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H. F. No. 1926

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Finance
- 03/06/2014 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Legacy
- 03/13/2014 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
 1.2 relating to natural resources; appropriating money from outdoor heritage fund;
 1.3 modifying restoration evaluation requirements; modifying requirements for
 1.4 acquisition of real property with money from legacy funds; modifying previous
 1.5 parks and trails fund appropriation; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections
 1.6 84.0272, subdivisions 1, 3; 97A.056, subdivision 10, by adding subdivisions.

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

1.8 ARTICLE 1

1.9 OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND

1.10 Section 1. OUTDOOR HERITAGE APPROPRIATION.

1.11 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the
 1.12 agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the
 1.13 outdoor heritage fund for the fiscal year indicated for each purpose. The figures "2014"
 1.14 and "2015" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under them are available
 1.15 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, or June 30, 2015, respectively. "The first year" is
 1.16 fiscal year 2014. "The second year" is fiscal year 2015. "The biennium" is fiscal years
 1.17 2014 and 2015. The appropriations in this act are onetime.

1.18	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
1.19	<u>Available for the Year</u>	
1.20	<u>Ending June 30</u>	
1.21	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>

1.22 Sec. 2. OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND

1.23	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>109,320,000</u>
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2.1 This appropriation is from the outdoor
 2.2 heritage fund. The amounts that may be
 2.3 spent for each purpose are specified in the
 2.4 following subdivisions.

2.5 Subd. 2. Prairies -0- 37,435,000

2.6 **(a) DNR Wildlife Management Area and**
 2.7 **Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition -**
 2.8 **Phase VI**

2.9 \$8,145,000 in the second year is to the
 2.10 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
 2.11 land in fee for wildlife management area
 2.12 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
 2.13 86A.05, subdivision 8, and to acquire
 2.14 land in fee for scientific and natural area
 2.15 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
 2.16 86A.05, subdivision 5. Of this amount,
 2.17 \$4,250,000 is for the Vermillion River
 2.18 Wildlife Management Area addition in
 2.19 Dakota County. Any funds not spent on
 2.20 the Vermillion River Wildlife Management
 2.21 Area addition must be used for acquisition
 2.22 of land in the seven-county metropolitan
 2.23 area. Lands acquired with this appropriation
 2.24 may not be used for emergency haying
 2.25 and grazing in response to federal or state
 2.26 disaster declarations. Conservation grazing
 2.27 under a management plan that is already
 2.28 being implemented may continue. Subject
 2.29 to the evaluation criteria under Minnesota
 2.30 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be
 2.31 given to acquisition of lands that are eligible
 2.32 for the native prairie bank under Minnesota
 2.33 Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to
 2.34 protected native prairie. A list of proposed
 2.35 land and permanent conservation easement

3.1 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
3.2 required accomplishment plan.

3.3 **(b) Accelerating Wildlife Management**
3.4 **Area Acquisition - Phase VI**

3.5 \$10,350,000 in the second year is to the
3.6 commissioner of natural resources for an
3.7 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire
3.8 land in fee for wildlife management area
3.9 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
3.10 86A.05, subdivision 8. Lands acquired
3.11 with this appropriation may not be used for
3.12 emergency haying and grazing in response
3.13 to federal or state disaster declarations.

3.14 Conservation grazing under a management
3.15 plan that is already being implemented may
3.16 continue. Subject to the evaluation criteria
3.17 under Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,
3.18 priority must be given to acquisition of
3.19 lands that are eligible for the native prairie
3.20 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section
3.21 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native
3.22 prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions
3.23 must be provided as part of the required
3.24 accomplishment plan.

3.25 **(c) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project -**
3.26 **Phase V**

3.27 \$3,940,000 in the second year is to the
3.28 commissioner of natural resources for a
3.29 contract with The Nature Conservancy
3.30 to acquire native prairie, wetlands, and
3.31 savanna and restore and enhance grasslands,
3.32 wetlands, and savanna. A list of proposed
3.33 land acquisitions must be provided as part of
3.34 the required accomplishment plan and must
3.35 be consistent with the priorities identified

4.1 in the Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.
4.2 Lands acquired with this appropriation
4.3 may not be used for emergency haying and
4.4 grazing in response to federal or state disaster
4.5 declarations. Conservation grazing under
4.6 a management plan that is already being
4.7 implemented may continue. Subject to the
4.8 evaluation criteria under Minnesota Rules,
4.9 part 6136.0900, priority must be given to
4.10 acquisition of lands that are eligible for the
4.11 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,
4.12 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected
4.13 native prairie. Annual income statements
4.14 and balance sheets for income and expenses
4.15 from land acquired with this appropriation
4.16 must be submitted to the Lessard-Sams
4.17 Outdoor Heritage Council no later than 180
4.18 days following the close of The Nature
4.19 Conservancy's fiscal year.

4.20 **(d) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National**
4.21 **Wildlife Refuge Land Acquisition - Phase**

4.22 V
4.23 \$2,450,000 in the second year is to the
4.24 commissioner of natural resources for a
4.25 contract with The Nature Conservancy in
4.26 cooperation with the United States Fish
4.27 and Wildlife Service to acquire land in
4.28 fee or permanent conservation easements
4.29 within the Northern Tallgrass Prairie Habitat
4.30 Preservation Area in western Minnesota for
4.31 addition to the Northern Tallgrass Prairie
4.32 National Wildlife Refuge. Lands acquired
4.33 with this appropriation may not be used for
4.34 emergency haying and grazing in response
4.35 to federal or state disaster declarations.
4.36 Conservation grazing under a management

5.1 plan that is already being implemented may
5.2 continue. Subject to the evaluation criteria
5.3 under Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,
5.4 priority must be given to acquisition of
5.5 lands that are eligible for the native prairie
5.6 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section
5.7 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native
5.8 prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions
5.9 must be provided as part of the required
5.10 accomplishment plan and must be consistent
5.11 with the priorities in the Minnesota Prairie
5.12 Conservation Plan.

