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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; establishing duties

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regarding environment and natural resources; modifying grant programs; providing

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for abandoned watercraft; modifying game and fish provisions; modifying reporting

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requirements; modifying PFAS prohibitions; creating foraging task force; adding

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to state park; authorizing private sales of certain state lands; providing for

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environmental permitting reform; making technical changes; providing civil and

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criminal penalties; providing appointments; requiring reports; amending Minnesota

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Statutes 2024, sections 84.027, by adding a subdivision; 84.705, subdivisions 1,

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3; 86B.415, subdivision 7; 88.82; 97A.223, subdivision 1; 97A.421, by adding a

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subdivision; 97A.465, by adding a subdivision; 97A.475, subdivisions 2, 6;

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97B.031, by adding a subdivision; 97B.037; 97C.395; 103G.271, subdivision 6;

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103G.301, subdivision 2; 115B.421, subdivision 1; 116.03, subdivision 2b; 116.07,

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subdivision 4d, by adding a subdivision; 116.943, subdivisions 1, 5; 116D.04,

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subdivisions 2a, 2b; 116X.03, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 325F.072,

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subdivision 3; 473.355, subdivisions 1, 3; Laws 2022, chapter 95, article 3, section

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6; Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, sections 2, subdivisions 1, 2, 7, 10; 3,

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subdivisions 1, 6; 4; Laws 2024, chapter 83, section 2, subdivisions 3, 8; proposing

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coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 86B; repealing Minnesota

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Statutes 2024, sections 97B.318; 103E.067.

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

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ARTICLE 1

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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.

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

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
<u>Available for the Year</u>	
<u>Ending June 30</u>	
<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>

**Sec. 2. POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY**

<b><u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 149,605,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 155,675,000</u></b>
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<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<u>General</u>	<u>7,282,000</u>	<u>7,232,000</u>
<u>State Government</u>		
<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>90,000</u>	<u>90,000</u>
<u>Environmental</u>	<u>120,271,000</u>	<u>126,124,000</u>
<u>Remediation</u>	<u>21,962,000</u>	<u>22,229,000</u>

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

The commissioner must present the agency's biennial budget for fiscal years 2028 and 2029 to the legislature in a transparent way by agency division, including the proposed budget bill and presentations of the budget to committees and divisions with jurisdiction over the agency's budget.

<b><u>Subd. 2. Environmental Analysis and Outcomes</u></b>	<b><u>22,902,000</u></b>	<b><u>24,852,000</u></b>
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<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<u>General</u>	<u>283,000</u>	<u>296,000</u>
<u>Environmental</u>	<u>22,400,000</u>	<u>24,336,000</u>
<u>Remediation</u>	<u>219,000</u>	<u>220,000</u>

(a) \$128,000 the first year and \$131,000 the second year are from the environmental fund for a municipal liaison to assist municipalities

- 3.1 with water quality standards and NPDES/SDS  
3.2 permitting processes, including enhanced  
3.3 economic analysis in the water quality  
3.4 standards rulemaking processes, identification  
3.5 of cost-effective permitting opportunities,  
3.6 simplifying the variance process, and  
3.7 coordinating with the Public Facilities  
3.8 Authority to identify and advocate for needed  
3.9 resources for municipalities to achieve permit  
3.10 requirements.
- 3.11 (b) \$1,182,000 the first year and \$1,191,000  
3.12 the second year are from the environmental  
3.13 fund for an air-monitoring program under  
3.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 116.454, including  
3.15 ambient air for hazardous pollutants, and for  
3.16 operating a mobile emissions regulatory  
3.17 monitoring trailer.
- 3.18 (c) \$144,000 the first year and \$148,000 the  
3.19 second year are from the environmental fund  
3.20 for monitoring water quality and operating  
3.21 assistance programs.
- 3.22 (d) \$109,000 the first year and \$109,000 the  
3.23 second year are from the environmental fund  
3.24 for duties related to harmful chemicals in  
3.25 children's products under Minnesota Statutes,  
3.26 sections 116.9401 to 116.9407. Of this  
3.27 amount, \$70,000 the first year and \$70,000  
3.28 the second year are transferred to the  
3.29 commissioner of health.
- 3.30 (e) \$137,000 the first year and \$139,000 the  
3.31 second year are from the environmental fund  
3.32 for registering wastewater laboratories.
- 3.33 (f) \$1,527,000 the first year and \$1,529,000  
3.34 the second year are from the environmental

