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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
03/03/2025	612	Introduction and first reading Referred to Environment, Climate, and Legacy
04/22/2025	2971a	Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Finance
04/28/2025	4109	Comm report: To pass as amended
	4111	Second reading
04/29/2025	4173	Special Order
	4196	Third reading Passed
05/06/2025	4451	Returned from House with amendment
	4452	Senate not concur, conference committee of 5 requested
	4511	Senate conferees Hawj; Kunesh; Johnson Stewart; Green; McEwen
05/08/2025	4602	House conferees Heintzman; Schultz; Nelson; Fischer; Pursell; Finke
	6285	Joint rule 3.02, conference committee discharged
		Laid on table

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A bill for an act

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relating to state government; appropriating money for environment and natural

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resources; appropriating money from environment and natural resources trust fund;

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modifying prior appropriations; modifying fees and surcharges; modifying

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disposition of certain funds; modifying and establishing duties, authorities, and

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prohibitions regarding environment and natural resources; modifying and creating

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environment and natural resources programs; modifying and creating grant

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programs; providing civil and criminal penalties; authorizing rulemaking; modifying

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state trail, state forest, and state park provisions; authorizing sales, conveyances,

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and leases of certain state lands; modifying forestry provisions; modifying game

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and fish provisions; making technical changes; requiring reports; amending

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Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 84.027, by adding a subdivision; 86B.415,

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subdivision 7; 97A.223, subdivision 1; 97A.421, by adding a subdivision; 97A.465,

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by adding a subdivision; 97A.475, subdivisions 2, 6; 103G.271, subdivision 6;

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103G.301, subdivision 2; 115B.421; 116.07, by adding a subdivision; 116.073,

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subdivisions 1, 2; Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, sections 2, subdivisions 2, 7,

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10; 3, subdivision 6; Laws 2024, chapter 83, section 2, subdivisions 3, 8; proposing

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coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 84; 86B; 325F.

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

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ARTICLE 1

1.21

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS

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Section 1. ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS.

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The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies

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and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund,

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or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose.

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The figures "2026" and "2027" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under

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them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively.

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"The first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium"

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is fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

2.1	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>		
2.2	<u>Available for the Year</u>		
2.3	<u>Ending June 30</u>		
2.4		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
2.5	Sec. 2. <u>POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY</u>		
2.6	Subdivision 1. <u>Total Appropriation</u>	\$ <u>157,580,000</u>	\$ <u>163,566,000</u>
2.7	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
2.8		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
2.9	<u>General</u>	<u>9,122,000</u>	<u>9,072,000</u>
2.10	<u>State Government</u>		
2.11	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>90,000</u>	<u>90,000</u>
2.12	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>119,906,000</u>	<u>125,675,000</u>
2.13	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>21,962,000</u>	<u>22,229,000</u>
2.14	<u>Closed Landfill</u>		
2.15	<u>Investment</u>	<u>6,500,000</u>	<u>6,500,000</u>
2.16	<u>The amounts that may be spent for each</u>		
2.17	<u>purpose are specified in the following</u>		
2.18	<u>subdivisions.</u>		
2.19	<u>The commissioner must present the agency's</u>		
2.20	<u>biennial budget for fiscal years 2028 and 2029</u>		
2.21	<u>to the legislature in a transparent way by</u>		
2.22	<u>agency division, including the proposed</u>		
2.23	<u>budget bill and presentations of the budget to</u>		
2.24	<u>committees and divisions with jurisdiction</u>		
2.25	<u>over the agency's budget.</u>		
2.26	Subd. 2. <u>Environmental Analysis and Outcomes</u>	<u>23,077,000</u>	<u>25,027,000</u>
2.27	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
2.28		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
2.29	<u>General</u>	<u>283,000</u>	<u>296,000</u>
2.30	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>22,575,000</u>	<u>24,511,000</u>
2.31	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>219,000</u>	<u>220,000</u>
2.32	<u>(a) \$128,000 the first year and \$131,000 the</u>		
2.33	<u>second year are from the environmental fund</u>		
2.34	<u>for a municipal liaison to assist municipalities</u>		
2.35	<u>with water quality standards and NPDES/SDS</u>		

3.1 permitting processes, including enhanced  
3.2 economic analysis in the water quality  
3.3 standards rulemaking processes, identification  
3.4 of cost-effective permitting opportunities,  
3.5 simplifying the variance process, and  
3.6 coordinating with the Public Facilities  
3.7 Authority to identify and advocate for needed  
3.8 resources for municipalities to achieve permit  
3.9 requirements.

3.10 (b) \$1,182,000 the first year and \$1,191,000  
3.11 the second year are from the environmental  
3.12 fund for an air-monitoring program under  
3.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 116.454, including  
3.14 ambient air for hazardous pollutants, and for  
3.15 operating a mobile emissions regulatory  
3.16 monitoring trailer.

3.17 (c) \$144,000 the first year and \$148,000 the  
3.18 second year are from the environmental fund  
3.19 for monitoring water quality and operating  
3.20 assistance programs.

3.21 (d) \$109,000 the first year and \$109,000 the  
3.22 second year are from the environmental fund  
3.23 for duties related to harmful chemicals in  
3.24 children's products under Minnesota Statutes,  
3.25 sections 116.9401 to 116.9407. Of this  
3.26 amount, \$70,000 the first year and \$70,000  
3.27 the second year are transferred to the  
3.28 commissioner of health.

3.29 (e) \$137,000 the first year and \$139,000 the  
3.30 second year are from the environmental fund  
3.31 for registering wastewater laboratories.

3.32 (f) \$1,527,000 the first year and \$1,529,000  
3.33 the second year are from the environmental  
3.34 fund to continue perfluorochemical

4.1 biomonitoring in eastern metropolitan  
4.2 communities, as recommended by the  
4.3 Environmental Health Tracking and  
4.4 Biomonitoring Advisory Panel, and to address  
4.5 other environmental health risks, including air  
4.6 quality. The communities must include Hmong  
4.7 and other immigrant farming communities.  
4.8 Of this amount, up to \$1,248,000 the first year  
4.9 and \$1,248,000 the second year are for transfer  
4.10 to the commissioner of health.

4.11 (g) \$64,000 the first year and \$65,000 the  
4.12 second year are from the environmental fund  
4.13 for the listing procedures for impaired waters  
4.14 required under this act.

4.15 (h) \$79,000 the first year and \$80,000 the  
4.16 second year are from the remediation fund for  
4.17 the leaking underground storage tank program  
4.18 to investigate, clean up, and prevent future  
4.19 releases from underground petroleum storage  
4.20 tanks and for the petroleum remediation  
4.21 program for vapor assessment and  
4.22 remediation. These same annual amounts are  
4.23 transferred from the petroleum tank fund to  
4.24 the remediation fund.

4.25 (i) \$283,000 the first year and \$296,000 the  
4.26 second year are from the general fund to  
4.27 support communities in planning to implement  
4.28 projects that will allow for adaptation for a  
4.29 changing climate.

4.30 (j) \$2,139,000 the first year and \$2,160,000  
4.31 the second year are from the environmental  
4.32 fund to develop and implement a program  
4.33 related to emerging issues, including  
4.34 Minnesota's PFAS Blueprint.

5.1 (k) \$1,893,000 the first year and \$1,915,000  
5.2 the second year are from the environmental  
5.3 fund to support improved management of data  
5.4 collected by the agency and its partners and  
5.5 regulated parties to facilitate decision-making  
5.6 and public access.

5.7 (l) \$1,448,000 the second year is from the  
5.8 environmental fund to adopt rules and  
5.9 implement air toxics emissions requirements  
5.10 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.062.

5.11 (m) \$904,000 the first year and \$911,000 the  
5.12 second year are from the environmental fund  
5.13 for monitoring ambient air for hazardous air  
5.14 pollutants in Hennepin, Ramsey, Washington,  
5.15 and Olmsted Counties.

5.16 (n) \$175,000 the first year and \$175,000 the  
5.17 second year are from the environmental fund  
5.18 to address wastewater effluent limits and  
5.19 variances for backlogged permits.

5.20 Subd. 3. **Industrial** 24,144,000 27,443,000

5.21	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
5.22		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
5.23	<u>General</u>	<u>782,000</u>	<u>789,000</u>
5.24	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>21,376,000</u>	<u>24,641,000</u>
5.25	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>1,986,000</u>	<u>2,013,000</u>

5.26 (a) \$1,876,000 the first year and \$1,902,000  
5.27 the second year are from the remediation fund  
5.28 for the leaking underground storage tank  
5.29 program to investigate, clean up, and prevent  
5.30 future releases from underground petroleum  
5.31 storage tanks and for the petroleum  
5.32 remediation program for vapor assessment  
5.33 and remediation. These same annual amounts

6.1 are transferred from the petroleum tank fund  
6.2 to the remediation fund.

6.3 (b) \$457,000 the first year and \$457,000 the  
6.4 second year are from the environmental fund  
6.5 to further evaluate the use and reduction of  
6.6 trichloroethylene around Minnesota and  
6.7 identify its potential health effects on  
6.8 communities. Of this amount, \$149,000 the  
6.9 first year and \$149,000 the second year are  
6.10 for transfer to the commissioner of health.

6.11 (c) \$257,000 the first year and \$264,000 the  
6.12 second year are from the general fund for  
6.13 implementation of the odor management  
6.14 requirements under Minnesota Statutes,  
6.15 section 116.064.

6.16 (d) \$148,000 the second year is from the  
6.17 environmental fund for the purposes of the  
6.18 public informational meeting requirements  
6.19 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.07,  
6.20 subdivision 4m.

6.21 (e) \$2,698,000 the first year and \$2,718,000  
6.22 the second year are from the environmental  
6.23 fund for prioritizing air regulatory program  
6.24 work in environmental justice areas.

6.25 (f) \$2,539,000 the second year is from the  
6.26 environmental fund for implementing the  
6.27 environmental justice cumulative impact  
6.28 analysis and other requirements under  
6.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 116.065.

6.30 (g) \$730,000 the first year and \$740,000 the  
6.31 second year are from the environmental fund  
6.32 to improve the coordination, effectiveness,  
6.33 transparency, and accountability of the  
6.34 environmental review and permitting process.

7.1 (h) \$700,00 the first year and \$700,000 the  
7.2 second year are to address backlogged permits.  
7.3 Of this amount, \$525,000 the first year and  
7.4 \$525,000 the second year are from the general  
7.5 fund and \$175,000 the first year and \$175,000  
7.6 the second year are from the environmental  
7.7 fund.

7.8 Subd. 4. **Municipal** 11,271,000 11,410,000

7.9	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
7.10		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
7.11	<u>State Government</u>		
7.12	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>90,000</u>	<u>90,000</u>
7.13	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>11,181,000</u>	<u>11,320,000</u>

7.14 (a) \$228,000 the first year and \$233,000 the  
7.15 second year are from the environmental fund  
7.16 for a municipal liaison to assist municipalities  
7.17 with water quality standards and NPDES/SDS  
7.18 permitting processes, including enhanced  
7.19 economic analysis in the water quality  
7.20 standards rulemaking processes, identification  
7.21 of cost-effective permitting opportunities,  
7.22 simplifying the variance process, and  
7.23 coordinating with the Public Facilities  
7.24 Authority to identify and advocate for needed  
7.25 resources for municipalities to achieve permit  
7.26 requirements.

7.27 (b) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the  
7.28 second year are from the environmental fund  
7.29 for transfer to the Office of Administrative  
7.30 Hearings to establish sanitary districts.

7.31 (c) \$2,511,000 the first year and \$2,535,000  
7.32 the second year are from the environmental  
7.33 fund for subsurface sewage treatment system  
7.34 (SSTS) program administration; for  
7.35 community technical assistance and education,

8.1 including grants and technical assistance to  
8.2 communities for water-quality protection, new  
8.3 technology review, and enforcement under  
8.4 Minnesota Statutes, sections 115.55 to 115.58;  
8.5 and to complete the requirements of Laws  
8.6 2003, chapter 128, article 1, section 165. Of  
8.7 this amount, \$350,000 each year is for  
8.8 assistance to counties through grants for SSTS  
8.9 program administration. A county receiving  
8.10 a grant from this appropriation must submit  
8.11 the results achieved with the grant to the  
8.12 commissioner as part of its annual SSTS  
8.13 report. Any unexpended balance in the first  
8.14 year does not cancel but is available in the  
8.15 second year.

8.16 (d) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,  
8.17 section 16A.28, the appropriations  
8.18 encumbered on or before June 30, 2027, as  
8.19 grants or contracts for subsurface sewage  
8.20 treatment systems, surface water and  
8.21 groundwater assessments, storm water, and  
8.22 water-quality protection in this subdivision  
8.23 are available until June 30, 2030.

8.24	<u>Subd. 5. Operations</u>	<u>15,584,000</u>	<u>15,650,000</u>
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8.25	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
8.26		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
8.27	<u>General</u>	<u>4,219,000</u>	<u>4,115,000</u>
8.28	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>8,733,000</u>	<u>8,870,000</u>
8.29	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>2,632,000</u>	<u>2,665,000</u>

8.30 (a) \$1,187,000 the first year and \$1,201,000  
8.31 the second year are from the remediation fund  
8.32 for the leaking underground storage tank  
8.33 program to investigate, clean up, and prevent  
8.34 future releases from underground petroleum  
8.35 storage tanks and for the petroleum

9.1 remediation program for vapor assessment  
9.2 and remediation. These same annual amounts  
9.3 are transferred from the petroleum tank fund  
9.4 to the remediation fund.

9.5 (b) \$3,204,000 the first year and \$3,300,000  
9.6 the second year are from the general fund to  
9.7 support agency information technology  
9.8 services provided at the enterprise and agency  
9.9 level.

9.10 (c) \$955,000 the first year and \$965,000 the  
9.11 second year are from the environmental fund  
9.12 to develop and maintain systems to support  
9.13 permitting and regulatory business processes  
9.14 and agency data.

9.15 (d) \$278,000 the first year and \$280,000 the  
9.16 second year are from the environmental fund  
9.17 to support current and future career pathways  
9.18 for underrepresented students.

9.19 (e) \$375,000 the first year and \$380,000 the  
9.20 second year are from the environmental fund  
9.21 to support financial planning and analysis to  
9.22 assist with risk and compliance management  
9.23 across agency programs and financial systems.

9.24 (f) \$538,000 the first year and \$542,000 the  
9.25 second year are from the environmental fund  
9.26 for Operations Division legal services that  
9.27 support compliance programs.

9.28 (g) \$815,000 the first year and \$815,000 the  
9.29 second year are from the general fund for  
9.30 developing tools to improve permitting  
9.31 issuance processes. This appropriation is  
9.32 available until June 30, 2029. This is a onetime  
9.33 appropriation.

10.1 (h) \$200,000 the first year is from the general  
10.2 fund to expand outreach under Minnesota  
10.3 Statutes, section 116.07, subdivision 13. This  
10.4 is a onetime appropriation.

10.5 (i) The total general fund base for the  
10.6 Operations Division for fiscal year 2028 and  
10.7 later is \$3,300,000.

10.8	<u>Subd. 6. <b>Remediation</b></u>	<u>23,861,000</u>	<u>24,068,000</u>
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10.9	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
10.10		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
10.11	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>642,000</u>	<u>646,000</u>
10.12	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>16,719,000</u>	<u>16,922,000</u>
10.13	<u>Closed Landfill</u>		
10.14	<u>Investment</u>	<u>6,500,000</u>	<u>6,500,000</u>

10.15 (a) All money for environmental response,  
10.16 compensation, and compliance in the  
10.17 remediation fund not otherwise appropriated  
10.18 is appropriated to the commissioners of the  
10.19 Pollution Control Agency and agriculture for  
10.20 purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section  
10.21 115B.20, subdivision 2, clauses (1), (2), (3),  
10.22 (6), and (7). At the beginning of each fiscal  
10.23 year, the two commissioners must jointly  
10.24 submit to the commissioner of management  
10.25 and budget an annual spending plan that  
10.26 maximizes resource use and appropriately  
10.27 allocates the money between the two  
10.28 departments.

10.29 (b) \$4,965,000 the first year and \$5,036,000  
10.30 the second year are from the remediation fund  
10.31 for the leaking underground storage tank  
10.32 program to investigate, clean up, and prevent  
10.33 future releases from underground petroleum  
10.34 storage tanks and for the petroleum  
10.35 remediation program for vapor assessment

11.1 and remediation. These same annual amounts  
 11.2 are transferred from the petroleum tank fund  
 11.3 to the remediation fund.

11.4 (c) \$316,000 the first year and \$316,000 the  
 11.5 second year are from the remediation fund for  
 11.6 transfer to the commissioner of health for  
 11.7 private water-supply monitoring and health  
 11.8 assessment costs in areas contaminated by  
 11.9 unpermitted mixed municipal solid waste  
 11.10 disposal facilities and drinking water  
 11.11 advisories and public information activities  
 11.12 for areas contaminated by hazardous releases.

11.13 (d) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the  
 11.14 second year are from the remediation fund to  
 11.15 review and mitigate the impacts from the  
 11.16 backlog of high-priority sites in the Superfund  
 11.17 site assessment program.

11.18 (e) \$6,500,000 the first year and \$6,500,000  
 11.19 the second year are from the closed landfill  
 11.20 investment fund for costs not otherwise  
 11.21 covered with other resources under the landfill  
 11.22 cleanup program in Minnesota Statutes,  
 11.23 sections 115B.39 to 115B.444. This is a  
 11.24 onetime appropriation and is available until  
 11.25 June 30, 2029. The commissioner must report  
 11.26 on all work plans and expenditures from this  
 11.27 appropriation to the chairs and ranking  
 11.28 minority members of the legislative  
 11.29 committees having jurisdiction over  
 11.30 environment policy and finance by February  
 11.31 15, 2027.

11.32 **Subd. 7. Resource Management and Assistance**

46,830,000

46,985,000

11.33 Appropriations by Fund

11.34 2026

2027

12.1	<u>General</u>	<u>70,000</u>	<u>70,000</u>
12.2	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>46,760,000</u>	<u>46,915,000</u>
12.3	<u>(a) Up to \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000</u>		
12.4	<u>the second year may be transferred from the</u>		
12.5	<u>environmental fund to the small business</u>		
12.6	<u>environmental improvement loan account</u>		
12.7	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.993.</u>		
12.8	<u>(b) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000</u>		
12.9	<u>the second year are from the environmental</u>		
12.10	<u>fund for competitive recycling grants under</u>		
12.11	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.565. This</u>		
12.12	<u>appropriation is available until June 30, 2029.</u>		
12.13	<u>(c) \$694,000 the first year and \$694,000 the</u>		
12.14	<u>second year are from the environmental fund</u>		
12.15	<u>for emission-reduction activities and grants to</u>		
12.16	<u>small businesses and other</u>		
12.17	<u>nonpoint-emission-reduction efforts. Of this</u>		
12.18	<u>amount, \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000</u>		
12.19	<u>the second year are to continue work with</u>		
12.20	<u>Clean Air Minnesota, and the commissioner</u>		
12.21	<u>may enter into an agreement with</u>		
12.22	<u>Environmental Initiative to support this effort.</u>		
12.23	<u>(d) \$18,450,000 the first year and \$18,450,000</u>		
12.24	<u>the second year are from the environmental</u>		
12.25	<u>fund for SCORE block grants to counties.</u>		
12.26	<u>(e) \$119,000 the first year and \$119,000 the</u>		
12.27	<u>second year are from the environmental fund</u>		
12.28	<u>for environmental assistance grants or loans</u>		
12.29	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.0716.</u>		
12.30	<u>(f) \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the</u>		
12.31	<u>second year are from the environmental fund</u>		
12.32	<u>for grants to develop and expand recycling</u>		
12.33	<u>markets for Minnesota businesses. This</u>		
12.34	<u>appropriation is available until June 30, 2029.</u>		

- 13.1 (g) \$770,000 the first year and \$770,000 the  
13.2 second year are from the environmental fund  
13.3 for reducing and diverting food waste,  
13.4 redirecting edible food for consumption, and  
13.5 removing barriers to collecting and recovering  
13.6 organic waste. Of this amount, \$500,000 each  
13.7 year is for grants to increase food rescue and  
13.8 waste prevention. This appropriation is  
13.9 available until June 30, 2029.
- 13.10 (h) \$2,829,000 the first year and \$2,835,000  
13.11 the second year are from the environmental  
13.12 fund for the purposes of Minnesota Statutes,  
13.13 section 473.844.
- 13.14 (i) \$479,000 the first year and \$481,000 the  
13.15 second year are from the environmental fund  
13.16 to address chemicals in products, including to  
13.17 implement and enforce flame retardant  
13.18 provisions under Minnesota Statutes, section  
13.19 325F.071, and perfluoroalkyl and  
13.20 polyfluoroalkyl substances in food packaging  
13.21 provisions under Minnesota Statutes, section  
13.22 325F.075. Of this amount, \$80,000 the first  
13.23 year and \$80,000 the second year are  
13.24 transferred to the commissioner of health.
- 13.25 (j) \$650,000 the first year and \$650,000 the  
13.26 second year are from the environmental fund  
13.27 for Minnesota GreenCorps investment.
- 13.28 (k) \$1,143,000 the first year and \$1,152,000  
13.29 the second year are from the environmental  
13.30 fund for implementation of the PFAS  
13.31 requirements under Minnesota Statutes,  
13.32 section 116.943. Of this amount, \$468,000 the  
13.33 first year and \$468,000 the second year are  
13.34 for transfer to the commissioner of health.

14.1 (l) \$175,000 the first year and \$175,000 the  
 14.2 second year are from the environmental fund  
 14.3 to address land permitting activities.

14.4 (m) \$215,000 the first year and \$215,000 the  
 14.5 second year are from the environmental fund  
 14.6 to enhance existing work to reduce or  
 14.7 eliminate mercury-containing skin-lightening  
 14.8 products. The base is \$195,000 in fiscal year  
 14.9 2028 and thereafter.

14.10 (n) Any unencumbered grant and loan  
 14.11 balances in the first year do not cancel but are  
 14.12 available for grants and loans in the second  
 14.13 year. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,  
 14.14 section 16A.28, the appropriations  
 14.15 encumbered on or before June 30, 2027, as  
 14.16 contracts or grants for environmental  
 14.17 assistance awarded under Minnesota Statutes,  
 14.18 section 115A.0716; technical and research  
 14.19 assistance under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 14.20 115A.152; technical assistance under  
 14.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.52; and  
 14.22 pollution prevention assistance under  
 14.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 115D.04, are  
 14.24 available until June 30, 2029.

14.25 Subd. 8. Watershed 11,268,000 11,401,000

14.26 Appropriations by Fund

14.27		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
14.28	<u>General</u>	<u>2,459,000</u>	<u>2,459,000</u>
14.29	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>8,403,000</u>	<u>8,533,000</u>
14.30	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>406,000</u>	<u>409,000</u>

14.31 (a) \$2,459,000 the first year and \$2,459,000  
 14.32 the second year are from the general fund for  
 14.33 grants to delegated counties to administer the  
 14.34 county feedlot program under Minnesota  
 14.35 Statutes, section 116.0711, subdivisions 2 and

15.1 3. Money remaining after the first year is  
15.2 available for the second year.

15.3 (b) \$137,000 the first year and \$138,000 the  
15.4 second year are from the remediation fund for  
15.5 the leaking underground storage tank program  
15.6 to investigate, clean up, and prevent future  
15.7 releases from underground petroleum storage  
15.8 tanks and for the petroleum remediation  
15.9 program for vapor assessment and  
15.10 remediation. These same annual amounts are  
15.11 transferred from the petroleum tank fund to  
15.12 the remediation fund.

15.13 (c) Any unencumbered grant and loan balances  
15.14 in the first year do not cancel but are available  
15.15 for grants and loans in the second year.

15.16 Subd. 9. Environmental Quality Board 1,545,000 1,582,000

15.17	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
15.18		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
15.19	<u>General</u>	<u>1,309,000</u>	<u>1,343,000</u>
15.20	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>236,000</u>	<u>239,000</u>

15.21 Subd. 10. Transfers

15.22 The commissioner must transfer up to  
15.23 \$24,000,000 the first year and \$24,000,000  
15.24 the second year from the environmental fund  
15.25 to the remediation fund for purposes of the  
15.26 remediation fund under Minnesota Statutes,  
15.27 section 116.155, subdivision 2. For fiscal years  
15.28 2028 through 2031, the commissioner of  
15.29 management and budget must include a  
15.30 transfer of \$24,000,000 each year from the  
15.31 environmental fund to the remediation fund  
15.32 when preparing each forecast from the  
15.33 effective date of this section through the

16.1 February 2027 forecast under Minnesota  
16.2 Statutes, section 16A.103.

16.3 **Sec. 3. NATURAL RESOURCES**

16.4 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** **\$ 396,596,000 \$ 397,706,000**

16.5 Appropriations by Fund

16.6		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
16.7	<u>General</u>	<u>130,981,000</u>	<u>131,435,000</u>
16.8	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>133,926,000</u>	<u>134,324,000</u>
16.9	<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>130,852,000</u>	<u>131,098,000</u>
16.10	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>117,000</u>	<u>117,000</u>
16.11	<u>Permanent School</u>	<u>720,000</u>	<u>732,000</u>

16.12 The amounts that may be spent for each  
16.13 purpose are specified in the following  
16.14 subdivisions.

16.15 **Subd. 2. Land and Mineral Resources**  
16.16 **Management** **10,569,000 10,615,000**

16.17 Appropriations by Fund

16.18		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
16.19	<u>General</u>	<u>5,069,000</u>	<u>5,099,000</u>
16.20	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>4,929,000</u>	<u>4,940,000</u>
16.21	<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>344,000</u>	<u>344,000</u>
16.22	<u>Permanent School</u>	<u>227,000</u>	<u>232,000</u>

16.23 (a) \$319,000 the first year and \$319,000 the  
16.24 second year are for environmental research  
16.25 relating to mine permitting, of which \$200,000  
16.26 each year is from the minerals management  
16.27 account in the natural resources fund and  
16.28 \$119,000 each year is from the general fund.

16.29 (b) \$3,639,000 the first year and \$3,650,000  
16.30 the second year are from the minerals  
16.31 management account in the natural resources  
16.32 fund for use as provided under Minnesota  
16.33 Statutes, section 93.2236, paragraph (c), for  
16.34 mineral resource management, projects to

17.1 enhance future mineral income, and projects

17.2 to promote new mineral-resource

17.3 opportunities.

17.4 (c) \$227,000 the first year and \$232,000 the

17.5 second year are from the permanent school

17.6 fund to secure maximum long-term economic

17.7 return from the school trust lands consistent

17.8 with fiduciary responsibilities and sound

17.9 natural resources conservation and

17.10 management principles.

17.11 (d) \$573,000 the first year and \$573,000 the

17.12 second year are from the water management

17.13 account in the natural resources fund for only

17.14 the purposes specified in Minnesota Statutes,

17.15 section 103G.27, subdivision 2.

17.16 (e) \$160,000 the first year is from the general

17.17 fund for completing the condemnation of

17.18 certain land in Mille Lacs County authorized

17.19 under Laws 2024, chapter 116, article 8,

17.20 section 13. This is a onetime appropriation

17.21 and is available until June 30, 2027.