5.13 **(e) Accelerated Protection of Grassland**
5.14 **and Prairie Habitat with Reinvest in**
5.15 **Minnesota and Native Prairie Bank**
5.16 **Easements**

5.17 \$3,000,000 in the second year is to the
5.18 commissioner of natural resources and
5.19 \$2,450,000 in the second year is to the Board
5.20 of Water and Soil Resources to implement
5.21 the Minnesota Prairie Conservation
5.22 Plan through acquisition of permanent
5.23 conservation easements to protect native
5.24 prairie and grasslands. Of these amounts,
5.25 up to \$112,000 to the Department of
5.26 Natural Resources and up to \$65,000 to the
5.27 Board of Water and Soil Resources are for
5.28 establishing monitoring and enforcement
5.29 funds as approved in the accomplishment
5.30 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
5.31 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. Lands with
5.32 easements acquired with this appropriation
5.33 may not be used for emergency haying
5.34 and grazing in response to federal or state
5.35 disaster declarations. Conservation grazing
5.36 under a management plan that is already

6.1 being implemented may continue. Subject
6.2 to the evaluation criteria under Minnesota
6.3 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be
6.4 given to acquisition of lands that are eligible
6.5 for the native prairie bank under Minnesota
6.6 Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to
6.7 protected native prairie. A list of permanent
6.8 conservation easements must be provided as
6.9 part of the final report.

6.10 **(f) Minnesota Buffers for Wildlife and**
6.11 **Water - Phase IV**

6.12 \$2,200,000 in the second year is to the Board
6.13 of Water and Soil Resources to acquire
6.14 permanent conservation easements to protect
6.15 and enhance habitat by expanding the clean
6.16 water fund riparian buffer program for at
6.17 least equal wildlife benefits from buffers
6.18 on private land. Up to \$112,500 is for
6.19 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
6.20 fund as approved in the accomplishment
6.21 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
6.22 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. Lands with
6.23 easements acquired with this appropriation
6.24 may not be used for emergency haying
6.25 and grazing in response to federal or state
6.26 disaster declarations. Conservation grazing
6.27 under a management plan that is already
6.28 being implemented may continue. A list of
6.29 permanent conservation easements must be
6.30 provided as part of the final report.

6.31 **(g) Cannon River Headwaters Habitat**
6.32 **Complex - Phase IV**

6.33 \$1,430,000 in the second year is to the
6.34 commissioner of natural resources for an
6.35 agreement with The Trust for Public Land to

7.1 acquire and restore lands in the Cannon River
7.2 watershed for wildlife management area
7.3 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
7.4 86A.05, subdivision 8. Lands acquired
7.5 with this appropriation may not be used for
7.6 emergency haying and grazing in response
7.7 to federal or state disaster declarations.
7.8 Conservation grazing under a management
7.9 plan that is already being implemented may
7.10 continue. Subject to the evaluation criteria
7.11 under Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,
7.12 priority must be given to acquisition of
7.13 lands that are eligible for the native prairie
7.14 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section
7.15 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native
7.16 prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions
7.17 must be provided as part of the required
7.18 accomplishment plan.

7.19 **(h) Accelerated Prairie Restoration and**
7.20 **Enhancement on DNR Lands - Phase VI**
7.21 \$1,530,000 in the second year is to
7.22 the commissioner of natural resources to
7.23 accelerate the restoration and enhancement of
7.24 prairie communities in wildlife management
7.25 areas, scientific and natural areas, aquatic
7.26 management areas, state forest land, and land
7.27 under native prairie bank easements. A list of
7.28 proposed land restorations and enhancements
7.29 must be provided as part of the required
7.30 accomplishment plan.

7.31 **(i) Anoka Sandplain Habitat Restoration**
7.32 **and Enhancement - Phase III**
7.33 \$1,190,000 in the second year is to the
7.34 commissioner of natural resources for
7.35 agreements to restore and enhance wildlife

8.1 habitat on public lands in Anoka, Benton,
 8.2 Isanti, Morrison, Sherburne, and Stearns
 8.3 Counties as follows: \$155,000 is to Anoka
 8.4 Conservation District; \$79,000 is to Isanti
 8.5 County Parks Department; \$901,000 is to
 8.6 Great River Greening; and \$55,000 is to
 8.7 Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation
 8.8 District. A list of proposed land restorations
 8.9 and enhancements must be provided as part
 8.10 of the required accomplishment plan.

8.11 **(j) Crow-Hassen Prairie Complex**
 8.12 **Restoration and Enhancement**

8.13 \$370,000 in the second year is to the
 8.14 commissioner of natural resources for an
 8.15 agreement with Three Rivers Park District
 8.16 to restore and enhance prairie habitat
 8.17 within the Crow-Hassen Park Reserve.
 8.18 A restoration and enhancement plan and
 8.19 a list of proposed land restorations and
 8.20 enhancements must be provided as part of
 8.21 the required accomplishment plan.

8.22 **(k) Prairie and Oak Savanna Restoration**
 8.23 **along Mississippi and Rum Rivers**

8.24 \$380,000 in the second year is to the
 8.25 commissioner of natural resources for an
 8.26 agreement with Anoka County to restore
 8.27 and enhance riparian and upland habitat in
 8.28 the Rum River Central Regional Park/Cedar
 8.29 Creek Conservation Area complex and
 8.30 in the Mississippi West Regional Park.
 8.31 A restoration and enhancement plan and
 8.32 a list of proposed land restorations and
 8.33 enhancements must be provided as part of
 8.34 the required accomplishment plan.