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

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

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

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

4.31 (j) \$2,139,000 the first year and \$2,160,000  
4.32 the second year are from the environmental  
4.33 fund to develop and implement a program  
4.34 related to emerging issues, including  
4.35 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 Subd. 3. **Industrial** 23,794,000 27,093,000

5.17	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
5.18		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
5.19	<u>General</u>	<u>257,000</u>	<u>264,000</u>
5.20	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>21,551,000</u>	<u>24,816,000</u>
5.21	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>1,986,000</u>	<u>2,013,000</u>

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

5.32 (b) \$457,000 the first year and \$457,000 the  
 5.33 second year are from the environmental fund  
 5.34 to further evaluate the use and reduction of

6.1 trichloroethylene around Minnesota and  
 6.2 identify its potential health effects on  
 6.3 communities. Of this amount, \$149,000 the  
 6.4 first year and \$149,000 the second year are  
 6.5 for transfer to the commissioner of health.

6.6 (c) \$257,000 the first year and \$264,000 the  
 6.7 second year are from the general fund for  
 6.8 implementation of the odor management  
 6.9 requirements under Minnesota Statutes,  
 6.10 section 116.064.

6.11 (d) \$148,000 the second year is from the  
 6.12 environmental fund for the purposes of the  
 6.13 public informational meeting requirements  
 6.14 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.07,  
 6.15 subdivision 4m.

6.16 (e) \$2,698,000 the first year and \$2,718,000  
 6.17 the second year are from the environmental  
 6.18 fund for prioritizing air regulatory program  
 6.19 work in environmental justice areas.

6.20 (f) \$2,539,000 the second year is from the  
 6.21 environmental fund for implementing the  
 6.22 environmental justice cumulative impact  
 6.23 analysis and other requirements under  
 6.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 116.065.

6.25 (g) \$730,000 the first year and \$740,000 the  
 6.26 second year are from the environmental fund  
 6.27 to improve the coordination, effectiveness,  
 6.28 transparency, and accountability of the  
 6.29 environmental review and permitting process.

6.30 (h) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the  
 6.31 second year are from the environmental fund  
 6.32 to address backlogged permits and permitting  
 6.33 efficiencies.

6.34 Subd. 4. **Municipal**

11,446,00011,585,000

7.1	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
7.2		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
7.3	<u>State Government</u>		
7.4	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>90,000</u>	<u>90,000</u>
7.5	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>11,356,000</u>	<u>11,495,000</u>

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

7.19 (b) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the  
7.20 second year are from the environmental fund  
7.21 for transfer to the Office of Administrative  
7.22 Hearings to establish sanitary districts.

7.23 (c) \$2,511,000 the first year and \$2,535,000  
7.24 the second year are from the environmental  
7.25 fund for subsurface sewage treatment system  
7.26 (SSTS) program administration; for  
7.27 community technical assistance and education,  
7.28 including grants and technical assistance to  
7.29 communities for water-quality protection, new  
7.30 technology review, and enforcement under  
7.31 Minnesota Statutes, sections 115.55 to 115.58;  
7.32 and to complete the requirements of Laws  
7.33 2003, chapter 128, article 1, section 165. Of  
7.34 this amount, \$350,000 each year is for  
7.35 assistance to counties through grants for SSTS  
7.36 program administration. A county receiving

8.1 a grant from this appropriation must submit  
 8.2 the results achieved with the grant to the  
 8.3 commissioner as part of its annual SSTS  
 8.4 report. Any unexpended balance in the first  
 8.5 year does not cancel but is available in the  
 8.6 second year.

8.7 (d) \$175,000 the first year and \$175,000 the  
 8.8 second year from the environmental fund are  
 8.9 for environmental permitting activities.

8.10 (e) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,  
 8.11 section 16A.28, the appropriations  
 8.12 encumbered on or before June 30, 2027, as  
 8.13 grants or contracts for subsurface sewage  
 8.14 treatment systems, surface water and  
 8.15 groundwater assessments, storm water, and  
 8.16 water-quality protection in this subdivision  
 8.17 are available until June 30, 2030.