17.22 **Subd. 3. Ecological and Water Resources**

17.23 Appropriations by Fund

17.24		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
17.25	<u>General</u>	<u>22,470,000</u>	<u>22,732,000</u>
17.26	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>18,478,000</u>	<u>19,646,000</u>
17.27	<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>5,824,000</u>	<u>5,824,000</u>

17.28 (a) \$6,947,000 the first year and \$6,952,000

17.29 the second year are from the invasive species

17.30 account in the natural resources fund and

17.31 \$1,631,000 the first year and \$1,631,000 the

17.32 second year are from the general fund for

17.33 management, public awareness, assessment

17.34 and monitoring research, and water access

46,772,000

48,202,000

- 18.1 inspection to prevent the spread of invasive  
18.2 species; management of invasive plants in  
18.3 public waters; and management of terrestrial  
18.4 invasive species on state-administered lands.
- 18.5 (b) \$7,801,000 the first year and \$8,791,000  
18.6 the second year are from the water  
18.7 management account in the natural resources  
18.8 fund for only the purposes specified in  
18.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.27,  
18.10 subdivision 2.
- 18.11 (c) \$124,000 the first year and \$124,000 the  
18.12 second year are for a grant to the Mississippi  
18.13 Headwaters Board for up to 50 percent of the  
18.14 cost of implementing the comprehensive plan  
18.15 for the upper Mississippi within areas under  
18.16 the board's jurisdiction.
- 18.17 (d) \$264,000 the first year and \$264,000 the  
18.18 second year are for grants for up to 50 percent  
18.19 of the cost of implementing the Red River  
18.20 mediation agreement.
- 18.21 (e) \$2,598,000 the first year and \$2,598,000  
18.22 the second year are from the heritage  
18.23 enhancement account in the game and fish  
18.24 fund for only the purposes specified in  
18.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,  
18.26 paragraph (h), clause (1).
- 18.27 (f) \$1,150,000 the first year and \$1,150,000  
18.28 the second year are from the nongame wildlife  
18.29 management account in the natural resources  
18.30 fund for nongame wildlife management.  
18.31 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
18.32 290.431, \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000  
18.33 the second year may be used for nongame

19.1 wildlife information, education, and  
19.2 promotion.

19.3 (g) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,  
19.4 section 84.943, \$48,000 the first year and  
19.5 \$48,000 the second year from the critical  
19.6 habitat private sector matching account may  
19.7 be used to publicize the critical habitat license  
19.8 plate match program.

19.9 (h) \$4,555,000 the first year and \$4,555,000  
19.10 the second year are for the following activities:

19.11 (1) financial reimbursement and technical  
19.12 support to soil and water conservation districts  
19.13 or other local units of government for  
19.14 groundwater-level monitoring;

19.15 (2) surface water monitoring and analysis,  
19.16 including installing monitoring gauges;

19.17 (3) groundwater analysis to assist with  
19.18 water-appropriation permitting decisions;

19.19 (4) permit application review incorporating  
19.20 surface water and groundwater technical  
19.21 analysis;

19.22 (5) precipitation data and analysis to improve  
19.23 irrigation use;

19.24 (6) information technology, including  
19.25 electronic permitting and integrated data  
19.26 systems; and

19.27 (7) compliance and monitoring.

19.28 (i) \$410,000 the first year and \$410,000 the  
19.29 second year are from the heritage enhancement  
19.30 account in the game and fish fund, and  
19.31 \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the  
19.32 second year are from the general fund are for  
19.33 the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species

20.1 Research Center at the University of  
20.2 Minnesota to prioritize, support, and develop  
20.3 research-based solutions that can reduce the  
20.4 effects of aquatic invasive species in  
20.5 Minnesota by preventing spread, controlling  
20.6 populations, and managing ecosystems and to  
20.7 advance knowledge to inspire action by others.

20.8 (j) \$129,000 the first year is from the general  
20.9 fund for providing research, policy review,  
20.10 and assisting the Sustainable Foraging Task  
20.11 Force. This is a onetime appropriation.

20.12	<u>Subd. 4. <b>Forest Management</b></u>	<u>60,623,000</u>	<u>61,293,000</u>
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20.13	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
20.14		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
20.15	<u>General</u>	<u>42,800,000</u>	<u>43,383,000</u>
20.16	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>16,206,000</u>	<u>16,293,000</u>
20.17	<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>1,617,000</u>	<u>1,617,000</u>

20.18 (a) \$7,521,000 the first year and \$7,521,000  
20.19 the second year are for prevention,  
20.20 presuppression, and suppression costs of  
20.21 emergency firefighting and other costs  
20.22 incurred under Minnesota Statutes, section  
20.23 88.12. The amount necessary to pay for  
20.24 presuppression and suppression costs during  
20.25 the biennium is appropriated from the general  
20.26 fund. By January 15 each year, the  
20.27 commissioner of natural resources must submit  
20.28 a report to the chairs and ranking minority  
20.29 members of the house and senate committees  
20.30 and divisions having jurisdiction over  
20.31 environment and natural resources finance that  
20.32 identifies all firefighting costs incurred and  
20.33 reimbursements received in the prior fiscal  
20.34 year. These appropriations may not be  
20.35 transferred. Any reimbursement of firefighting

21.1 expenditures made to the commissioner from  
21.2 any source other than federal mobilizations  
21.3 must be deposited into the general fund.

21.4 (b) \$15,706,000 the first year and \$15,793,000  
21.5 the second year are from the forest  
21.6 management investment account in the natural  
21.7 resources fund for only the purposes specified  
21.8 in Minnesota Statutes, section 89.039,  
21.9 subdivision 2.

21.10 (c) \$1,617,000 the first year and \$1,617,000  
21.11 the second year are from the heritage  
21.12 enhancement account in the game and fish  
21.13 fund to advance ecological classification  
21.14 systems (ECS), forest habitat, and invasive  
21.15 species management.

21.16 (d) \$940,000 the first year and \$947,000 the  
21.17 second year are for the Forest Resources  
21.18 Council to implement the Sustainable Forest  
21.19 Resources Act.

21.20 (e) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the  
21.21 second year are from the forest management  
21.22 investment account in the natural resources  
21.23 fund for forest road maintenance on state  
21.24 forest roads.

21.25 (f) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the  
21.26 second year are for forest road maintenance  
21.27 on county forest roads.

21.28 (g) \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the  
21.29 second year are for grants to local and Tribal  
21.30 governments and nonprofit organizations to  
21.31 enhance community forest ecosystem health  
21.32 and sustainability under Minnesota Statutes,  
21.33 section 88.82. The commissioner may use a

22.1	<u>reasonable amount of this appropriation for</u>		
22.2	<u>administering ReLeaf grants.</u>		
22.3	<b><u>Subd. 5. Parks and Trails Management</u></b>	<u>115,352,000</u>	<u>113,212,000</u>
22.4	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
22.5		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
22.6	<u>General</u>	<u>37,076,000</u>	<u>36,474,000</u>
22.7	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>75,976,000</u>	<u>74,438,000</u>
22.8	<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>2,300,000</u>	<u>2,300,000</u>
22.9	<u>(a) \$8,925,000 the first year and \$9,238,000</u>		
22.10	<u>the second year are from the natural resources</u>		
22.11	<u>fund for state trail, park, and recreation area</u>		
22.12	<u>operations. This appropriation is from revenue</u>		
22.13	<u>deposited in the natural resources fund under</u>		
22.14	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,</u>		
22.15	<u>paragraph (h), clause (2).</u>		
22.16	<u>(b) \$23,859,000 the first year and \$23,615,000</u>		
22.17	<u>the second year are from the state parks</u>		
22.18	<u>account in the natural resources fund to</u>		
22.19	<u>operate and maintain state parks and state</u>		
22.20	<u>recreation areas.</u>		
22.21	<u>(c) \$1,300,000 the first year and \$1,300,000</u>		
22.22	<u>the second year are from the natural resources</u>		
22.23	<u>fund for park and trail grants to local units of</u>		
22.24	<u>government on land to be maintained for at</u>		
22.25	<u>least 20 years for parks or trails. Priority must</u>		
22.26	<u>be given for projects that are in underserved</u>		
22.27	<u>communities or that increase access to persons</u>		
22.28	<u>with disabilities. This appropriation is from</u>		
22.29	<u>revenue deposited in the natural resources fund</u>		
22.30	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,</u>		
22.31	<u>paragraph (h), clause (4). Any unencumbered</u>		
22.32	<u>balance does not cancel at the end of the first</u>		
22.33	<u>year and is available for the second year.</u>		

- 23.1 (d) \$9,624,000 the first year and \$9,624,000  
23.2 the second year are from the snowmobile trails  
23.3 and enforcement account in the natural  
23.4 resources fund for the snowmobile  
23.5 grants-in-aid program. Any unencumbered  
23.6 balance does not cancel at the end of the first  
23.7 year and is available for the second year.
- 23.8 (e) \$2,610,000 the first year and \$2,510,000  
23.9 the second year are from the natural resources  
23.10 fund for the off-highway vehicle grants-in-aid  
23.11 program. Of this amount, \$2,060,000 the first  
23.12 year and \$1,960,000 the second year are from  
23.13 the all-terrain vehicle account, \$225,000 each  
23.14 year is from the off-highway motorcycle  
23.15 account, and \$325,000 each year is from the  
23.16 off-road vehicle account. Any unencumbered  
23.17 balance does not cancel at the end of the first  
23.18 year and is available for the second year.
- 23.19 (f) \$2,750,000 the first year and \$2,750,000  
23.20 the second year are from the state land and  
23.21 water conservation account in the natural  
23.22 resources fund for priorities established by the  
23.23 commissioner for eligible state projects and  
23.24 administrative and planning activities  
23.25 consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section  
23.26 84.0264, and the federal Land and Water  
23.27 Conservation Fund Act. Any unencumbered  
23.28 balance does not cancel at the end of the first  
23.29 year and is available for the second year.
- 23.30 (g) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the  
23.31 second year are from the general fund for  
23.32 matching grants for local parks and outdoor  
23.33 recreation areas under Minnesota Statutes,  
23.34 section 85.019, subdivision 2.

- 24.1 (h) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the  
24.2 second year are from the general fund for  
24.3 matching grants for local trail connections  
24.4 under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.019,  
24.5 subdivision 4c.
- 24.6 (i) \$600,000 the first year and \$600,000 the  
24.7 second year are from the natural resources  
24.8 fund for projects and activities that connect  
24.9 diverse and underserved Minnesotans through  
24.10 expanding cultural environmental experiences,  
24.11 exploration of their environment, and outdoor  
24.12 recreational activities. This appropriation is  
24.13 from revenue deposited in the natural  
24.14 resources fund under Minnesota Statutes,  
24.15 section 297A.94, paragraph (j).
- 24.16 (j) \$400,000 the first year is from the general  
24.17 fund for a grant to the city of Silver Bay for  
24.18 construction of the Silver Bay Trailhead. This  
24.19 is a onetime appropriation and is available  
24.20 until June 30, 2028.
- 24.21 (k) \$500,000 the first year is from the general  
24.22 fund for a grant to the city of Chisholm for  
24.23 trail development, maintenance, and related  
24.24 amenities at Redhead Mountain Bike Park.  
24.25 This is a onetime appropriation and is  
24.26 available until June 30, 2028.
- 24.27 (l) \$752,000 the first year is from the  
24.28 all-terrain vehicle account in the natural  
24.29 resources fund for a grant to St. Louis County  
24.30 for all-terrain vehicle trail projects. This is a  
24.31 onetime appropriation and is available until  
24.32 June 30, 2028. The grant is for the following  
24.33 projects:

- 25.1 (1) \$75,000 for the Alborn Dirt Devils Club  
25.2 to engineer, permit, and acquire right-of-way  
25.3 for the County Road 166 to Ostman Road  
25.4 ATV trail project;
- 25.5 (2) \$480,000 for the Ranger Snowmobile/ATV  
25.6 Club to engineer and construct the Seven  
25.7 Beavers ATV trail project;
- 25.8 (3) \$100,000 for the Twig Area Trail Riders  
25.9 ATV Club to permit, design, engineer, and  
25.10 acquire right-of-way for the Lumberjack to  
25.11 Brookston ATV trail; and
- 25.12 (4) \$97,000 for the Quad Cities ATV Club to  
25.13 engineer, survey, test, design, and construct  
25.14 the club trailhead project.
- 25.15 (m) \$200,000 the first year is from the  
25.16 all-terrain vehicle account in the natural  
25.17 resources fund for a grant to the city of Duluth  
25.18 and Head of the Lakes ATV Riders for a  
25.19 Duluth area all-terrain vehicle route study to  
25.20 establish connectivity to and through the  
25.21 western part of the city of Duluth. This is a  
25.22 onetime appropriation and is available until  
25.23 June 30, 2028.
- 25.24 (n) \$380,000 the first year is from the  
25.25 all-terrain vehicle account in the natural  
25.26 resources fund for a grant to St. Louis County  
25.27 for design, right-of-way acquisition,  
25.28 permitting, and construction of trails within  
25.29 the Voyageur Country ATV trail system. This  
25.30 is a onetime appropriation and is available  
25.31 until June 30, 2028.
- 25.32 (o) \$175,000 the first year is from the  
25.33 all-terrain vehicle account in the natural  
25.34 resources fund for a grant to St. Louis County

26.1 for design, right-of-way acquisition,  
26.2 permitting, and construction of trails and a  
26.3 new trail bridge within the Prospectors Loop  
26.4 trail system. This is a onetime appropriation  
26.5 and is available until June 30, 2028.

26.6

**Subd. 6. Fish and Wildlife Management**

97,566,000

98,019,000

26.7	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
26.8		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
26.9	<u>General</u>	<u>9,120,000</u>	<u>9,185,000</u>
26.10	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>2,182,000</u>	<u>2,424,000</u>
26.11	<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>86,264,000</u>	<u>86,410,000</u>

26.12 (a) \$12,125,000 the first year and \$12,097,000  
26.13 the second year are from the heritage  
26.14 enhancement account in the game and fish  
26.15 fund only for activities specified under  
26.16 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,  
26.17 paragraph (h), clause (1). Notwithstanding  
26.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, five  
26.19 percent of this appropriation may be used for  
26.20 expanding hunter and angler recruitment and  
26.21 retention.

26.22 (b) \$8,546,000 the first year and \$8,546,000  
26.23 the second year are from the deer management  
26.24 account in the game and fish fund for the  
26.25 purposes identified in Minnesota Statutes,  
26.26 section 97A.075, subdivision 1.

26.27 (c) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the  
26.28 second year are from the heritage enhancement  
26.29 account in the game and fish fund for grants  
26.30 for natural-resource-based education and  
26.31 recreation programs serving youth under  
26.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.976. The  
26.33 commissioner may use a reasonable amount  
26.34 of this appropriation for administering grants  
26.35 authorized under Minnesota Statutes, section

27.1 84.976. Priority must be given to projects  
27.2 benefiting underserved communities.

27.3 (d) Up to \$2,225,000 the first year and up to  
27.4 \$2,225,000 the second year are available for  
27.5 transfer from the critical habitat private sector  
27.6 matching account to the reinvest in Minnesota  
27.7 fund for wildlife management areas  
27.8 acquisition, restoration, and enhancement  
27.9 according to Minnesota Statutes, section  
27.10 84.943, subdivision 5, paragraph (b).

27.11 (e) \$3,032,000 the first year and \$3,032,000  
27.12 the second year are from the general fund and  
27.13 \$1,675,000 the first year and \$1,675,000 the  
27.14 second year are from the game and fish fund  
27.15 for statewide response and management of  
27.16 chronic wasting disease. Of this amount, up  
27.17 to \$2,750,000 each year from the general fund  
27.18 is for inspections, investigations, and  
27.19 enforcement activities taken for the  
27.20 white-tailed deer farm program.

27.21 (f) \$500,000 the first year and \$348,000 the  
27.22 second year are from the general fund for the  
27.23 Outdoor School for All program under  
27.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.9766.

27.25 (g) \$225,000 the first year is from the general  
27.26 fund to expand outreach under Minnesota  
27.27 Statutes, section 84.027, subdivision 21. This  
27.28 is a onetime appropriation.

27.29 (h) \$177,000 the first year is from the game  
27.30 and fish fund for a study of muskellunge  
27.31 movement and survival in Leech Lake. The  
27.32 study must be conducted in collaboration with  
27.33 Bemidji State University. By October 1, 2028,  
27.34 the commissioner of natural resources must

28.1 submit a report on the results of the study to  
 28.2 the chairs and ranking minority members of  
 28.3 the house and senate committees and divisions  
 28.4 having jurisdiction over environment and  
 28.5 natural resources. This appropriation is  
 28.6 available until June 30, 2028.

28.7 **Subd. 7. Enforcement**

63,890,000

64,534,000

28.8 Appropriations by Fund

28.9		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
28.10	<u>General</u>	<u>14,225,000</u>	<u>14,341,000</u>
28.11	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>15,045,000</u>	<u>15,473,000</u>
28.12	<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>34,503,000</u>	<u>34,603,000</u>
28.13	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>117,000</u>	<u>117,000</u>

28.14 (a) \$1,718,000 the first year and \$1,718,000  
 28.15 the second year are from the general fund for  
 28.16 enforcement efforts to prevent the spread of  
 28.17 aquatic invasive species.

28.18 (b) \$2,980,000 the first year and \$2,980,000  
 28.19 the second year are from the heritage  
 28.20 enhancement account in the game and fish  
 28.21 fund for only the purposes specified under  
 28.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,  
 28.23 paragraph (h), clause (1).

28.24 (c) \$1,442,000 the first year and \$1,442,000  
 28.25 the second year are from the water recreation  
 28.26 account in the natural resources fund for grants  
 28.27 to counties for boat and water safety. Any  
 28.28 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the  
 28.29 end of the first year and is available for the  
 28.30 second year.

28.31 (d) \$315,000 the first year and \$315,000 the  
 28.32 second year are from the snowmobile trails  
 28.33 and enforcement account in the natural  
 28.34 resources fund for grants to local law

29.1 enforcement agencies for snowmobile  
29.2 enforcement activities. Any unencumbered  
29.3 balance does not cancel at the end of the first  
29.4 year and is available for the second year.

29.5 (e) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the  
29.6 second year are from the all-terrain vehicle  
29.7 account in the natural resources fund for grants  
29.8 to qualifying organizations to assist in safety  
29.9 and environmental education and monitoring  
29.10 trails on public lands under Minnesota  
29.11 Statutes, section 84.9011. Grants issued under  
29.12 this paragraph must be issued through a formal  
29.13 agreement with the organization. By  
29.14 December 15 each year, an organization  
29.15 receiving a grant under this paragraph must  
29.16 report to the commissioner with details on  
29.17 expenditures and outcomes from the grant. Of  
29.18 this appropriation, \$25,000 each year is for  
29.19 administering these grants. Any unencumbered  
29.20 balance does not cancel at the end of the first  
29.21 year and is available for the second year.

29.22 (f) \$510,000 the first year and \$510,000 the  
29.23 second year are from the natural resources  
29.24 fund for grants to county law enforcement  
29.25 agencies for off-highway vehicle enforcement  
29.26 and public education activities based on  
29.27 off-highway vehicle use in the county. Of this  
29.28 amount, \$498,000 each year is from the  
29.29 all-terrain vehicle account, \$11,000 each year  
29.30 is from the off-highway motorcycle account,  
29.31 and \$1,000 each year is from the off-road  
29.32 vehicle account. The county enforcement  
29.33 agencies may use money received under this  
29.34 appropriation to make grants to other local  
29.35 enforcement agencies within the county that

30.1 have a high concentration of off-highway  
30.2 vehicle use. Of this appropriation, \$25,000  
30.3 each year is for administering the grants. Any  
30.4 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the  
30.5 end of the first year and is available for the  
30.6 second year.

30.7 (g) \$262,000 the first year and \$262,000 the  
30.8 second year are from the water recreation  
30.9 account in the natural resources fund for  
30.10 investigating, notification, and removal of  
30.11 abandoned watercraft on or adjacent to public  
30.12 waters and public land.

30.13 (h) \$20,000 the first year and \$20,000 the  
30.14 second year are from the off-highway  
30.15 motorcycle account in the natural resources  
30.16 fund for grants to qualifying off-highway  
30.17 motorcycle organizations to assist in providing  
30.18 safety and environmental education and  
30.19 monitoring trails on public lands according to  
30.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.9011. Grants  
30.21 awarded under this paragraph must be issued  
30.22 through a formal agreement with the  
30.23 organization. By December 15 each year, an  
30.24 organization receiving a grant under this  
30.25 paragraph must report to the commissioner  
30.26 with details on how the money was expended  
30.27 and what outcomes were achieved.

30.28 Subd. 8. Pass Through Funds

1,824,0001,831,000

30.29	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
30.30		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
30.31	<u>General</u>	<u>221,000</u>	<u>221,000</u>
30.32	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>1,110,000</u>	<u>1,110,000</u>
30.33	<u>Permanent School</u>	<u>493,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>

30.34 (a) \$510,000 the first year and \$510,000 the  
30.35 second year are from the natural resources

31.1 fund for grants to be divided equally between  
 31.2 the city of St. Paul for the Como Park Zoo and  
 31.3 Conservatory and the city of Duluth for the  
 31.4 Lake Superior Zoo. This appropriation is from  
 31.5 revenue deposited to the natural resources fund  
 31.6 under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,  
 31.7 paragraph (h), clause (5).

31.8 (b) \$221,000 the first year and \$221,000 the  
 31.9 second year are from the general fund for the  
 31.10 Office of School Trust Lands.

31.11 (c) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the  
 31.12 second year are from the permanent school  
 31.13 fund for transaction and project management  
 31.14 costs for divesting of school trust lands within  
 31.15 Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

31.16 (d) \$343,000 the first year and \$350,000 the  
 31.17 second year are from the permanent school  
 31.18 fund for the Office of School Trust Lands.

31.19 (e) \$600,000 the first year and \$600,000 the  
 31.20 second year are from the natural resources  
 31.21 fund for parks and trails of regional  
 31.22 significance outside the seven-county  
 31.23 metropolitan area under Minnesota Statutes,  
 31.24 section 85.535, based on the recommendations  
 31.25 from the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks  
 31.26 and Trails Commission. This appropriation is  
 31.27 from revenue deposited in the natural  
 31.28 resources fund under Minnesota Statutes,  
 31.29 section 297A.94, paragraph (i).

31.30 **Subd. 9. Transfers**

31.31 \$720,000 the first year and \$732,000 the  
 31.32 second year are transferred from the forest  
 31.33 suspense account to the permanent school  
 31.34 fund. For fiscal years 2028 through 2031, the

32.1 commissioner of management and budget must  
 32.2 include a transfer of \$732,000 each year from  
 32.3 the forest suspense account to the permanent  
 32.4 school fund when preparing each forecast from  
 32.5 the effective date of this section through the  
 32.6 February 2027 forecast under Minnesota  
 32.7 Statutes, section 16A.103.

32.8 **Subd. 10. Extensions**

32.9 The appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 60,  
 32.10 article 1, section 3, subdivision 5, paragraph  
 32.11 (p), for a boat launch on the Mississippi River  
 32.12 is extended to June 30, 2026.

32.13 **Sec. 4. BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL**  
 32.14 **RESOURCES**

\$ 15,945,000 \$ 16,102,000

32.15 (a) \$3,116,000 the first year and \$3,116,000  
 32.16 the second year are for grants and payments  
 32.17 to soil and water conservation districts for  
 32.18 accomplishing the purposes of Minnesota  
 32.19 Statutes, chapter 103C, and for other general  
 32.20 purposes, nonpoint engineering, and  
 32.21 implementation and stewardship of the  
 32.22 reinvest in Minnesota reserve program.  
 32.23 Expenditures may be made from this  
 32.24 appropriation for supplies and services  
 32.25 benefiting soil and water conservation  
 32.26 districts. Any district receiving a payment  
 32.27 under this paragraph must maintain a website  
 32.28 that publishes, at a minimum, the district's  
 32.29 annual report, annual audit, annual budget,  
 32.30 and meeting notices.

32.31 (b) \$1,560,000 the first year and \$1,560,000  
 32.32 the second year are for the following:

32.33 (1) \$1,460,000 the first year and \$1,460,000  
 32.34 the second year are for cost-sharing programs  
 32.35 of soil and water conservation districts for

- 33.1 accomplishing projects and practices  
33.2 consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section  
33.3 103C.501, including perennially vegetated  
33.4 riparian buffers, erosion control, water  
33.5 retention and treatment, water quality  
33.6 cost-sharing for feedlots and nutrient and  
33.7 manure management projects in watersheds  
33.8 where there are impaired waters, and other  
33.9 high-priority conservation practices; and  
33.10 (2) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the  
33.11 second year are for invasive species and weed  
33.12 management programs and to restore native  
33.13 plants at selected invasive species management  
33.14 sites.
- 33.15 (c) \$166,000 the first year and \$166,000 the  
33.16 second year are to provide technical assistance  
33.17 to local drainage management officials and  
33.18 for the costs of the Drainage Work Group. The  
33.19 board must coordinate the activities of the  
33.20 Drainage Work Group according to Minnesota  
33.21 Statutes, section 103B.101, subdivision 13.
- 33.22 (d) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the  
33.23 second year are for a grant to the Red River  
33.24 Basin Commission for water quality and  
33.25 floodplain management, including program  
33.26 administration. This appropriation must be  
33.27 matched by nonstate funds.
- 33.28 (e) \$140,000 the first year and \$140,000 the  
33.29 second year are for grants to Area II  
33.30 Minnesota River Basin Projects for floodplain  
33.31 management.
- 33.32 (f) \$240,000 the first year and \$240,000 the  
33.33 second year are for a grant to the Lower  
33.34 Minnesota River Watershed District to defray

34.1 the annual cost of sustaining the state, national,  
34.2 and international commercial and recreational  
34.3 navigation on the lower Minnesota River.

34.4 (g) \$203,000 the first year and \$203,000 the  
34.5 second year are for soil health programming  
34.6 consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section  
34.7 103F.06, and for coordination with the  
34.8 University of Minnesota Office for Soil  
34.9 Health.

34.10 (h) \$3,423,000 the first year and \$3,423,000  
34.11 the second year are for natural resources block  
34.12 grants to local governments to implement the  
34.13 Wetland Conservation Act and shoreland  
34.14 management program under Minnesota  
34.15 Statutes, chapter 103F, and local water  
34.16 management responsibilities under Minnesota  
34.17 Statutes, chapter 103B. The board may reduce  
34.18 the amount of the natural resources block grant  
34.19 to a county by an amount equal to any  
34.20 reduction in the county's general services  
34.21 allocation to a soil and water conservation  
34.22 district from the county's previous year  
34.23 allocation when the board determines that the  
34.24 reduction was disproportionate.

34.25 (i) \$6,997,000 the first year and \$7,154,000  
34.26 the second year are for agency administration  
34.27 and operation of the Board of Water and Soil  
34.28 Resources.

34.29 (j) The board may shift funds in this section  
34.30 and may adjust the technical and  
34.31 administrative assistance portion of the funds  
34.32 to leverage federal or other nonstate funds or  
34.33 to address accountability, oversight, local  
34.34 government performance, or high-priority  
34.35 needs.

35.1 (k) The appropriations for grants and payments  
 35.2 in this section are available until June 30,  
 35.3 2029, except returned grants and payments  
 35.4 are available for two years after they are  
 35.5 returned or regranted, whichever is later.  
 35.6 Funds must be used consistent with the  
 35.7 purposes of this section. If an appropriation  
 35.8 for grants in either year is insufficient, the  
 35.9 appropriation in the other year is available for  
 35.10 it.

35.11 (l) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,  
 35.12 section 16B.97, grants awarded from  
 35.13 appropriations in this section are exempt from  
 35.14 the Department of Administration, Office of  
 35.15 Grants Management Policy 08-08 Grant  
 35.16 Payments and 08-10 Grant Monitoring.

35.17 Sec. 5. METROPOLITAN COUNCIL                      \$        11,740,000 \$        11,740,000

35.18	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
35.19		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
35.20	<u>General</u>	<u>2,540,000</u>	<u>2,540,000</u>
35.21	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>9,200,000</u>	<u>9,200,000</u>

35.22 (a) \$2,540,000 the first year and \$2,540,000  
 35.23 the second year are for metropolitan-area  
 35.24 regional parks operation and maintenance  
 35.25 according to Minnesota Statutes, section  
 35.26 473.351.

35.27 (b) \$9,200,000 the first year and \$9,200,000  
 35.28 the second year are from the natural resources  
 35.29 fund for metropolitan-area regional parks and  
 35.30 trails maintenance and operations. This  
 35.31 appropriation is from revenue deposited in the  
 35.32 natural resources fund under Minnesota  
 35.33 Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (h),  
 35.34 clause (3).

