an interim report on the outcomes
60.7 achieved with this appropriation, including
60.8 recommendations, to the chairs and ranking
60.9 minority members of the senate and house
60.10 of representatives committees and divisions
60.11 with jurisdiction over environment and
60.12 natural resources policy and finance. This
60.13 appropriation is available until June 30, 2018.

60.14 (b) \$9,705,000 the first year and ~~\$10,756,000~~
60.15 \$10,684,000 the second year are for grants
60.16 to protect and restore surface water and
60.17 drinking water; to keep water on the land; to
60.18 protect, enhance, and restore water quality
60.19 in lakes, rivers, and streams; and to protect
60.20 groundwater and drinking water, including
60.21 feedlot water quality and subsurface sewage
60.22 treatment system (SSTS) projects and stream
60.23 bank, stream channel, shoreline restoration,
60.24 and ravine stabilization projects. The
60.25 projects must use practices demonstrated
60.26 to be effective, be of long-lasting public
60.27 benefit, include a match, and be consistent
60.28 with total maximum daily load (TMDL)
60.29 implementation plans or local water
60.30 management plans or their equivalents.

60.31 (c) \$3,500,000 the first year and \$4,500,000
60.32 the second year are for targeted local
60.33 resource protection and enhancement grants
60.34 for projects and practices that supplement or
60.35 exceed current state standards for protection,
60.36 enhancement, and restoration of water

61.1 quality in lakes, rivers, and streams or that
61.2 protect groundwater from degradation,
61.3 including compliance.

61.4 (d) \$950,000 the first year and \$950,000 the
61.5 second year are to provide state oversight
61.6 and accountability, evaluate results, and
61.7 measure the value of conservation program
61.8 implementation by local governments,
61.9 including submission to the legislature
61.10 by March 1 each year an annual report
61.11 prepared by the board, in consultation with
61.12 the commissioners of natural resources,
61.13 health, agriculture, and the Pollution Control
61.14 Agency, detailing the recipients, projects
61.15 funded under this section, and the amount of
61.16 pollution reduced.

61.17 (e) \$1,700,000 the first year and \$1,700,000
61.18 the second year are for grants to local units
61.19 of government to ensure compliance with
61.20 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103E, and
61.21 sections 103F.401 to 103F.455, including
61.22 enforcement efforts. Of this amount,
61.23 \$235,000 the first year is to update the
61.24 Minnesota Public Drainage Manual and the
61.25 Minnesota Public Drainage Law Overview
61.26 for Decision Makers and to provide outreach
61.27 to users.

61.28 (f) \$6,500,000 the first year and \$6,500,000
61.29 the second year are to purchase and restore
61.30 permanent conservation easements on
61.31 riparian buffers adjacent to lakes, rivers,
61.32 streams, and tributaries, to keep water on the
61.33 land in order to decrease sediment, pollutant,
61.34 and nutrient transport; reduce hydrologic
61.35 impacts to surface waters; and increase

62.1 infiltration for groundwater recharge. This
62.2 appropriation may be used for restoration
62.3 of riparian buffers protected by easements
62.4 purchased with this appropriation and for
62.5 stream bank restorations when the riparian
62.6 buffers have been restored.

62.7 (g) \$1,300,000 the first year and \$1,300,000
62.8 the second year are for permanent
62.9 conservation easements on wellhead
62.10 protection areas under Minnesota Statutes,
62.11 section 103F.515, subdivision 2, paragraph
62.12 (d). Priority must be placed on land that
62.13 is located where the vulnerability of the
62.14 drinking water supply is designated as high
62.15 or very high by the commissioner of health.

62.16 (h) \$1,500,000 the first year and ~~\$1,500,000~~
62.17 \$1,479,000 the second year are for
62.18 community partners grants to local units of
62.19 government for: (1) structural or vegetative
62.20 management practices that reduce storm
62.21 water runoff from developed or disturbed
62.22 lands to reduce the movement of sediment,
62.23 nutrients, and pollutants for restoration,
62.24 protection, or enhancement of water quality
62.25 in lakes, rivers, and streams and to protect
62.26 groundwater and drinking water; and (2)
62.27 installation of proven and effective water
62.28 retention practices including, but not
62.29 limited to, rain gardens and other vegetated
62.30 infiltration basins and sediment control
62.31 basins in order to keep water on the land.
62.32 The projects must be of long-lasting public
62.33 benefit, include a local match, and be
62.34 consistent with TMDL implementation plans
62.35 or local water management plans or their

63.1 equivalents. Local government unit costs
63.2 may be used as a match.

63.3 (i) \$84,000 the first year and \$84,000 the
63.4 second year are for a technical evaluation
63.5 panel to conduct ten restoration evaluations
63.6 under Minnesota Statutes, section 114D.50,
63.7 subdivision 6.

63.8 (j) \$450,000 the first year and \$450,000 the
63.9 second year are for assistance and grants to
63.10 local governments to transition local water
63.11 management plans to a watershed approach
63.12 as provided for in Minnesota Statutes,
63.13 chapters 103B, 103C, 103D, and 114D.