8.18 <u>Subd. 5. <b>Operations</b></u>	<u>14,769,000</u>	<u>14,835,000</u>
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8.19 Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
8.20 <u>General</u>	<u>3,404,000</u>	<u>3,300,000</u>
8.21 <u>Environmental</u>	<u>8,733,000</u>	<u>8,870,000</u>
8.22 <u>Remediation</u>	<u>2,632,000</u>	<u>2,665,000</u>

8.24 (a) \$1,187,000 the first year and \$1,201,000  
 8.25 the second year are from the remediation fund  
 8.26 for the leaking underground storage tank  
 8.27 program to investigate, clean up, and prevent  
 8.28 future releases from underground petroleum  
 8.29 storage tanks and for the petroleum  
 8.30 remediation program for vapor assessment  
 8.31 and remediation. These same annual amounts  
 8.32 are transferred from the petroleum tank fund  
 8.33 to the remediation fund.

9.1 (b) \$3,204,000 the first year and \$3,300,000  
 9.2 the second year are from the general fund to  
 9.3 support agency information technology  
 9.4 services provided at the enterprise and agency  
 9.5 level.

9.6 (c) \$955,000 the first year and \$965,000 the  
 9.7 second year are from the environmental fund  
 9.8 to develop and maintain systems to support  
 9.9 permitting and regulatory business processes  
 9.10 and agency data.

9.11 (d) \$278,000 the first year and \$280,000 the  
 9.12 second year are from the environmental fund  
 9.13 to support current and future career pathways  
 9.14 for underrepresented students.

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

9.20 (f) \$538,000 the first year and \$542,000 the  
 9.21 second year are from the environmental fund  
 9.22 for Operations Division legal services that  
 9.23 support compliance programs.

9.24 (g) \$200,000 the first year is from the general  
 9.25 fund to expand outreach under Minnesota  
 9.26 Statutes, section 116.07, subdivision 13. This  
 9.27 is a onetime appropriation.

9.28 Subd. 6. Remediation 17,361,000 17,568,000

9.29 Appropriations by Fund

9.30		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
9.31	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>642,000</u>	<u>646,000</u>
9.32	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>16,719,000</u>	<u>16,922,000</u>

9.33 (a) All money for environmental response,  
 9.34 compensation, and compliance in the

10.1 remediation fund not otherwise appropriated  
10.2 is appropriated to the commissioners of the  
10.3 Pollution Control Agency and agriculture for  
10.4 purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section  
10.5 115B.20, subdivision 2, clauses (1), (2), (3),  
10.6 (6), and (7). At the beginning of each fiscal  
10.7 year, the two commissioners must jointly  
10.8 submit to the commissioner of management  
10.9 and budget an annual spending plan that  
10.10 maximizes resource use and appropriately  
10.11 allocates the money between the two  
10.12 departments.

10.13 (b) \$4,965,000 the first year and \$5,036,000  
10.14 the second year are from the remediation fund  
10.15 for the leaking underground storage tank  
10.16 program to investigate, clean up, and prevent  
10.17 future releases from underground petroleum  
10.18 storage tanks and for the petroleum  
10.19 remediation program for vapor assessment  
10.20 and remediation. These same annual amounts  
10.21 are transferred from the petroleum tank fund  
10.22 to the remediation fund.

10.23 (c) \$316,000 the first year and \$316,000 the  
10.24 second year are from the remediation fund for  
10.25 transfer to the commissioner of health for  
10.26 private water-supply monitoring and health  
10.27 assessment costs in areas contaminated by  
10.28 unpermitted mixed municipal solid waste  
10.29 disposal facilities and drinking water  
10.30 advisories and public information activities  
10.31 for areas contaminated by hazardous releases.

10.32 (d) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the  
10.33 second year are from the remediation fund to  
10.34 review and mitigate the impacts from the

11.1 backlog of high-priority sites in the Superfund  
 11.2 site assessment program.

11.3 **Subd. 7. Resource Management and Assistance** 47,020,000 47,259,000

11.4 Appropriations by Fund

11.5		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
11.6	<u>General</u>	<u>70,000</u>	<u>70,000</u>
11.7	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>46,950,000</u>	<u>47,189,000</u>

11.8 (a) Up to \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000  
 11.9 the second year may be transferred from the  
 11.10 environmental fund to the small business  
 11.11 environmental improvement loan account  
 11.12 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.993.