36.1	<b>Sec. 6. <u>CONSERVATION CORPS</u></b>			
36.2	<b><u>MINNESOTA AND IOWA</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>1,070,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b> <b><u>1,070,000</u></b>
36.3	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>			
36.4		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	
36.5	<u>General</u>	<u>580,000</u>	<u>580,000</u>	
36.6	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>490,000</u>	<u>490,000</u>	
36.7	<u>Conservation Corps Minnesota and Iowa may</u>			
36.8	<u>receive money appropriated from the natural</u>			
36.9	<u>resources fund under this section only as</u>			
36.10	<u>provided in an agreement with the</u>			
36.11	<u>commissioner of natural resources.</u>			
36.12	<b>Sec. 7. <u>ZOOLOGICAL BOARD</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>14,180,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b> <b><u>14,532,000</u></b>
36.13	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>			
36.14		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	
36.15	<u>General</u>	<u>13,925,000</u>	<u>14,277,000</u>	
36.16	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>255,000</u>	<u>255,000</u>	
36.17	<u>\$255,000 the first year and \$255,000 the</u>			
36.18	<u>second year are from the natural resources</u>			
36.19	<u>fund from revenue deposited under Minnesota</u>			
36.20	<u>Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (h),</u>			
36.21	<u>clause (5).</u>			
36.22	<b>Sec. 8. <u>SCIENCE MUSEUM</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>1,260,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b> <b><u>1,260,000</u></b>
36.23	<b>Sec. 9. <u>LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING</u></b>			
36.24	<b><u>COMMISSION</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>198,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b> <b><u>0</u></b>
36.25	<u>\$198,000 the first year is for the administrative</u>			
36.26	<u>costs of the Sustainable Foraging Task Force.</u>			
36.27	<u>This is a onetime appropriation</u>			
36.28	Sec. 10. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 2, subdivision 10, is amended to read:			
36.29	<b>Subd. 10. <u>Transfers</u></b>			
36.30	(a) The commissioner must transfer up to			
36.31	\$24,000,000 the first year and \$24,000,000			
36.32	the second year from the environmental fund			
36.33	to the remediation fund for purposes of the			

37.1 remediation fund under Minnesota Statutes,  
37.2 section 116.155, subdivision 2. The base for  
37.3 this transfer is \$24,000,000 in fiscal year 2026  
37.4 and beyond.

37.5 (b) By June 30, 2024, the commissioner of  
37.6 management and budget must transfer  
37.7 \$27,397,000 from the general fund to the  
37.8 metropolitan landfill contingency action trust  
37.9 account in the remediation fund to restore the  
37.10 money transferred from the account as  
37.11 intended under Laws 2003, chapter 128, article  
37.12 1, section 10, paragraph (e), and Laws 2005,  
37.13 First Special Session chapter 1, article 3,  
37.14 section 17, and to compensate the account for  
37.15 the estimated lost investment income.

37.16 ~~(e) Beginning in fiscal year 2024, the~~  
37.17 ~~commissioner of management and budget must~~  
37.18 ~~transfer \$100,000 each year from the general~~  
37.19 ~~fund to the metropolitan landfill contingency~~  
37.20 ~~action trust account in the remediation fund~~  
37.21 ~~to restore the money transferred from the~~  
37.22 ~~account as intended under Laws 2003, chapter~~  
37.23 ~~128, article 1, section 10, paragraph (e), and~~  
37.24 ~~Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 1,~~  
37.25 ~~article 3, section 17.~~

37.26 Sec. 11. **CANCELLATION.**

37.27 \$3,915,000 of the unencumbered balance of the general fund appropriation from Laws  
37.28 2022, chapter 95, article 3, section 6, paragraph (b), cancels no later than June 30, 2025.

## 37.29 **ARTICLE 2**

### 37.30 **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND APPROPRIATIONS**

#### 37.31 **Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.**

37.32 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies  
37.33 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the environment

38.1 and natural resources trust fund, or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal  
38.2 years indicated for each purpose. The figures "2026" and "2027" used in this article mean  
38.3 that the appropriations listed under them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
38.4 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The second year"  
38.5 is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2026 and 2027. Any unencumbered  
38.6 balance remaining in the first year does not cancel and is available for the second year or  
38.7 until the end of the appropriation. These are onetime appropriations.

38.8	<b><u>APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>
38.9	<b><u>Available for the Year</u></b>
38.10	<b><u>Ending June 30</u></b>
38.11	<b>2026                      2027</b>

38.12 **Sec. 2. MINNESOTA RESOURCES**

38.13	<b><u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>103,326,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>
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38.14 This appropriation is from the environment  
38.15 and natural resources trust fund. The amounts  
38.16 that may be spent for each purpose are  
38.17 specified in the following subdivisions.

38.18 Subd. 2. **Definition**

38.19 "Trust fund" means the Minnesota  
38.20 environment and natural resources trust fund  
38.21 established under the Minnesota Constitution,  
38.22 article XI, section 14.

38.23	<b><u>Subd. 3. Foundational Natural Resource Data</u></b>		
38.24	<b>and Information</b>	22,084,000	-0-

38.25 (a) Fond du Lac Deer Study - Phase 1

38.26 \$1,441,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
38.27 to the Minnesota State Colleges and  
38.28 Universities for Bemidji State University to  
38.29 collect baseline deer demographic, movement,  
38.30 and habitat-use data before elk restoration to  
38.31 better inform management of both elk and deer  
38.32 populations on the Fond du Lac Reservation  
38.33 and surrounding areas.

38.34 (b) Are All Walleye Created Equal? Probably  
38.35 Not.

39.1 \$298,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
39.2 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
39.3 Minnesota to investigate Minnesota walleye  
39.4 strain physiology and disease responses to  
39.5 warming water and to build a tool to guide  
39.6 adaptive management of walleye in a warming  
39.7 climate.

39.8 **(c) Deer Survival Within Minnesota's Densest**  
39.9 **Wolf Population**

39.10 \$809,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
39.11 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
39.12 Minnesota to evaluate how wolves, winter  
39.13 severity, and habitat affect deer mortality and  
39.14 survival across space and time within the  
39.15 Voyageurs region.

39.16 **(d) Evaluating Anticoagulant Rodenticide**  
39.17 **Exposure in Minnesota's Carnivores**

39.18 \$247,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
39.19 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
39.20 Minnesota for the Natural Resources Research  
39.21 Institute in Duluth to determine anticoagulant  
39.22 rodenticide exposure rates and concentrations  
39.23 in Minnesota bobcats and fishers, factors  
39.24 influencing exposure risk, and negative effects  
39.25 of rodenticide exposure on carnivore health.

39.26 **(e) Digitizing the Science Museum of**  
39.27 **Minnesota's Mollusk Specimens**

39.28 \$386,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
39.29 to the Science Museum of Minnesota to make  
39.30 the museum's Minnesota mollusk specimen  
39.31 collection available for research and education  
39.32 by identifying and organizing all relevant  
39.33 specimens and digitizing the museum's data.

39.34 **(f) Integrating Wildlife Objectives in Long-Term**  
39.35 **Forest Management Planning**

40.1 \$316,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
40.2 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
40.3 Minnesota to develop a harvest-scheduling  
40.4 model that integrates wildlife habitat metrics  
40.5 with timber production objectives in the  
40.6 forest-planning process for more sustainable  
40.7 forest landscape-level outcomes.

40.8 **(g) Surveying Minnesota's Secretive Marsh**  
40.9 **Birds**

40.10 \$413,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
40.11 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
40.12 an agreement with the National Audubon  
40.13 Society, Upper Mississippi River office, to  
40.14 conduct a breeding marsh bird survey and  
40.15 provide state and federal agencies with an  
40.16 assessment of marsh bird population status  
40.17 and wetland habitat. This appropriation is  
40.18 available until June 30, 2029, by which time  
40.19 the project must be completed and final  
40.20 products delivered.

40.21 **(h) Improving Conservation Outcomes for**  
40.22 **Imperiled Wood Turtles**

40.23 \$242,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
40.24 to the Minnesota Zoological Society to restore  
40.25 imperiled wood turtles by increasing remnant  
40.26 populations, quantifying effectiveness of  
40.27 habitat management strategies, establishing  
40.28 baseline information on disease prevalence,  
40.29 and creating a new decision-support tool for  
40.30 prioritizing future conservation actions.

40.31 **(i) Maximizing the Impact of Wildlife Movement**  
40.32 **Data**

40.33 \$216,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
40.34 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
40.35 Minnesota to create a centralized and

41.1 accessible database of wildlife movement data  
 41.2 from prior trust fund-supported studies and  
 41.3 demonstrate tools biologists can use to analyze  
 41.4 these data to benefit Minnesota wildlife.

41.5 **(j) Expanding the Statewide Motus Wildlife**  
 41.6 **Tracking Network**

41.7 \$234,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 41.8 to the Minnesota Zoological Society to expand  
 41.9 the statewide Motus Wildlife Tracking System  
 41.10 network into southwestern Minnesota and the  
 41.11 North Shore to guide the conservation of  
 41.12 imperiled grassland and boreal migratory birds  
 41.13 and other wildlife. This appropriation may  
 41.14 also be used to develop outreach and  
 41.15 interpretive materials for Motus sites.

41.16 **(k) Updating and Sharing Information on**  
 41.17 **Minnesota's Tick Biodiversity**

41.18 \$186,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 41.19 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
 41.20 Minnesota to collaborate with wildlife  
 41.21 organizations and community scientists to  
 41.22 survey the biodiversity and distribution of  
 41.23 ticks in Minnesota and create a publicly  
 41.24 accessible GIS dashboard to share results and  
 41.25 potential disease implications with the public  
 41.26 and wildlife managers.

41.27 **(l) Small Mammals and Hunter Participation:**  
 41.28 **Expanded Offal Wildlife Watching**

41.29 \$563,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 41.30 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
 41.31 Minnesota to expand and assess hunter  
 41.32 participation in monitoring scavenger use of  
 41.33 deer gut piles, assess small mammal  
 41.34 occurrence and contaminant and disease  
 41.35 exposure risk at offal sites, and study how

42.1 messaging impacts hunters' use of lead  
42.2 ammunition.

42.3 **(m) Green Heron as an Indicator of**  
42.4 **Wetland-Dependent Species**

42.5 \$424,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
42.6 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
42.7 Minnesota to collect data on the year-round  
42.8 habitat use and migratory movements of green  
42.9 herons, assess potential factors leading to  
42.10 population decline, and identify conservation  
42.11 strategies to benefit the green heron and other  
42.12 wetland-dependent bird species.

42.13 **(n) Visualizing Minnesota's Natural Resources**  
42.14 **with CT Scanning**

42.15 \$955,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
42.16 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
42.17 Minnesota, Bell Museum of Natural History,  
42.18 to acquire a CT scanner, scan Bell Museum  
42.19 organismal specimens, create 3D prints from  
42.20 the scans, and share the data and prints through  
42.21 environmental education and research  
42.22 programs. The CT scanner purchased with this  
42.23 appropriation must prioritize use by and be  
42.24 made available cost-free to other  
42.25 Minnesota-focused researchers for the duration  
42.26 of this appropriation. This appropriation may  
42.27 also be used for equipment, tools, and supplies  
42.28 needed to acquire, install, and use the scanner  
42.29 and print 3D models of scanned organisms.  
42.30 Net income generated as part of this  
42.31 appropriation may be reinvested in the project  
42.32 if a plan for reinvestment is approved in the  
42.33 work plan as provided under Minnesota  
42.34 Statutes, section 116P.10.

42.35 **(o) Mapping Human-Carnivore Conflicts in**  
42.36 **Human-Dominated Landscapes**

43.1 \$563,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
43.2 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
43.3 Minnesota for the Natural Resources Research  
43.4 Institute in Duluth to evaluate bear, bobcat,  
43.5 and coyote habitat use, activity, and diet in  
43.6 Duluth and surrounding areas to map hotspots  
43.7 for human-carnivore conflicts and fill  
43.8 knowledge gaps to reduce conflicts. This  
43.9 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029,  
43.10 by which time the project must be completed  
43.11 and final products delivered.

43.12 **(p) Geologic Atlases for Water Resource**  
43.13 **Management**

43.14 \$1,260,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
43.15 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
43.16 Minnesota, Minnesota Geological Survey, to  
43.17 continue to produce geologic atlas maps and  
43.18 databases to inform management of  
43.19 groundwater and surface water. This  
43.20 appropriation is to complete Part A, which  
43.21 focuses on the properties and distribution of  
43.22 earth materials to define aquifer boundaries  
43.23 and the connection of aquifers to the land  
43.24 surface and surface water resources.

43.25 **(q) Leveraging Statewide Datasets for Native**  
43.26 **Rough Fish**

43.27 \$250,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
43.28 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
43.29 Minnesota to construct species distribution  
43.30 models that predict presence and abundance  
43.31 of native rough fish species and identify  
43.32 potential areas for protection, additional  
43.33 monitoring, or restoration across the state. This  
43.34 appropriation may also be used to build an  
43.35 interactive mapping tool and share results.

44.1 **(r) The Impacts of Climate Change on**  
44.2 **Northeastern Minnesota**

44.3 \$772,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
44.4 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
44.5 an agreement with Friends of the Boundary  
44.6 Waters Wilderness to work with collaborators  
44.7 to aggregate research, data, and other  
44.8 information about the impacts of climate  
44.9 change on the habitat and wildlife of  
44.10 northeastern Minnesota into a publicly  
44.11 available, web-based database. This  
44.12 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029,  
44.13 by which time the project must be completed  
44.14 and final products delivered.

44.15 **(s) Health and Disease Monitoring in Minnesota**  
44.16 **Wildlife**

44.17 \$750,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
44.18 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
44.19 Minnesota, Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostic  
44.20 Laboratory, to collaborate with wildlife  
44.21 rehabilitation organizations and other wildlife  
44.22 health professionals throughout Minnesota to  
44.23 enhance the state's health and disease  
44.24 surveillance, preparedness, and response  
44.25 efforts.

44.26 **(t) Affordable Statewide Tracking of Forestry**  
44.27 **Fragmentation and Degradation**

44.28 \$331,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
44.29 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
44.30 Minnesota to merge aircraft and satellite  
44.31 LiDAR data to build a model and an  
44.32 interactive real-time web dashboard of forest  
44.33 boundaries that provides business-ready  
44.34 information about statewide forest  
44.35 fragmentation and degradation due to human  
44.36 activities and natural disasters.

45.1 **(u) Safeguarding Bees While Monitoring**  
45.2 **Pollinators and Nesting Habitats**

45.3 \$590,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
45.4 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
45.5 Minnesota to pioneer low-mortality methods  
45.6 for monitoring bee populations and to  
45.7 investigate nest habitat materials and  
45.8 antimicrobial properties in cooperation with  
45.9 community scientists and management  
45.10 agencies. This appropriation is available until  
45.11 June 30, 2029, by which time the project must  
45.12 be completed and final products delivered.

45.13 **(v) Expanding the Application of Minnesota's**  
45.14 **Wetland Monitoring Data**

45.15 \$312,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
45.16 to the commissioner of natural resources to  
45.17 use existing LiDAR and recurring aerial  
45.18 photographs to determine state grassland  
45.19 acreage and change over the last twenty years,  
45.20 evaluate key drivers of wetland change, and  
45.21 use technology to improve Minnesota's  
45.22 wetland monitoring.

45.23 **(w) Enhancing the Value of Minnesota Public**  
45.24 **Grasslands**

45.25 \$390,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
45.26 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
45.27 Minnesota to evaluate a combination of  
45.28 prescribed fire, brush mowing, and targeted  
45.29 conservation grazing to develop ready-to-use  
45.30 management strategies for public land  
45.31 managers to mitigate woody species  
45.32 encroachment and increase biodiversity and  
45.33 carbon sequestration in public grasslands.

45.34 **(x) Foundational Precision Agriculture Data to**  
45.35 **Reduce Environmental Impacts**

46.1 \$1,255,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 46.2 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
 46.3 Minnesota for the West Central Research and  
 46.4 Outreach Center at Morris to establish data  
 46.5 collection systems and methods at sentinel  
 46.6 farm sites, develop and evaluate best  
 46.7 management practices, and provide outreach  
 46.8 and training to farmers to encourage adoption  
 46.9 of precision agriculture technologies that  
 46.10 reduce fertilizer and chemical use and improve  
 46.11 water and air quality.

46.12 **(y) Continued Aggregate Resource Mapping**

46.13 \$621,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 46.14 to the commissioner of natural resources to  
 46.15 map the aggregate resource potential in the  
 46.16 state of Minnesota and to make the  
 46.17 information available in print and electronic  
 46.18 format to local units of government to support  
 46.19 informed land-use decisions and resource  
 46.20 conservation.

46.21 **(z) Advancing Collaborative Wild Rice**  
 46.22 **Monitoring Program Technologies**

46.23 \$900,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 46.24 to the commissioner of natural resources to  
 46.25 continue efforts to create a framework for  
 46.26 long-term wild rice monitoring for  
 46.27 conservation and collaborate with Tribal and  
 46.28 nongovernmental organizations to collect  
 46.29 additional data, improve collection and  
 46.30 analysis methods, and develop a statewide  
 46.31 estimate of wild rice abundance and coverage.

46.32 **(aa) Conserving Natural Resources by**  
 46.33 **Advancing Forever Green Agriculture**

46.34 \$2,146,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 46.35 to the Board of Regents of the University of

47.1 Minnesota for the Forever Green Initiative to  
 47.2 fund research projects to develop new  
 47.3 perennial and winter-annual crops to protect  
 47.4 water, wildlife, soil, other natural resources,  
 47.5 and the climate. This appropriation is available  
 47.6 until June 30, 2030, by which time the project  
 47.7 must be completed and final products  
 47.8 delivered.

47.9 **(bb) Minnesota's Priority Native Rough Fish:**  
 47.10 **Gars and Bowfin**

47.11 \$568,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 47.12 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
 47.13 Minnesota to develop population dynamics,  
 47.14 habitat use, and food web models for  
 47.15 Minnesota gars and bowfins and conduct  
 47.16 outreach to inform conservation and  
 47.17 management and serve as a template for study  
 47.18 of Minnesota's other native rough fish species.

47.19 **(cc) Understanding to Improve Minnesota's**  
 47.20 **Future Lake Water Quality**

47.21 \$595,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 47.22 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
 47.23 Minnesota to use decade-long comprehensive  
 47.24 lake, watershed, and weather data and  
 47.25 high-resolution climate models to understand  
 47.26 lake-specific drivers of water quality and  
 47.27 predict the effects of future warming on  
 47.28 harmful algal blooms across Minnesota.

47.29 **(dd) Operationalizing State Zooplankton Data**  
 47.30 **to Support Lake Health**

47.31 \$423,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 47.32 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
 47.33 Minnesota to use long-term monitoring data  
 47.34 to determine the relationship between  
 47.35 zooplankton communities and ecosystem

48.1 services, like fisheries health and water  
 48.2 quality, and develop biotic indices for lake  
 48.3 health.

48.4 **(ee) Trialing Climate-Ready Woodland Trees**  
 48.5 **in Urban Areas**

48.6 \$255,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 48.7 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
 48.8 Minnesota to demonstrate performance of  
 48.9 climate-adaptive tree species and study land  
 48.10 manager and public perceptions of these  
 48.11 species to identify the best species and risk  
 48.12 tolerance for future plantings in metropolitan  
 48.13 areas of Minnesota.

48.14 **(ff) Superior Shores: Protecting Our Great**  
 48.15 **Lakes Coastal Habitats**

48.16 \$675,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 48.17 to the Science Museum of Minnesota for the  
 48.18 St. Croix Watershed Research Station to map  
 48.19 the locations and survey the biological  
 48.20 diversity and water quality of Lake Superior  
 48.21 coastal rock pools. This appropriation may  
 48.22 also be used to develop outreach materials and  
 48.23 host programs on rock pool understanding and  
 48.24 conservation.

48.25 **(gg) Recruitment and Fecundity of Minnesota**  
 48.26 **Moose**

48.27 \$2,007,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 48.28 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
 48.29 state and Tribal biologists to work  
 48.30 collaboratively to estimate survival and  
 48.31 fecundity of yearling and 2-year-old moose in  
 48.32 northeast Minnesota to inform future  
 48.33 management efforts. Of this amount, \$841,000  
 48.34 is for an agreement with the 1854 Treaty  
 48.35 Authority. This appropriation is available until

49.1 June 30, 2031, by which time the project must  
 49.2 be completed and final products delivered.

49.3 **(hh) Fighting Insect Decline: Minnesota**  
 49.4 **Bumblebees to the Rescue**

49.5 \$249,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 49.6 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
 49.7 Minnesota to map historical and current  
 49.8 bumblebee distribution and develop an  
 49.9 identification tool using molecular barcodes  
 49.10 and an online resource hub to improve  
 49.11 conservation of Minnesota's native  
 49.12 bumblebees.

49.13 **(ii) Trace Metals in Municipal Yard Waste and**  
 49.14 **Compost**

49.15 \$120,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 49.16 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
 49.17 Minnesota to assess trace metal contamination  
 49.18 from collected residential yard waste, finished  
 49.19 compost, and compost leachate in municipal  
 49.20 yard waste recycling programs.

49.21 **(jj) Chronic Wasting Disease Prions in**  
 49.22 **Minnesota Waters**

49.23 \$322,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 49.24 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
 49.25 Minnesota to evaluate the movement of  
 49.26 chronic wasting disease in Minnesota waters,  
 49.27 assess the risk of spread, and share results with  
 49.28 wildlife and watershed managers.

49.29 **Subd. 4. Water Resources**

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49.30 **(a) Enhancing Our Resources - Rural Health**  
 49.31 **and Drinking Water**

49.32 \$994,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 49.33 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
 49.34 an agreement with Freshwater Society to  
 49.35 partner with the Mayo Clinic to educate well

50.1 owners and family health providers about the  
50.2 geologic occurrence and risk of arsenic in  
50.3 drinking water. This appropriation is also to  
50.4 provide free arsenic testing to well owners in  
50.5 southeast Minnesota.

50.6 **(b) Restoration and Outreach for Minnesota's**  
50.7 **Native Mussels**

50.8 \$1,258,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
50.9 to the commissioner of natural resources to  
50.10 propagate, rear, and restore native freshwater  
50.11 mussel populations and the ecosystem services  
50.12 they provide to Minnesota waters; to evaluate  
50.13 reintroduction success; and to inform the  
50.14 public on mussels and mussel conservation.

50.15 **(c) Pristine to Green: Toxic Blooms Threaten**  
50.16 **Northern Lakes**

50.17 \$1,362,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
50.18 to the Science Museum of Minnesota for the  
50.19 St. Croix Watershed Research Station to  
50.20 evaluate drivers that contribute to the  
50.21 formation of nuisance and toxic algal blooms  
50.22 in relatively pristine and protected lakes across  
50.23 Minnesota.

50.24 **(d) Training Lake Communities to Track**  
50.25 **Chloride and Algae**

50.26 \$274,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
50.27 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
50.28 Minnesota for the Minnesota Sea Grant  
50.29 college program in Duluth to develop and train  
50.30 a network of community-based volunteers to  
50.31 track chloride and harmful algal blooms in  
50.32 rural Minnesota lakes.

50.33 **(e) Clean Sweep Solution to Nonpoint Source**  
50.34 **Pollution**

51.1 \$386,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
51.2 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
51.3 Minnesota for the Water Resources Center to  
51.4 enhance Clean Sweep programs, identify the  
51.5 pollutants present in street-sweeping materials,  
51.6 explore material reuse options, and quantify  
51.7 benefits of enhanced street sweeping. This  
51.8 appropriation may also be used to coordinate  
51.9 county and regional collaborations, develop  
51.10 resources, and provide training to increase  
51.11 targeted street-sweeping practices to reduce  
51.12 nonpoint source pollution to Minnesota's water  
51.13 resources.

51.14 **(f) Cyanotoxins in Minnesota Lakes: The Role**  
51.15 **of Sunlight**

51.16 \$220,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
51.17 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
51.18 Minnesota to quantify degradation of  
51.19 cyanobacterial toxins by sunlight to understand  
51.20 how increasing frequency of harmful algal  
51.21 blooms and changing environmental  
51.22 conditions influence toxin persistence in  
51.23 natural waters.

51.24 **(g) Enhancing Degradation of Emerging**  
51.25 **Contaminants via Microbial Starvation**

51.26 \$390,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
51.27 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
51.28 Minnesota to study how wastewater treatment  
51.29 systems can be improved to more effectively  
51.30 biodegrade mixtures of pharmaceuticals,  
51.31 pesticides, and other contaminants of emerging  
51.32 concern and protect Minnesota's water  
51.33 resources.

51.34 **(h) Soil Health Management for Water Storage**

52.1 \$454,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 52.2 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
 52.3 Minnesota for the Water Resources Center to  
 52.4 conduct on-farm and model-based research  
 52.5 and develop guidance for watershed planners  
 52.6 and land managers to effectively use soil  
 52.7 health management to achieve water storage  
 52.8 and water quality goals.

52.9 **(i) Predicting Contaminant Movement in**  
 52.10 **Minnesota's Fractured Aquifers**

52.11 \$650,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 52.12 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
 52.13 Minnesota, St. Anthony Falls Laboratory, to  
 52.14 develop a software program that predicts the  
 52.15 fate and movement of contaminants, such as  
 52.16 PFAS, chloride, nitrate, and pathogens, in  
 52.17 Minnesota's fractured aquifers.

52.18 **(j) Documentation and Toxicity of Microplastics**  
 52.19 **in Urban Ecosystems**

52.20 \$300,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 52.21 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
 52.22 Minnesota to research how land use and  
 52.23 toxicity affect the accumulation of  
 52.24 microplastics and associated contaminants of  
 52.25 concern in stormwater ponds and the wildlife  
 52.26 that use stormwater ponds.

52.27 **(k) Terminating PFAS-Type Pesticides via**  
 52.28 **Enzyme Cocktails**

52.29 \$297,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 52.30 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
 52.31 Minnesota to evaluate the ability of selected  
 52.32 enzymes and combinations of enzymes to  
 52.33 biodegrade per- and polyfluoroalkyl  
 52.34 substances (PFAS) found in pesticides and to

- 53.1 design a pilot-scale biofilter for effective  
 53.2 elimination of PFAS from water.
- 53.3 **(l) Addressing 21st Century Challenges for the**  
 53.4 **St. Croix**
- 53.5 \$243,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 53.6 to the Science Museum of Minnesota for the  
 53.7 St. Croix Watershed Research Station to  
 53.8 develop a watershed model to identify  
 53.9 potential hydrologic and water quality impacts  
 53.10 to the lower St. Croix River over the next 75  
 53.11 years and inform future planning and  
 53.12 management in the watershed.
- 53.13 **(m) Impact of Statewide Conservation Practices**  
 53.14 **on Stream Biodiversity**
- 53.15 \$300,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 53.16 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
 53.17 Minnesota to use existing monitoring data to  
 53.18 evaluate the effects of wetlands and riparian  
 53.19 buffers on stream and river biodiversity and  
 53.20 biological condition and develop tools and  
 53.21 materials to inform the public and natural  
 53.22 resource managers.
- 53.23 **(n) Modeling the Future Mississippi River Gorge**
- 53.24 \$427,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 53.25 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
 53.26 Minnesota, St. Anthony Falls Laboratory, to  
 53.27 construct a reduced-scale physical model of  
 53.28 Mississippi River Pool 1, Lock & Dam 1, and  
 53.29 adjacent upstream and downstream reaches;  
 53.30 analyze water flow and sediment movement  
 53.31 under various pool management strategies;  
 53.32 and share results with the public to inform  
 53.33 decisions on the future management of the  
 53.34 lock and dam.

54.1 **(o) Highly Efficient Nutrient Removal**  
54.2 **Technology for Agricultural Drainage**

54.3 \$453,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
54.4 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
54.5 Minnesota to conduct lab- and field-scale tests  
54.6 of a novel bioreactor technology for removing  
54.7 nutrients from agricultural drainage and  
54.8 disseminate results to farmers and the public.

54.9 **(p) Citizen Scientists Capture Microplastic**  
54.10 **Pollution Around State**

54.11 \$419,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
54.12 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
54.13 Minnesota to develop adaptable microplastic  
54.14 sampling and detection methods, develop a  
54.15 public-access database, and leverage citizen  
54.16 scientists to survey microplastic pollution  
54.17 throughout the state to allow for data-driven  
54.18 risk management decisions and solutions.