8.35 **Subd. 3. Forests**

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16,100,000

9.1 **(a) Preventing Forest Fragmentation**
9.2 **and Protecting and Restoring Lake and**
9.3 **Stream Habitat in St. Louis River**

9.4 \$2,800,000 in the second year is to the
9.5 commissioner of natural resources for a
9.6 contract with the Fond du Lac Band of Lake
9.7 Superior Chippewa to acquire lands in fee in
9.8 the St. Louis River watershed to be managed
9.9 for fish and wildlife purposes. A list of
9.10 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
9.11 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

9.12 **(b) Northeastern Minnesota Sharp-Tailed**
9.13 **Grouse Habitat Program - Phase V**

9.14 \$3,150,000 in the second year is to the
9.15 commissioner of natural resources for
9.16 an agreement with Pheasants Forever in
9.17 cooperation with the Minnesota Sharp-Tailed
9.18 Grouse Society to acquire and enhance lands
9.19 in Aitkin, Carlton, Kanabec, Pine, and St.
9.20 Louis Counties for wildlife management area
9.21 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
9.22 86A.05, subdivision 8. Lands acquired
9.23 with this appropriation may not be used for
9.24 emergency haying and grazing in response
9.25 to federal or state disaster declarations.
9.26 Conservation grazing under a management
9.27 plan that is already being implemented may
9.28 continue. A list of proposed land acquisitions
9.29 must be provided as part of the required
9.30 accomplishment plan.

9.31 **(c) Protecting Pineland Sands Aquifer**
9.32 **Forest Lands**

9.33 \$1,050,000 in the second year is to the
9.34 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
9.35 forest lands in Cass, Hubbard, and Wadena

10.1 Counties for wildlife management area
10.2 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
10.3 86A.05, subdivision 8; to acquire land in
10.4 fee for scientific and natural area purposes
10.5 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
10.6 subdivision 5; or to acquire land in fee
10.7 for state forests under Minnesota Statutes,
10.8 section 86A.05, subdivision 7. A list of
10.9 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
10.10 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

10.11 **(d) Protecting Key Forest Lands in Cass**
10.12 **County - Phase V**

10.13 \$880,000 in the second year is to the
10.14 commissioner of natural resources for a
10.15 contract with Cass County to acquire land in
10.16 fee in Cass County for forest wildlife habitat
10.17 or to prevent forest fragmentation. A list of
10.18 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
10.19 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

10.20 **(e) State Forest Acquisitions - Phase II**

10.21 \$950,000 in the second year is to the
10.22 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
10.23 lands in fee and permanent management
10.24 easements, including for habitat purposes,
10.25 in the Richard J. Dorer State Forest under
10.26 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
10.27 subdivision 7. A list of proposed land
10.28 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
10.29 required accomplishment plan.

10.30 **(f) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**
10.31 **Restoration - Phase II**

10.32 \$5,770,000 in the second year is to the
10.33 commissioner of natural resources for
10.34 agreements to acquire land in fee for wildlife
10.35 management area purposes under Minnesota

11.1 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8; to
11.2 acquire land in fee for scientific and natural
11.3 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section
11.4 86A.05, subdivision 5; to acquire land in fee
11.5 for state forest purposes under Minnesota
11.6 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 7; for
11.7 permanent conservation easements; and
11.8 to restore and enhance habitat on publicly
11.9 protected lands as follows: \$4,800,000 to
11.10 The Nature Conservancy; and \$970,000
11.11 to Minnesota Land Trust, of which up to
11.12 \$160,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is for
11.13 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
11.14 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
11.15 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
11.16 97A.056, subdivision 17. Lands acquired
11.17 or lands with easements acquired with this
11.18 appropriation may not be used for emergency
11.19 haying and grazing in response to federal
11.20 or state disaster declarations. Conservation
11.21 grazing under a management plan that is
11.22 already being implemented may continue.
11.23 A list of proposed acquisitions, permanent
11.24 conservation easements, and restorations and
11.25 enhancements must be provided as part of
11.26 the required accomplishment plan.

11.27 **(g) Camp Ripley Partnership - Phase IV**
11.28 \$1,200,000 in the second year is to the
11.29 Board of Water and Soil Resources in
11.30 cooperation with the Morrison County Soil
11.31 and Water Conservation District to acquire
11.32 permanent conservation easements within
11.33 the boundaries of the Minnesota National
11.34 Guard Compatible Use Buffer to protect
11.35 forest wildlife habitat. Up to \$45,000 is for
11.36 establishing a monitoring and enforcement

12.1 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
 12.2 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 12.3 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
 12.4 conservation easements must be provided as
 12.5 part of the final report.

12.6 **(h) Floodplain Forest Enhancement on**
 12.7 **Mississippi River**

12.8 \$300,000 is to the commissioner of natural
 12.9 resources for an agreement with National
 12.10 Audubon Society to enhance floodplain forest
 12.11 habitat for wildlife on public lands along the
 12.12 Mississippi River. A list of restorations and
 12.13 enhancements must be provided as part of
 12.14 the required accomplishment plan.

12.15 Subd. 4. Wetlands -0- 24,010,000

12.16 **(a) Reinvest in Minnesota Wetlands**
 12.17 **Partnership - Phase VI**

12.18 \$9,710,000 in the second year is to the
 12.19 Board of Soil and Water Resources to
 12.20 acquire permanent conservation easements
 12.21 and restore wetlands and associated upland
 12.22 habitat in cooperation with the United
 12.23 States Department of Agriculture and
 12.24 Ducks Unlimited, including \$645,000
 12.25 for an agreement with Ducks Unlimited
 12.26 to provide technical and bioengineering
 12.27 assistance. Up to \$190,000 to the Board of
 12.28 Water and Soil Resources is for establishing
 12.29 a monitoring and enforcement fund as
 12.30 approved in the accomplishment plan and
 12.31 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 12.32 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
 12.33 conservation easements must be provided as
 12.34 part of the final report. The appropriations
 12.35 in Laws 2012, chapter 264, article 1, section

13.1 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (a), and Laws
13.2 2013, chapter 137, article 1, section 2,
13.3 subdivision 4, paragraph (a), may be used for
13.4 the purposes of this appropriation.

13.5 **(b) Accelerating Waterfowl Production**

13.6 **Area Acquisition - Phase VI**

13.7 \$7,280,000 in the second year is to the
13.8 commissioner of natural resources for a
13.9 contract with Pheasants Forever to acquire
13.10 land in fee to be designated and managed as
13.11 waterfowl production areas in Minnesota,
13.12 in cooperation with the United States Fish
13.13 and Wildlife Service. A list of proposed land
13.14 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
13.15 required accomplishment plan.