63.14 (k) The board shall contract for services
63.15 with Conservation Corps Minnesota for
63.16 restoration, maintenance, and other activities
63.17 under this section for up to \$500,000 the first
63.18 year and up to \$500,000 the second year.

63.19 (l) The board may shift grant or cost-share
63.20 funds in this section and may adjust the
63.21 technical and administrative assistance
63.22 portion of the funds to leverage federal or
63.23 other nonstate funds or to address oversight
63.24 responsibilities or high-priority needs
63.25 identified in local water management plans.

63.26 (m) The board shall require grantees to
63.27 specify the outcomes that will be achieved
63.28 by the grants prior to any grant awards.

63.29 (n) The appropriations in this section are
63.30 available until June 30, 2018. Returned grant
63.31 funds are available until expended and shall
63.32 be regranted consistent with the purposes of
63.33 this section.

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

64.1 Sec. 8. Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 2, section 8, is amended to read:

64.2				4,635,000
64.3	Sec. 8. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	\$	4,635,000	\$ <u>4,535,000</u>

64.4 (a) \$1,150,000 the first year and \$1,150,000
 64.5 the second year are for addressing public
 64.6 health concerns related to contaminants
 64.7 found in Minnesota drinking water for
 64.8 which no health-based drinking water
 64.9 standards exist, including accelerating the
 64.10 development of health risk limits, including
 64.11 triclosan, and improving the capacity of
 64.12 the department's laboratory to analyze
 64.13 unregulated contaminants.

64.14 (b) \$1,615,000 the first year and \$1,615,000
 64.15 the second year are for protection of drinking
 64.16 water sources.

64.17 (c) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
 64.18 second year are for cost-share assistance to
 64.19 public and private well owners for up to 50
 64.20 percent of the cost of sealing unused wells.

64.21 (d) \$390,000 the first year and ~~\$390,000~~
 64.22 \$290,000 the second year are to update and
 64.23 expand the county well index, in cooperation
 64.24 with the commissioner of natural resources.

64.25 (e) \$325,000 the first year and \$325,000 the
 64.26 second year are for studying the occurrence
 64.27 and magnitude of contaminants in private
 64.28 wells and developing guidance to ensure
 64.29 that new well placement minimizes the
 64.30 potential for risks, in cooperation with the
 64.31 commissioner of agriculture.

64.32 (f) \$105,000 the first year and \$105,000 the
 64.33 second year are for monitoring recreational
 64.34 beaches on Lake Superior for pollutants that

65.1 may pose a public health risk and mitigating
65.2 sources of bacterial contamination that are
65.3 identified.

65.4 (g) \$800,000 the first year and \$800,000
65.5 the second year are for the development
65.6 and implementation of a groundwater
65.7 virus monitoring plan, including an
65.8 epidemiological study to determine the
65.9 association between groundwater virus
65.10 concentration and community illness rates.

65.11 This appropriation is available until June 30,
65.12 2017.

65.13 (h) Unless otherwise specified, the
65.14 appropriations in this section are available
65.15 until June 30, 2016.

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

65.17 Sec. 9. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 2, article 2, section 3, is amended to
65.18 read:

65.19					5,082,000
65.20	Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	\$	8,584,000	\$	<u>7,582,000</u>

65.21 (a) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the
65.22 second year are to increase monitoring for
65.23 pesticides and pesticide degradates in surface
65.24 water and groundwater and to use data
65.25 collected to assess pesticide use practices.

65.26 (b) \$2,586,000 the first year and \$2,585,000
65.27 the second year are for monitoring and
65.28 evaluating trends in the concentration of
65.29 nitrate in groundwater in areas vulnerable
65.30 to groundwater degradation; monitoring
65.31 for pesticides when nitrate is detected;
65.32 promoting, developing, and evaluating
65.33 regional and crop-specific nutrient best

66.1 management practices; assessing best
66.2 management practice adoption; education
66.3 and technical support from University of
66.4 Minnesota Extension; and other actions to
66.5 protect groundwater from degradation from
66.6 nitrate. This appropriation is available until
66.7 June 30, 2018.

66.8 (c) \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the
66.9 second year are for administering clean water
66.10 funds managed through the agriculture best
66.11 management practices loan program. Any
66.12 unencumbered balance at the end of the
66.13 second year shall be added to the corpus of
66.14 the loan fund.

66.15 (d) \$1,125,000 the first year and \$1,125,000
66.16 the second year are for technical assistance,
66.17 research, and demonstration projects on
66.18 proper implementation of best management
66.19 practices and more precise information on
66.20 nonpoint contributions to impaired waters.
66.21 This appropriation is available until June 30,
66.22 2020.

66.23 (e) \$788,000 the first year and \$787,000 the
66.24 second year are for research to quantify and
66.25 reduce agricultural contributions to impaired
66.26 waters and for development and evaluation
66.27 of best management practices to protect and
66.28 restore water resources. This appropriation
66.29 is available until June 30, 2020.