54.19 **(q) Healthy Native Prairie Microbiomes for**  
54.20 **Cleaner Water**

54.21 \$468,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
54.22 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
54.23 Minnesota to identify and characterize prairie  
54.24 plant microbiomes and study the potential of  
54.25 native prairie microbes to provide nitrogen for  
54.26 agricultural crops and reduce industrial  
54.27 fertilizer use and nitrate contamination of  
54.28 water.

54.29 **(r) Wastewater Chloride Reduction through**  
54.30 **Industrial Source Reduction Assistance**

54.31 \$247,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
54.32 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
54.33 Minnesota for the Minnesota Technical  
54.34 Assistance Program to provide technical  
54.35 assistance to businesses to cost-effectively

55.1 reduce industrial and commercial chloride use  
55.2 in communities with high chloride effluent  
55.3 concentrations.

55.4 **(s) Pilot Water Budget Framework for**  
55.5 **Managing Water Withdrawals**

55.6 \$198,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
55.7 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
55.8 Minnesota to develop a pilot water budget  
55.9 framework to identify sensitive areas in  
55.10 Minnesota where net water withdrawals have  
55.11 a significant impact on surface water and  
55.12 groundwater.

55.13 **(t) Biofilm Mediated Destruction of PFAS in**  
55.14 **Groundwater**

55.15 \$1,336,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
55.16 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
55.17 an agreement with Freshwater Society to  
55.18 develop biofilm treatment technology and  
55.19 demonstrate field-scale removal of per- and  
55.20 polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) from  
55.21 contaminated groundwater. A fiscal  
55.22 management plan must be approved in the  
55.23 work plan before any trust fund money is  
55.24 spent.

55.25 **(u) Impact of Microplastics on Wastewater**  
55.26 **Treatment in Minnesota**

55.27 \$506,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
55.28 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
55.29 Minnesota to quantify the abundance of  
55.30 microplastics in wastewater treatment plants  
55.31 in Minnesota, determine how microplastics  
55.32 affect wastewater treatment plant performance,  
55.33 and evaluate how different wastewater  
55.34 treatment processes alter microplastics.

56.1 **(v) Portable Arsenic and Nitrate Detector for**  
 56.2 **Well Water**

56.3 \$358,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 56.4 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
 56.5 Minnesota to develop a small, cheap, and  
 56.6 easy-to-use system to detect arsenic and nitrate  
 56.7 in well water and determine whether well  
 56.8 water is safe to drink.

56.9 **(w) Recovering Salts from Highly Saline**  
 56.10 **Wastewater**

56.11 \$272,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 56.12 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
 56.13 Minnesota to develop a method to recover  
 56.14 useful salts from concentrated saline  
 56.15 wastewater to increase the economic  
 56.16 sustainability of high water-recovery  
 56.17 softening, sulfate removal, and industrial  
 56.18 wastewater treatment.

56.19 **Subd. 5. Environmental Education**

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56.20 **(a) Eagle's Nest: Where the World Becomes**  
 56.21 **Your Classroom**

56.22 \$130,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 56.23 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
 56.24 an agreement with Glacial Hills Elementary  
 56.25 School to create interactive natural playground  
 56.26 and landscaping features for children and  
 56.27 provide environmental education programming  
 56.28 outside of regular school hours.

56.29 **(b) Advancing Equity in Environmental**  
 56.30 **Education**

56.31 \$700,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 56.32 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
 56.33 an agreement with Camp Fire Minnesota to  
 56.34 provide needs-based scholarships for  
 56.35 Minnesota youth to attend

57.1 state-standards-aligned environmental and  
57.2 outdoor education programs.

57.3 **(c) Teacher Field School - Phase 2: Increasing**  
57.4 **Impact**

57.5 \$712,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
57.6 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
57.7 an agreement with Hamline University to  
57.8 continue the teacher field school program that  
57.9 trains teachers how to connect academic  
57.10 content with environmental stewardship,  
57.11 natural resource conservation, and outdoor  
57.12 recreation. This appropriation is also to pilot  
57.13 a train-the-trainer model for nature-based  
57.14 education practices.

57.15 **(d) Creating Future Leaders in Outdoor and**  
57.16 **Environmental Leadership**

57.17 \$330,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
57.18 to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota  
57.19 State Colleges and Universities for North  
57.20 Hennepin Community College to collaborate  
57.21 with K-12 education, higher education, and  
57.22 outdoor organizations to increase  
57.23 environmental education, leadership,  
57.24 internship, and career opportunities for  
57.25 underrepresented college and high school  
57.26 students.

57.27 **(e) Engaging our Diverse Public in**  
57.28 **Environmental Stewardship - Phase 2**

57.29 \$249,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
57.30 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
57.31 an agreement with Great River Greening to  
57.32 increase participation in natural resources  
57.33 conservation and restoration efforts and  
57.34 careers through volunteer, internship, and  
57.35 youth engagement activities, with a focus on

58.1 diverse audiences that more accurately reflect  
58.2 local demographic and socioeconomic  
58.3 conditions in Minnesota.

58.4 **(f) Outdoor School for Minnesota K-12 Students**

58.5 \$3,992,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
58.6 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
58.7 an agreement with Osprey Wilds  
58.8 Environmental Learning Center to partner with  
58.9 four other accredited residential environmental  
58.10 learning centers in Minnesota to provide  
58.11 needs-based scholarships to K-12 students  
58.12 statewide for immersive multiday  
58.13 environmental learning experiences.

58.14 **(g) Statewide Environmental Education via PBS**  
58.15 **Outdoor Series**

58.16 \$415,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
58.17 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
58.18 an agreement with Pioneer Public  
58.19 Broadcasting Service to produce, distribute,  
58.20 and promote new episodes of a statewide  
58.21 public television series that inspires  
58.22 Minnesotans to connect with the outdoors and  
58.23 to restore and protect the state's natural  
58.24 resources.

58.25 **(h) Maajii-akii-gikenjigewin Conservation Crew**  
58.26 **Program**

58.27 \$678,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
58.28 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
58.29 an agreement with Conservation Corps  
58.30 Minnesota & Iowa to expand a conservation  
58.31 corps program developed to provide natural  
58.32 resources career development opportunities  
58.33 for indigenous young adults and cultivate an  
58.34 enduring action-based conservation ethic  
58.35 through the integration of traditional

59.1 knowledge, nature immersion, and the  
59.2 implementation of conservation and  
59.3 restoration practices in the field.

59.4 **(i) Reuse for the Future: Youth Education and**  
59.5 **Engagement**

59.6 \$225,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
59.7 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
59.8 an agreement with Reuse Minnesota to provide  
59.9 curriculum-based opportunities for students  
59.10 to learn about the reuse economy, reuse skills,  
59.11 and other opportunities to reduce waste. This  
59.12 appropriation may also be used to align  
59.13 materials to state standards and translate  
59.14 materials to additional languages.

59.15 **(j) River Bend Nature Center Outdoor Diversity**  
59.16 **Initiative**

59.17 \$247,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
59.18 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
59.19 an agreement with River Bend Nature Center  
59.20 to lead a coalition of educational partners and  
59.21 culturally specific organizations to expand  
59.22 recognized environmental education  
59.23 curriculum and provide conservation-based  
59.24 career exploration and job placement  
59.25 opportunities for diverse communities in  
59.26 southern Minnesota.

59.27 **(k) Camp Parsons Mississippi Summer**

59.28 \$225,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
59.29 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
59.30 an agreement with the Phyllis Wheatley  
59.31 Community Center to provide environmental  
59.32 education to Minneapolis urban youth through  
59.33 the Camp Parsons Mississippi Summer  
59.34 program that fosters connections to nature and

60.1 encourages responsible stewardship of our  
60.2 natural resources.

60.3 **(l) Adult Outdoor Education for Minnesota's**  
60.4 **Underrepresented Communities**

60.5 \$247,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
60.6 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
60.7 an agreement with Baztec Fishing & Outdoors  
60.8 to create fishing and hunting education,  
60.9 training, and opportunities for underserved  
60.10 and underrepresented communities in  
60.11 Minnesota. All fishing tackle purchased with  
60.12 this appropriation must be lead-free. A fiscal  
60.13 management plan must be approved in the  
60.14 work plan before any trust fund money is  
60.15 spent.

60.16 **(m) Minnesota's Road Map for Sustainability**  
60.17 **and Climate Education**

60.18 \$491,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
60.19 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
60.20 an agreement with Climate Generation to  
60.21 convene community gatherings and partner  
60.22 with institutions and organizations across the  
60.23 education sector to develop a road map on  
60.24 how to build capacity for equitable and  
60.25 accessible sustainability and climate education  
60.26 programs that align with the Minnesota  
60.27 Climate Action Framework.

60.28 **(n) ESTEP 2.0: Earth Science Teacher**  
60.29 **Education Project**

60.30 \$643,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
60.31 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
60.32 an agreement with Minnesota Science  
60.33 Teachers Association to provide professional  
60.34 development for Minnesota science teachers  
60.35 statewide in environmental and earth science

61.1 content to strengthen environmental education  
61.2 in schools.

61.3 **(o) Engaging Latine Communities in**  
61.4 **Conservation and Preservation**

61.5 \$400,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
61.6 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
61.7 an agreement with Comunidades Organizando  
61.8 el Poder y la Accion Latina to use  
61.9 community-based partnerships and  
61.10 communications platforms to host outdoor  
61.11 events and conduct educational outreach  
61.12 focused on Latine and BIPOC communities  
61.13 about the need to protect Minnesota's  
61.14 environment and natural resources.

61.15 **(p) Inclusive Wildlife Engagement in Classrooms**  
61.16 **and Communities**

61.17 \$712,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
61.18 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
61.19 the nongame wildlife program to provide three  
61.20 wildlife conservation, action-based outdoor  
61.21 educational opportunities to engage  
61.22 needs-based schools, young adults, and  
61.23 communities underrepresented in natural  
61.24 resources through the Bird by Bird,  
61.25 Empowering Pathways into Conservation, and  
61.26 Community Science programs.

61.27 **(q) Activating Youth and Family Environmental**  
61.28 **Stewardship through Raptors**

61.29 \$228,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
61.30 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
61.31 Minnesota for the Raptor Center to deliver  
61.32 standards-based environmental education  
61.33 featuring live raptors through school programs  
61.34 and community events across Minnesota.

62.1 **(r) Moving Minnesota toward a Lead-Free**  
 62.2 **Sporting Future**

62.3 \$250,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 62.4 to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota  
 62.5 State Colleges and Universities for Bemidji  
 62.6 State University to conduct educational  
 62.7 outreach directed at hunters and anglers to  
 62.8 increase awareness of lead-free options for  
 62.9 big-game hunting, small-game hunting, and  
 62.10 fishing as a means of reducing wildlife  
 62.11 exposure to lead.

62.12 **(s) Science Centers Supporting Northern Boys**  
 62.13 **and Girls Clubs**

62.14 \$1,091,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 62.15 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
 62.16 an agreement with the Headwaters Science  
 62.17 Center to expand access to environmental  
 62.18 science education in northern Minnesota and  
 62.19 leverage partnerships between rural and urban  
 62.20 organizations to deliver culturally relevant,  
 62.21 hands-on learning experiences to underserved  
 62.22 students.

62.23 **Subd. 6. Aquatic and Terrestrial Invasive**  
 62.24 **Species**

6,713,000

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62.25 **(a) Aquatic Invasive Species: From Problems to**  
 62.26 **Real-World Solutions**

62.27 \$5,771,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 62.28 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
 62.29 Minnesota for the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive  
 62.30 Species Research Center to conduct  
 62.31 high-priority projects aimed at solving  
 62.32 Minnesota's aquatic invasive species problems  
 62.33 using rigorous science and a collaborative  
 62.34 process. This appropriation may also be used  
 62.35 to deliver research findings to end users  
 62.36 through strategic communication and outreach.

63.1 This appropriation is available until June 30,  
 63.2 2029, by which time the project must be  
 63.3 completed and final products delivered.

63.4 **(b) Optimizing Nonnative Cattail Treatment**  
 63.5 **Effectiveness in Prairie Wetlands**

63.6 \$942,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 63.7 to the commissioner of natural resources to  
 63.8 compare the effectiveness of invasive cattail  
 63.9 treatment methods and provide  
 63.10 recommendations for managers to maximize  
 63.11 benefits of conservation money for native  
 63.12 wetland plants and wildlife. This appropriation  
 63.13 is available until June 30, 2031, by which time  
 63.14 the project must be completed and final  
 63.15 products delivered.

63.16 **Subd. 7. Air Quality, Climate Change, and**  
 63.17 **Renewable Energy**

11,744,000

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63.18 **(a) Protecting Coldwater Fish Habitat in**  
 63.19 **Minnesota Lakes**

63.20 \$561,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 63.21 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
 63.22 Minnesota to identify lake-specific watershed  
 63.23 protection targets and management practices  
 63.24 needed to maintain coldwater fish habitat  
 63.25 threatened by warming temperatures and  
 63.26 increasing extreme rain events and to integrate  
 63.27 this information into conservation planning  
 63.28 tools.

63.29 **(b) Agrivoltaics 2.0 Building a Resilient E-Farm**

63.30 \$535,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 63.31 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
 63.32 Minnesota for the West Central Research and  
 63.33 Outreach Center at Morris to evaluate  
 63.34 emerging solar system designs and solar  
 63.35 technology integration with vegetable and

64.1 livestock production systems to maximize  
64.2 energy production and benefits to farmers.

64.3 **(c) Pine Needles Reveal Past and Present**  
64.4 **Airborne PFAS**

64.5 \$550,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
64.6 to the commissioner of the Pollution Control  
64.7 Agency to use current and historic pine  
64.8 needles as a low-cost method to assess  
64.9 statewide per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances  
64.10 (PFAS) levels in ambient air.

64.11 **(d) Facilitated Transport Hybrid Membranes**  
64.12 **for CO<sub>2</sub> Separation**

64.13 \$1,050,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
64.14 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
64.15 Minnesota to develop and test advanced  
64.16 polymeric membranes for capture and reuse  
64.17 of carbon dioxide at industrial sources.

64.18 **(e) Renewable Energy Conversion for Farm**  
64.19 **Diesel and Ammonia**

64.20 \$726,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
64.21 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
64.22 Minnesota to develop a novel charge-swing  
64.23 catalytic condenser that will enable the  
64.24 low-cost production of hydrogen from water  
64.25 using rural electricity for on-the-farm energy  
64.26 storage or renewable diesel and ammonia  
64.27 fertilizer.

64.28 **(f) Innovative Solution to Renewable Energy**  
64.29 **from Food Waste**

64.30 \$5,167,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
64.31 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
64.32 an agreement with the Ramsey/Washington  
64.33 Recycling and Energy Board to provide  
64.34 reimbursements to offset the processing fees  
64.35 for the public to divert organic materials from

65.1 landfills and produce renewable natural gas  
 65.2 through anaerobic digestion and sequestration  
 65.3 of carbon into biochar. Net income generated  
 65.4 as part of this appropriation may be reinvested  
 65.5 in the project if a plan for reinvestment is  
 65.6 approved in the work plan as provided under  
 65.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10. This  
 65.8 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029,  
 65.9 by which time the project must be completed  
 65.10 and final products delivered.

65.11 **(g) Fueling the Future: Decarbonizing Regional**  
 65.12 **Transportation Project**

65.13 \$3,155,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 65.14 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
 65.15 an agreement with the city of St. Cloud to  
 65.16 install a green hydrogen production, storage,  
 65.17 and fueling station that provides a renewable,  
 65.18 carbon-free, alternate fuel source to  
 65.19 decarbonize community transportation and  
 65.20 manufacturing sectors. This appropriation may  
 65.21 also be used to convert city fleet and public  
 65.22 transit vehicles to hydrogen fuel. Net income  
 65.23 generated as part of this appropriation may be  
 65.24 reinvested in the project if a plan for  
 65.25 reinvestment is approved in the work plan as  
 65.26 provided under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 65.27 116P.10. This appropriation is available until  
 65.28 June 30, 2029, by which time the project must  
 65.29 be completed and final products delivered.

65.30 **Subd. 8. Methods to Protect or Restore Land,**  
 65.31 **Water, and Habitat**

12,188,000

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65.32 **(a) Minnesota PlantWatch: Community**  
 65.33 **Scientists Conserving Rare Plants**

65.34 \$1,086,000 the first year is from the trust fund.  
 65.35 Of this amount, \$518,000 is to the Board of  
 65.36 Regents of the University of Minnesota for

66.1 the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and  
66.2 \$568,000 is to the commissioner of natural  
66.3 resources to enhance the Minnesota  
66.4 PlantWatch program to improve the  
66.5 conservation of Minnesota's natural resources  
66.6 and support community scientist-driven rare  
66.7 plant surveys and seed banking and  
66.8 preservation.

66.9 **(b) Grassland Restoration for Pollinator**  
66.10 **Conservation and Demonstration**

66.11 \$250,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
66.12 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
66.13 Minnesota for the Minnesota Landscape  
66.14 Arboretum to restore a degraded pasture to  
66.15 grassland as a model for climate-resilient  
66.16 pollinator habitat; provide interpretive signage,  
66.17 education, and community engagement; and  
66.18 conduct species monitoring. This appropriation  
66.19 is available until June 30, 2031, by which time  
66.20 the project must be completed and final  
66.21 products delivered.

66.22 **(c) Planning for Long-Term Natural Resources**  
66.23 **Protection in Hennepin County**

66.24 \$250,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
66.25 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
66.26 an agreement with Hennepin County to  
66.27 develop a publicly available interactive map  
66.28 of natural systems, create a centralized  
66.29 clearinghouse of data and best practices  
66.30 toolkit, and provide ongoing technical  
66.31 assistance for local communities with limited  
66.32 resources to manage complex natural resources  
66.33 challenges. Net income generated as part of  
66.34 this appropriation may be reinvested in the  
66.35 project if a plan for reinvestment is approved

67.1 in the work plan as provided under Minnesota  
67.2 Statutes, section 116P.10.

67.3 **(d) Native Forages: Growing Drought and**  
67.4 **Climate Resiliency**

67.5 \$2,254,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
67.6 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
67.7 an agreement with Ducks Unlimited to  
67.8 collaborate with livestock farmers to establish  
67.9 native grassland wildlife habitat and enhance  
67.10 native forages on working lands to improve  
67.11 ecological, economic, and climate resiliency.

67.12 Notwithstanding subdivision 13, paragraph  
67.13 (e), restoration efforts may be undertaken on  
67.14 private lands but must occur on properties  
67.15 enrolled in long-term agreements to protect  
67.16 and maintain the restored areas in  
67.17 conformance with approved restoration and  
67.18 grazing plans as approved in the work plan.  
67.19 This appropriation is available until June 30,  
67.20 2031, by which time the project must be  
67.21 completed and final products delivered.

67.22 **(e) Accelerated Genetic Migration of Bur Oak**  
67.23 **- Ten-Year Data**

67.24 \$223,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
67.25 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
67.26 an agreement with Great River Greening to  
67.27 assess the growth and survival of previously  
67.28 restored bur oak ecotypes to inform techniques  
67.29 for improved climate resiliency. This  
67.30 appropriation may also be used to enhance the  
67.31 previous plantings and disseminate results of  
67.32 the study to practitioners, students,  
67.33 landowners, and others. This appropriation is  
67.34 available until June 30, 2029, by which time  
67.35 the project must be completed and final  
67.36 products delivered.

68.1 **(f) Superior Hiking Trail Bridge, Boardwalk,**  
68.2 **and Trailhead Renewal**

68.3 \$532,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
68.4 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
68.5 an agreement with the Superior Hiking Trail  
68.6 Association to renew Superior Hiking Trail  
68.7 bridges, boardwalks, and trailheads to increase  
68.8 user safety, improve the user experience, and  
68.9 protect adjacent land and water.

68.10 **(g) Mississippi Gateway Shoreline Stabilization**  
68.11 **and Fishing Improvements**

68.12 \$735,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
68.13 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
68.14 an agreement with Three Rivers Park District  
68.15 to improve water quality and shoreline fishing  
68.16 access through shoreline stabilization and  
68.17 construction of accessible trails and fishing  
68.18 platforms within Mississippi Gateway  
68.19 Regional Park.

68.20 **(h) Phytoremediation of PFAS from Soil**

68.21 \$1,066,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
68.22 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
68.23 Minnesota to use interdisciplinary research in  
68.24 biology, nanotechnology, chemistry, and  
68.25 genetic engineering to develop technology to  
68.26 remediate soils contaminated with per- and  
68.27 polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). This  
68.28 appropriation may also be used to convene  
68.29 stakeholders to coordinate and advance PFAS  
68.30 remediation research in Minnesota. This  
68.31 appropriation is subject to Minnesota Statutes,  
68.32 section 116P.10.

68.33 **(i) Removing Mercury from Minnesota Waters**

68.34 \$247,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
68.35 to the Board of Regents of the University of

69.1 Minnesota to test and refine a biotechnology  
69.2 approach to remove mercury from the food  
69.3 chain in Minnesota's lakes and rivers and  
69.4 potentially make fish consumption in  
69.5 Minnesota safer. This appropriation is subject  
69.6 to Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10.

69.7 **(j) Evaluating Native Seed Mixes for Grazing**

69.8 \$208,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
69.9 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
69.10 an agreement with Restoravore to assess the  
69.11 use of native hay and pasture mixes to benefit  
69.12 biodiversity, soil health, and Minnesota  
69.13 farmers. A fiscal management plan must be  
69.14 approved in the work plan before any trust  
69.15 fund money is spent.

69.16 **(k) Improving Minnesota Forest Health via**  
69.17 **Post-Duff-Burning Soil Analysis**

69.18 \$646,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
69.19 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
69.20 Minnesota to thoroughly investigate the impact  
69.21 of forest floor duff fires on soil dynamics,  
69.22 nutrient cycles, invasive shrubs, earthworms,  
69.23 and root systems to improve fire management  
69.24 for Minnesota's forest preservation. This  
69.25 appropriation may also be used to develop an  
69.26 outdoor lab-scale duff-burning device.

69.27 **(l) Minnesota Riverbank Protection and Parks**  
69.28 **Improvements**

69.29 \$1,400,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
69.30 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
69.31 an agreement with the city of Shakopee to  
69.32 restore Minnesota River shoreline at Huber  
69.33 Park by regrading and establishing native  
69.34 vegetation to protect fish and wildlife habitat,  
69.35 reduce erosion, and provide public access to

70.1 the river. This appropriation is available until  
70.2 June 30, 2029, by which time the project must  
70.3 be completed and final products delivered.

70.4 **(m) Restoration at Wakan Tipi and Bruce Vento**  
70.5 **Nature Sanctuary**

70.6 \$669,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
70.7 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
70.8 an agreement with the Lower Phalen Creek  
70.9 Project to conduct citizen-science natural  
70.10 resource data collection events, recruit and  
70.11 train volunteer site stewards, and enhance  
70.12 habitat at Wakan Tipi and the Bruce Vento  
70.13 Nature Sanctuary.

70.14 **(n) Promoting Pollinators on Corporate**  
70.15 **Campuses**

70.16 \$547,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
70.17 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
70.18 an agreement with the University of St.  
70.19 Thomas to use experimental bee lawn  
70.20 installations on corporate campuses, combined  
70.21 with landscape modeling and employee  
70.22 surveys, to determine potential ecological,  
70.23 economic, and societal benefits of widespread  
70.24 commercial lawn habitat transformation. This  
70.25 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029,  
70.26 by which time the project must be completed  
70.27 and final products delivered.

70.28 **(o) Riparian Area Adaptation Strategy for**  
70.29 **Southeast Minnesota**

70.30 \$243,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
70.31 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
70.32 an agreement with The Nature Conservancy,  
70.33 in partnership with the University of  
70.34 Minnesota, to assess an alternative adaptation  
70.35 strategy to restore riparian areas by excavating

71.1 and planting riparian shrubs to reconnect the  
71.2 floodplains. This appropriation may also be  
71.3 used for outreach materials and educational  
71.4 activities.

71.5 **(p) Minnehaha Park South Plateau Oak Savanna**  
71.6 **Restoration**

71.7 \$242,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
71.8 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
71.9 an agreement with the Minneapolis Park and  
71.10 Recreation Board to improve wildlife habitat,  
71.11 enhance recreational experiences, and restore  
71.12 an area of urban parkland in Minnehaha Park  
71.13 to an oak savanna ecosystem. This  
71.14 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029,  
71.15 by which time the project must be completed  
71.16 and final products delivered.

71.17 **(q) Tree Protection for Minnesota's Tamarack**  
71.18 **Against Larch Beetle**

71.19 \$321,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
71.20 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
71.21 Minnesota to evaluate new insect management  
71.22 techniques and key factors for predicting  
71.23 future infestations to protect and preserve trees  
71.24 from native eastern larch beetle infestations.

71.25 **(r) Shoreline Restoration and Enhancement at**  
71.26 **Minneapolis Lakes**

71.27 \$819,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
71.28 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
71.29 an agreement with the Minneapolis Park and  
71.30 Recreation Board to restore and enhance areas  
71.31 of turf-dominated, eroding, and low habitat  
71.32 value lakeshore that impacts the water quality  
71.33 of the Minneapolis Chain of Lakes.

71.34 **(s) Developing Markets for CLC Crops**

72.1 \$450,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 72.2 to the commissioner of agriculture to provide  
 72.3 grants to organizations in Minnesota to  
 72.4 develop enterprises, supply chains, and  
 72.5 markets for continuous living cover crops and  
 72.6 cropping systems in the early stage of  
 72.7 commercial development. This appropriation  
 72.8 is exempt from the income repayment  
 72.9 requirements in Minnesota Statutes, section  
 72.10 116P.10, paragraph (c).

72.11 **Subd. 9. Land Acquisition, Habitat, and**  
 72.12 **Recreation**

19,553,000

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72.13 **(a) Cannon River Preservation and Access**

72.14 \$2,717,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 72.15 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
 72.16 an agreement with Dakota County to  
 72.17 rehabilitate the historic Waterford Bridge for  
 72.18 the Mill Towns State Trail; restore and  
 72.19 enhance upland shoreline, forest, and prairie  
 72.20 habitats; and develop a trailhead and  
 72.21 recreational access to the Cannon River.

72.22 **(b) Mesabi Trail: Aurora to Hoyt Lakes**

72.23 \$1,325,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 72.24 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
 72.25 an agreement with St. Louis and Lake  
 72.26 Counties Regional Railroad Authority for  
 72.27 environmental review and permitting and to  
 72.28 engineer, design, and construct a segment of  
 72.29 the Mesabi Trail beginning at the intersection  
 72.30 of Main Street and Forestry Road in Aurora  
 72.31 toward Hoyt Lakes.

72.32 **(c) RTA Maintenance Trail Stabilization Project**

72.33 \$500,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 72.34 to the commissioner of natural resources for

73.1 an agreement with the city of Eden Prairie to  
 73.2 construct a retaining wall and restore adjacent  
 73.3 remnant prairie along the maintenance trail at  
 73.4 Richard T. Anderson (RTA) Conservation  
 73.5 Area to mitigate ongoing erosion and protect  
 73.6 native habitat and plant communities.

73.7 **(d) Local Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Grant**  
 73.8 **Programs**

73.9 \$4,769,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 73.10 to the commissioner of natural resources to  
 73.11 solicit, rank, and fund competitive matching  
 73.12 grants for local parks, trail connections, and  
 73.13 natural and scenic areas under Minnesota  
 73.14 Statutes, section 85.019. This appropriation is  
 73.15 for local nature-based recreation, connections  
 73.16 to regional and state natural areas, and  
 73.17 recreation facilities and may not be used for  
 73.18 athletic facilities such as sport fields, courts,  
 73.19 and playgrounds. This appropriation is exempt  
 73.20 from subdivision 13, paragraph (k).

73.21 **(e) Boardwalk Over Boggy Land for**  
 73.22 **Recreational Purposes**

73.23 \$148,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 73.24 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
 73.25 an agreement with the city of Battle Lake to  
 73.26 design and construct a boardwalk over city  
 73.27 land to protect wetlands and to increase  
 73.28 community access to natural areas and wildlife  
 73.29 habitat.