13.16 **(c) Living Shallow Lakes and Wetland**

13.17 **Initiative - Phase IV**

13.18 \$4,910,000 in the second year is to the
13.19 commissioner of natural resources for
13.20 an agreement with Ducks Unlimited to
13.21 assess, enhance, and restore shallow lakes
13.22 and wetlands, including bioengineering,
13.23 technical assistance, feasibility investigation,
13.24 survey, and design to develop new
13.25 enhancement and restoration projects for
13.26 future implementation. A list of proposed
13.27 enhancements and restorations to be
13.28 constructed through this appropriation
13.29 must be provided as part of the required
13.30 accomplishment plan.

13.31 **(d) Wild Rice Shoreland Protection**

13.32 **Program - Phase III**

13.33 \$198,000 in the second year is to the
13.34 commissioner of natural resources for
13.35 acquisition of land in fee and \$862,000 is to

14.1 the Board of Water and Soil Resources to
 14.2 acquire permanent conservation easements
 14.3 on wild rice lake shoreland habitat for native
 14.4 wild rice bed protection. Of this amount, up
 14.5 to \$70,000 to the Board of Water and Soil
 14.6 Resources is for establishing a monitoring
 14.7 and enforcement fund as approved in
 14.8 the accomplishment plan and subject to
 14.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
 14.10 subdivision 17. A list of proposed fee land
 14.11 acquisitions must be included as part of
 14.12 the required accomplishment plan by the
 14.13 Department of Natural Resources and a list
 14.14 of permanent conservation easements must
 14.15 be provided as part of the final report by the
 14.16 Board of Water and Soil Resources.

14.17 **(e) Accelerated Shallow Lakes and**
 14.18 **Wetlands Enhancement - Phase VI**

14.19 \$1,050,000 in the second year is to the
 14.20 commissioner of natural resources to enhance
 14.21 and restore shallow lakes statewide. A list of
 14.22 proposed land restorations and enhancements
 14.23 must be provided as part of the required
 14.24 accomplishment plan.

14.25	<u>Subd. 5. Habitats</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>30,890,000</u>
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14.26 **(a) DNR Aquatic Habitat - Phase VI**

14.27 \$2,560,000 in the second year is to the
 14.28 commissioner of natural resources to
 14.29 acquire interests in land in fee for aquatic
 14.30 management purposes under Minnesota
 14.31 Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 14,
 14.32 and 97C.02, and to restore and enhance
 14.33 aquatic habitat. A list of proposed
 14.34 land acquisitions and restorations and

15.1 enhancements must be provided as part of
15.2 the required accomplishment plan.

15.3 **(b) Fisheries Habitat Protection on**
15.4 **Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes**

15.5 \$2,130,000 in the second year is to the
15.6 commissioner of natural resources for
15.7 agreements with the Leech Lake Area
15.8 Watershed Foundation and Minnesota Land
15.9 Trust to acquire land in fee and permanent
15.10 conservation easements to sustain healthy
15.11 fish habitat on lakes in Aitkin, Cass, Crow
15.12 Wing, and Hubbard Counties as follows:
15.13 \$1,150,300 to Leech Lake Area Watershed
15.14 Foundation; and \$979,700 to Minnesota
15.15 Land Trust, of which up to \$120,000 to
15.16 Minnesota Land Trust is for establishing
15.17 a monitoring and enforcement fund as
15.18 approved in the accomplishment plan and
15.19 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
15.20 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
15.21 land acquisitions must be provided as part of
15.22 the required accomplishment plan.

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

15.24 **- Phase V**

15.25 \$1,190,000 in the second year is to the
15.26 commissioner of natural resources for a
15.27 contract with Dakota County to acquire
15.28 permanent conservation easements and land
15.29 in fee and to restore and enhance habitats in
15.30 rivers and lake watersheds in Dakota County.
15.31 Up to \$15,000 to Dakota County is for
15.32 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
15.33 fund as approved in the accomplishment
15.34 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
15.35 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. Lands

16.1 acquired or lands with easements acquired
16.2 with this appropriation may not be used for
16.3 emergency haying and grazing in response
16.4 to federal or state disaster declarations.
16.5 Conservation grazing under a management
16.6 plan that is already being implemented may
16.7 continue. A list of proposed land acquisitions
16.8 and restorations and enhancements must
16.9 be provided as part of the required
16.10 accomplishment plan.

16.11 **(d) Metro Big Rivers - Phase V**
16.12 \$2,650,000 in the second year is to the
16.13 commissioner of natural resources for
16.14 agreements to acquire land in fee and
16.15 permanent conservation easements and
16.16 to restore and enhance natural systems
16.17 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,
16.18 and St. Croix Rivers as follows: \$600,000
16.19 to Minnesota Valley National Wildlife
16.20 Refuge Trust, Inc.; \$160,000 to Friends of
16.21 the Mississippi River; \$400,000 to Great
16.22 River Greening; \$590,000 to Minnesota
16.23 Land Trust, of which up to \$77,000 is for
16.24 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
16.25 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
16.26 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
16.27 97A.056, subdivision 17; and \$900,000 to
16.28 The Trust for Public Land. Lands acquired
16.29 or lands with easements acquired with
16.30 this appropriation may not be used for
16.31 emergency haying and grazing in response
16.32 to federal or state disaster declarations.
16.33 Conservation grazing under a management
16.34 plan that is already being implemented may
16.35 continue. A list of proposed land acquisitions
16.36 and permanent conservation easements

17.1 must be provided as part of the required
17.2 accomplishment plan.

17.3 **(e) Mustinka River Fish and Wildlife**
17.4 **Habitat Corridor Rehabilitation**

17.5 \$2,440,000 in the second year is to the
17.6 commissioner of natural resources for
17.7 an agreement with the Bois de Sioux
17.8 Watershed District to acquire land in fee
17.9 and to restore natural systems associated
17.10 with the Mustinka River located within the
17.11 Bois de Sioux Watershed. Lands acquired
17.12 with this appropriation may not be used for
17.13 emergency haying and grazing in response
17.14 to federal or state disaster declarations.
17.15 Conservation grazing under a management
17.16 plan that is already being implemented may
17.17 continue. A list of proposed land acquisitions
17.18 must be provided as part of the required
17.19 accomplishment plan.