11.13 (b) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000  
 11.14 the second year are from the environmental  
 11.15 fund for competitive recycling grants under  
 11.16 Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.565. This  
 11.17 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029.  
 11.18 The base for fiscal year 2028 and later is  
 11.19 \$154,000 from the general fund and \$846,000  
 11.20 from the environmental fund.

11.21 (c) \$694,000 the first year and \$694,000 the  
 11.22 second year are from the environmental fund  
 11.23 for emission-reduction activities and grants to  
 11.24 small businesses and other  
 11.25 nonpoint-emission-reduction efforts. Of this  
 11.26 amount, \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000  
 11.27 the second year are to continue work with  
 11.28 Clean Air Minnesota, and the commissioner  
 11.29 may enter into an agreement with  
 11.30 Environmental Initiative to support this effort.

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

- 12.1 (e) \$119,000 the first year and \$119,000 the  
12.2 second year are from the environmental fund  
12.3 for environmental assistance grants or loans  
12.4 under Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.0716.
- 12.5 (f) \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the  
12.6 second year are from the environmental fund  
12.7 for grants to develop and expand recycling  
12.8 markets for Minnesota businesses. This  
12.9 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029.
- 12.10 (g) \$770,000 the first year and \$770,000 the  
12.11 second year are from the environmental fund  
12.12 for reducing and diverting food waste,  
12.13 redirecting edible food for consumption, and  
12.14 removing barriers to collecting and recovering  
12.15 organic waste. Of this amount, \$500,000 each  
12.16 year is for grants to increase food rescue and  
12.17 waste prevention. This appropriation is  
12.18 available until June 30, 2029.
- 12.19 (h) \$2,829,000 the first year and \$2,835,000  
12.20 the second year are from the environmental  
12.21 fund for the purposes of Minnesota Statutes,  
12.22 section 473.844.
- 12.23 (i) \$479,000 the first year and \$481,000 the  
12.24 second year are from the environmental fund  
12.25 to address chemicals in products, including to  
12.26 implement and enforce flame retardant  
12.27 provisions under Minnesota Statutes, section  
12.28 325F.071, and perfluoroalkyl and  
12.29 polyfluoroalkyl substances in food packaging  
12.30 provisions under Minnesota Statutes, section  
12.31 325F.075. Of this amount, \$80,000 the first  
12.32 year and \$80,000 the second year are  
12.33 transferred to the commissioner of health.

- 13.1 (j) \$650,000 the first year and \$650,000 the  
13.2 second year are from the environmental fund  
13.3 for Minnesota GreenCorps investment.
- 13.4 (k) \$1,143,000 the first year and \$1,152,000  
13.5 the second year are from the environmental  
13.6 fund for implementation of the PFAS  
13.7 requirements under Minnesota Statutes,  
13.8 section 116.943. Of this amount, \$468,000 the  
13.9 first year and \$468,000 the second year are  
13.10 for transfer to the commissioner of health.
- 13.11 (l) \$175,000 the first year and \$175,000 the  
13.12 second year are from the environmental fund  
13.13 to address land permitting activities.
- 13.14 (m) \$405,000 the first year and \$355,000 the  
13.15 second year are from the environmental fund  
13.16 to increase education of businesses,  
13.17 compliance inspections, product testing, and  
13.18 enforcement to reduce or eliminate  
13.19 mercury-containing skin-lightening products.
- 13.20 The agency must annually meet with  
13.21 community-based organizations, local health  
13.22 departments, and other interested stakeholders  
13.23 to seek feedback and report out aggregate  
13.24 compliance and enforcement efforts.
- 13.25 (n) Any unencumbered grant and loan  
13.26 balances in the first year do not cancel but are  
13.27 available for grants and loans in the second  
13.28 year. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,  
13.29 section 16A.28, the appropriations  
13.30 encumbered on or before June 30, 2027, as  
13.31 contracts or grants for environmental  
13.32 assistance awarded under Minnesota Statutes,  
13.33 section 115A.0716; technical and research  
13.34 assistance under Minnesota Statutes, section  
13.35 115A.152; technical assistance under

14.1 Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.52; and  
 14.2 pollution prevention assistance under  
 14.3 Minnesota Statutes, section 115D.04, are  
 14.4 available until June 30, 2029.