66.30 (f) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the
66.31 second year are for a research inventory
66.32 database containing water-related research
66.33 activities. Costs for information technology
66.34 development or support for this research
66.35 inventory database may be paid to the Office

67.1 of MN.IT Services. This appropriation is
67.2 available until June 30, 2018.

67.3 (g) \$2,500,000 the first year is and
67.4 \$2,500,000 the second year are to implement
67.5 the Minnesota agricultural water quality
67.6 certification program statewide. The
67.7 commissioner of agriculture shall consult
67.8 with the United States Department of
67.9 Agriculture to determine whether other
67.10 state spending would qualify as a match for
67.11 the agricultural water quality certification
67.12 program funds available from the federal
67.13 government. By January 1, 2016, the
67.14 commissioner shall submit a report on
67.15 funding recommendations to the Clean Water
67.16 Council and the chairs and ranking minority
67.17 members of the house of representatives
67.18 and senate committees and divisions with
67.19 jurisdiction over agriculture, the environment
67.20 and natural resources, and the clean water
67.21 fund. Funds appropriated in this paragraph
67.22 are available until June 30, 2016, ~~and the~~
67.23 ~~commissioner may request additional funding~~
67.24 ~~for this program for fiscal year 2017~~ 2019.

67.25 (h) \$110,000 the first year and \$110,000 the
67.26 second year are to provide funding for a
67.27 regional irrigation water quality specialist
67.28 through University of Minnesota Extension.

67.29 (i) \$1,000,000 the first year is for grants
67.30 to the Board of Regents of the University
67.31 of Minnesota to fund the Forever Green
67.32 Agriculture Initiative and to protect the
67.33 state's natural resources while increasing
67.34 the efficiency, profitability, and productivity
67.35 of Minnesota farmers by incorporating

68.1 perennial and winter-annual crops into
 68.2 existing agricultural practices.
 68.3 (j) A portion of the funds in this section may
 68.4 be used for programs to train state and local
 68.5 outreach staff in the intersection between
 68.6 agricultural economics and agricultural
 68.7 conservation.

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

68.9 Sec. 10. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 2, article 2, section 5, is amended to
 68.10 read:

68.11		<u>27,350,000</u>	<u>27,348,000</u>
68.12	Sec. 5. POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY \$	<u>27,205,000</u> \$	<u>28,098,000</u>

68.13 (a) ~~\$8,350,000~~ the first year and ~~\$8,350,000~~
 68.14 \$8,400,000 the second year are for
 68.15 completion of 20 percent of the needed
 68.16 statewide assessments of surface water
 68.17 quality and trends. Of this amount, \$100,000
 68.18 each year is for grants to the Red River
 68.19 Watershed Management Board to enhance
 68.20 and expand the existing water quality
 68.21 and watershed monitoring river watch
 68.22 activities in the schools along the Red River
 68.23 of the North. The Red River Watershed
 68.24 Management Board shall provide a report to
 68.25 the commissioner of the Pollution Control
 68.26 Agency and the legislative committees and
 68.27 divisions with jurisdiction over environment
 68.28 and natural resources finance and policy and
 68.29 the clean water fund by February 15, 2017,
 68.30 on the expenditure of this appropriation. If
 68.31 the amount in the first year is insufficient, the
 68.32 amount in the second year is available in the
 68.33 first year.

69.1 (b) \$9,795,000 the first year and ~~\$9,795,000~~
69.2 \$10,495,000 the second year are to develop
69.3 watershed restoration and protection
69.4 strategies (WRAPS), which include total
69.5 maximum daily load (TMDL) studies and
69.6 TMDL implementation plans for waters
69.7 listed on the Unites States Environmental
69.8 Protection Agency approved impaired waters
69.9 list in accordance with Minnesota Statutes,
69.10 chapter 114D. The agency shall complete an
69.11 average of ten percent of the TMDLs each
69.12 year over the biennium.

69.13 (c) \$1,182,000 the first year and \$1,181,000
69.14 the second year are for groundwater
69.15 assessment, including enhancing the
69.16 ambient monitoring network, modeling, and
69.17 evaluating trends, including the reassessment
69.18 of groundwater that was assessed ten to 15
69.19 years ago and found to be contaminated.

69.20 (d) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
69.21 second year are for implementation of the
69.22 St. Louis River System Area of Concern
69.23 Remedial Action Plan. This appropriation
69.24 must be matched at a rate of 65 percent
69.25 nonstate money to 35 percent state money.

69.26 (e) \$275,000 the first year and \$275,000 the
69.27 second year are for storm water research and
69.28 guidance.

69.29 (f) ~~\$1,150,000~~ \$1,005,000 the first year and
69.30 \$1,150,000 the second year are for TMDL
69.31 research and database development.

69.32 (g) \$900,000 the first year and \$900,000
69.33 the second year are for national pollutant
69.34 discharge elimination system wastewater and
69.35 storm water TMDL implementation efforts.