17.20 **(f) Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater**
17.21 **Fish Habitat Enhancement and**
17.22 **Restoration - Phase VI**

17.23 \$1,900,000 in the second year is to the
17.24 commissioner of natural resources for an
17.25 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited
17.26 to restore and enhance habitat for trout
17.27 and other species in and along coldwater
17.28 rivers and streams in Minnesota. A list of
17.29 proposed land restorations and enhancements
17.30 must be provided as part of the required
17.31 accomplishment plan.

17.32 **(g) St. Louis River Restoration Initiative -**
17.33 **Phase II**

17.34 \$2,290,000 in the second year is to the
17.35 commissioner of natural resources to restore

18.1 habitat in the lower St. Louis River estuary.
18.2 Of this appropriation, up to \$500,000 is for
18.3 an agreement with Minnesota Land Trust. A
18.4 list of proposed restorations must be provided
18.5 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

18.6 **(h) Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation -**
18.7 **Phase II**

18.8 \$1,410,000 in the second year is to the
18.9 commissioner of natural resources for an
18.10 agreement with the Lake Superior Steelhead
18.11 Association to enhance trout habitat in the
18.12 Knife River watershed. A list of proposed
18.13 enhancements must be provided as part of
18.14 the required accomplishment plan.

18.15 **(i) Restoration and Enhancement of**
18.16 **Washington County Public Lands**

18.17 \$430,000 in the second year is to the
18.18 commissioner of natural resources for an
18.19 agreement with Washington County to
18.20 restore and enhance habitat on public lands
18.21 in Washington County. A restoration and
18.22 enhancement plan and a list of proposed
18.23 land restorations and enhancements
18.24 must be provided as part of the required
18.25 accomplishment plan.

18.26 **(j) Wirth Park Enhancements**

18.27 \$600,000 in the second year is to the
18.28 commissioner of natural resources for an
18.29 agreement with the Minneapolis Park Board
18.30 to enhance riparian and upland habitat
18.31 within Wirth Park in Hennepin County.
18.32 A restoration and enhancement plan and
18.33 a list of proposed land restorations and
18.34 enhancements must be provided as part of
18.35 the required accomplishment plan.

19.1 **(k) Evaluate Effectiveness of Aquatic**
19.2 **Invasive Species Prevention Strategies**
19.3 \$4,040,000 in the second year is to the
19.4 commissioner of natural resources for an
19.5 agreement with the Central Minnesota
19.6 Initiative Fund to develop a series of pilot
19.7 projects to enhance aquatic habitat by
19.8 preventing the spread of aquatic invasive
19.9 species, including pilot projects conducting
19.10 education and outreach, inspection and
19.11 decontamination, enforcement, and other
19.12 activities. All pilot projects must be
19.13 conducted on a reimbursement basis and
19.14 require a match of nonoutdoor heritage fund
19.15 dollars. A required evaluation of results
19.16 must be funded with nonoutdoor heritage
19.17 fund dollars. The required evaluation must
19.18 evaluate the efficacy of inspection and
19.19 decontamination activities utilized in any of
19.20 the pilot projects in preventing the spread
19.21 of aquatic invasive species. A list of pilot
19.22 projects must be included in the required
19.23 final report.

19.24 **(l) Albert Lea Lake Management and**
19.25 **Invasive Species Control Structure -**
19.26 **Supplement**
19.27 \$700,000 in the second year is added to
19.28 the appropriation contained in Laws 2013,
19.29 chapter 137, article 1, section 2, subdivision
19.30 5, paragraph (h), to the commissioner of
19.31 natural resources for an agreement with
19.32 the Shell Rock River Watershed District to
19.33 construct structural deterrents and lake level
19.34 controls.

20.1 **(m) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**
20.2 **Program - Phase V**
20.3 \$4,550,000 in the second year is to the
20.4 commissioner of natural resources for a
20.5 program to provide competitive, matching
20.6 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,
20.7 state, and national organizations for
20.8 enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests,
20.9 wetlands, prairies, or habitat for fish, game,
20.10 or wildlife in Minnesota. This appropriation
20.11 is available until June 30, 2019. The
20.12 accomplishment plan must accelerate the
20.13 start of the pilot project. Grants shall not
20.14 be made for activities required to fulfill
20.15 the duties of owners of lands subject to
20.16 conservation easements. Grants shall not
20.17 be made from the appropriation in this
20.18 paragraph for projects that have a total
20.19 project cost exceeding \$575,000. Of this
20.20 appropriation, \$460,000 may be spent
20.21 for personnel costs and other direct and
20.22 necessary administrative costs. Grantees may
20.23 acquire land or interests in land. Easements
20.24 must be permanent. Grants may not be used
20.25 to establish easement stewardship accounts.
20.26 Land acquired in fee must be open to hunting
20.27 and fishing during the open season unless
20.28 otherwise provided by state law. Lands
20.29 acquired or lands with easements acquired
20.30 with this appropriation may not be used for
20.31 emergency haying and grazing in response
20.32 to federal or state disaster declarations.
20.33 Conservation grazing under a management
20.34 plan that is already being implemented may
20.35 continue. The program shall require a match
20.36 of at least ten percent from nonstate sources