14.5 Subd. 8. **Watershed** 10,768,000 10,901,000

14.6 Appropriations by Fund

14.7		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
14.8	<u>General</u>	<u>1,959,000</u>	<u>1,959,000</u>
14.9	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>8,403,000</u>	<u>8,533,000</u>
14.10	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>406,000</u>	<u>409,000</u>

14.11 (a) \$1,959,000 the first year and \$1,959,000  
 14.12 the second year are from the general fund for  
 14.13 grants to delegated counties to administer the  
 14.14 county feedlot program under Minnesota  
 14.15 Statutes, section 116.0711, subdivisions 2 and  
 14.16 3. Money remaining after the first year is  
 14.17 available for the second year.

14.18 (b) \$137,000 the first year and \$138,000 the  
 14.19 second year are from the remediation fund for  
 14.20 the leaking underground storage tank program  
 14.21 to investigate, clean up, and prevent future  
 14.22 releases from underground petroleum storage  
 14.23 tanks and for the petroleum remediation  
 14.24 program for vapor assessment and  
 14.25 remediation. These same annual amounts are  
 14.26 transferred from the petroleum tank fund to  
 14.27 the remediation fund.

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

14.31 Subd. 9. **Environmental Quality Board** 1,545,000 1,582,000

14.32 Appropriations by Fund

14.33		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
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15.1 General 1,309,000 1,343,000

15.2 Environmental 236,000 239,000

15.3 Subd. 10. Transfers

15.4 The commissioner must transfer up to

15.5 \$24,000,000 the first year and \$24,000,000

15.6 the second year from the environmental fund

15.7 to the remediation fund for purposes of the

15.8 remediation fund under Minnesota Statutes,

15.9 section 116.155, subdivision 2. For fiscal years

15.10 2028 through 2031, the commissioner of

15.11 management and budget must include a

15.12 transfer of \$24,000,000 each year from the

15.13 environmental fund to the remediation fund

15.14 when preparing each forecast from the

15.15 effective date of this section through the

15.16 February 2027 forecast under Minnesota

15.17 Statutes, section 16A.103.

15.18 Sec. 3. NATURAL RESOURCES

15.19 Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation \$ 398,612,000 \$ 398,358,000

15.20 Appropriations by Fund

15.21 2026 2027

15.22 General 136,291,000 132,187,000

15.23 Natural Resources 131,490,000 134,574,000

15.24 Game and Fish 129,994,000 130,748,000

15.25 Remediation 117,000 117,000

15.26 Permanent School 720,000 732,000

15.27 The amounts that may be spent for each

15.28 purpose are specified in the following

15.29 subdivisions.

15.30 Subd. 2. Land and Mineral Resources

15.31 Management 10,409,000 10,615,000

15.32 Appropriations by Fund

15.33 2026 2027

15.34 General 4,909,000 5,099,000

15.35 Natural Resources 4,929,000 4,940,000

16.1	<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>344,000</u>	<u>344,000</u>
16.2	<u>Permanent School</u>	<u>227,000</u>	<u>232,000</u>
16.3	<u>(a) \$319,000 the first year and \$319,000 the</u>		
16.4	<u>second year are for environmental research</u>		
16.5	<u>relating to mine permitting, of which \$200,000</u>		
16.6	<u>each year is from the minerals management</u>		
16.7	<u>account in the natural resources fund and</u>		
16.8	<u>\$119,000 each year is from the general fund.</u>		
16.9	<u>(b) \$3,639,000 the first year and \$3,650,000</u>		
16.10	<u>the second year are from the minerals</u>		
16.11	<u>management account in the natural resources</u>		
16.12	<u>fund for use as provided under Minnesota</u>		
16.13	<u>Statutes, section 93.2236, paragraph (c), for</u>		
16.14	<u>mineral resource management, projects to</u>		
16.15	<u>enhance future mineral income, and projects</u>		
16.16	<u>to promote new mineral-resource</u>		
16.17	<u>opportunities.</u>		
16.18	<u>(c) \$227,000 the first year and \$232,000 the</u>		
16.19	<u>second year are from the permanent school</u>		
16.20	<u>fund to secure maximum long-term economic</u>		
16.21	<u>return from the school trust lands consistent</u>		
16.22	<u>with fiduciary responsibilities and sound</u>		
16.23	<u>natural resources conservation and</u>		
16.24	<u>management principles.</u>		
16.25	<u>(d) \$573,000 the first year and \$573,000 the</u>		
16.26	<u>second year are from the water management</u>		
16.27	<u>account in the natural resources fund for only</u>		
16.28	<u>the purposes specified in Minnesota Statutes,</u>		
16.29	<u>section 103G.27, subdivision 2.</u>		
16.30	<b><u>Subd. 3. Ecological and Water Resources</u></b>	<u>46,772,000</u>	<u>48,202,000</u>
16.31	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
16.32		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
16.33	<u>General</u>	<u>22,470,000</u>	<u>22,732,000</u>