73.30 **(f) Lake Zumbro Park Water Access and Site**  
 73.31 **Improvements**

73.32 \$1,978,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 73.33 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
 73.34 an agreement with Olmsted County to enhance  
 73.35 the Lake Zumbro Park water access and the

74.1 federal Americans with Disabilities Act  
 74.2 (ADA) accessibility for boating, fishing, and  
 74.3 viewing, while creating new user-friendly and  
 74.4 accessible amenities for individuals and  
 74.5 families. This may include new fishing docks  
 74.6 or piers, restored shoreline, improved parking,  
 74.7 and ADA accessible access to an existing  
 74.8 kayak and canoe launch.

74.9 **(g) Scientific and Natural Area (SNA)**  
 74.10 **Biodiversity Protection**

74.11 \$1,104,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 74.12 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
 74.13 the scientific and natural area program to  
 74.14 conserve Minnesota's most unique places and  
 74.15 rare species and strategically acquire lands  
 74.16 that meet criteria for SNAs under Minnesota  
 74.17 Statutes, section 86A.05. This appropriation  
 74.18 is available until June 30, 2029, by which time  
 74.19 the project must be completed and final  
 74.20 products delivered.

74.21 **(h) Scandia Gateway Trail Connection:**  
 74.22 **Recreation, Wetlands, and Environmental**  
 74.23 **Education**

74.24 \$907,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 74.25 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
 74.26 an agreement with the city of Scandia to  
 74.27 engineer, design, and construct a bike and  
 74.28 pedestrian trail to connect recreational,  
 74.29 cultural, and environmental resources in  
 74.30 Scandia to the state Gateway Trail. This  
 74.31 appropriation is also to create and install  
 74.32 educational interpretive signage about  
 74.33 wetlands and rain gardens near the trail.

74.34 **(i) Lake Byllesby Regional Park Restoration and**  
 74.35 **Recreation**

75.1 \$1,120,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
75.2 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
75.3 an agreement with Dakota County to restore  
75.4 prairie, woodland, and shoreline habitat and  
75.5 design and install trails, birding and picnic  
75.6 areas, and other recreational amenities to  
75.7 enhance the visitor experience and stewardship  
75.8 at Lake Byllesby Regional Park. This  
75.9 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029,  
75.10 by which time the project must be completed  
75.11 and final products delivered.

75.12 **(j) Thompson County Park Restoration and**  
75.13 **Accessibility Improvements**

75.14 \$867,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
75.15 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
75.16 an agreement with Dakota County to develop  
75.17 a pollinator promenade with accessible natural  
75.18 surface paths, native plantings, and interpretive  
75.19 signage at Thompson County Park. This  
75.20 appropriation may also be used to conduct  
75.21 stream restoration to enhance visitor  
75.22 experience and provide stormwater storage,  
75.23 sediment and nutrient reduction, and increased  
75.24 habitat and species diversity within the park.  
75.25 This appropriation is available until June 30,  
75.26 2029, by which time the project must be  
75.27 completed and final products delivered.

75.28 **(k) Thom Storm Chalet and Outdoor Recreation**  
75.29 **Center**

75.30 \$2,312,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
75.31 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
75.32 an agreement with the city of Duluth to  
75.33 construct a new building and accessible  
75.34 parking for the Thom Storm Chalet and  
75.35 Outdoor Recreation Center at Chester Park to  
75.36 expand high-quality outdoor recreation and

76.1 environmental education opportunities that  
76.2 enhance youth and family understanding of  
76.3 the importance of natural resource protection,  
76.4 conservation, and preservation. Net income  
76.5 generated as part of this appropriation may be  
76.6 reinvested in the project if a plan for  
76.7 reinvestment is approved in the work plan as  
76.8 provided under Minnesota Statutes, section  
76.9 116P.10.

76.10 **(l) Enhancing Preservation and Accessibility at**  
76.11 **Hawk Ridge Nature Reserve**

76.12 \$155,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
76.13 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
76.14 an agreement with the city of Duluth to  
76.15 develop accessible trails and remove invasive  
76.16 species to enhance outdoor recreation and  
76.17 education opportunities that promote  
76.18 conservation of raptors and preservation of  
76.19 natural resources at Hawk Ridge Nature  
76.20 Reserve.

76.21 **(m) Echo Bay County Park - Phase 1**  
76.22 **Construction**

76.23 \$1,122,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
76.24 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
76.25 an agreement with Otter Tail County to  
76.26 construct, in accordance with the Echo Bay  
76.27 County Park Master Plan, access roads, trails,  
76.28 parking, and bathroom facilities that create  
76.29 designated public access and use corridors for  
76.30 outdoor recreation and limit natural resource  
76.31 impacts in Echo Bay County Park.

76.32 **(n) Chaska Big Woods Property Acquisition**

76.33 \$529,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
76.34 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
76.35 an agreement with the city of Chaska to

77.1	<u>acquire property that contains remnant Big</u>		
77.2	<u>Woods to protect Minnesota forests and</u>		
77.3	<u>wetlands and to increase community access</u>		
77.4	<u>to natural areas.</u>		
77.5	<b><u>Subd. 10. Administration, Emerging Issues, and</u></b>		
77.6	<b><u>Contract Agreement Reimbursement</u></b>	<u>7,267,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
77.7	<b><u>(a) Emerging Issues Account</u></b>		
77.8	<u>\$2,984,000 the first year is from the trust fund</u>		
77.9	<u>to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on</u>		
77.10	<u>Minnesota Resources to an emerging issues</u>		
77.11	<u>account authorized in Minnesota Statutes,</u>		
77.12	<u>section 116P.08, subdivision 4, paragraph (d).</u>		
77.13	<b><u>(b) 2025 Contract Agreement Reimbursement</u></b>		
77.14	<u>\$280,000 the first year is from the trust fund</u>		
77.15	<u>to the commissioner of natural resources, at</u>		
77.16	<u>the direction of the Legislative-Citizen</u>		
77.17	<u>Commission on Minnesota Resources, for</u>		
77.18	<u>expenses incurred in preparing and</u>		
77.19	<u>administering contracts, including for the</u>		
77.20	<u>agreements specified in this section.</u>		
77.21	<b><u>(c) LCCMR Administrative Budget</u></b>		
77.22	<u>\$4,000,000 the first year is from the trust fund</u>		
77.23	<u>to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on</u>		
77.24	<u>Minnesota Resources for administration in</u>		
77.25	<u>fiscal years 2026 and 2027 as provided in</u>		
77.26	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.09,</u>		
77.27	<u>subdivision 5. This appropriation is available</u>		
77.28	<u>until June 30, 2027. Notwithstanding</u>		
77.29	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.11,</u>		
77.30	<u>paragraph (b), Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
77.31	<u>16A.281, applies to this appropriation.</u>		
77.32	<b><u>(d) Legislative Coordinating Commission Legacy</u></b>		
77.33	<b><u>Website</u></b>		

78.1 \$3,000 the first year is from the trust fund to  
78.2 the Legislative Coordinating Commission for  
78.3 the website required in Minnesota Statutes,  
78.4 section 3.303, subdivision 10.

78.5 **Subd. 11. Availability of appropriations**

78.6 Money appropriated in this section may not  
78.7 be spent on activities unless they are directly  
78.8 related to and necessary for a specific  
78.9 appropriation and are specified in the work  
78.10 plan approved by the Legislative-Citizen  
78.11 Commission on Minnesota Resources. Money  
78.12 appropriated in this section must not be spent  
78.13 on indirect costs or other institutional overhead  
78.14 charges that are not directly related to and  
78.15 necessary for a specific appropriation. Costs  
78.16 that are directly related to and necessary for  
78.17 an appropriation, including financial services,  
78.18 human resources, information services, rent,  
78.19 and utilities, are eligible only if the costs can  
78.20 be clearly justified and individually  
78.21 documented specific to the appropriation's  
78.22 purpose and would not be generated by the  
78.23 recipient but for receipt of the appropriation.  
78.24 No broad allocations for costs in either dollars  
78.25 or percentages are allowed. Unless otherwise  
78.26 provided, the amounts in this section are  
78.27 available for three years beginning July 1,  
78.28 2025, and ending June 30, 2028, when projects  
78.29 must be completed and final products  
78.30 delivered. For acquisition of real property, the  
78.31 appropriations in this section are available for  
78.32 an additional fiscal year if a binding contract  
78.33 for acquisition of the real property is entered  
78.34 into before the expiration date of the  
78.35 appropriation. If a project receives a federal

79.1 award, the period of the appropriation is  
79.2 extended to equal the federal award period to  
79.3 a maximum trust fund appropriation length of  
79.4 six years.

79.5 **Subd. 12. Data availability requirements**

79.6 Data collected by the projects funded under  
79.7 this section must conform to guidelines and  
79.8 standards adopted by Minnesota IT Services.  
79.9 Spatial data must also conform to additional  
79.10 guidelines and standards designed to support  
79.11 data coordination and distribution that have  
79.12 been published by the Minnesota Geospatial  
79.13 Information Office. Descriptions of spatial  
79.14 data must be prepared as specified in the state's  
79.15 geographic metadata guidelines and final data  
79.16 must be uploaded to the Minnesota Geospatial  
79.17 Commons upon project completion. All data  
79.18 must be accessible and free to the public  
79.19 unless made private under the Data Practices  
79.20 Act, Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13. To the  
79.21 extent practicable, summary data and results  
79.22 of projects funded under this section should  
79.23 be readily accessible on the Internet and  
79.24 identified as having received funding from the  
79.25 environment and natural resources trust fund.

79.26 **Subd. 13. Project requirements**

79.27 (a) As a condition of accepting an  
79.28 appropriation under this section, an agency or  
79.29 entity receiving an appropriation or a party to  
79.30 an agreement from an appropriation must  
79.31 comply with paragraphs (b) to (m) and  
79.32 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116P, and must  
79.33 submit a work plan and annual or semiannual  
79.34 progress reports in the form determined by the  
79.35 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota

80.1 Resources for any project funded in whole or  
80.2 in part with money from the appropriation.  
80.3 Modifications to the approved work plan and  
80.4 budget expenditures must be made through  
80.5 the amendment process established by the  
80.6 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota  
80.7 Resources.

80.8 (b) A recipient of money appropriated in this  
80.9 section that conducts a restoration using  
80.10 money appropriated in this section must use  
80.11 native plant species according to the Board of  
80.12 Water and Soil Resources' native vegetation  
80.13 establishment and enhancement guidelines  
80.14 and include an appropriate diversity of native  
80.15 species selected to provide habitat for  
80.16 pollinators throughout the growing season as  
80.17 required under Minnesota Statutes, section  
80.18 84.973.

80.19 (c) For all restorations conducted with money  
80.20 appropriated under this section, a recipient  
80.21 must prepare an ecological restoration and  
80.22 management plan that, to the degree  
80.23 practicable, is consistent with the  
80.24 highest-quality conservation and ecological  
80.25 goals for the restoration site. Consideration  
80.26 should be given to soil, geology, topography,  
80.27 and other relevant factors that would provide  
80.28 the best chance for long-term success and  
80.29 durability of the restoration project. The plan  
80.30 must include the proposed timetable for  
80.31 implementing the restoration, including site  
80.32 preparation, establishment of diverse plant  
80.33 species, maintenance, and additional  
80.34 enhancement to establish the restoration;  
80.35 identify long-term maintenance and

- 81.1 management needs of the restoration and how  
81.2 the maintenance, management, and  
81.3 enhancement will be financed; and take  
81.4 advantage of the best-available science and  
81.5 include innovative techniques to achieve the  
81.6 best restoration.
- 81.7 (d) An entity receiving an appropriation in this  
81.8 section for restoration activities must provide  
81.9 an initial restoration evaluation at the  
81.10 completion of the appropriation and an  
81.11 evaluation three years after the completion of  
81.12 the expenditure. Restorations must be  
81.13 evaluated relative to the stated goals and  
81.14 standards in the restoration plan, current  
81.15 science, and, when applicable, the Board of  
81.16 Water and Soil Resources' native vegetation  
81.17 establishment and enhancement guidelines.  
81.18 The evaluation must determine whether the  
81.19 restorations are meeting planned goals,  
81.20 identify any problems with implementing the  
81.21 restorations, and, if necessary, give  
81.22 recommendations on improving restorations.  
81.23 The evaluation must be focused on improving  
81.24 future restorations.
- 81.25 (e) All restoration and enhancement projects  
81.26 funded with money appropriated in this section  
81.27 must be on land permanently protected by a  
81.28 conservation easement or public ownership.
- 81.29 (f) A recipient of money from an appropriation  
81.30 under this section must give consideration to  
81.31 contracting with Conservation Corps  
81.32 Minnesota for contract restoration and  
81.33 enhancement services.
- 81.34 (g) All conservation easements acquired with  
81.35 money appropriated under this section must:

- 82.1 (1) be permanent;
- 82.2 (2) specify the parties to the easement in the  
82.3 easement document;
- 82.4 (3) specify all provisions of an agreement that  
82.5 are permanent;
- 82.6 (4) be sent to the Legislative-Citizen  
82.7 Commission on Minnesota Resources in an  
82.8 electronic format at least 20 business days  
82.9 before closing;
- 82.10 (5) include a long-term monitoring and  
82.11 enforcement plan and funding for monitoring  
82.12 and enforcing the easement agreement; and
- 82.13 (6) include requirements in the easement  
82.14 document to protect the quantity and quality  
82.15 of groundwater and surface water through  
82.16 specific activities, such as keeping water on  
82.17 the landscape, reducing nutrient and  
82.18 contaminant loading, and not permitting  
82.19 artificial hydrological modifications.
- 82.20 (h) For any acquisition of lands or interest in  
82.21 lands, a recipient of money appropriated under  
82.22 this section must not agree to pay more than  
82.23 100 percent of the appraised value for a parcel  
82.24 of land using this money to complete the  
82.25 purchase, in part or in whole, except that up  
82.26 to ten percent above the appraised value may  
82.27 be allowed to complete the purchase, in part  
82.28 or in whole, using this money if permission is  
82.29 received in advance of the purchase from the  
82.30 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota  
82.31 Resources.
- 82.32 (i) For any acquisition of land or interest in  
82.33 land, a recipient of money appropriated under  
82.34 this section must give priority to high-quality

83.1 natural resources or conservation lands that  
83.2 provide natural buffers to water resources.

83.3 (j) For new lands acquired with money  
83.4 appropriated under this section, a recipient  
83.5 must prepare an ecological restoration and  
83.6 management plan in compliance with  
83.7 paragraph (c), including sufficient funding for  
83.8 implementation unless the work plan addresses  
83.9 why a portion of the money is not necessary  
83.10 to achieve a high-quality restoration.

83.11 (k) To ensure public accountability for using  
83.12 public money, a recipient of money  
83.13 appropriated under this section must, within  
83.14 60 days of a land acquisition, provide to the  
83.15 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota  
83.16 Resources documentation of the selection  
83.17 process used to identify parcels acquired and  
83.18 provide documentation of all related  
83.19 transaction costs, including but not limited to  
83.20 appraisals, legal fees, recording fees,  
83.21 commissions, other similar costs, and  
83.22 donations. This information must be provided  
83.23 for all parties involved in the transaction. The  
83.24 recipient must also report to the  
83.25 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota  
83.26 Resources any difference between the  
83.27 acquisition amount paid to the seller and the  
83.28 state-certified or state-reviewed appraisal, if  
83.29 a state-certified or state-reviewed appraisal  
83.30 was conducted.

83.31 (l) A recipient of an appropriation from the  
83.32 trust fund under this section must acknowledge  
83.33 financial support from the environment and  
83.34 natural resources trust fund in project  
83.35 publications, signage, and other public

84.1 communications and outreach related to work  
84.2 completed using the appropriation.  
84.3 Acknowledgment may occur, as appropriate,  
84.4 through use of the trust fund logo or inclusion  
84.5 of language attributing support from the trust  
84.6 fund. Each direct recipient of money  
84.7 appropriated in this section, as well as each  
84.8 recipient of a grant awarded pursuant to this  
84.9 section, must satisfy all reporting and other  
84.10 requirements incumbent upon constitutionally  
84.11 dedicated funding recipients as provided in  
84.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision  
84.13 10, and chapter 116P.

84.14 (m) A recipient of an appropriation from the  
84.15 trust fund under this section that is receiving  
84.16 funding to conduct children's services, as  
84.17 defined in Minnesota Statutes, section  
84.18 299C.61, subdivision 7, must certify to the  
84.19 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota  
84.20 Resources, as part of the required work plan,  
84.21 that criminal background checks for  
84.22 background check crimes, as defined in  
84.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 299C.61,  
84.24 subdivision 2, are performed on all employees,  
84.25 contractors, and volunteers that have or may  
84.26 have access to a child to whom the recipient  
84.27 provides children's services using the  
84.28 appropriation.

84.29 **Subd. 14. Payment conditions and capital**  
84.30 **equipment expenditures**

84.31 (a) All agreements, grants, or contracts  
84.32 referred to in this section must be administered  
84.33 on a reimbursement basis unless otherwise  
84.34 provided in this section. Notwithstanding  
84.35 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.41,

85.1 expenditures made on or after July 1, 2025,  
85.2 or the date the work plan is approved,  
85.3 whichever is later, are eligible for  
85.4 reimbursement unless otherwise provided in  
85.5 this section. Periodic payments must be made  
85.6 upon receiving documentation that the  
85.7 deliverable items articulated in the approved  
85.8 work plan have been achieved, including  
85.9 partial achievements as evidenced by approved  
85.10 progress reports. Reasonable amounts may be  
85.11 advanced to projects to accommodate  
85.12 cash-flow needs or match federal money. The  
85.13 advances must be approved as part of the work  
85.14 plan. No expenditures for capital equipment  
85.15 are allowed unless expressly authorized in the  
85.16 project work plan.

85.17 (b) Single-source contracts as specified in the  
85.18 approved work plan are allowed.

85.19 **Subd. 15. Purchasing recycled and recyclable**  
85.20 **materials**

85.21 A political subdivision, public or private  
85.22 corporation, or other entity that receives an  
85.23 appropriation under this section must use the  
85.24 appropriation in compliance with Minnesota  
85.25 Statutes, section 16C.0725, regarding  
85.26 purchasing recycled, repairable, and durable  
85.27 materials, and Minnesota Statutes, section  
85.28 16C.073, regarding purchasing and using  
85.29 paper stock and printing.

85.30 **Subd. 16. Accessibility**

85.31 Structural and nonstructural facilities must  
85.32 meet the design standards in the Americans  
85.33 with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility  
85.34 guidelines.

86.1 Subd. 17. Carryforward; extensions

86.2 (a) The availability of the appropriations for  
86.3 the following projects is extended to June 30,  
86.4 2026:

86.5 (1) Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter  
86.6 6, article 5, section 2, subdivision 3, paragraph  
86.7 (d), Foundational Hydrology Data for Wetland  
86.8 Protection and Restoration;

86.9 (2) Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter  
86.10 6, article 5, section 2, subdivision 6, paragraph  
86.11 (b), Protect Community Forests by Managing  
86.12 Ash for Emerald Ash Borer;

86.13 (3) Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter  
86.14 6, article 5, section 2, subdivision 9, paragraph  
86.15 (t), Chippewa County Acquisition, Recreation,  
86.16 and Education;

86.17 (4) Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter  
86.18 6, article 6, section 2, subdivision 3, paragraph  
86.19 (g), Geologic Atlases for Water Resource  
86.20 Management;

86.21 (5) Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter  
86.22 6, article 6, section 2, subdivision 3, paragraph  
86.23 (n), Bioacoustics for Broad-Scale Species  
86.24 Monitoring and Conservation;

86.25 (6) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,  
86.26 subdivision 4, paragraph (f), Water and  
86.27 Climate Information to Enhance Community  
86.28 Resilience;

86.29 (7) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,  
86.30 subdivision 4, paragraph (i), Is the Tire  
86.31 Chemical 6PPDq Killing Minnesota's Fish?;

- 87.1 (8) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,  
 87.2 subdivision 7, paragraph (a), Green Solar Cells  
 87.3 from a Minnesota Natural Resource;
- 87.4 (9) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,  
 87.5 subdivision 8, paragraph (d), Hastings Lake  
 87.6 Rebecca Park Area;
- 87.7 (10) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,  
 87.8 subdivision 9, paragraph (a), as amended by  
 87.9 Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 2, section 15,  
 87.10 Mesabi Trail: Wahlsten Road (CR 26) to  
 87.11 Tower; and
- 87.12 (11) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,  
 87.13 subdivision 9, paragraph (j), as amended by  
 87.14 Laws 2024, chapter 83, section 5, Silver Bay  
 87.15 Multimodal Trailhead Project.
- 87.16 (b) The availability of the appropriations for  
 87.17 the following projects is extended to June 30,  
 87.18 2027:
- 87.19 (1) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,  
 87.20 subdivision 4, paragraph (g), Catch and  
 87.21 Reveal: Discovering Unknown Fish  
 87.22 Contamination Threats;
- 87.23 (2) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,  
 87.24 subdivision 9, paragraph (e), Native Prairie  
 87.25 Stewardship and Prairie Bank Easement  
 87.26 Acquisition;
- 87.27 (3) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,  
 87.28 subdivision 9, paragraph (h), SNA Habitat  
 87.29 Restoration and Public Engagement; and
- 87.30 (4) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,  
 87.31 subdivision 9, paragraph (n), Ranier Safe  
 87.32 Harbor/Transient Dock - Phase 2.

87.33 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Subdivision 17 is effective the day following final enactment.

88.1

Sec. 3. Laws 2024, chapter 83, section 2, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

88.2

Subd. 3. **Foundational Natural Resource Data**

88.3

**and Information** -0- 14,993,000

88.4

**(a) Native Plant Community Data in the City of**

88.5

**Duluth**

88.6

\$198,000 the second year is from the trust

88.7

fund to the commissioner of natural resources

88.8

for an agreement with Minnesota Land Trust

88.9

to develop field-verified native plant

88.10

community data and maps for the city of

88.11

Duluth and the St. Louis River estuary to

88.12

support conservation and restoration activities.

88.13

**(b) Reconstructing Historical Wild Rice to**

88.14

**Understand Its Future**

88.15

\$200,000 the second year is from the trust

88.16

fund to the Science Museum of Minnesota for

88.17

the St. Croix Watershed Research Station to

88.18

characterize environmental drivers

88.19

contributing to the decline of wild rice using

88.20

lake sediment cores to reconstruct historical

88.21

wild rice abundance in relation to lake and

88.22

watershed stressors.

88.23

**(c) Characterizing Tree Cavities and Use by**

88.24

**Minnesota's Wildlife**

88.25

\$349,000 the second year is from the trust

88.26

fund to the Board of Regents of the University

88.27

of Minnesota for the Natural Resources

88.28

Research Institute in Duluth to assess the

88.29

effects of forest management on Minnesota's

88.30

primary cavity engineer, the pileated

88.31

woodpecker, and on the wildlife that rely on

88.32

the cavities that pileated woodpeckers create.

88.33

This appropriation is also to develop

88.34

management guidelines.

89.1 **(d) Fate of Minnesota's Lakes in the Next**  
89.2 **Century**

89.3 \$453,000 the second year is from the trust  
89.4 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
89.5 of Minnesota to use new modeling techniques  
89.6 to quantify how water quality of Minnesota's  
89.7 lakes will change in the next century under  
89.8 future land use and climate change scenarios  
89.9 and to create an online web tool to display the  
89.10 results. This appropriation is subject to  
89.11 Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10. This  
89.12 appropriation is available until June 30, 2028,  
89.13 by which time the project must be completed  
89.14 and final products delivered.

89.15 **(e) Turtle Island Skywatchers - Minnesota**  
89.16 **Research and Data Visualization**

89.17 \$200,000 the second year is from the trust  
89.18 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
89.19 for an agreement with Native Skywatchers  
89.20 Inc. to engage youth in environmental  
89.21 stewardship by collecting images and acoustic  
89.22 data from turtles and other culturally  
89.23 significant animals and their habitats,  
89.24 evaluating the differences in these soundscapes  
89.25 across landscapes, and sharing the results  
89.26 through scientific storytelling and online  
89.27 platforms.

89.28 **(f) Monitoring Minnesota's Insects: Connecting**  
89.29 **Habitat to Insect Prey**

89.30 \$199,000 the second year is from the trust  
89.31 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
89.32 of Minnesota to investigate the ecological  
89.33 roles of and energy transfer by certain  
89.34 Minnesota insects throughout their life cycles  
89.35 and to train future insect researchers on field  
89.36 techniques.

90.1 **(g) Determining Ambient Background PFAS**  
90.2 **Concentrations in Minnesota Soils**

90.3 \$621,000 the second year is from the trust  
90.4 fund to the commissioner of the Pollution  
90.5 Control Agency to determine ambient  
90.6 background per- and polyfluoroalkyl substance  
90.7 (PFAS) levels in urban and nonurban soils to  
90.8 help Minnesota develop management  
90.9 strategies for PFAS-contaminated soils. This  
90.10 appropriation is available until June 30, 2028,  
90.11 by which time the project must be completed  
90.12 and final products delivered.

90.13 **(h) Investigating Life History Characteristics of**  
90.14 **Minnesota Elk**

90.15 \$933,000 the second year is from the trust  
90.16 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
90.17 to assess Minnesota elk herd health and  
90.18 genetic diversity, movements, survival, and  
90.19 causes of mortality and to develop a  
90.20 noninvasive, safer, and more accurate method  
90.21 to estimate population size. This appropriation  
90.22 is available until June 30, 2028, by which time  
90.23 the project must be completed and final  
90.24 products delivered.

90.25 **(i) Foundational Data for Moth and Butterfly**  
90.26 **Conservation**

90.27 \$195,000 the second year is from the trust  
90.28 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
90.29 to perform field surveys and consolidate  
90.30 existing data to create the first comprehensive  
90.31 list of Minnesota moths and butterflies. This  
90.32 appropriation is also to conduct outreach to  
90.33 inform land managers and to facilitate public  
90.34 appreciation of these species.

90.35 **(j) DNR County Groundwater Atlas**

91.1 \$3,200,000 the second year is from the trust  
 91.2 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
 91.3 to continue producing county groundwater  
 91.4 atlases to inform management of surface water  
 91.5 and groundwater resources for drinking and  
 91.6 other purposes. This appropriation is for Part  
 91.7 B, to characterize the potential water yields of  
 91.8 aquifers and aquifers' sensitivity to  
 91.9 contamination.

91.10 **(k) Voyageurs Wolf Project - Phase III**

91.11 \$996,000 the second year is from the trust  
 91.12 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
 91.13 of Minnesota to continue to study summertime  
 91.14 wolf predation on deer, moose, and other  
 91.15 species in the greater Voyageurs ecosystem  
 91.16 to inform wildlife management and to share  
 91.17 natural history of this species with the public.  
 91.18 This appropriation is available until June 30,  
 91.19 2028, by which time the project must be  
 91.20 completed and final products delivered.

91.21 **(l) Distribution and Population Status of Weasels**  
 91.22 **in Minnesota**

91.23 \$400,000 the second year is from the trust  
 91.24 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
 91.25 of Minnesota for the Natural Resources  
 91.26 Research Institute in Duluth to determine the  
 91.27 distribution, relative abundance, and spatial  
 91.28 occupancy patterns of small weasel species in  
 91.29 Minnesota to fill key knowledge gaps in  
 91.30 weasel distribution and status in Minnesota.

91.31 **(m) Improving Aquatic Plant Knowledge for**  
 91.32 **Healthy Waters**

91.33 \$198,000 the second year is from the trust  
 91.34 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
 91.35 to collect foundational data on Minnesota's

92.1 native aquatic plant biodiversity through new  
 92.2 and enhanced lake surveys and to disseminate  
 92.3 results to state resource managers, scientists,  
 92.4 and the public.

92.5 **(n) New Small Mammal Monitoring Methods**  
 92.6 **for Minnesota**

92.7 \$199,000 the second year is from the trust  
 92.8 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
 92.9 of Minnesota for the Natural Resources  
 92.10 Research Institute in Duluth to develop camera  
 92.11 trapping methods as a new tool to collect  
 92.12 foundational data and fill key knowledge gaps  
 92.13 in the status of small mammal species in  
 92.14 Minnesota.