21.1 for all grants. The match may be cash or
21.2 in-kind resources. For grant applications
21.3 of \$25,000 or less, the commissioner shall
21.4 provide a separate, simplified application
21.5 process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the
21.6 commissioner of natural resources shall,
21.7 when evaluating projects of equal value,
21.8 give priority to organizations that have a
21.9 history of receiving or charter to receive
21.10 private contributions for local conservation
21.11 or habitat projects. If acquiring land or a
21.12 conservation easement, priority shall be
21.13 given to projects associated with or within
21.14 one mile of existing wildlife management
21.15 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section
21.16 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific and natural
21.17 areas under Minnesota Statutes, sections
21.18 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; or aquatic
21.19 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,
21.20 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02.
21.21 All restoration or enhancement projects
21.22 must be on land permanently protected by
21.23 a permanent covenant ensuring perpetual
21.24 maintenance and protection of restored
21.25 and enhanced habitat, by a conservation
21.26 easement, or by public ownership or in public
21.27 waters as defined in Minnesota Statutes,
21.28 section 103G.005, subdivision 15. Priority
21.29 shall be given to restoration and enhancement
21.30 projects on public lands. Minnesota Statutes,
21.31 section 97A.056, subdivision 13, applies
21.32 to grants awarded under this paragraph.
21.33 This appropriation is available until June
21.34 30, 2018. No less than five percent of the
21.35 amount of each grant must be held back from
21.36 reimbursement until the grant recipient has

22.1 completed a grant accomplishment report by
22.2 the deadline and in the form prescribed by
22.3 and satisfactory to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
22.4 Heritage Council. The commissioner shall
22.5 provide notice of the grant program in
22.6 the game and fish law summary prepared
22.7 under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.051,
22.8 subdivision 2.

22.9 **(n) Conservation Partners Legacy Metro**
22.10 **Grant Program**

22.11 \$4,000,000 in the second year is to the
22.12 commissioner of natural resources for a
22.13 program to provide competitive, matching
22.14 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,
22.15 state, and national organizations for
22.16 enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests,
22.17 wetlands, prairies, or habitat for fish, game,
22.18 or wildlife in the seven-county metropolitan
22.19 area and cities with a population of 50,000
22.20 or greater. Grants shall not be made for
22.21 activities required to fulfill the duties of
22.22 owners of lands subject to conservation
22.23 easements. Grants shall not be made from the
22.24 appropriation in this paragraph for projects
22.25 that have a total project cost exceeding
22.26 \$575,000. Of this appropriation, \$70,000
22.27 may be spent for direct and necessary
22.28 administrative costs. Grantees may acquire
22.29 land or interests in land. Easements must
22.30 be permanent. Grants may not be used to
22.31 establish easement stewardship accounts.
22.32 Land acquired in fee must be open to hunting
22.33 and fishing during the open season unless
22.34 otherwise provided by state law. Lands
22.35 acquired or lands with easements acquired
22.36 with this appropriation may not be used for

23.1 emergency haying and grazing in response
23.2 to federal or state disaster declarations.
23.3 Conservation grazing under a management
23.4 plan that is already being implemented may
23.5 continue. The program shall require a match
23.6 of at least ten percent from nonstate sources
23.7 for all grants. The match may be cash or
23.8 in-kind resources. For grant applications
23.9 of \$25,000 or less, the commissioner shall
23.10 provide a separate, simplified application
23.11 process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the
23.12 commissioner of natural resources shall,
23.13 when evaluating projects of equal value,
23.14 give priority to organizations that have a
23.15 history of receiving or charter to receive
23.16 private contributions for local conservation
23.17 or habitat projects. If acquiring land or a
23.18 conservation easement, priority shall be
23.19 given to projects associated with or within
23.20 one mile of existing wildlife management
23.21 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section
23.22 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific and natural
23.23 areas under Minnesota Statutes, sections
23.24 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; or aquatic
23.25 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,
23.26 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02.
23.27 All restoration or enhancement projects
23.28 must be on land permanently protected by
23.29 a permanent covenant ensuring perpetual
23.30 maintenance and protection of restored
23.31 and enhanced habitat, by a conservation
23.32 easement, or by public ownership or in public
23.33 waters as defined in Minnesota Statutes,
23.34 section 103G.005, subdivision 15. Priority
23.35 shall be given to restoration and enhancement
23.36 projects on public lands. Minnesota Statutes,

24.1 section 97A.056, subdivision 13, applies
 24.2 to grants awarded under this paragraph.
 24.3 This appropriation is available until June
 24.4 30, 2018. No less than five percent of the
 24.5 amount of each grant must be held back from
 24.6 reimbursement until the grant recipient has
 24.7 completed a grant accomplishment report by
 24.8 the deadline and in the form prescribed by
 24.9 and satisfactory to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
 24.10 Heritage Council. The commissioner shall
 24.11 provide notice of the grant program in
 24.12 the game and fish law summary prepared
 24.13 under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.051,
 24.14 subdivision 2.

24.15 Subd. 6. Administration -0- 885,000

24.16 **(a) Contract Management**

24.17 \$150,000 in the second year is to the
 24.18 commissioner of natural resources for
 24.19 contract management duties assigned in this
 24.20 section. The commissioner shall provide an
 24.21 accomplishment plan in the form specified by
 24.22 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
 24.23 on the expenditure of this appropriation.
 24.24 The accomplishment plan must include
 24.25 a copy of the grant contract template
 24.26 and reimbursement manual. No money
 24.27 may be expended prior to Lessard-Sams
 24.28 Outdoor Heritage Council approval of the
 24.29 accomplishment plan.

24.30 **(b) Legislative Coordinating Commission**

24.31 \$570,000 in the second year is to the
 24.32 Legislative Coordinating Commission for
 24.33 administrative expenses of the Lessard-Sams
 24.34 Outdoor Heritage Council and for
 24.35 compensation and expense reimbursement

25.1 of council members. This appropriation is
25.2 available until June 30, 2015. Minnesota
25.3 Statutes, section 16A.281, applies to this
25.4 appropriation.

25.5 **(c) Technical Evaluation Panel**

25.6 \$100,000 in the second year is to the
25.7 commissioner of natural resources for a
25.8 technical evaluation panel to conduct up to
25.9 ten restoration evaluations under Minnesota
25.10 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 10.

25.11 **(d) High Priority Pre-Transaction Service**
25.12 **Acceleration for Lessard-Sams Outdoor**
25.13 **Heritage Council**

25.14 \$50,000 in the second year is to the
25.15 commissioner of natural resources to provide
25.16 land acquisition pre-transaction services
25.17 including but not limited to appraisals,
25.18 surveys, or title research for acquisition
25.19 proposals under consideration by the
25.20 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. A
25.21 list of activities must be included in the final
25.22 accomplishment plan.