17.1	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>18,478,000</u>	<u>19,646,000</u>
17.2	<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>5,824,000</u>	<u>5,824,000</u>
17.3	<u>(a) \$6,947,000 the first year and \$6,952,000</u>		
17.4	<u>the second year are from the invasive species</u>		
17.5	<u>account in the natural resources fund and</u>		
17.6	<u>\$1,631,000 the first year and \$1,631,000 the</u>		
17.7	<u>second year are from the general fund for</u>		
17.8	<u>management, public awareness, assessment</u>		
17.9	<u>and monitoring research, and water access</u>		
17.10	<u>inspection to prevent the spread of invasive</u>		
17.11	<u>species; management of invasive plants in</u>		
17.12	<u>public waters; and management of terrestrial</u>		
17.13	<u>invasive species on state-administered lands.</u>		
17.14	<u>(b) \$7,801,000 the first year and \$8,791,000</u>		
17.15	<u>the second year are from the water</u>		
17.16	<u>management account in the natural resources</u>		
17.17	<u>fund for only the purposes specified in</u>		
17.18	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.27,</u>		
17.19	<u>subdivision 2.</u>		
17.20	<u>(c) \$124,000 the first year and \$124,000 the</u>		
17.21	<u>second year are for a grant to the Mississippi</u>		
17.22	<u>Headwaters Board for up to 50 percent of the</u>		
17.23	<u>cost of implementing the comprehensive plan</u>		
17.24	<u>for the upper Mississippi within areas under</u>		
17.25	<u>the board's jurisdiction.</u>		
17.26	<u>(d) \$264,000 the first year and \$264,000 the</u>		
17.27	<u>second year are for grants for up to 50 percent</u>		
17.28	<u>of the cost of implementing the Red River</u>		
17.29	<u>mediation agreement.</u>		
17.30	<u>(e) \$2,598,000 the first year and \$2,598,000</u>		
17.31	<u>the second year are from the heritage</u>		
17.32	<u>enhancement account in the game and fish</u>		
17.33	<u>fund for only the purposes specified in</u>		

- 18.1 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,  
18.2 paragraph (h), clause (1).
- 18.3 (f) \$1,150,000 the first year and \$1,150,000  
18.4 the second year are from the nongame wildlife  
18.5 management account in the natural resources  
18.6 fund for nongame wildlife management.
- 18.7 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
18.8 290.431, \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000  
18.9 the second year may be used for nongame  
18.10 wildlife information, education, and  
18.11 promotion.
- 18.12 (g) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,  
18.13 section 84.943, \$48,000 the first year and  
18.14 \$48,000 the second year from the critical  
18.15 habitat private sector matching account may  
18.16 be used to publicize the critical habitat license  
18.17 plate match program.
- 18.18 (h) \$4,555,000 the first year and \$4,555,000  
18.19 the second year are for the following activities:
- 18.20 (1) financial reimbursement and technical  
18.21 support to soil and water conservation districts  
18.22 or other local units of government for  
18.23 groundwater-level monitoring;
- 18.24 (2) surface water monitoring and analysis,  
18.25 including installing monitoring gauges;
- 18.26 (3) groundwater analysis to assist with  
18.27 water-appropriation permitting decisions;
- 18.28 (4) permit application review incorporating  
18.29 surface water and groundwater technical  
18.30 analysis;
- 18.31 (5) precipitation data and analysis to improve  
18.32 irrigation use;