70.1 (h) \$3,623,000 the first year and \$3,622,000
70.2 the second year are for enhancing the
70.3 county-level delivery systems for subsurface
70.4 sewage treatment system (SSTS) activities
70.5 necessary to implement Minnesota Statutes,
70.6 sections 115.55 and 115.56, for protection
70.7 of groundwater, including base grants
70.8 for all counties with SSTS programs and
70.9 competitive grants to counties with specific
70.10 plans to significantly reduce water pollution
70.11 by reducing the number of systems that
70.12 are an imminent threat to public health or
70.13 safety or are otherwise failing. Counties that
70.14 receive base grants must report the number
70.15 of sewage noncompliant properties upgraded
70.16 through SSTS replacement, connection
70.17 to a centralized sewer system, or other
70.18 means, including property abandonment
70.19 or buy-out. Counties also must report
70.20 the number of existing SSTS compliance
70.21 inspections conducted in areas under county
70.22 jurisdiction. These required reports are to
70.23 be part of established annual reporting for
70.24 SSTS programs. Counties that conduct SSTS
70.25 inventories or those with an ordinance in
70.26 place that requires an SSTS to be inspected
70.27 as a condition of transferring property or as a
70.28 condition of obtaining a local permit must be
70.29 given priority for competitive grants under
70.30 this paragraph. Of this amount, \$750,000
70.31 each year is available to counties for grants to
70.32 low-income landowners to address systems
70.33 that pose an imminent threat to public health
70.34 or safety or fail to protect groundwater. A
70.35 grant awarded under this paragraph may not
70.36 exceed \$500,000 for the biennium. A county

71.1 receiving a grant under this paragraph must
71.2 submit a report to the agency listing the
71.3 projects funded, including an account of the
71.4 expenditures.

71.5 (i) \$275,000 the first year and \$275,000
71.6 the second year are for a storm water
71.7 best management practice performance
71.8 evaluation and technology transfer program
71.9 to enhance data and information management
71.10 of storm water best management practices;
71.11 evaluate best management performance
71.12 and effectiveness to support meeting total
71.13 maximum daily loads; develop standards
71.14 and incorporate state of the art guidance
71.15 using minimal impact design standards as
71.16 the model; and implement a knowledge
71.17 and technology transfer system across
71.18 local government, industry, and regulatory
71.19 sectors for pass-through to the University of
71.20 Minnesota. This appropriation is available
71.21 until June 30, 2018.

71.22 (j) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the
71.23 second year are to support activities of the
71.24 Clean Water Council according to Minnesota
71.25 Statutes, section 114D.30, subdivision 1.

71.26 (k) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
71.27 the second year are for a grant program for
71.28 sanitary sewer projects that are included in
71.29 the draft or any updated Voyageurs National
71.30 Park Clean Water Project Comprehensive
71.31 Plan to restore the water quality of waters
71.32 within Voyageurs National Park. Grants must
71.33 be awarded to local government units for
71.34 projects approved by the Voyageurs National
71.35 Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board and

72.1 must be matched by at least 25 percent from
 72.2 sources other than the clean water fund.

72.3 (l) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
 72.4 section 16A.28, the appropriations in this
 72.5 section encumbered on or before June 30,
 72.6 2017, as grants or contracts are available
 72.7 until June 30, 2020.

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

72.9 Sec. 11. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 2, article 2, section 7, is amended to
 72.10 read:

72.11	Sec. 7. BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL		56,841,000		
72.12	RESOURCES	\$	<u>56,341,000</u>	\$	56,322,000

72.13 (a) \$4,875,000 the first year and \$4,875,000
 72.14 the second year are for grants to local
 72.15 government units organized for the
 72.16 management of water in a watershed or
 72.17 subwatershed that have multiyear plans
 72.18 that will result in a significant reduction in
 72.19 water pollution in a selected subwatershed.
 72.20 The grants may be used for establishment
 72.21 of riparian buffers; practices to store
 72.22 water for natural treatment and infiltration,
 72.23 including rain gardens; capturing storm
 72.24 water for reuse; stream bank, shoreland, and
 72.25 ravine stabilization; enforcement activities;
 72.26 and implementation of best management
 72.27 practices for feedlots within riparian areas
 72.28 and other practices demonstrated to be
 72.29 most effective in protecting, enhancing, and
 72.30 restoring water quality in lakes, rivers, and
 72.31 streams and protecting groundwater from
 72.32 degradation. Grant recipients must identify
 72.33 a nonstate match and may use other legacy
 72.34 funds to supplement projects funded under

73.1 this paragraph. Grants awarded under this
73.2 paragraph are available for four years and
73.3 priority must be given to the best designed
73.4 plans each year.