25.23 **(e) Legacy Web Site**

25.24 \$15,000 in the second year is to the
25.25 Legislative Coordinating Commission for
25.26 the Web site required in Minnesota Statutes,
25.27 section 3.303, subdivision 10.

25.28 **Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation**

25.29 Money appropriated in this section may
25.30 not be spent on activities unless they are
25.31 directly related to and necessary for a
25.32 specific appropriation and are specified in
25.33 the accomplishment plan approved by the
25.34 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

26.1 Money appropriated in this section must
26.2 not be spent on indirect costs or other
26.3 institutional overhead charges that are not
26.4 directly related to and necessary for a specific
26.5 appropriation. Unless otherwise provided,
26.6 the amounts in this section are available
26.7 until June 30, 2017. For acquisition of real
26.8 property, the amounts in this section are
26.9 available until June 30, 2018, if a binding
26.10 agreement with a landowner or purchase
26.11 agreement is entered into by June 30, 2017,
26.12 and closed no later than June 30, 2018. Funds
26.13 for restoration or enhancement are available
26.14 until June 30, 2019, or five years after
26.15 acquisition, whichever is later, in order to
26.16 complete initial restoration or enhancement
26.17 work. If a project receives federal funds, the
26.18 time period of the appropriation is extended
26.19 to equal the availability of federal funding.
26.20 Funds appropriated for fee title acquisition
26.21 of land may be used to restore, enhance, and
26.22 provide for public use of the land acquired
26.23 with the appropriation. Public use facilities
26.24 must have a minimal impact on habitat in
26.25 acquired lands.

26.26 **Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital**
26.27 **Equipment Expenditures**

26.28 All agreements referred to in this section must
26.29 be administered on a reimbursement basis
26.30 unless otherwise provided in this section.
26.31 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
26.32 16A.41, expenditures directly related
26.33 to each appropriation's purpose made
26.34 on or after July 1, 2014, or the date of
26.35 accomplishment plan approval, whichever is
26.36 later, are eligible for reimbursement unless

27.1 otherwise provided in this section. For the
27.2 purposes of administering appropriations
27.3 and legislatively authorized agreements
27.4 paid out of the outdoor heritage fund, an
27.5 expense must be considered reimbursable
27.6 by the administering agency when the
27.7 recipient presents the agency with an invoice
27.8 or binding agreement with the landowner
27.9 and the recipient attests that the goods have
27.10 been received or the landowner agreement
27.11 is binding. Periodic reimbursement must
27.12 be made upon receiving documentation that
27.13 the items articulated in the accomplishment
27.14 plan approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
27.15 Heritage Council have been achieved,
27.16 including partial achievements as evidenced
27.17 by progress reports approved by the
27.18 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
27.19 Reasonable amounts may be advanced to
27.20 projects to accommodate cash flow needs,
27.21 support future management of acquired
27.22 lands, or match a federal share. The
27.23 advances must be approved as part of the
27.24 accomplishment plan. Capital equipment
27.25 expenditures for specific items in excess of
27.26 \$10,000 must be itemized in and approved as
27.27 part of the accomplishment plan.

27.28 Subd. 9. **Mapping**

27.29 Each direct recipient of money appropriated
27.30 in this section, as well as each recipient of
27.31 a grant awarded pursuant to this section,
27.32 must provide geographic information to
27.33 the Department of Natural Resources for
27.34 mapping of any lands acquired in fee with
27.35 funds appropriated in this section and open
27.36 to public taking of fish and game. The

28.1 commissioner of natural resources shall
 28.2 include the lands acquired in fee with
 28.3 money appropriated in this section on maps
 28.4 showing public recreation opportunities.
 28.5 Maps shall include information on and
 28.6 acknowledgement of the outdoor heritage
 28.7 fund, including a notation of any restrictions.

28.8 **Subd. 10. Pollinators**

28.9 Each direct recipient of money appropriated
 28.10 in this section, as well as each recipient of a
 28.11 grant awarded pursuant to this section that
 28.12 conducts a prairie restoration using funds
 28.13 appropriated in this section, must include
 28.14 an appropriate diversity of native species
 28.15 selected to provide habitat for pollinators
 28.16 throughout the growing season as required
 28.17 under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.973.

28.18 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 84.0272, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

28.19 Subdivision 1. **Acquisition procedure.** (a) When the commissioner of natural
 28.20 resources is authorized to acquire lands or interests in lands the procedure set forth in this
 28.21 section shall apply. The commissioner of natural resources shall first prepare a fact sheet
 28.22 showing the lands to be acquired, the legal authority for their acquisition, and the qualities
 28.23 of the land that make it a desirable acquisition. The commissioner of natural resources
 28.24 shall ~~cause~~ appraise the lands or contract to have the lands to be appraised. An appraiser
 28.25 shall before entering upon the duties of office take and subscribe an oath to faithfully and
 28.26 impartially discharge the duties as appraiser according to the best of the appraiser's ability
 28.27 and that the appraiser is not interested directly or indirectly in any of the lands to be
 28.28 appraised or the timber or improvements thereon or in the sale thereof and has entered into
 28.29 no agreement or combination to purchase the same or any part thereof, which oath shall
 28.30 be attached to the report of the appraisal.

28.31 (b) Except as provided in paragraph (c), the commissioner of natural resources
 28.32 may pay less than the appraised value, but shall not agree to pay more than ten percent
 28.33 above the appraised value, except that if the commissioner pays less than the appraised
 28.34 value for a parcel of land, the difference between the purchase price and the appraised
 28.35 value may be used to apply to purchases at more than the appraised value. The sum of

29.1 accumulated differences between appraised amounts and purchases for more than the
29.2 appraised amount may not exceed the sum of accumulated differences between appraised
29.3 amounts and purchases for less than the appraised amount. New appraisals may be made
29.4 at the discretion of the commissioner of natural resources.