92.15 **(o) Status of Bats and Roost Trees after**  
 92.16 **White-Nose Syndrome**

92.17 \$195,000 the second year is from the trust  
 92.18 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
 92.19 of Minnesota for the Natural Resources  
 92.20 Research Institute in Duluth to study changes  
 92.21 in maternity roost trees and bat populations in  
 92.22 the forested areas of Minnesota and to evaluate  
 92.23 the effects of years of white-nose syndrome  
 92.24 on Minnesota bats.

92.25 **(p) Sublethal Effects of Pesticides on the**  
 92.26 **Invertebrate Community**

92.27 \$387,000 the second year is from the trust  
 92.28 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
 92.29 of Minnesota to provide data on pesticide  
 92.30 contamination in soil and the insect  
 92.31 community across the state and the effect of  
 92.32 insecticide exposure on insect reproduction.  
 92.33 This appropriation is available until June 30,  
 92.34 2029, by which time the project must be  
 92.35 completed and final products delivered.

93.1 **(q) Modernizing Minnesota's Plant Community**  
93.2 **Classification and Field Guides**

93.3 \$1,800,000 the second year is from the trust  
93.4 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
93.5 to collect additional vegetation and  
93.6 environmental data and update the state's  
93.7 20-year-old native plant community  
93.8 classification guides to incorporate new data,  
93.9 streamline user application and access to  
93.10 products, and include analysis of climate and  
93.11 vegetation trends. Net income generated as  
93.12 part of this appropriation may be reinvested  
93.13 in the project if a plan for reinvestment is  
93.14 approved in the work plan. This appropriation  
93.15 is subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
93.16 116P.10.

93.17 **(r) Assessing Prairie Health to Inform Pollinator**  
93.18 **Conservation**

93.19 \$297,000 the second year is from the trust  
93.20 fund to the Minnesota Zoological Society to  
93.21 assess habitat quality and pesticide occurrence  
93.22 in Minnesota prairies to help inform  
93.23 management actions, endangered species  
93.24 recovery plans, and pollinator reintroduction  
93.25 efforts for endangered and threatened  
93.26 butterflies and other wildlife.

93.27 **(s) Understanding Native Fishes in the**  
93.28 **Bowfishing Era**

93.29 \$588,000 the second year is from the trust  
93.30 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
93.31 of Minnesota, Duluth, to collect foundational  
93.32 biological information on a selection of native  
93.33 Minnesota fish to aid in sustainable  
93.34 management, improve recreational  
93.35 opportunities, and educate the public about  
93.36 these shared aquatic resources. This

94.1 appropriation is available until June 30, 2028,  
94.2 by which time the project must be completed  
94.3 and final products delivered.

94.4 **(t) Preserving Minnesota Wildflower**  
94.5 **Information**

94.6 \$199,000 the second year is from the trust  
94.7 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
94.8 of Minnesota, Bell Museum of Natural  
94.9 History, to preserve and enhance Minnesota  
94.10 Wildflowers Information, an online tool for  
94.11 plant identification, by integrating the content  
94.12 and functionality of the website with the  
94.13 Minnesota Biodiversity Atlas for public use  
94.14 as required by Laws 2017, chapter 96, section  
94.15 2, subdivision 3, paragraph (e).

94.16 **(u) White-Tailed Deer Movement and Disease**  
94.17 **in Suburban Areas**

94.18 \$699,000 the second year is from the trust  
94.19 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
94.20 of Minnesota to better understand white-tailed  
94.21 deer movement, habitat use, and disease  
94.22 dynamics at the suburban-agricultural interface  
94.23 to inform more efficient deer management and  
94.24 disease control.

94.25 **(v) Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza and**  
94.26 **Minnesota Raptors**

94.27 \$187,000 the second year is from the trust  
94.28 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
94.29 of Minnesota for the Raptor Center to evaluate  
94.30 Minnesota raptors for current or past infections  
94.31 with highly pathogenic avian influenza virus  
94.32 to better understand disease transmission and  
94.33 outbreak impacts on raptor populations.

94.34 **(w) Geologic Atlases for Water Resource**  
94.35 **Management**

95.1 \$1,236,000 the second year is from the trust  
95.2 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
95.3 of Minnesota, Minnesota Geological Survey,  
95.4 to continue producing county geologic atlases  
95.5 to inform management of surface water and  
95.6 groundwater resources. This appropriation is  
95.7 to complete Part A, which focuses on the  
95.8 properties and distribution of earth materials  
95.9 to define aquifer boundaries and the  
95.10 connection of aquifers to the land surface and  
95.11 surface water resources.

95.12 **(x) Remote Sensing for Pollinator Habitat**

95.13 \$180,000 the second year is from the trust  
95.14 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
95.15 for an agreement with Monarch Joint Venture  
95.16 to use remote sensing technology to evaluate  
95.17 pollinator habitat on energy and transportation  
95.18 corridors across Minnesota and to host  
95.19 field-day training workshops. Net income  
95.20 generated as part of this appropriation may be  
95.21 reinvested in the project if a plan for  
95.22 reinvestment is approved in the work plan as  
95.23 provided under Minnesota Statutes, section  
95.24 116P.10.

95.25 **(y) Harnessing Cover Crops and Roots for**  
95.26 **Sustainable Cropping**

95.27 \$375,000 the second year is from the trust  
95.28 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
95.29 of Minnesota to determine carbon  
95.30 sequestration, nitrogen credit potential, water  
95.31 use, and performance of cover crops in  
95.32 corn-soybean and corn-soybean-wheat  
95.33 rotations in southern Minnesota.

95.34 **(z) Effects of Conservation Grazing on Solar**  
95.35 **Sites Managed for Pollinator Habitat**

96.1 \$88,000 the second year is from the trust fund  
96.2 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
96.3 an agreement with Minnesota Native  
96.4 Landscapes, in partnership with Temple  
96.5 University, to analyze the effects of sheep  
96.6 grazing and mowing on the vegetation and  
96.7 soils of solar sites managed for pollinator  
96.8 habitat and to improve understanding of the  
96.9 environmental outcomes from the colocation  
96.10 of solar panels; grazing; and native,  
96.11 pollinator-friendly vegetation. This  
96.12 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029,  
96.13 by which time the project must be completed  
96.14 and final products delivered.

96.15 **(aa) Genetic Detection of Endangered Mussels**  
96.16 **in the Mississippi**

96.17 \$241,000 the second year is from the trust  
96.18 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
96.19 for an agreement with the United States  
96.20 Geological Survey, Ohio Water Microbiology  
96.21 Lab, to create, optimize, and use eDNA assays  
96.22 to detect the presence of endangered or  
96.23 threatened mussel species around Buffalo  
96.24 Slough near the Prairie Island Indian  
96.25 Community.

96.26 **(bb) Integrated Population Modeling for**  
96.27 **Trumpeter Swans**

96.28 \$180,000 the second year is from the trust  
96.29 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
96.30 of Minnesota to compile and use all available  
96.31 data to model historical population abundance  
96.32 and estimate future population dynamics of  
96.33 Minnesota trumpeter swans.

96.34 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2024.

97.1	Sec. 4. Laws 2024, chapter 83, section 2, subdivision 8, is amended to read:			
97.2	Subd. 8. <b>Methods to Protect or Restore Land, Water, and Habitat</b>	-0-	10,910,000	
97.3				
97.4	(a) <b>Long-Term Preservation of Minnesota's Ball Cactus Population</b>			
97.5				
97.6	\$100,000 the second year is from the trust			
97.7	fund to the Board of Regents of the University			
97.8	of Minnesota for the Minnesota Landscape			
97.9	Arboretum to protect Minnesota's only			
97.10	population of ball cactus by supporting			
97.11	population expansion and establishment,			
97.12	monitoring transferred plants, and training			
97.13	long-term volunteer monitors. This			
97.14	appropriation is available until June 30, 2029,			
97.15	by which time the project must be completed			
97.16	and final products delivered.			
97.17	(b) <b>Morrison County Historical Society Streambank Stabilization and Restoration</b>			
97.18				
97.19	\$519,000 the second year is from the trust			
97.20	fund to the commissioner of natural resources			
97.21	for an agreement with the Morrison Soil and			
97.22	Water Conservation District to stabilize and			
97.23	restore land along the Mississippi River owned			
97.24	by the Morrison County Historical Society			
97.25	within the statutory boundaries of Charles A.			
97.26	Lindbergh State Park to improve water quality			
97.27	and improve aquatic and terrestrial habit. For			
97.28	purposes of this appropriation, subdivision 13,			
97.29	paragraph (e), does not apply. The			
97.30	commissioner of natural resources may make			
97.31	reasonable amounts of this appropriation			
97.32	available on an advance basis to accommodate			
97.33	the Morrison Soil and Water Conservation			
97.34	District's cash-flow needs if a plan for the			
97.35	advances is approved as part of the work plan.			

98.1 **(c) Can Increased Tree Diversity Increase**  
98.2 **Community Diversity?**

98.3 \$415,000 the second year is from the trust  
98.4 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
98.5 of Minnesota to evaluate impacts of increasing  
98.6 tree diversity on wildlife, plant and fungal  
98.7 communities, and carbon storage within aspen  
98.8 forests in northern Minnesota to develop best  
98.9 management practices for mixed woodland  
98.10 systems.

98.11 **(d) Restoration of Riverside Park**

98.12 \$141,000 the second year is from the trust  
98.13 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
98.14 for an agreement with the city of Long Prairie  
98.15 to improve water retention, increase native  
98.16 habitat, and enhance footpaths for recreation  
98.17 at Riverside Park in Todd County, Minnesota.  
98.18 The project must create a net increase in  
98.19 habitat, and this appropriation may not be used  
98.20 to meet the conditions of any permits received  
98.21 for the project.

98.22 **(e) Pollinator Central IV: Habitat Improvement**  
98.23 **with Public Engagement**

98.24 \$698,000 the second year is from the trust  
98.25 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
98.26 for an agreement with Great River Greening  
98.27 to partner with municipalities, educational  
98.28 organizations, and volunteers to create and  
98.29 enhance pollinator habitat along public  
98.30 corridors from Lakeville to St. Cloud and to  
98.31 engage youth and the public through education  
98.32 and monitoring the impact of habitat  
98.33 improvements. This appropriation is available  
98.34 until June 30, 2028, by which time the project

99.1 must be completed and final products  
99.2 delivered.

99.3 **(f) Conservation Grazing for Birds, Beef, and**  
99.4 **Better Soil**

99.5 \$342,000 the second year is from the trust  
99.6 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
99.7 for an agreement with the National Audubon  
99.8 Society, Minnesota office, to assess Audubon  
99.9 Conservation Ranching as a strategic approach  
99.10 to improve grassland biodiversity, soils, and  
99.11 ecosystem resilience. This appropriation is  
99.12 available until June 30, 2028, by which time  
99.13 the project must be completed and final  
99.14 products delivered.

99.15 **(g) Minnesota Microbes for Enhanced**  
99.16 **Biodegradation of Microplastics**

99.17 \$524,000 the second year is from the trust  
99.18 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
99.19 of Minnesota to investigate the potential of  
99.20 natural and indigenous microbes to biodegrade  
99.21 conventional plastics in contaminated soils  
99.22 and waters across the state. This appropriation  
99.23 is subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
99.24 116P.10.

99.25 **(h) Completing the Mississippi River Greenway:**  
99.26 **Dakota County**

99.27 \$657,000 the second year is from the trust  
99.28 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
99.29 for an agreement with Dakota County to  
99.30 restore and enhance habitat on public lands,  
99.31 establish linear native plantings, and install  
99.32 electric-vehicle charging stations within and  
99.33 along the 27-mile Mississippi River Greenway  
99.34 in Dakota County. Net income generated as  
99.35 part of this appropriation may be reinvested

100.1 in the project if a plan for reinvestment is  
100.2 approved in the work plan. This appropriation  
100.3 is subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
100.4 116P.10, and is available until June 30, 2028,  
100.5 by which time the project must be completed  
100.6 and final products delivered.

100.7 **(i) Enabling Nature to Destroy Environmental**  
100.8 **PFAS Contaminants**

100.9 \$378,000 the second year is from the trust  
100.10 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
100.11 of Minnesota to identify enzymes and  
100.12 microbes that can break down soil-based per-  
100.13 and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) into  
100.14 nontoxic elements. This appropriation is  
100.15 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10.

100.16 **(j) Bioacoustics for Species Monitoring and**  
100.17 **Conservation - Phase 2**

100.18 \$568,000 the second year is from the trust  
100.19 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
100.20 of Minnesota to assess avian diversity at the  
100.21 statewide scale by developing a citizen science  
100.22 bioacoustics monitoring program with an  
100.23 initial focus on private lands.

100.24 **(k) Preventing PFAS and Microplastics**  
100.25 **Contaminants Across Minnesota**

100.26 \$656,000 the second year is from the trust  
100.27 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
100.28 of Minnesota to help stop the flow of per- and  
100.29 polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and  
100.30 microplastics contaminants into Minnesota's  
100.31 environment by developing strategies and  
100.32 technologies to manage solid waste streams  
100.33 on site. This appropriation is subject to  
100.34 Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10.

101.1 **(l) Shingle Creek Aquatic and Shoreline Habitat**  
101.2 **Enhancement**

101.3 \$1,100,000 the second year is from the trust  
101.4 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
101.5 for an agreement with the Minneapolis Park  
101.6 and Recreation Board to plan and restore a  
101.7 section of Shingle Creek in north Minneapolis  
101.8 with native aquatic and shoreline vegetation,  
101.9 channel and bank modification, and natural  
101.10 stream features. This appropriation is also to  
101.11 monitor plant and animal health following  
101.12 construction to ensure that the ecological  
101.13 functioning of the creek corridor is restored.  
101.14 This appropriation is available until June 30,  
101.15 2030, by which time the project must be  
101.16 completed and final products delivered.

101.17 **(m) LiDAR Technology to Help Prevent Wildlife**  
101.18 **Fatalities from Wind Turbines**

101.19 \$525,000 the second year is from the trust  
101.20 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
101.21 of Minnesota to create a low-cost and  
101.22 advanced LiDAR system to detect bats and  
101.23 birds approaching wind turbines that may be  
101.24 used in concert with deterrence or impact  
101.25 avoidance methods to prevent collisions. This  
101.26 appropriation is subject to Minnesota Statutes,  
101.27 section 116P.10.

101.28 **(n) Road Salt Pollution of Surface Waters from**  
101.29 **Groundwater**

101.30 \$622,000 the second year is from the trust  
101.31 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
101.32 of Minnesota to inform source-reduction  
101.33 efforts by developing a model to identify hot  
101.34 spots where road-salt-contaminated  
101.35 groundwater leads to chloride pollution of  
101.36 surface waters.

102.1 **(o) Growing the Minnesota Bison Conservation**  
 102.2 **Herd**

102.3 \$1,775,000 the second year is from the trust  
 102.4 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
 102.5 to reintroduce bison to Camden State Park as  
 102.6 part of a statewide effort to preserve the  
 102.7 American Plains bison genome.  
 102.8 Reintroduction includes the design,  
 102.9 construction, and installation of fencing, a  
 102.10 handling facility, signage, exhibits, and other  
 102.11 site improvements. This appropriation is  
 102.12 available until June 30, 2030, by which time  
 102.13 the project must be completed and final  
 102.14 products delivered.

102.15 **(p) Priority Lakes: Meeting Protection Goals**  
 102.16 **and Multiplying Benefits**

102.17 \$1,890,000 the second year is from the trust  
 102.18 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
 102.19 for an agreement with the Hubbard County  
 102.20 Soil and Water Conservation District, in  
 102.21 cooperation with Minnesota Land Trust, to  
 102.22 protect habitat, forest health, and water quality  
 102.23 in the best fishing lakes by creating lake  
 102.24 implementation action plans, conducting  
 102.25 community-based habitat restorations and  
 102.26 improvements, and protecting forest lands with  
 102.27 conservation easements and Sustainable Forest  
 102.28 Incentive Act (SFIA) enrollments within  
 102.29 prioritized areas of the upper Mississippi River  
 102.30 basin ~~in Hubbard County~~. Of this amount, up  
 102.31 to \$168,000 is for deposit in a monitoring fund  
 102.32 to be used by Minnesota Land Trust as  
 102.33 approved in the work plan and subject to  
 102.34 Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.20.

102.35 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2024.

103.1 **ARTICLE 3**

103.2 **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND COMMUNITY**  
103.3 **GRANTS APPROPRIATIONS**

103.4 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; ENRTF COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM.**

103.5 \$28,180,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$28,180,000 in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated  
103.6 from the environment and natural resources trust fund to the commissioner of natural  
103.7 resources to make grants under the environment and natural resources trust fund community  
103.8 grant program established in Minnesota Statutes, section 116X.03. These are onetime  
103.9 appropriations and are available until June 30, 2029.

103.10 **ARTICLE 4**

103.11 **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES POLICY**

103.12 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 84.027, is amended by adding a subdivision  
103.13 to read:

103.14 Subd. 21. **Outreach to culturally diverse communities.** The commissioner must ensure  
103.15 that, to the maximum extent practicable, the commissioner's work and the work of the  
103.16 department are carried out in a manner that facilitates outreach to and communication with  
103.17 Minnesotans of diverse backgrounds, cultures, and languages. To the maximum extent  
103.18 practicable, public hearings, solicitations for grant proposals, and other interactions with  
103.19 the public must include audiovisual communication components and must not rely exclusively  
103.20 on written forms of communication.

103.21 Sec. 2. **[84.9766] OUTDOOR SCHOOL FOR ALL; GRANT PROGRAM.**

103.22 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The commissioner of natural resources must establish  
103.23 and administer a program to provide grants to learning centers eligible under subdivision  
103.24 2 for outdoor education programs serving students in grades 4 through 12.

103.25 Subd. 2. **Eligibility.** (a) The commissioner may award grants under this section to  
103.26 overnight outdoor school experience providers accredited by a state-recognized school  
103.27 accrediting agency and to other outdoor school experience accredited providers offering  
103.28 similar programming.

103.29 (b) To be eligible for a grant under this section, the outdoor education program must:

103.30 (1) provide a multiday, overnight educational experience that is comprised mainly of  
103.31 outdoor-based learning activities;

- 104.1 (2) provide students with opportunities to directly experience and understand nature and  
104.2 the natural world, including field study opportunities for student learning;
- 104.3 (3) use a research-based environmental, ecological, agricultural, or other  
104.4 natural-resource-based educational curriculum;
- 104.5 (4) be integrated with local school curricula to help students meet academic standards;
- 104.6 (5) provide students with opportunities to develop:
- 104.7 (i) leadership;
- 104.8 (ii) critical thinking;
- 104.9 (iii) self-sufficiency;
- 104.10 (iv) decision-making skills; and
- 104.11 (v) social and emotional skills; and
- 104.12 (6) address accessibility of outdoor educational opportunities for underserved students,  
104.13 including students with disabilities.

104.14 Sec. 3. **[86B.109] ABANDONED WATERCRAFT.**

104.15 Subdivision 1. **Tagging authority; notice to owner.** (a) A peace officer or an employee  
104.16 designated by the commissioner under section 84.0835 may place a tag on a watercraft  
104.17 unlawfully located on public accesses, public lands, and waters of this state or unlawfully  
104.18 located on property adjacent to waters of this state. A watercraft is unlawfully located if the  
104.19 watercraft appears to be:

- 104.20 (1) inoperative and neglected, wrecked, stranded, or substantially dismantled;
- 104.21 (2) in immediate danger of sinking; or
- 104.22 (3) unmoored and unattended.

104.23 (b) A peace officer or employee who places a tag on a watercraft under this subdivision  
104.24 must notify the commissioner of placing the tag within 48 hours. The notification must  
104.25 include a statement of the basis for the decision to place a tag on the watercraft.

104.26 (c) Upon receiving notification under paragraph (b), the commissioner must send a notice  
104.27 by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the registered owner of the watercraft. The  
104.28 notice must state that:

- 104.29 (1) the watercraft has been tagged and the condition that resulted in the watercraft being  
104.30 tagged must be remedied immediately; and

105.1 (2) failure to remedy within 14 days of the notice being sent is a criminal violation that  
105.2 may result in civil and criminal penalties and the forfeiture of the watercraft.

105.3 Subd. 2. **Failure to remedy.** The registered owner of a watercraft who knowingly fails  
105.4 to remedy the condition that resulted in the watercraft being tagged within 14 days of the  
105.5 commissioner sending the notice required by subdivision 1, paragraph (c), is guilty of a  
105.6 misdemeanor. In addition, the owner is liable to the Department of Natural Resources for  
105.7 all costs incurred by the commissioner in enforcing this section against the owner and is  
105.8 subject to a civil penalty of not less than two times nor more than five times the costs incurred  
105.9 by the commissioner to remove, process, and dispose of the watercraft. Civil penalties  
105.10 imposed under this subdivision may be enforced and distributed as provided in section  
105.11 115A.99.

105.12 Subd. 3. **Seizure of abandoned watercraft.** Fourteen days after the commissioner sends  
105.13 the notice required by subdivision 1, paragraph (c), to the registered owner, or concludes  
105.14 that there is no registered owner, the commissioner must investigate the watercraft. If, upon  
105.15 inspection, the watercraft has not been removed and the condition that prompted the peace  
105.16 officer or employee to tag it has not been substantially remedied, the watercraft is considered  
105.17 abandoned and the commissioner must seize and forfeit the watercraft according to section  
105.18 97A.223.

105.19 Subd. 4. **Relation to other law.** An abandoned watercraft that becomes submerged and  
105.20 subject to section 86B.107 must be removed and disposed of in accordance with that section.

105.21 Subd. 5. **Exceptions.** This section does not apply to previously sunk watercraft of  
105.22 historical significance or that are currently a destination for scuba divers or commercial  
105.23 tourism that do not pose an ongoing environmental or public safety risk.

105.24 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 86B.415, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

105.25 Subd. 7. **Watercraft surcharge.** A ~~\$10.60~~ surcharge is placed on each watercraft licensed  
105.26 under subdivisions 1 to 5 for control, public awareness, law enforcement, monitoring, and  
105.27 research of aquatic invasive species such as zebra mussel, purple loosestrife, and Eurasian  
105.28 watermilfoil in public waters and public wetlands. The surcharge is:

105.29 (1) for a watercraft 19 feet or less in length, other than a watercraft listed in clauses (2)  
105.30 to (8), \$29;

105.31 (2) for a watercraft, other than personal watercraft, 19 feet in length or less that is offered  
105.32 for rent or lease, \$25;

105.33 (3) for a sailboat 19 feet in length or less, \$20;

- 106.1 (4) for a watercraft used by a nonprofit corporation for teaching boat and water safety,  
106.2 \$14;
- 106.3 (5) for a watercraft owned by a dealer under a dealer's license, \$50;
- 106.4 (6) for a personal watercraft, including one offered for rent or lease, \$25;
- 106.5 (7) for a watercraft less than 17 feet in length, other than a watercraft listed in clauses  
106.6 (2) to (6), \$25;
- 106.7 (8) for a canoe, kayak, sailboard, paddleboard, paddleboat, or rowing shell over ten feet  
106.8 in length, \$20;
- 106.9 (9) for a watercraft more than 19 feet but less than 26 feet in length, other than a  
106.10 watercraft listed in clauses (4), (5), (8), and (12), \$38;
- 106.11 (10) for a watercraft 26 feet but less than 40 feet in length, other than a watercraft listed  
106.12 in clauses (4), (5), (8), and (12), \$50;
- 106.13 (11) for a watercraft 40 feet in length or longer, other than a watercraft listed in clauses  
106.14 (4), (5), (8), and (12), \$62; and
- 106.15 (12) for a watercraft used primarily for charter fishing, commercial fishing, commercial  
106.16 passenger carrying, or other commercial operation, \$50.

106.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2026.

106.18 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.223, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

106.19 Subdivision 1. **Property subject to seizure and forfeiture.** (a) An enforcement officer  
106.20 must seize:

106.21 (1) firearms possessed in violation of state or federal law or court order; ~~and~~

106.22 (2) property described in section 97A.221, subdivision 1, where no owner can be  
106.23 determined; and

106.24 (3) a watercraft that is abandoned according to section 86B.109, subdivision 3.

106.25 (b) Property seized under this section is subject to administrative forfeiture.

106.26 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.421, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
106.27 read:

106.28 Subd. 3c. **Restrictions after conviction; abandoned watercraft.** (a) After a conviction  
106.29 under section 86B.109, subdivision 2, the following license and registration restrictions

107.1 remain in effect until the person reimburses the Department of Natural Resources for all  
107.2 the department's costs under section 86B.109, subdivision 2:

107.3 (1) all the person's annual game and fish licenses are void;

107.4 (2) the person may not act under any lifetime game and fish license;

107.5 (3) all the person's watercraft licenses and registrations that are required to operate  
107.6 watercraft in the state are void;

107.7 (4) all the person's off-highway vehicle and snowmobile licenses and registrations that  
107.8 are required to operate those vehicles in the state are void; and

107.9 (5) the person may not obtain any of the licenses or registrations described in clauses  
107.10 (1) to (4).

107.11 (b) If a conviction under section 86B.109, subdivision 2, was for abandoning a watercraft  
107.12 in a boundary water of the state, the commissioner must coordinate with neighboring  
107.13 jurisdictions to ensure that, to the maximum extent practicable, the person is subject to  
107.14 similar consequences in the neighboring jurisdiction as those imposed under paragraph (a).

107.15 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.465, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
107.16 read:

107.17 Subd. 9. **Resident disabled veterans; reduced fee licenses.** A person authorized to  
107.18 issue licenses must issue the following licenses for the reduced fee specified under section  
107.19 97A.475 to a resident who is a veteran, as defined in section 197.447, and who has a 50 to  
107.20 99 percent service-connected disability as defined by the United States Department of  
107.21 Veterans Affairs upon being furnished satisfactory evidence:

107.22 (1) a license to take deer by firearms, archery, or muzzleloader;

107.23 (2) a license to take small game; and

107.24 (3) a license to take fish by angling.

107.25 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.475, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

107.26 Subd. 2. **Resident hunting.** Fees for the following licenses, to be issued to residents  
107.27 only, are:

107.28 (1) for persons age 18 or over and under age 65 to take small game, \$15.50;

107.29 (2) for persons age 65 or over, \$7 to take small game;

107.30 (3) for persons age 18 or over to take turkey, \$26;

- 108.1 (4) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take turkey, \$5;
- 108.2 (5) for persons age 18 or over to take deer with firearms during the regular firearms  
108.3 season, \$34;
- 108.4 (6) for persons age 18 or over to take deer by archery, \$34;
- 108.5 (7) for persons age 18 or over to take deer by muzzleloader during the muzzleloader  
108.6 season, \$34;
- 108.7 (8) to take moose, for a party of not more than six persons, \$356;
- 108.8 (9) for persons age 18 or over to take bear, \$44;
- 108.9 (10) to take elk, for a party of not more than two persons, \$287;
- 108.10 (11) to take light geese during the light goose conservation order, \$2.50;
- 108.11 (12) to take sandhill crane during the sandhill crane season, \$3;
- 108.12 (13) to take prairie chickens, \$23;
- 108.13 (14) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take deer with firearms during the  
108.14 regular firearms season, \$5;
- 108.15 (15) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take deer by archery, \$5;
- 108.16 (16) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take deer by muzzleloader during  
108.17 the muzzleloader season, \$5;
- 108.18 (17) for persons age 10, 11, or 12 to take bear, no fee;
- 108.19 (18) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take bear, \$5;
- 108.20 (19) for persons age 18 or over to take small game for a consecutive 72-hour period  
108.21 selected by the licensee, \$19, of which an amount equal to one-half of the fee for the  
108.22 migratory-waterfowl stamp under subdivision 5, clause (1), shall be deposited in the  
108.23 waterfowl habitat improvement account under section 97A.075, subdivision 2; one-half of  
108.24 the fee for the pheasant stamp under subdivision 5, clause (2), shall be deposited in the  
108.25 pheasant habitat improvement account under section 97A.075, subdivision 4; and one-half  
108.26 of the small-game surcharge under subdivision 4, shall be deposited in the wildlife acquisition  
108.27 account;
- 108.28 (20) for persons age 16 or over and under age 18 to take small game, \$5;
- 108.29 (21) to take wolf, \$30;
- 108.30 (22) for persons age 12 and under to take turkey, no fee;

109.1 (23) for persons age 10, 11, or 12 to take deer by firearm, no fee;

109.2 (24) for persons age 10, 11, or 12 to take deer by archery, no fee; ~~and~~

109.3 (25) for persons age 10, 11, or 12 to take deer by muzzleloader during the muzzleloader  
109.4 season, no fee; and

109.5 (26) for disabled veterans to take deer or small game under section 97A.465, subdivision  
109.6 9, \$5.