73.5 (b) \$10,187,000 the first year and
73.6 \$10,188,000 the second year are for grants
73.7 to protect and restore surface water and
73.8 drinking water; to keep water on the land; to
73.9 protect, enhance, and restore water quality
73.10 in lakes, rivers, and streams; and to protect
73.11 groundwater and drinking water, including
73.12 feedlot water quality and subsurface sewage
73.13 treatment system projects and stream bank,
73.14 stream channel, shoreline restoration,
73.15 and ravine stabilization projects. The
73.16 projects must use practices demonstrated
73.17 to be effective, be of long-lasting public
73.18 benefit, include a match, and be consistent
73.19 with total maximum daily load (TMDL)
73.20 implementation plans, watershed restoration
73.21 and protection strategies (WRAPS), or local
73.22 water management plans or their equivalents.
73.23 A portion of these funds may be used to seek
73.24 administrative efficiencies through shared
73.25 resources by multiple local governmental
73.26 units.

73.27 (c) ~~\$6,000,000~~ \$5,500,000 the first year
73.28 and \$6,000,000 the second year are for
73.29 targeted local resource protection and
73.30 enhancement grants and statewide program
73.31 enhancements for technical assistance,
73.32 citizen and community outreach, and
73.33 training and certification, as well as projects,
73.34 practices, and programs that supplement or
73.35 otherwise exceed current state standards for
73.36 protection, enhancement, and restoration of

74.1 water quality in lakes, rivers, and streams or
74.2 that protect groundwater from degradation,
74.3 including compliance.

74.4 (d) \$950,000 the first year and \$950,000
74.5 the second year are to provide state
74.6 oversight and accountability, evaluate
74.7 results, provide implementation tools, and
74.8 measure the value of conservation program
74.9 implementation by local governments,
74.10 including submission to the legislature by
74.11 March 1 each even-numbered year a biennial
74.12 report prepared by the board, in consultation
74.13 with the commissioners of natural resources,
74.14 health, agriculture, and the Pollution Control
74.15 Agency, detailing the recipients, the projects
74.16 funded under this section, and the amount of
74.17 pollution reduced.

74.18 (e) \$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,500,000
74.19 the second year are for grants to local units
74.20 of government to enhance compliance
74.21 with riparian buffer or alternate practice
74.22 requirements.

74.23 (f) \$4,875,000 the first year and \$4,875,000
74.24 the second year are to restore or preserve
74.25 permanent conservation on riparian buffers
74.26 adjacent to lakes, rivers, streams, and
74.27 tributaries, to keep water on the land in order
74.28 to decrease sediment, pollutant, and nutrient
74.29 transport; reduce hydrologic impacts to
74.30 surface waters; and increase infiltration for
74.31 groundwater recharge. This appropriation
74.32 may be used for restoration of riparian
74.33 buffers permanently protected by easements
74.34 purchased with this appropriation or contracts
74.35 to achieve permanent protection for riparian

75.1 buffers or stream bank restorations when the
75.2 riparian buffers have been restored. Up to
75.3 \$344,000 is for deposit in a monitoring and
75.4 enforcement account.

75.5 (g) \$1,750,000 the first year and \$1,750,000
75.6 the second year are for permanent
75.7 conservation easements on wellhead
75.8 protection areas under Minnesota Statutes,
75.9 section 103F.515, subdivision 2, paragraph
75.10 (d), or for grants to local units of government
75.11 for fee title acquisition to permanently
75.12 protect groundwater supply sources on
75.13 wellhead protection areas or for otherwise
75.14 assuring long-term protection of groundwater
75.15 supply sources as described under alternative
75.16 management tools in the Department
75.17 of Agriculture's Nitrogen Fertilizer
75.18 Management Plan, including low nitrogen
75.19 cropping systems or implementing nitrogen
75.20 fertilizer best management practices. Priority
75.21 must be placed on land that is located where
75.22 the vulnerability of the drinking water supply
75.23 is designated as high or very high by the
75.24 commissioner of health, where drinking
75.25 water protection plans have identified
75.26 specific activities that will achieve long-term
75.27 protection, and on lands with expiring
75.28 Conservation Reserve Program contracts.
75.29 Up to \$52,500 is for deposit in a monitoring
75.30 and enforcement account.

75.31 (h) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000
75.32 the second year are for community partner
75.33 grants to local units of government for:
75.34 (1) structural or vegetative management
75.35 practices that reduce storm water runoff
75.36 from developed or disturbed lands to reduce

76.1 the movement of sediment, nutrients, and
76.2 pollutants for restoration, protection, or
76.3 enhancement of water quality in lakes, rivers,
76.4 and streams and to protect groundwater
76.5 and drinking water; and (2) installation
76.6 of proven and effective water retention
76.7 practices including, but not limited to, rain
76.8 gardens and other vegetated infiltration
76.9 basins and sediment control basins in order
76.10 to keep water on the land. The projects must
76.11 be of long-lasting public benefit, include a
76.12 local match, and be consistent with TMDL
76.13 implementation plans, watershed restoration
76.14 and protection strategies (WRAPS), or local
76.15 water management plans or their equivalents.
76.16 Local government unit costs may be used as
76.17 a match.

76.18 (i) \$84,000 the first year and \$84,000 the
76.19 second year are for a technical evaluation
76.20 panel to conduct ten restoration evaluations
76.21 under Minnesota Statutes, section 114D.50,
76.22 subdivision 6.