19.1 (6) information technology, including  
 19.2 electronic permitting and integrated data  
 19.3 systems; and  
 19.4 (7) compliance and monitoring.  
 19.5 (i) \$410,000 the first year and \$410,000 the  
 19.6 second year are from the heritage enhancement  
 19.7 account in the game and fish fund, and  
 19.8 \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the  
 19.9 second year are from the general fund for the  
 19.10 Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research  
 19.11 Center at the University of Minnesota to  
 19.12 prioritize, support, and develop research-based  
 19.13 solutions that can reduce the effects of aquatic  
 19.14 invasive species in Minnesota by preventing  
 19.15 spread, controlling populations, and managing  
 19.16 ecosystems and to advance knowledge to  
 19.17 inspire action by others. The money  
 19.18 appropriated in this paragraph is transferred  
 19.19 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
 19.20 Minnesota for the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive  
 19.21 Species Research Center at the University of  
 19.22 Minnesota. For fiscal years 2028 to 2031, the  
 19.23 commissioner of management and budget must  
 19.24 include transfers for these amounts when  
 19.25 preparing each forecast, through the February  
 19.26 2027 forecast, under Minnesota Statutes,  
 19.27 section 16A.103.  
 19.28 (j) \$129,000 the first year is from the general  
 19.29 fund for providing research, policy review,  
 19.30 and assisting the Sustainable Foraging Task  
 19.31 Force. This is a onetime appropriation.

19.32 **Subd. 4. Forest Management** 62,183,000 61,793,000

19.33 Appropriations by Fund

19.34	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
19.35	<u>General</u>	<u>44,360,000</u> <u>43,883,000</u>

20.1	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>16,206,000</u>	<u>16,293,000</u>
20.2	<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>1,617,000</u>	<u>1,617,000</u>

20.3 (a) \$7,521,000 the first year and \$7,521,000  
 20.4 the second year are for prevention,  
 20.5 presuppression, and suppression costs of  
 20.6 emergency firefighting and other costs  
 20.7 incurred under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 20.8 88.12. The amount necessary to pay for  
 20.9 presuppression and suppression costs during  
 20.10 the biennium is appropriated from the general  
 20.11 fund. By January 15 each year, the  
 20.12 commissioner of natural resources must submit  
 20.13 a report to the chairs and ranking minority  
 20.14 members of the house and senate committees  
 20.15 and divisions having jurisdiction over  
 20.16 environment and natural resources finance that  
 20.17 identifies all firefighting costs incurred and  
 20.18 reimbursements received in the prior fiscal  
 20.19 year. These appropriations may not be  
 20.20 transferred. Any reimbursement of firefighting  
 20.21 expenditures made to the commissioner from  
 20.22 any source other than federal mobilizations  
 20.23 must be deposited into the general fund.

20.24 (b) \$15,706,000 the first year and \$15,793,000  
 20.25 the second year are from the forest  
 20.26 management investment account in the natural  
 20.27 resources fund for only the purposes specified  
 20.28 in Minnesota Statutes, section 89.039,  
 20.29 subdivision 2.

20.30 (c) \$1,617,000 the first year and \$1,617,000  
 20.31 the second year are from the heritage  
 20.32 enhancement account in the game and fish  
 20.33 fund to advance ecological classification  
 20.34 systems (ECS), forest habitat, and invasive  
 20.35 species management.

21.1 (d) \$940,000 the first year and \$947,000 the  
 21.2 second year are for the Forest Resources  
 21.3 Council to implement the Sustainable Forest  
 21.4 Resources Act.

21.5 (e) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the  
 21.6 second year are from the forest management  
 21.7 investment account in the natural resources  
 21.8 fund for forest road maintenance on state  
 21.9 forest roads.

21.10 (f) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the  
 21.11 second year are for forest road maintenance  
 21.12 on county forest roads.

21.13 (g) \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the  
 21.14 second year are for grants to local and Tribal  
 21.15 governments and nonprofit organizations to  
 21.16 enhance community forest ecosystem health  
 21.17 and sustainability under Minnesota Statutes,  
 21.18 section 88.82. The commissioner may use a  
 21.19 reasonable amount of this appropriation for  
 21.20 administering ReLeaf grants.

21.21 (h) \$900,000 the first year is for community  
 21.22 tree-planting grants under Minnesota Statutes,  
 21.23 section 84.705. This is a onetime appropriation  
 21.24 and is available until June 30, 2028.

21.25 (i) \$160,000 the first year is from the general  
 21.26 fund for completing the condemnation of  
 21.27 certain land in Mille Lacs County authorized  
 21.28 under Laws 2024, chapter 116, article 8,  
 21.29 section 13. This is a onetime appropriation  
 21.30 and is available until June 30, 2027.