109.7 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.475, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

109.8 Subd. 6. **Resident fishing.** Fees for the following licenses, to be issued to residents only,  
109.9 are:

109.10 (1) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by angling, \$25;

109.11 (2) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by angling, for a combined license for a married  
109.12 couple, \$40;

109.13 (3) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by spearing from a dark house, \$6, and the  
109.14 person must possess an angling license;

109.15 (4) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by angling for a 24-hour period selected by  
109.16 the licensee, \$12;

109.17 (5) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by angling for a consecutive 72-hour period  
109.18 selected by the licensee, \$14;

109.19 (6) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by angling for three consecutive years, \$71;  
109.20 ~~and~~

109.21 (7) for persons age 16 or over and under age 18 to take fish by angling, \$5; and

109.22 (8) for disabled veterans to take fish by angling under section 97A.465, subdivision 9,  
109.23 \$5.

109.24 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 103G.271, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

109.25 Subd. 6. **Water-use permit; processing fee.** (a) Except as described in paragraphs (b)  
109.26 to (g), a water-use permit processing fee must be prescribed by the commissioner in  
109.27 accordance with the schedule of fees in this subdivision for each water-use permit in force  
109.28 at any time during the year. Fees collected under this paragraph are credited to the water  
109.29 management account in the natural resources fund. The schedule is as follows, with the  
109.30 stated fee in each clause applied to the total amount appropriated:

- 110.1 (1) ~~\$140~~ \$200 for amounts not exceeding 50,000,000 gallons per year;
- 110.2 (2) ~~\$3.50~~ \$6 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 50,000,000 gallons but less  
110.3 than 100,000,000 gallons per year;
- 110.4 (3) ~~\$4~~ \$7 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 100,000,000 gallons but less  
110.5 than 150,000,000 gallons per year;
- 110.6 (4) ~~\$4.50~~ \$8 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 150,000,000 gallons but  
110.7 less than 200,000,000 gallons per year;
- 110.8 (5) ~~\$5~~ \$9 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 200,000,000 gallons but less  
110.9 than 250,000,000 gallons per year;
- 110.10 (6) ~~\$5.50~~ \$10 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 250,000,000 gallons but  
110.11 less than 300,000,000 gallons per year;
- 110.12 (7) ~~\$6~~ \$11 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 300,000,000 gallons but less  
110.13 than 350,000,000 gallons per year;
- 110.14 (8) ~~\$6.50~~ \$12 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 350,000,000 gallons but  
110.15 less than 400,000,000 gallons per year;
- 110.16 (9) ~~\$7~~ \$13 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 400,000,000 gallons but less  
110.17 than 450,000,000 gallons per year;
- 110.18 (10) ~~\$7.50~~ \$14 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 450,000,000 gallons but  
110.19 less than 500,000,000 gallons per year; and
- 110.20 (11) ~~\$8~~ \$15 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 500,000,000 gallons per  
110.21 year.
- 110.22 (b) For once-through cooling systems, a water-use processing fee must be prescribed  
110.23 by the commissioner in accordance with the following schedule of fees for each water-use  
110.24 permit in force at any time during the year:
- 110.25 (1) for nonprofit corporations and school districts, \$200 per 1,000,000 gallons; and
- 110.26 (2) for all other users, \$420 per 1,000,000 gallons.
- 110.27 (c) The fee is payable based on the amount of water appropriated during the year and;  
110.28 ~~except as provided in paragraph (f),~~ the minimum fee is \$100.
- 110.29 (d) For water-use processing fees other than once-through cooling systems:
- 110.30 (1) the fee for a city of the first class may not exceed ~~\$250,000~~ \$325,000 per year;

- 111.1 (2) the fee for other entities for any permitted use may not exceed:
- 111.2 (i) ~~\$60,000~~ \$75,000 per year for an entity holding three or fewer permits;
- 111.3 (ii) ~~\$90,000~~ \$125,000 per year for an entity holding four or five permits; or
- 111.4 (iii) ~~\$300,000~~ \$400,000 per year for an entity holding more than five permits;
- 111.5 (3) the fee for agricultural irrigation may not exceed ~~\$750~~ \$1,500 per year;
- 111.6 (4) the fee for a municipality that furnishes electric service and cogenerates steam for
- 111.7 home heating may not exceed \$10,000 for its permit for water use related to the cogeneration
- 111.8 of electricity and steam;
- 111.9 (5) the fee for a facility that temporarily diverts a water of the state from its natural
- 111.10 channel to produce hydroelectric or hydromechanical power may not exceed \$5,000 per
- 111.11 year. A permit for such a facility does not count toward the number of permits held by an
- 111.12 entity as described in this paragraph; and
- 111.13 (6) no fee is required for a project involving the appropriation of surface water to prevent
- 111.14 flood damage or to remove floodwaters during a period of flooding, as determined by the
- 111.15 commissioner.
- 111.16 (e) Failure to pay the fee is sufficient cause for revoking a permit. A penalty of ten
- 111.17 percent per month calculated from the original due date must be imposed on the unpaid
- 111.18 balance of fees remaining 30 days after the sending of a second notice of fees due. A fee
- 111.19 may not be imposed on an agency, as defined in section 16B.01, subdivision 2, or federal
- 111.20 governmental agency holding a water appropriation permit.
- 111.21 (f) The minimum water-use processing fee for a permit issued for irrigation of agricultural
- 111.22 land is ~~\$20~~ \$100 for years in which:
- 111.23 (1) there is no appropriation of water under the permit; or
- 111.24 (2) the permit is suspended for more than seven consecutive days between May 1 and
- 111.25 October 1.
- 111.26 (g) The commissioner shall waive the water-use permit fee for installations and projects
- 111.27 that use stormwater runoff or where public entities are diverting water to treat a water quality
- 111.28 issue and returning the water to its source without using the water for any other purpose,
- 111.29 unless the commissioner determines that the proposed use adversely affects surface water
- 111.30 or groundwater.
- 111.31 (h) A surcharge of \$50 per million gallons in addition to the fee prescribed in paragraph
- 111.32 (a) ~~shall be~~ is applied to the volume of water used in each of the months of May, June, July,

112.1 August, and September that exceeds the volume of water used in January for municipal  
112.2 water use, irrigation of golf courses, and landscape irrigation. The surcharge for  
112.3 municipalities with more than one permit ~~shall be~~ is determined based on the total  
112.4 appropriations from all permits that supply a common distribution system.

112.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2026.

112.6 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 103G.301, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

112.7 Subd. 2. **Permit application and notification fees.** (a) A fee to defray the costs of  
112.8 receiving, recording, and processing must be paid for a permit application authorized under  
112.9 this chapter, except for a general permit application, for each request to amend or transfer  
112.10 an existing permit, and for a notification to request authorization to conduct a project under  
112.11 a general permit. Fees established under this subdivision, unless specified in paragraph (c),  
112.12 must comply with section 16A.1285.

112.13 (b) Proposed projects that require water in excess of 100 million gallons per year must  
112.14 be assessed fees to recover the costs incurred to evaluate the project and the costs incurred  
112.15 for environmental review. Fees collected under this paragraph must be credited to an account  
112.16 in the natural resources fund and are appropriated to the commissioner.

112.17 (c) The fee to apply for a permit to appropriate water, in addition to any fee under  
112.18 paragraph (b), is ~~\$150~~ \$600. The application fee for a permit to construct or repair a dam  
112.19 that is subject to a dam safety inspection, to work in public waters, or to divert waters for  
112.20 mining must be at least \$1,200, but not more than \$12,000. The fee for a notification to  
112.21 request authorization to conduct a project under a general permit is \$400, except that the  
112.22 fee for a notification to request authorization to appropriate water under a general permit  
112.23 is \$100.

112.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2026.

112.25 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 115B.421, is amended to read:

112.26 **115B.421 CLOSED LANDFILL INVESTMENT FUND.**

112.27 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** ~~(a)~~ The closed landfill investment fund is established in  
112.28 the state treasury. The fund consists of money credited to the fund and interest and other  
112.29 earnings on money in the fund. Funds must be deposited as described in section 115B.445.  
112.30 The fund must be managed to maximize long-term gain through the State Board of  
112.31 Investment.

~~(b) Each fiscal year, up to \$4,500,000 is appropriated from the closed landfill investment fund to the commissioner for the purposes of sections 115B.39 to 115B.444.~~

~~(c) If the commissioner determines that a release or threatened release from a qualified facility for which the commissioner has assumed obligations for environmental response actions under section 115B.40 or 115B.406 constitutes an emergency requiring immediate action to prevent, minimize, or mitigate damage either to the public health or welfare or the environment or to a system designed to protect the public health or welfare or the environment, up to \$9,000,000 in addition to the amount appropriated under paragraph (b) is appropriated to the commissioner in the first year of the biennium and may be spent by the commissioner to take reasonable and necessary emergency response actions. Money not spent in the first year of the biennium may be spent in the second year. If money is appropriated under this paragraph, the commissioner must notify the chairs of the senate and house of representatives committees having jurisdiction over environment policy and finance as soon as possible. The commissioner must maintain the fund balance to ensure long-term viability of the fund and reflect the responsibility of the landfill cleanup program in perpetuity.~~

~~(d) Paragraphs (b) and (c) expire June 30, 2025.~~

Subd. 2. **Local notification.** If money in the closed landfill investment fund is spent or transferred for purposes other than the purposes provided under sections 115B.39 to 115B.444, the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency must provide written notification to each county with a qualified facility within 30 days of the transfer or expenditure that includes the amount, purpose, and authority used to spend or transfer the money.

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116.07, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 13. **Outreach to culturally diverse communities.** The commissioner must ensure that, to the maximum extent practicable, the commissioner's work and the work of the agency are carried out in a manner that facilitates outreach to and communication with Minnesotans of diverse backgrounds, cultures, and languages. To the maximum extent practicable, public hearings, solicitations for grant proposals, and other interactions with the public must include audiovisual communication components and must not rely exclusively on written forms of communication.

114.1 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116.073, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

114.2 Subdivision 1. **Authority to issue.** (a) Pollution Control Agency staff designated by the  
114.3 commissioner and Department of Natural Resources conservation officers may issue citations  
114.4 to a person who:

114.5 (1) disposes of solid waste as defined in section 116.06, subdivision 22, at a location  
114.6 not authorized by law for the disposal of solid waste without permission of the owner of  
114.7 the property;

114.8 (2) fails to report or recover discharges as required under section 115.061;

114.9 (3) fails to take discharge preventive or preparedness measures required under chapter  
114.10 115E;

114.11 (4) fails to install or use vapor recovery equipment during the transfer of gasoline from  
114.12 a transport delivery vehicle to an underground storage tank as required in section 116.49,  
114.13 subdivisions 3 and 4;

114.14 (5) performs labor or services designing, installing, constructing, inspecting, servicing,  
114.15 repairing, or operating a subsurface sewage treatment system (SSTS) as defined in chapter  
114.16 115 and has violated rules adopted under chapters 115 and 116 in any of the following  
114.17 categories:

114.18 (i) failure to acquire or maintain a current state-issued SSTS license;

114.19 (ii) failure to acquire or maintain a current surety bond for SSTS activities;

114.20 (iii) failure to acquire or maintain a required local permit for SSTS activities; or

114.21 (iv) failure to submit SSTS as-built plans or compliance inspection forms to the local  
114.22 governmental unit; ~~or~~

114.23 (6) performs labor or services pumping, hauling, treating, spreading, dumping,  
114.24 discharging, or land applying septage as defined in Minnesota Rules, part 7080.1100, subpart  
114.25 69, and has violated rules adopted under chapters 115 and 116 or Code of Federal  
114.26 Regulations, title 40, section 503, in any of the following categories:

114.27 (i) failure to acquire or maintain a current state-issued SSTS license;

114.28 (ii) failure to acquire or maintain a current surety bond for SSTS activities;

114.29 (iii) failure to provide control measures to prevent the pollution of underground waters  
114.30 from the discharge of septage into the saturated or unsaturated zone;

115.1 (iv) failure to produce records or maintain records in accordance with Code of Federal  
115.2 Regulations, title 40, section 503; or

115.3 (v) failure to treat septage for pathogens and vectors in accordance with Code of Federal  
115.4 Regulations, title 40, section 503; or

115.5 (7) fails to self-certify that they have received the skin-lightener notice and will comply  
115.6 with the law, as required by section 325F.998.

115.7 (b) Agency staff designated by the commissioner may issue citations to facility owners  
115.8 and operators who fail to produce, within 30 days or within a reasonable alternative time  
115.9 frame as determined and required by the commissioner, information or reports necessary  
115.10 for developing and reissuing permits and permit amendments under chapters 114C and 115  
115.11 to 116. If the owner or operator cannot produce the information or reports within 30 days  
115.12 or according to an alternative time frame required by the commissioner, the owner or operator  
115.13 may request an extension within 30 days of the request for information or reports. The  
115.14 commissioner must keep records of citations issued under this paragraph that identify the  
115.15 facility, the owner or operator, and any person hired by or representing the owner or operator  
115.16 to prepare or assist in preparing the permit application or other information or report requested  
115.17 by the commissioner.

115.18 ~~(b)~~ (c) In addition, Pollution Control Agency staff designated by the commissioner may  
115.19 issue citations to owners and operators of facilities who violate sections 116.46 to 116.50  
115.20 and Minnesota Rules, chapters 7150 and 7151 and parts 7001.4200 to 7001.4300. A citation  
115.21 issued under this subdivision must include a requirement that the person cited remove and  
115.22 properly dispose of or otherwise manage the waste or discharged oil or hazardous substance,  
115.23 reimburse any government agency that has disposed of the waste or discharged oil or  
115.24 hazardous substance and contaminated debris for the reasonable costs of disposal, or correct  
115.25 any storage tank violations.

115.26 ~~(e)~~ (d) Citations for violations of sections 115E.045 and 116.46 to 116.50 and Minnesota  
115.27 Rules, chapters 7150 and 7151, may be issued only after the owners and operators have had  
115.28 a 60-day period to correct violations stated in writing by Pollution Control Agency staff,  
115.29 unless there is a discharge associated with the violation or the violation is a repeat violation  
115.30 from a previous inspection.

115.31 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116.073, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

115.32 Subd. 2. **Penalty amount.** The citation must impose the following penalty amounts:

116.1 (1) \$100 per major appliance, as defined in section 115A.03, subdivision 17a, up to a  
116.2 maximum of \$2,000;

116.3 (2) \$25 per waste tire, as defined in section 115A.90, subdivision 11, up to a maximum  
116.4 of \$2,000;

116.5 (3) \$25 per lead acid battery governed by section 115A.915, up to a maximum of \$2,000;

116.6 (4) \$1 per pound of other solid waste or \$20 per cubic foot up to a maximum of \$2,000;

116.7 (5) up to \$200 for any amount of waste that escapes from a vehicle used for the  
116.8 transportation of solid waste if, after receiving actual notice that waste has escaped the  
116.9 vehicle, the person or company transporting the waste fails to immediately collect the waste;

116.10 (6) \$50 per violation of rules adopted under section 116.49, relating to underground  
116.11 storage tank system design, construction, installation, and notification requirements, up to  
116.12 a maximum of \$2,000;

116.13 (7) \$500 per violation of rules adopted under section 116.49, relating to upgrading of  
116.14 existing underground storage tank systems, up to a maximum of \$2,000 per tank system;

116.15 (8) \$250 per violation of rules adopted under section 116.49, relating to underground  
116.16 storage tank system general operating requirements, up to a maximum of \$2,000;

116.17 (9) \$250 per violation of rules adopted under section 116.49, relating to underground  
116.18 storage tank system release detection requirements, up to a maximum of \$2,000;

116.19 (10) \$50 per violation of rules adopted under section 116.49, relating to out-of-service  
116.20 underground storage tank systems and closure, up to a maximum of \$2,000;

116.21 (11) \$50 per violation of sections 116.48 to 116.491 relating to underground storage  
116.22 tank system notification, monitoring, environmental protection, and tank installers training  
116.23 and certification requirements, up to a maximum of \$2,000;

116.24 (12) \$25 per gallon of oil or hazardous substance discharged which is not reported or  
116.25 recovered under section 115.061, up to a maximum of \$2,000;

116.26 (13) \$1 per gallon of oil or hazardous substance being stored, transported, or otherwise  
116.27 handled without the prevention or preparedness measures required under chapter 115E, up  
116.28 to a maximum of \$2,000;

116.29 (14) \$250 per violation of Minnesota Rules, parts 7001.4200 to 7001.4300 or chapter  
116.30 7151, related to aboveground storage tank systems, up to a maximum of \$2,000;

117.1 (15) \$250 per delivery made in violation of section 116.49, subdivision 3 or 4, levied  
117.2 against:

117.3 (i) the retail location if vapor recovery equipment is not installed or maintained properly;

117.4 (ii) the carrier if the transport delivery vehicle is not equipped with vapor recovery  
117.5 equipment; or

117.6 (iii) the driver for failure to use supplied vapor recovery equipment;

117.7 (16) \$500 per violation of rules adopted under chapters 115 and 116 relating to failure  
117.8 to comply with state subsurface sewage treatment system (SSTS) license requirements, up  
117.9 to a maximum of \$2,000;

117.10 (17) \$500 per violation of rules adopted under chapters 115 and 116 relating to failure  
117.11 to comply with SSTS surety bond requirements, up to a maximum of \$2,000;

117.12 (18) \$500 per violation of rules adopted under chapters 115 and 116 relating to failure  
117.13 to provide control measures to prevent the pollution of underground waters from the discharge  
117.14 of septage into the saturated or unsaturated zone, up to a maximum of \$2,000;

117.15 (19) \$500 per violation of rules adopted under chapters 115 and 116 or Code of Federal  
117.16 Regulations, title 40, section 503, relating to failure to treat septage for pathogens and  
117.17 vectors, up to a maximum of \$2,000;

117.18 (20) \$250 per violation of rules adopted under chapters 115 and 116 or Code of Federal  
117.19 Regulations, title 40, section 503, relating to failure to produce records or maintain records,  
117.20 up to a maximum of \$2,000;

117.21 (21) \$250 per violation of rules adopted under chapters 115 and 116 or Code of Federal  
117.22 Regulations, title 40, section 503, relating to failure to submit as-built plans or compliance  
117.23 inspection forms to the local governmental unit, up to a maximum of \$2,000; ~~and~~

117.24 (22) \$500 per violation of rules adopted under chapters 115 and 116 relating to failure  
117.25 to obtain required local permits, up to a maximum of \$2,000;

117.26 (23) \$100 per violation of section 325F.998, relating to certification that businesses will  
117.27 comply with skin-lightener requirements; and

117.28 (24) \$50 per day under subdivision 1, paragraph (b), for each information item or report  
117.29 requested for the first 30 days delinquent and \$500 per day thereafter, up to a maximum of  
117.30 \$20,000 for each information item or report requested, until the commissioner determines  
117.31 the request for information or report is complete.

Sec. 16. **[325F.998] SKIN-LIGHTENER NOTICE REQUIRED.**

**Subdivision 1. Notice required.** After August 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency must send a notice to retailers who sell skin-lightening products that states that selling skin-lightening products that contain mercury is illegal and subject to penalties. Additionally, the commissioner must engage in outreach to retailers who sell skin-lightening products in order to convey the dangers of using skin-lightening products that contain mercury.

**Subd. 2. Certification.** Businesses who receive notice from the commissioner must self-certify on a form prescribed by the commissioner that they have received the notice and will comply with the law.

Sec. 17. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. <b>Environmental Analysis and Outcomes</b>	79,311,000	72,785,000
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	Appropriations by Fund	
	2024	2025
General	60,103,000	53,047,000
Environmental	18,959,000	19,533,000
Remediation	249,000	205,000

(a) \$122,000 the first year and \$125,000 the second year are from the general fund for:

(1) a municipal liaison to assist municipalities in implementing and participating in the rulemaking process for water quality standards and navigating the NPDES/SDS permitting process;

(2) enhanced economic analysis in the rulemaking process for water quality standards, including more-specific analysis and identification of cost-effective permitting;

(3) developing statewide economic analyses and templates to reduce the amount of information and time required for municipalities to apply for variances from water quality standards; and

119.1 (4) coordinating with the Public Facilities  
119.2 Authority to identify and advocate for the  
119.3 resources needed for urban, suburban, and  
119.4 Greater Minnesota municipalities to achieve  
119.5 permit requirements.

119.6 (b) \$216,000 the first year and \$219,000 the  
119.7 second year are from the environmental fund  
119.8 for a monitoring program under Minnesota  
119.9 Statutes, section 116.454.

119.10 (c) \$132,000 the first year and \$137,000 the  
119.11 second year are for monitoring water quality  
119.12 and operating assistance programs.

119.13 (d) \$390,000 the first year and \$399,000 the  
119.14 second year are from the environmental fund  
119.15 for monitoring ambient air for hazardous  
119.16 pollutants.

119.17 (e) \$106,000 the first year and \$109,000 the  
119.18 second year are from the environmental fund  
119.19 for duties related to harmful chemicals in  
119.20 children's products under Minnesota Statutes,  
119.21 sections 116.9401 to 116.9407. Of this  
119.22 amount, \$68,000 the first year and \$70,000  
119.23 the second year are transferred to the  
119.24 commissioner of health.

119.25 (f) \$128,000 the first year and \$132,000 the  
119.26 second year are from the environmental fund  
119.27 for registering wastewater laboratories.

119.28 (g) \$1,492,000 the first year and \$1,519,000  
119.29 the second year are from the environmental  
119.30 fund to continue perfluorochemical  
119.31 biomonitoring in eastern metropolitan  
119.32 communities, as recommended by the  
119.33 Environmental Health Tracking and  
119.34 Biomonitoring Advisory Panel, and to address

120.1 other environmental health risks, including air  
120.2 quality. The communities must include Hmong  
120.3 and other immigrant farming communities.  
120.4 Of this amount, up to \$1,226,000 the first year  
120.5 and \$1,248,000 the second year are for transfer  
120.6 to the commissioner of health.

120.7 (h) \$61,000 the first year and \$62,000 the  
120.8 second year are from the environmental fund  
120.9 for the listing procedures for impaired waters  
120.10 required under this act.

120.11 (i) \$72,000 the first year and \$74,000 the  
120.12 second year are from the remediation fund for  
120.13 the leaking underground storage tank program  
120.14 to investigate, clean up, and prevent future  
120.15 releases from underground petroleum storage  
120.16 tanks and for the petroleum remediation  
120.17 program for vapor assessment and  
120.18 remediation. These same annual amounts are  
120.19 transferred from the petroleum tank fund to  
120.20 the remediation fund.

120.21 (j) \$500,000 the first year is to facilitate the  
120.22 collaboration and modeling of greenhouse gas  
120.23 impacts, costs, and benefits of strategies to  
120.24 reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions.  
120.25 This is a onetime appropriation.

120.26 (k) \$50,266,000 the first year and \$50,270,000  
120.27 the second year are to establish and implement  
120.28 a local government climate resiliency and  
120.29 water infrastructure grant program for local  
120.30 governmental units and Tribal governments.  
120.31 Of this amount, \$49,100,000 each year is for  
120.32 grants to support communities in planning and  
120.33 implementing projects that will allow for  
120.34 adaptation for a changing climate. At least 40  
120.35 percent of the money granted under this

121.1 paragraph must be for projects in areas that  
121.2 meet environmental justice criteria. By  
121.3 December 30, 2027, the commissioner must  
121.4 submit a report on the use of grant money to  
121.5 the chairs and ranking minority members of  
121.6 the legislative committees with jurisdiction  
121.7 over environment and natural resources  
121.8 finance. This appropriation is available until  
121.9 June 30, 2027. The base for this appropriation  
121.10 in fiscal year 2026 and beyond is \$270,000.

121.11 (l) \$75,000 the first year is for a grant to the  
121.12 city of Fergus Falls to address water-quality  
121.13 concerns at Lake Alice.

121.14 (m) \$150,000 the first year is for a grant to  
121.15 Rice County to address water-quality concerns  
121.16 at French Lake.

121.17 (n) \$75,000 the first year is for a grant to  
121.18 Ramsey County to address water-quality  
121.19 concerns at Round Lake.

121.20 (o) Recipients of money appropriated in  
121.21 paragraphs (l), (m), and (n) may use the grants  
121.22 to contract for water-quality improvement  
121.23 services, testing, necessary infrastructure,  
121.24 training, and maintenance.

121.25 (p) \$2,070,000 the first year and \$2,070,000  
121.26 the second year are from the environmental  
121.27 fund to develop and implement a program  
121.28 related to emerging issues, including  
121.29 Minnesota's PFAS Blueprint.

121.30 (q) \$1,820,000 the first year and \$1,820,000  
121.31 the second year are from the environmental  
121.32 fund to support improved management of data  
121.33 collected by the agency and its partners and

122.1 regulated parties to facilitate decision-making  
122.2 and public access.

122.3 (r) \$500,000 the first year is from the general  
122.4 fund for the report on firefighter turnout gear  
122.5 and biomonitoring required under this act. Of  
122.6 this amount, up to ~~\$250,000~~ \$425,000 may be  
122.7 transferred to the commissioner of health for  
122.8 biomonitoring of firefighters. This  
122.9 appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.

122.10 (s) \$500,000 the first year is to develop  
122.11 protocols to be used by agencies and  
122.12 departments for sampling and testing  
122.13 groundwater, surface water, public drinking  
122.14 water, and private wells for microplastics and  
122.15 nanoplastics and to begin implementation. The  
122.16 commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency  
122.17 may transfer money appropriated under this  
122.18 paragraph to the commissioners of agriculture,  
122.19 natural resources, and health to implement the  
122.20 protocols developed. This is a onetime  
122.21 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
122.22 2025.

122.23 (t) \$50,000 the first year is from the  
122.24 remediation fund for the work group on PFAS  
122.25 manufacturer fees and report required under  
122.26 this act.

122.27 (u) \$387,000 the first year and \$90,000 the  
122.28 second year are to develop and implement the  
122.29 requirements for fish kills under Minnesota  
122.30 Statutes, sections 103G.216 and 103G.2165.  
122.31 Of this amount, up to \$331,000 the first year  
122.32 and \$90,000 the second year may be  
122.33 transferred to the commissioners of health,  
122.34 natural resources, agriculture, and public  
122.35 safety and to the Board of Regents of the

123.1 University of Minnesota as necessary to  
123.2 implement those sections. The base for this  
123.3 appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and beyond  
123.4 is \$7,000.

123.5 (v) \$63,000 the first year and \$92,000 the  
123.6 second year are for transfer to the  
123.7 commissioner of health for amending the  
123.8 health risk limit for PFOS. This is a onetime  
123.9 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
123.10 2026.

123.11 (w) \$5,000,000 the first year is for community  
123.12 air-monitoring grants as provided in this act.  
123.13 This is a onetime appropriation and is  
123.14 available until June 30, 2027.

123.15 (x) \$2,333,000 the first year and \$2,333,000  
123.16 the second year are to adopt rules and  
123.17 implement air toxics emissions requirements  
123.18 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.062.  
123.19 The general fund appropriations are onetime  
123.20 and are available until June 30, 2027. The base  
123.21 for this appropriation is \$0 in fiscal year 2026  
123.22 and \$1,400,000 from the environmental fund  
123.23 in fiscal year 2027 and beyond.

123.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2023.