76.23 (j) \$2,100,000 the first year and \$2,100,000
76.24 the second year are for assistance, oversight,
76.25 and grants to local governments to transition
76.26 local water management plans to a watershed
76.27 approach as provided for in Minnesota
76.28 Statutes, chapters 103B, 103C, 103D, and
76.29 114D.

76.30 (k) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000
76.31 the second year are for technical assistance
76.32 and grants for the conservation drainage
76.33 program in consultation with the Drainage
76.34 Work Group, coordinated under Minnesota
76.35 Statutes, section 103B.101, subdivision

77.1 13, that includes projects to improve
77.2 multipurpose water management under
77.3 Minnesota Statutes, section 103E.015.

77.4 (l) \$9,000,000 the first year and \$9,000,000
77.5 the second year are to purchase and restore
77.6 permanent conservation sites via easements
77.7 or contracts to treat and store water on the
77.8 land for water quality improvement purposes
77.9 and related technical assistance. This work
77.10 may be done in cooperation with the United
77.11 States Department of Agriculture with a first
77.12 priority use to accomplish a conservation
77.13 reserve enhancement program, or equivalent,
77.14 in the state. Up to \$1,285,000 is for deposit
77.15 in a monitoring and enforcement account.

77.16 (m) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
77.17 the second year are to purchase permanent
77.18 conservation easements to protect lands
77.19 adjacent to public waters with good water
77.20 quality but threatened with degradation. Up
77.21 to \$190,000 is for deposit in a monitoring
77.22 and enforcement account.

77.23 (n) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000
77.24 the second year are for a program to
77.25 systematically collect data and produce
77.26 county, watershed, and statewide estimates
77.27 of soil erosion caused by water and wind
77.28 along with tracking adoption of conservation
77.29 measures to address erosion.

77.30 (o) \$11,000,000 the first year and
77.31 \$11,000,000 the second year are for
77.32 payments to soil and water conservation
77.33 districts for the purposes of Minnesota
77.34 Statutes, sections 103C.321 and 103C.331.
77.35 From this appropriation, each soil and water

78.1 conservation district shall receive an increase
78.2 in its base funding of \$100,000 per year.
78.3 Money remaining after the base increase
78.4 is available for matching grants to soil and
78.5 water conservation districts based on county
78.6 allocations to soil and water conservation
78.7 districts. The board and other agencies may
78.8 reduce the amount of grants to a county by an
78.9 amount equal to any reduction in the county's
78.10 allocation to a soil and water conservation
78.11 district from the county's previous-year
78.12 allocation when the board determines that
78.13 the reduction was disproportionate. The
78.14 second-year appropriation cancels if new
78.15 buffer requirements are not enacted in 2015.

78.16 (p) \$520,000 the first year is for a grant
78.17 to Washington County for a water quality
78.18 improvement project that will improve water
78.19 quality and restore an essential backwater
78.20 aquatic area by reconnecting Grey Cloud
78.21 Slough to the main channel of the Mississippi
78.22 River Area. This appropriation is not
78.23 available until at least an equal amount is
78.24 committed from nonstate sources.

78.25 (q) The Board of Water and Soil
78.26 Resources must consider the inclusion
78.27 of environmentally suitable annuals the
78.28 next time the board establishes or revises
78.29 vegetation establishment and enhancement
78.30 guidelines for the purposes of riparian
78.31 buffers.

78.32 (r) The board shall contract for delivery of
78.33 services with Conservation Corps Minnesota
78.34 for restoration, maintenance, and other
78.35 activities under this section for up to

79.1 \$500,000 the first year and up to \$500,000
79.2 the second year.

79.3 (s) The board may shift grant or cost-share
79.4 funds in this section and may adjust the
79.5 technical and administrative assistance
79.6 portion of the funds to leverage federal or
79.7 other nonstate funds or to address oversight
79.8 responsibilities or high-priority needs
79.9 identified in local water management plans.

79.10 (t) The board shall require grantees to specify
79.11 the outcomes that will be achieved by the
79.12 grants prior to any grant awards.

79.13 (u) The appropriations in this section are
79.14 available until June 30, 2020. Returned grant
79.15 funds are available until expended and shall
79.16 be regranted consistent with the purposes of
79.17 this section.

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

79.19 Sec. 12. **WHITE BEAR LAKE AUGMENTATION.**

79.20 (a) \$150,000 in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the clean water fund to the
79.21 commissioner of natural resources for development of three design-build proposals. The
79.22 commissioner shall request design-build qualifications and select three qualified entities to
79.23 develop design-build proposals. The proposals must address increasing the water level in
79.24 White Bear Lake by piping water from Vadnais Lake to White Bear Lake. The design work
79.25 must ensure that the water in White Bear Lake and Vadnais Lake will remain at least as
79.26 clean and clear as before the augmentation project is implemented. Among any other issues
79.27 to be addressed, the design work must ensure that the project does not allow the spread of
79.28 any invasive species or increase phosphorus levels. The commissioner must develop the
79.29 design-build request for proposals in consultation with the commissioner of administration
79.30 with regard to procedures, and in consultation with the Metropolitan Council and its water
79.31 supply policy and technical advisory committees and the Minnesota Pollution Control
79.32 Agency with regard to water quality and environmental issues. Any limitations in law on
79.33 the number or value of design-build contracts do not apply to this project.