29.5 (c) When acquiring lands in whole or in part with money from a legacy fund, the
29.6 commissioner, or other recipient of money from a legacy fund acquiring land to be
29.7 transferred to the commissioner, shall not agree to pay more than the county assessor's
29.8 most recent estimated market value unless the commissioner determines that the
29.9 acquisition is a high priority because the land is adjacent to other public land, would
29.10 conserve a high degree of biological diversity, or is otherwise a high priority for the
29.11 department. The commissioner shall document the reason for the determination in writing.
29.12 For the purposes of this section, "legacy fund" means the outdoor heritage fund, clean
29.13 water fund, parks and trails fund, or arts and cultural heritage fund.

29.14 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 84.0272, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

29.15 Subd. 3. **Minimal value acquisition.** (a) Notwithstanding subdivision 1, if the
29.16 commissioner determines that lands or interests in land have a value less than \$100,000,
29.17 the commissioner may acquire the lands for the value determined by the commissioner
29.18 without an appraisal. The commissioner shall make the determination based upon:

29.19 (1) up to the most recent assessed market value of the land or interests in land as
29.20 determined by the county assessor of the county in which the land or interests in land is
29.21 located, plus ten percent;

29.22 (2) a sale price of the land or interests in land, provided the sale occurred within
29.23 the past year;

29.24 (3) the sale prices of comparable Department of Natural Resources land sales or
29.25 acquisitions of interests in land located in the vicinity and sold within the past year; or

29.26 (4) an appraisal of the land or interests in land conducted within the past year.

29.27 (b) In the event the value is less than \$1,000, the commissioner may add a
29.28 transaction incentive, provided that the sum of the incentive plus the value of the land
29.29 does not exceed \$1,000.

29.30 (c) This subdivision does not apply to acquisitions funded in whole or in part with
29.31 money from a legacy fund.

29.32 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97A.056, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

29.33 Subd. 10. **Restoration evaluations.** The commissioner of natural resources and the
29.34 Board of Water and Soil Resources may convene a technical evaluation panel comprised

30.1 of five members, including one technical representative from the Board of Water and Soil
 30.2 Resources, one technical representative from the Department of Natural Resources, one
 30.3 technical expert from the University of Minnesota or the Minnesota State Colleges and
 30.4 Universities, and two representatives with expertise in the project being evaluated. The
 30.5 board and the commissioner may add a technical representative from a unit of federal or
 30.6 local government. The members of the technical evaluation panel may not be associated
 30.7 with the restoration, may vary depending upon the projects being reviewed, and shall
 30.8 avoid any potential conflicts of interest. Each year, the board and the commissioner may
 30.9 assign a coordinator to identify a sample of up to ten habitat restoration projects completed
 30.10 with outdoor heritage funding. The coordinator shall secure the restoration plans for the
 30.11 projects specified and direct the technical evaluation panel to evaluate the restorations
 30.12 relative to the law, current science, and the stated goals and standards in the restoration
 30.13 plan and, when applicable, to the Board of Water and Soil Resources' native vegetation
 30.14 establishment and enhancement guidelines. The coordinator shall summarize the findings
 30.15 of the panel and provide a report to the chair of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage
 30.16 Council and the chairs of the respective house of representatives and senate policy and
 30.17 finance committees with jurisdiction over natural resources and spending from the outdoor
 30.18 heritage fund. The report shall determine if the restorations are meeting planned goals,
 30.19 any problems with the implementation of restorations, and, if necessary, recommendations
 30.20 on improving restorations. The report shall be focused on improving future restorations.
 30.21 ~~Up to~~ At least one-tenth of one percent of forecasted receipts from the outdoor heritage
 30.22 fund ~~may~~ must be used for restoration evaluations under this section.

30.23 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97A.056, is amended by adding a subdivision
 30.24 to read:

30.25 **Subd. 20. Acquisition of lands or interest in lands; commissioner approval.** (a)
 30.26 A recipient of an appropriation from the outdoor heritage fund who acquires an interest in
 30.27 real property must receive written approval from the commissioner of natural resources
 30.28 prior to the acquisition if the interest is acquired in whole or in part with the appropriation.
 30.29 A recipient must request the commissioner's approval at least ten business days before
 30.30 the proposed acquisition. When a recipient requests approval under this subdivision, the
 30.31 recipient must simultaneously submit the same information to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
 30.32 Heritage Council. Conservation easements to be held by the Board of Water and Soil
 30.33 Resources and acquisitions specifically identified in appropriation laws are not subject to
 30.34 commissioner approval under this subdivision.

31.1 (b) The commissioner shall approve acquisitions under this subdivision only when
31.2 the interest in real property:

31.3 (1) is identified as a high priority by the commissioner and meets the objectives and
31.4 criteria identified in the applicable acquisition plan for the intended management status
31.5 of the property; or

31.6 (2) is otherwise identified by the commissioner as a priority for state financing.

31.7 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97A.056, is amended by adding a subdivision
31.8 to read:

31.9 Subd. 21. **Value assessment.** At least ten business days prior to acquiring an
31.10 interest in real property with an appropriation from the outdoor heritage fund, a recipient
31.11 of an appropriation must submit the most recent tax assessed value and most recent tax
31.12 statement of the real property and the amount the recipient plans to offer for the interest
31.13 in real property to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council and the commissioner of
31.14 natural resources. Conservation easements to be held by the Board of Water and Soil
31.15 Resources are not subject to the requirements of this subdivision. The board shall keep
31.16 a record of the tax assessed value of the real property at the time of acquisition and the
31.17 most recent tax statement.

31.18 **ARTICLE 2**

31.19 **PARKS AND TRAILS FUND**

31.20 Section 1. **CARVER COUNTY PARKS AND TRAILS GRANT MODIFICATION.**

31.21 The fiscal year 2015 appropriation from the parks and trails fund to the Metropolitan
31.22 Council for grants to Carver County contained in Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 3,
31.23 section 4, paragraph (d), may be used for a park programmer position, roads, parking lots,
31.24 and paving construction at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park.

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