123.25 Sec. 18. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 2, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

123.26	Subd. 7. <b>Resource Management and Assistance</b>	82,000,000	57,974,000
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123.27	Appropriations by Fund		
123.28		2024	2025
123.29	General	38,464,000	13,850,000
123.30	Environmental	43,536,000	44,124,000

123.31 (a) Up to \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000  
123.32 the second year may be transferred from the  
123.33 environmental fund to the small business

124.1 environmental improvement loan account  
124.2 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.993.

124.3 (b) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000  
124.4 the second year are for competitive recycling  
124.5 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section  
124.6 115A.565. Of this amount, \$300,000 the first  
124.7 year and \$300,000 the second year are from  
124.8 the general fund, and \$700,000 the first year  
124.9 and \$700,000 the second year are from the  
124.10 environmental fund. This appropriation is  
124.11 available until June 30, 2027.

124.12 (c) \$694,000 the first year and \$694,000 the  
124.13 second year are from the environmental fund  
124.14 for emission-reduction activities and grants to  
124.15 small businesses and other  
124.16 nonpoint-emission-reduction efforts. Of this  
124.17 amount, \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000  
124.18 the second year are to continue work with  
124.19 Clean Air Minnesota, and the commissioner  
124.20 may enter into an agreement with  
124.21 Environmental Initiative to support this effort.

124.22 (d) \$18,450,000 the first year and \$18,450,000  
124.23 the second year are from the environmental  
124.24 fund for SCORE block grants to counties.

124.25 (e) \$119,000 the first year and \$119,000 the  
124.26 second year are from the environmental fund  
124.27 for environmental assistance grants or loans  
124.28 under Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.0716.

124.29 (f) \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the  
124.30 second year are from the environmental fund  
124.31 for grants to develop and expand recycling  
124.32 markets for Minnesota businesses. This  
124.33 appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.

125.1 (g) \$767,000 the first year and \$770,000 the  
125.2 second year are from the environmental fund  
125.3 for reducing and diverting food waste,  
125.4 redirecting edible food for consumption, and  
125.5 removing barriers to collecting and recovering  
125.6 organic waste. Of this amount, \$500,000 each  
125.7 year is for grants to increase food rescue and  
125.8 waste prevention. This appropriation is  
125.9 available until June 30, 2027.

125.10 (h) \$2,797,000 the first year and \$2,811,000  
125.11 the second year are from the environmental  
125.12 fund for the purposes of Minnesota Statutes,  
125.13 section 473.844.

125.14 (i) \$318,000 the first year and \$324,000 the  
125.15 second year are from the environmental fund  
125.16 to address chemicals in products, including to  
125.17 implement and enforce flame retardant  
125.18 provisions under Minnesota Statutes, section  
125.19 325F.071, and perfluoroalkyl and  
125.20 polyfluoroalkyl substances in food packaging  
125.21 provisions under Minnesota Statutes, section  
125.22 325F.075. Of this amount, \$78,000 the first  
125.23 year and \$80,000 the second year are  
125.24 transferred to the commissioner of health.

125.25 (j) \$180,000 the first year and \$140,000 the  
125.26 second year are for quantifying climate-related  
125.27 impacts from projects for environmental  
125.28 review. This is a onetime appropriation. This  
125.29 appropriation is available until June 30, 2026.

125.30 (k) \$1,790,000 the first year and \$70,000 the  
125.31 second year are for accelerating pollution  
125.32 prevention at small businesses. Of this amount,  
125.33 \$1,720,000 the first year is for transfer to the  
125.34 environmental fund for zero-interest loans  
125.35 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.993, to

126.1 phase out high-polluting equipment, products,  
126.2 and processes and replace with new options.  
126.3 This appropriation is available until June 30,  
126.4 2027. This is a onetime appropriation.

126.5 (l) \$190,000 the first year and \$190,000 the  
126.6 second year are to support the Greenstep Cities  
126.7 program. This is a onetime appropriation. This  
126.8 appropriation is available until June 30, 2026.

126.9 (m) \$420,000 the first year is to complete a  
126.10 study on the viability of recycling solar energy  
126.11 equipment. This is a onetime appropriation  
126.12 and is available until June 30, 2026.

126.13 (n) \$650,000 the first year and \$650,000 the  
126.14 second year are from the environmental fund  
126.15 for Minnesota GreenCorps investment.

126.16 (o) \$4,210,000 the first year and \$210,000 the  
126.17 second year are for PFAS reduction grants.  
126.18 Of this amount, \$4,000,000 the first year is  
126.19 for grants to industry and public entities to  
126.20 identify sources of PFAS entering facilities  
126.21 and to develop pollution prevention and  
126.22 reduction initiatives to reduce PFAS entering  
126.23 facilities, prevent releases, and monitor the  
126.24 effectiveness of these projects. Priority must  
126.25 be given to projects in underserved  
126.26 communities. This is a onetime appropriation  
126.27 and is available until June 30, 2027.

126.28 (p) \$12,940,000 the first year and \$12,940,000  
126.29 the second year are for a waste prevention and  
126.30 reduction grants and loan program. This is a  
126.31 onetime appropriation and is available until  
126.32 June 30, 2027. Of this amount in the first year,  
126.33 \$7,950,000 is for waste prevention and  
126.34 reduction grants and loans and \$3,000,000 is

127.1 for a grant to the owner of a biomass energy  
127.2 generation plant in Shakopee that uses waste  
127.3 heat from the generation of electricity in the  
127.4 malting process to purchase a wood dehydrator  
127.5 to facilitate disposal of wood that is infested  
127.6 by the emerald ash borer. Of this amount in  
127.7 the second year, \$10,950,000 is for waste  
127.8 prevention and reduction grants and loans,  
127.9 including \$1,000,000 for transfer to the  
127.10 environmental fund for the purposes of  
127.11 Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.0716. By  
127.12 October 1, 2024, the commissioner of the  
127.13 Pollution Control Agency must report to the  
127.14 chairs and ranking minority members of the  
127.15 legislative committees and divisions with  
127.16 jurisdiction over environment and natural  
127.17 resources on the use of money appropriated  
127.18 for the wood dehydrator under this paragraph.

127.19 (q) \$16,562,000 the first year is for grants to  
127.20 a Minnesota nonprofit corporation that owns  
127.21 a cogeneration facility that serves a St. Paul  
127.22 district heating and cooling system to preserve  
127.23 existing biomass energy infrastructure for  
127.24 purposes of local and regional emerald ash  
127.25 borer response efforts. The commissioner of  
127.26 the Pollution Control Agency may require the  
127.27 nonprofit corporation to charge a fee per ton  
127.28 of wood waste delivered to the facility. This  
127.29 is a onetime appropriation and is available  
127.30 until June 30, 2030.

127.31 (r) \$1,163,000 the first year and \$1,115,000  
127.32 the second year are from the environmental  
127.33 fund for rulemaking and implementation of  
127.34 the new PFAS requirements under Minnesota  
127.35 Statutes, section 116.943. Of this amount,

128.1 \$312,000 the first year and \$468,000 the  
128.2 second year are for transfer to the  
128.3 commissioner of health.

128.4 (s) \$680,000 the first year is for the resource  
128.5 management report required in this act. This  
128.6 is a onetime appropriation and is available  
128.7 until June 30, 2026.

128.8 (t) \$35,000 the second year is from the  
128.9 environmental fund for the compostable  
128.10 labeling requirements under Minnesota  
128.11 Statutes, section 325E.046. The base for this  
128.12 appropriation in fiscal year 2026 and beyond  
128.13 is \$68,000 from the environmental fund.

128.14 (u) \$175,000 the first year is for the  
128.15 rulemaking required under this act providing  
128.16 for the safe and lawful disposal of waste  
128.17 treated seed. This appropriation is available  
128.18 until June 30, 2025.

128.19 (v) \$1,000,000 the first year is for a lead tackle  
128.20 reduction program that provides outreach,  
128.21 education, and opportunities to safely dispose  
128.22 of and exchange lead tackle throughout the  
128.23 state. This is a onetime appropriation and is  
128.24 available until June 30, 2027.

128.25 (w) \$17,000 the first year is for rulemaking  
128.26 for the capital assistance program. This is a  
128.27 onetime appropriation.

128.28 (x) Any unencumbered grant and loan  
128.29 balances in the first year do not cancel but are  
128.30 available for grants and loans in the second  
128.31 year. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,  
128.32 section 16A.28, the appropriations  
128.33 encumbered on or before June 30, 2025, as  
128.34 contracts or grants for environmental

129.1 assistance awarded under Minnesota Statutes,  
129.2 section 115A.0716; technical and research  
129.3 assistance under Minnesota Statutes, section  
129.4 115A.152; technical assistance under  
129.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.52; and  
129.6 pollution prevention assistance under  
129.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 115D.04, are  
129.8 available until June 30, 2027.

129.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2023.

129.10 Sec. 19. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 3, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

129.11	Subd. 6. <b>Fish and Wildlife Management</b>	111,125,000	96,963,000
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129.12	Appropriations by Fund		
129.13		2024	2025
129.14	General	23,643,000	9,888,000
129.15	Natural Resources	2,082,000	2,082,000
129.16	Game and Fish	85,400,000	84,993,000

129.17 (a) \$11,158,000 the first year and \$11,158,000  
129.18 the second year are from the heritage  
129.19 enhancement account in the game and fish  
129.20 fund only for activities specified under  
129.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,  
129.22 paragraph (h), clause (1). Notwithstanding  
129.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, five  
129.24 percent of this appropriation may be used for  
129.25 expanding hunter and angler recruitment and  
129.26 retention.

129.27 (b) \$982,000 the first year and \$982,000 the  
129.28 second year are from the general fund and  
129.29 \$1,675,000 the first year and \$1,675,000 the  
129.30 second year are from the game and fish fund  
129.31 for statewide response and management of  
129.32 chronic wasting disease. The commissioner  
129.33 and the Board of Animal Health must each  
129.34 submit annual reports on chronic wasting

130.1 disease activities funded in this biennium to  
130.2 the chairs and ranking minority members of  
130.3 the legislative committees and divisions with  
130.4 jurisdiction over environment and natural  
130.5 resources and agriculture. The general fund  
130.6 base for this appropriation in fiscal year 2026  
130.7 and beyond is \$282,000.

130.8 (c) \$5,150,000 the first year and \$3,250,000  
130.9 the second year are for inspections,  
130.10 investigations, and enforcement activities  
130.11 taken for the white-tailed deer farm program  
130.12 and for statewide response and management  
130.13 of chronic wasting disease. This appropriation  
130.14 is available until June 30, 2029.

130.15 (d) \$8,546,000 the first year and \$8,546,000  
130.16 the second year are from the deer management  
130.17 account for the purposes identified in  
130.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.075,  
130.19 subdivision 1.

130.20 (e) \$268,000 the first year and \$268,000 the  
130.21 second year are for increased capacity for  
130.22 broadband utility licensing for state lands and  
130.23 public waters. This is a onetime appropriation  
130.24 and is available until June 30, 2028.

130.25 (f) \$10,000,000 the first year is for enhancing  
130.26 prairies and grasslands and restoring wetlands  
130.27 on state-owned wildlife management areas to  
130.28 sequester more carbon and enhance climate  
130.29 resiliency. This is a onetime appropriation and  
130.30 is available until June 30, 2027.

130.31 (g) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the  
130.32 second year are from the general fund and  
130.33 \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the  
130.34 second year are from the heritage enhancement

131.1 account in the game and fish fund for grants  
131.2 for natural-resource-based education and  
131.3 recreation programs serving youth under  
131.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.976, and for  
131.5 grant administration. Priority must be given  
131.6 to projects benefiting underserved  
131.7 communities. The base for this appropriation  
131.8 in fiscal year 2026 and beyond is \$500,000  
131.9 from the heritage enhancement account in the  
131.10 game and fish fund. The general fund  
131.11 appropriation is onetime.

131.12 (h) \$2,300,000 the first year is for a grant to  
131.13 the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior  
131.14 Chippewa to expand Minnesota's wild elk  
131.15 population and range. Consideration must be  
131.16 given to moving elk from existing herds in  
131.17 northwest Minnesota to the area of the Fond  
131.18 du Lac State Forest and the Fond du Lac  
131.19 Reservation in Carlton and southern St. Louis  
131.20 Counties. The Fond du Lac Band of Lake  
131.21 Superior Chippewa's elk reintroduction efforts  
131.22 must undergo thorough planning with the  
131.23 Department of Natural Resources to develop  
131.24 necessary capture and handling protocols,  
131.25 including protocols related to cervid disease  
131.26 management, and to produce postrelease state  
131.27 and Tribal elk comanagement plans. Of this  
131.28 amount, \$300,000 is for the department for  
131.29 the purposes of this paragraph. This is a  
131.30 onetime appropriation and is available until  
131.31 June 30, 2026.

131.32 (i) \$767,000 the first year is from the heritage  
131.33 enhancement account in the game and fish  
131.34 fund to examine the effects of neonicotinoid  
131.35 exposure on the reproduction and survival of

132.1 Minnesota's game species, including deer and  
132.2 prairie chicken. This is a onetime  
132.3 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
132.4 2027.

132.5 (j) \$134,000 the first year and \$134,000 the  
132.6 second year are from the heritage enhancement  
132.7 account in the game and fish fund for native  
132.8 fish conservation and classification.

132.9 (k) \$82,000 the first year is for the native fish  
132.10 reports required under this act. This is a  
132.11 onetime appropriation.

132.12 (l) \$65,000 the first year is for preparing the  
132.13 report on feral pigs and mink required under  
132.14 this act and holding at least one public meeting  
132.15 on the topic.

132.16 (m) Up to \$5,750,000 the first year and up to  
132.17 \$2,225,000 the second year are available for  
132.18 transfer from the critical habitat private sector  
132.19 matching account to the reinvest in Minnesota  
132.20 fund for wildlife management areas  
132.21 acquisition, restoration, and enhancement  
132.22 according to Minnesota Statutes, section  
132.23 84.943, subdivision 5b.

132.24 (n) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,  
132.25 section 297A.94, \$300,000 the first year and  
132.26 \$300,000 the second year are from the heritage  
132.27 enhancement account in the game and fish  
132.28 fund for shooting sports facility grants under  
132.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 87A.10, including  
132.30 grants for archery facilities. Grants must be  
132.31 matched with a nonstate match, which may  
132.32 include in-kind contributions. This is a  
132.33 onetime appropriation and is available until

133.1 June 30, 2026 2028. ~~This appropriation must~~  
133.2 ~~be allocated as follows:~~

133.3 ~~(1) \$200,000 each fiscal year is for grants of~~  
133.4 ~~\$25,000 or less; and~~

133.5 ~~(2) \$100,000 each fiscal year is for grants in~~  
133.6 ~~excess of \$25,000.~~

133.7 (o) \$75,000 the first year is from the heritage  
133.8 enhancement account in the game and fish  
133.9 fund for enhanced fish stocking of white bass  
133.10 and crappies in lakes in the metropolitan area  
133.11 that have pier and shore fishing opportunities  
133.12 where communities are currently underserved.

133.13 (p) \$1,633,000 the first year is for a grant to  
133.14 the Board of Regents of the University of  
133.15 Minnesota for chronic wasting disease  
133.16 contingency plans developed by the Center  
133.17 for Infectious Disease Research and Policy.  
133.18 This is a onetime appropriation.

133.19 (q) \$900,000 the first year is to create new or  
133.20 expand existing outreach and education  
133.21 programs for non-native English-speaking  
133.22 communities. Of this amount, \$250,000 is for  
133.23 the commissioner of the Pollution Control  
133.24 Agency and \$250,000 is for the Board of  
133.25 Water and Soil Resources for this purpose. Up  
133.26 to \$400,000 may be used to expand the  
133.27 Fishing in the Neighborhood program for  
133.28 outreach to new and underserved audiences.  
133.29 This appropriation may be used for community  
133.30 outreach consultants for reaching new  
133.31 audiences. This is a onetime appropriation and  
133.32 is available until June 30, 2027.

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

134.1 Sec. 20. MINNESOTA SUSTAINABLE FORAGING TASK FORCE.

134.2 Subdivision 1. **Membership.** (a) The task force shall consist of the following members:

134.3 (1) two members of the senate, one appointed by the majority leader of the senate and  
134.4 one appointed by the minority leader of the senate;

134.5 (2) two members of the house of representatives, one appointed by the speaker of the  
134.6 house of representatives and one appointed by the minority leader of the house of  
134.7 representatives;

134.8 (3) two members appointed by the Minnesota Mycological Society, of which one member  
134.9 must be an owner of a small business;

134.10 (4) two members appointed by the Minnesota Foraging Alliance, of which one member  
134.11 must be from an underrepresented cultural group;

134.12 (5) two scientists with expertise in botany, ecology, and environmental science appointed  
134.13 by the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota;

134.14 (6) three representatives of the Department of Natural Resources involved with managing  
134.15 state parks, forestry, fish and wildlife, and public lands appointed by the commissioner of  
134.16 natural resources;

134.17 (7) one member of the Minnesota Ojibwe Tribe appointed by the Minnesota Indian  
134.18 Affairs Council;

134.19 (8) one member of the Minnesota Dakota Tribe appointed by the Minnesota Indian  
134.20 Affairs Council; and

134.21 (9) two representatives with expertise on local ecosystems, species recovery, and  
134.22 sustainable harvesting appointed by the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota  
134.23 Extension.

134.24 (b) A member appointed under paragraph (a) may not be a registered lobbyist.

134.25 (c) The appointing authorities must make the appointments by August 1, 2025.

134.26 Subd. 2. **Duties.** The task force must:

134.27 (1) gather and review data and information, including traditional ecological knowledge,  
134.28 on the impact of foraging on species resilience, ecosystem health, and other aspects of  
134.29 Minnesota's diverse biomes;

134.30 (2) review existing regulations governing foraging activities on state lands;

135.1 (3) develop recommendations for science-based, including traditional ecological  
135.2 knowledge, foraging guidelines for state lands that balance public access with conservation  
135.3 needs, setting limits on foraging activities only where supported by data. The  
135.4 recommendations must be in the form of draft statutory or rule language and must be  
135.5 consistent with Indigenous and other cultural practices and traditions;

135.6 (4) develop recommendations for increasing public understanding of sustainable foraging  
135.7 practices that include safety and ecological considerations;

135.8 (5) solicit public input, when appropriate; and

135.9 (6) develop recommendations for reduced-priced foraging permits.

135.10 Subd. 3. **Administrative support; meetings.** (a) The Legislative Coordinating  
135.11 Commission must provide administrative support and convene the first meeting by September  
135.12 1, 2025.

135.13 (b) The commissioner of natural resources must provide subject matter resources and  
135.14 expertise, including information on the management of, and flora and fauna on, state lands,  
135.15 as requested by the task force.

135.16 (c) The task force must meet at regular intervals as often as necessary to accomplish the  
135.17 goals enumerated under subdivision 2. Meetings of the task force are subject to the Minnesota  
135.18 Open Meeting Law under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13D.

135.19 Subd. 4. **Chair.** The task force must elect a chair at its first meeting from among the  
135.20 legislative members.

135.21 Subd. 5. **Legislative recommendations; expiration.** By February 28, 2026, the task  
135.22 force must submit a written report containing its findings and recommendations to the  
135.23 commissioner of natural resources and to the chairs and ranking minority members of the  
135.24 legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over natural resources policy. The  
135.25 recommendations in the report must be specific and actionable. The report must detail the  
135.26 proposals for changes or additions to statute or rules to effectuate the task force's  
135.27 recommendations. The task force expires March 15, 2026, or upon submission of the report  
135.28 required by this subdivision, whichever occurs later.

135.29 Subd. 6. **Compensation; expense reimbursement.** Members of the task force appointed  
135.30 under subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clauses (1) and (2), may receive per diem and  
135.31 reimbursement for expenses as provided in the rules of their respective bodies. Other  
135.32 members of the task force may be compensated and have expenses reimbursed as provided  
135.33 in Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 3.

Sec. 21. **MORATORIUM ON FORAGING RULES.**

The commissioner of natural resources shall not commence or complete any rulemaking on foraging before July 1, 2027.

**ARTICLE 5**

**STATE LANDS**

Section 1. **ADDITION TO STATE PARK.**

**[85.012] [Subd. 11] Carley State Park, Wabasha County.** The following area is added to Carley State Park: That part of Section 32, Township 108 North, Range 11 West, Wabasha County, Minnesota, described as follows: Beginning at the South Quarter corner stake of said Section 32; thence North 15-1/2 degrees East along road 425 feet; thence North 17 degrees East 290 feet; thence North 53 degrees East 280 feet; thence North 17 degrees East 115 feet; thence North 6-1/2 degrees West 643 feet; thence North 72-1/2 degrees West 720 feet; thence North across river 690 feet; thence South 62 degrees East 263 feet along northerly bank of river; thence North 250 feet to center of said Section 32; thence East 1,320 feet; thence North 440 feet to river; thence North 54-1/2 degrees East 224 feet along center of river; thence North 75 degrees East 192 feet; thence South 49 degrees East 115 feet; thence North 79 degrees East 155 feet; thence North 62 degrees East 232 feet; thence North 86 degrees East 293 feet; thence North 64 degrees East 255 feet; thence South 3,368 feet, more or less to the southeast corner of Section 32; thence West 2,643.13 feet to the place of beginning.

EXCEPTING therefrom that portion lying West of the centerline of Wabasha County Road No. 4 owned by the State of Minnesota and A. M. Christenson.

ALSO EXCEPTING that part of the East Half of Section 32, Township 108 North, Range 11 West, Wabasha County, Minnesota, described as follows: Beginning at the South Quarter corner stake of said Section 32; thence North 15-1/2 degrees East along road 425 feet; thence North 17 degrees East 290 feet; thence North 53 degrees East 280 feet; thence South 80 degrees 02 minutes 23 seconds East 304.46 feet; thence North 6 degrees 12 minutes 49 seconds West 483.31 feet; thence South 89 degrees 54 minutes 25 seconds East 386.31 feet; thence North 1 degree 39 minutes 32 seconds East 358.66 feet; thence North 36 degrees 14 minutes 35 seconds East 693.46 feet; thence North 81 degrees 03 minutes 15 seconds East 349.81 feet; thence North 1 degree 49 minutes 43 seconds West 298.16 feet; thence North 79 degrees 04 minutes 47 seconds East 529.39 feet; thence South 35 degrees 46 minutes 01 seconds East to the east line of the Southeast Quarter of Section 32; thence

137.1 southerly along the east line of said Southeast Quarter to the southeast corner of said  
137.2 Southeast Quarter of Section 32; thence on a bearing of West along the south line of said  
137.3 Southeast Quarter 2,643.13 feet to the point of beginning.

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

137.5 Sec. 2. **PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND; AITKIN COUNTY.**

137.6 (a) Notwithstanding the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, or  
137.7 other law to the contrary, Aitkin County may sell by private sale the tax-forfeited land  
137.8 described in paragraph (c).

137.9 (b) The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The attorney  
137.10 general may make changes to the land description to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

137.11 (c) The land to be sold is located in Aitkin County and is described as: the West 20 feet  
137.12 of the East 932 feet of the South 208 feet of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter,  
137.13 as in DOC 203542, Section 32, Township 46 North, Range 25 West (0.1 acres) (parcel  
137.14 number 09-0-054803).

137.15 (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would best  
137.16 be served if the lands were returned to private ownership.

137.17 Sec. 3. **PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND; AITKIN COUNTY.**

137.18 (a) Notwithstanding the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, or  
137.19 other law to the contrary, Aitkin County may sell by private sale the tax-forfeited lands  
137.20 described in paragraph (c).

137.21 (b) The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The attorney  
137.22 general may make changes to the land description to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

137.23 (c) The land to be sold is located in Aitkin County and is described as: the East 32 feet  
137.24 of the West 250 feet of Lot 5 and the East 32 feet of the West 250 feet of the North 10 feet  
137.25 of Lot 3, Hill City Realty Cos Fourth Addition, Section 14, Township 52 North, Range 26  
137.26 West, Aitkin County, Minnesota (0.1 acres) (parcel number 57-1-073003).

137.27 (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would best  
137.28 be served if the lands were returned to private ownership.

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

138.1     Sec. 4. **PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND; ITASCA COUNTY.**

138.2         (a) Notwithstanding the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, or  
138.3 other law to the contrary, Itasca County may sell by private sale the tax-forfeited lands  
138.4 described in paragraph (c).

138.5         (b) The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The attorney  
138.6 general may make changes to the land description to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

138.7         (c) The lands to be sold are located in Itasca County and are described as: That part of  
138.8 the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 15, Township 59 North, Range 24  
138.9 west of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Itasca County, Minnesota, further described as  
138.10 follows: Commencing at the northwest corner of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast  
138.11 Quarter; thence North 89 degrees 01 minutes 34 seconds East, assigned bearing, along the  
138.12 north line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter a distance of 255.80 feet to  
138.13 the point of beginning; thence South 10 degrees 50 minutes 31 seconds East a distance of  
138.14 604.37 feet; thence North 55 degrees 26 minutes 17 seconds East a distance of 672.63 feet,  
138.15 more or less to the centerline of County Road 52; thence North 51 degrees 32 minutes 12  
138.16 seconds West along said centerline a distance of 351.56 feet to said north line of the  
138.17 Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence South 89 degrees 01 minutes 34 seconds  
138.18 West along said north line a distance of 392.39 feet to the point of beginning.

138.19         (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would best  
138.20 be served if the lands were returned to private ownership.

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

138.22     Sec. 5. **PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND BORDERING PUBLIC**  
138.23 **WATER; SIBLEY COUNTY.**

138.24         (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 92.45 and 282.018, subdivision 1, and  
138.25 the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, Sibley County may sell by  
138.26 private sale the tax-forfeited land bordering public water that is described in paragraph (c),  
138.27 under the remaining provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282.

138.28         (b) The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The attorney  
138.29 general may make changes to the land description to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

138.30         (c) The land to be sold is located in Sibley County and is described as: that part of  
138.31 Government Lot 3, Section 27, Township 114 North, Range 28 West, described as follows:  
138.32 commencing at the center of said Section 27; thence due South along the north-south quarter  
138.33 line of said Section 27, 559.30 feet; thence South 86 degrees 46 minutes 30 seconds West,

139.1 572.20 feet; thence South 30 degrees 04 minutes 33 seconds West, 541.52 feet; thence South  
139.2 12 degrees 41 minutes 30 seconds West, 163.17 feet more or less to a point on the high  
139.3 bank line of High Island Lake, said point being the point of beginning; thence North 12  
139.4 degrees 41 minutes 30 seconds East, 163.17 feet; thence South 71 degrees 05 minutes 30  
139.5 seconds West, 199.05 feet to a point on the high bank line of High Island Lake; thence  
139.6 southeasterly along said high bank line to the point of beginning (0.35 acres) (parcel number  
139.7 20.2712.000).

139.8 (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would best  
139.9 be served if the lands were returned to private ownership.

139.10 **Sec. 6. PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND; ST. LOUIS COUNTY.**

139.11 (a) Notwithstanding the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, or  
139.12 other law to the contrary, St. Louis County may sell by private sale the tax-forfeited land  
139.13 described in paragraph (c).

139.14 (b) The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The attorney  
139.15 general may make changes to the land description to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

139.16 (c) The land to be sold is located in St. Louis County and is described as:

139.17 (1) the easterly 15 feet of Lot 5, Block 47, West Duluth 6th Division, Section 7, Township  
139.18 49, Range 14 (parcel number 010-4520-06505); and

139.19 (2) that part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter described as follows:  
139.20 beginning at the northwest corner continue due East parallel with the north boundary line  
139.21 a distance of 330 feet to a point of beginning; thence due South parallel with the west  
139.22 boundary line a distance of 400 feet to a point; thence due East parallel with the north  
139.23 boundary line a distance of 190 feet to a point; thence due North parallel with the west  
139.24 boundary a distance of 60 feet to a point; thence due East parallel with the north boundary  
139.25 line a distance of 140 feet to a point; thence due North parallel with the west boundary line  
139.26 a distance of 340 feet to a point; thence due West parallel with the north boundary line a  
139.27 distance of 330 feet to the point of beginning, Section 14, Township 54, Range 20 (parcel  
139.28 number 550-0020-02294).

139.29 (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would best  
139.30 be served if the lands were returned to private ownership.

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