80.1 (b) No detailed design or construction for the White Bear Lake augmentation project
80.2 may be undertaken by the commissioner until the commissioner, the city of Vadnais
80.3 Heights, the White Bear Lake Conservation District, the Metropolitan Council, and any
80.4 other communities, agencies, or entities involved in the White Bear Lake augmentation
80.5 project using water drawn from Vadnais Lake enter an agreement as to how the project
80.6 will proceed, with protections for the city of Vadnais Heights' water system and property
80.7 including, but not limited to, the following assurances for the city of Vadnais Heights, that:
80.8 (1) the city will not lose its ability to develop lands near Vadnais Lake;
80.9 (2) the city will be consulted regarding all aspects, including the legal planning
80.10 process, of the siting of any proposed water filtration or treatment plant facility within its
80.11 borders necessitated by the augmentation project;
80.12 (3) the city will not be required to contribute financially to the construction,
80.13 maintenance, or operations of the proposed augmentation project and the proposed
80.14 filtration or treatment plant facility;
80.15 (4) all city and county roads and streets affected by the proposed augmentation
80.16 project and the proposed filtration or treatment plant facility will be reconstructed
80.17 following project completion;
80.18 (5) efforts will be made to minimize disruption and adverse impacts to residents and
80.19 businesses during construction of the proposed augmentation project and the proposed
80.20 filtration or treatment plant facility; and
80.21 (6) the city will be given authority to force change to ongoing project operations that
80.22 negatively affect the immediate neighborhood.

80.23 **ARTICLE 3**

80.24 **PARKS AND TRAILS FUND**

80.25 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2015 Supplement, section 85.53, subdivision 2, is
80.26 amended to read:

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

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

81.3 (c) A state agency or other recipient of a direct appropriation from the parks and
81.4 trails fund must compile and submit all information for funded projects or programs,
81.5 including the proposed measurable outcomes and all other items required under section
81.6 3.303, subdivision 10, to the Legislative Coordinating Commission as soon as practicable
81.7 or by January 15 of the applicable fiscal year, whichever comes first. The Legislative
81.8 Coordinating Commission must post submitted information on the Web site required
81.9 under section 3.303, subdivision 10, as soon as it becomes available.

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

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

81.16 (f) When practicable, a direct recipient of an appropriation from the parks and
81.17 trails fund shall prominently display on the recipient's Web site home page the legacy
81.18 logo required under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 5, section 10, as amended by Laws
81.19 2010, chapter 361, article 3, section 5, accompanied by the phrase "Click here for more
81.20 information." When a person clicks on the legacy logo image, the Web site must direct
81.21 the person to a Web page that includes both the contact information that a person may
81.22 use to obtain additional information, as well as a link to the Legislative Coordinating
81.23 Commission Web site required under section 3.303, subdivision 10.

81.24 (g) Future eligibility for money from the parks and trails fund is contingent upon a
81.25 state agency or other recipient satisfying all applicable requirements in this section, as
81.26 well as any additional requirements contained in applicable session law. If the Office of
81.27 the Legislative Auditor, in the course of an audit or investigation, publicly reports that a
81.28 recipient of money from the parks and trails fund has not complied with the laws, rules, or
81.29 regulations in this section or other laws applicable to the recipient, the recipient must be
81.30 listed in an annual report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the legacy
81.31 funds. The list must be publicly available. The legislative auditor shall remove a recipient
81.32 from the list upon determination that the recipient is in compliance. A recipient on the
81.33 list is not eligible for future funding from the parks and trails fund until the recipient
81.34 demonstrates compliance to the legislative auditor.

81.35 (h) Any state agency or organization requesting a direct appropriation from the parks
81.36 and trails fund must inform the house of representatives and senate committees having

82.1 jurisdiction over the parks and trails fund, at the time the request for funding is made,
82.2 whether the request is supplanting or is a substitution for any previous funding that was
82.3 not from a legacy fund and was used for the same purpose.

82.4 **ARTICLE 4**

82.5 **ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND**

82.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2015 Supplement, section 129D.17, subdivision 2,
82.7 is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

82.34 (g) When practicable, a direct recipient of an appropriation from the arts and cultural
82.35 heritage fund shall prominently display on the recipient's Web site home page the legacy

83.1 logo required under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 5, section 10, as amended by Laws
 83.2 2010, chapter 361, article 3, section 5, accompanied by the phrase "Click here for more
 83.3 information." When a person clicks on the legacy logo image, the Web site must direct
 83.4 the person to a Web page that includes both the contact information that a person may
 83.5 use to obtain additional information, as well as a link to the Legislative Coordinating
 83.6 Commission Web site required under section 3.303, subdivision 10.

83.7 (h) Future eligibility for money from the arts and cultural heritage fund is contingent
 83.8 upon a state agency or other recipient satisfying all applicable requirements in this section,
 83.9 as well as any additional requirements contained in applicable session law. If the Office of
 83.10 the Legislative Auditor, in the course of an audit or investigation, publicly reports that a
 83.11 recipient of money from the arts and cultural heritage fund has not complied with the laws,
 83.12 rules, or regulations in this section or other laws applicable to the recipient, the recipient
 83.13 must be listed in an annual report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the
 83.14 legacy funds. The list must be publicly available. The legislative auditor shall remove a
 83.15 recipient from the list upon determination that the recipient is in compliance. A recipient
 83.16 on the list is not eligible for future funding from the arts and cultural heritage fund until
 83.17 the recipient demonstrates compliance to the legislative auditor.

83.18 (i) Any state agency or organization requesting a direct appropriation from the arts
 83.19 and cultural heritage fund must inform the house of representatives and senate committees
 83.20 having jurisdiction over the arts and cultural heritage fund, at the time the request for
 83.21 funding is made, whether the request is supplanting or is a substitution for any previous
 83.22 funding that was not from a legacy fund and was used for the same purpose.

83.23 Sec. 2. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 2, article 4, section 2, subdivision 3,
 83.24 is amended to read:

83.25 Subd. 3. **Minnesota State Arts Board** 26,819,000 31,312,000

83.26 (a) These amounts are appropriated to
 83.27 the Minnesota State Arts Board for arts,
 83.28 arts education, arts preservation, and arts
 83.29 access. Grant agreements entered into
 83.30 by the Minnesota State Arts Board and
 83.31 other recipients of appropriations in this
 83.32 subdivision must ensure that these funds are
 83.33 used to supplement and not substitute for
 83.34 traditional sources of funding. Each grant
 83.35 program established within this appropriation

84.1 must be separately administered from other
84.2 state appropriations for program planning
84.3 and outcome measurements, but may take
84.4 into consideration other state resources
84.5 awarded in the selection of applicants and
84.6 grant award size.

84.7 **(b) Arts and Arts Access Initiatives**

84.8 \$21,155,000 the first year and \$25,350,000
84.9 the second year are to support Minnesota
84.10 artists and arts organizations in creating,
84.11 producing, and presenting high-quality arts
84.12 activities; to overcome barriers to accessing
84.13 high-quality arts activities; to preserve,
84.14 maintain, and interpret art forms and works
84.15 of art so that they are accessible to Minnesota
84.16 audiences; and to instill the arts into the
84.17 community and public life in this state.

84.18 **(c) Arts Education**

84.19 \$4,248,000 the first year and \$4,472,000
84.20 the second year are for high-quality,
84.21 age-appropriate arts education for
84.22 Minnesotans of all ages to develop
84.23 knowledge, skills, and understanding of the
84.24 arts.

84.25 **(d) Arts and Cultural Heritage**

84.26 \$1,416,000 the first year and \$1,490,000
84.27 the second year are for events and activities
84.28 that represent, preserve, and maintain the
84.29 diverse cultural arts traditions, including folk
84.30 and traditional artists and art organizations,
84.31 represented in this state.

84.32 (e) Up to 4.5 percent of the funds appropriated
84.33 in paragraphs (b) to (d) may be used by the
84.34 board for administering grant programs,

85.1 delivering technical services, providing
85.2 fiscal oversight for the statewide system, and
85.3 ensuring accountability.

85.4 (f) Up to thirty percent of the remaining total
85.5 appropriation to each of the categories listed
85.6 in paragraphs (b) to (d) is for grants to the
85.7 regional arts councils. Notwithstanding any
85.8 other provision of law, regional arts council
85.9 grants or other arts council grants for touring
85.10 programs, projects, or exhibits must ensure
85.11 the programs, projects, or exhibits are able to
85.12 tour in their own region as well as all other
85.13 regions of the state.

85.14 (g) Any unencumbered balance remaining
85.15 under this section in the first year does not
85.16 cancel, but is available for the second year
85.17 of the biennium."

85.18 Delete the title and insert:

85.19 "A bill for an act
85.20 relating to state government; appropriating money from outdoor heritage fund
85.21 and clean water fund; modifying Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
85.22 provisions; modifying legacy funds provisions; modifying prior appropriations;
85.23 amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97A.056, subdivisions 2, 10;
85.24 Minnesota Statutes 2015 Supplement, sections 85.53, subdivision 2; 129D.17,
85.25 subdivision 2; Laws 2011, First Special Session chapter 6, article 2, sections 3; 5;
85.26 7, as amended; Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 2, sections 3; 5; 6, as amended; 7;
85.27 8; Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section 2, subdivisions 2,
85.28 3, 5; article 2, sections 3; 5; 7; article 4, section 2, subdivision 3."

86.1 We request the adoption of this report and repassage of the bill.

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