21.31 Subd. 5. Parks and Trails Management 114,097,000 113,212,000

21.32 Appropriations by Fund

21.33 2026 2027

21.34 General 38,257,000 36,224,000

22.1	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>73,540,000</u>	<u>74,688,000</u>
22.2	<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>2,300,000</u>	<u>2,300,000</u>

22.3 (a) \$8,925,000 the first year and \$9,238,000  
 22.4 the second year are from the natural resources  
 22.5 fund for state trail, park, and recreation area  
 22.6 operations. This appropriation is from revenue  
 22.7 deposited in the natural resources fund under  
 22.8 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,  
 22.9 paragraph (h), clause (2).

22.10 (b) \$22,078,000 the first year and \$23,865,000  
 22.11 the second year are from the state parks  
 22.12 account in the natural resources fund to  
 22.13 operate and maintain state parks and state  
 22.14 recreation areas.

22.15 (c) \$1,300,000 the first year and \$1,300,000  
 22.16 the second year are from the natural resources  
 22.17 fund for park and trail grants to local units of  
 22.18 government on land to be maintained for at  
 22.19 least 20 years for parks or trails. Priority must  
 22.20 be given for projects that are in underserved  
 22.21 communities or that increase access to persons  
 22.22 with disabilities. This appropriation is from  
 22.23 revenue deposited in the natural resources fund  
 22.24 under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,  
 22.25 paragraph (h), clause (4). Any unencumbered  
 22.26 balance does not cancel at the end of the first  
 22.27 year and is available for the second year.

22.28 (d) \$9,624,000 the first year and \$9,624,000  
 22.29 the second year are from the snowmobile trails  
 22.30 and enforcement account in the natural  
 22.31 resources fund for the snowmobile  
 22.32 grants-in-aid program. Any unencumbered  
 22.33 balance does not cancel at the end of the first  
 22.34 year and is available for the second year.

- 23.1 (e) \$2,510,000 the first year and \$2,510,000  
23.2 the second year are from the natural resources  
23.3 fund for the off-highway vehicle grants-in-aid  
23.4 program. Of this amount, \$1,960,000 each  
23.5 year is from the all-terrain vehicle account,  
23.6 \$225,000 each year is from the off-highway  
23.7 motorcycle account, and \$325,000 each year  
23.8 is from the off-road vehicle account. Any  
23.9 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the  
23.10 end of the first year and is available for the  
23.11 second year.
- 23.12 (f) \$2,750,000 the first year and \$2,750,000  
23.13 the second year are from the state land and  
23.14 water conservation account in the natural  
23.15 resources fund for priorities established by the  
23.16 commissioner for eligible state projects and  
23.17 administrative and planning activities  
23.18 consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section  
23.19 84.0264, and the federal Land and Water  
23.20 Conservation Fund Act. Any unencumbered  
23.21 balance does not cancel at the end of the first  
23.22 year and is available for the second year.
- 23.23 (g) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the  
23.24 second year are from the general fund for  
23.25 matching grants for local parks and outdoor  
23.26 recreation areas under Minnesota Statutes,  
23.27 section 85.019, subdivision 2.
- 23.28 (h) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the  
23.29 second year are from the general fund for  
23.30 matching grants for local trail connections  
23.31 under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.019,  
23.32 subdivision 4c.
- 23.33 (i) \$600,000 the first year and \$600,000 the  
23.34 second year are from the natural resources  
23.35 fund for projects and activities that connect

24.1 diverse and underserved Minnesotans through  
24.2 expanding cultural environmental experiences,  
24.3 exploration of their environment, and outdoor  
24.4 recreational activities. This appropriation is  
24.5 from revenue deposited in the natural  
24.6 resources fund under Minnesota Statutes,  
24.7 section 297A.94, paragraph (j).

24.8 (j) \$952,000 the first year is from the  
24.9 all-terrain vehicle account in the natural  
24.10 resources fund for grants for design,  
24.11 engineering, and construction of all-terrain  
24.12 vehicle trails and to acquire rights-of-way for  
24.13 the trails. This is a onetime appropriation and  
24.14 is available until June 30, 2028.

24.15 (k) \$300,000 the first year is for one or more  
24.16 grants to the city of Anoka for design,  
24.17 engineering, environmental analysis, and  
24.18 construction of improvements to the Rum  
24.19 River Dam in the city of Anoka and to acquire  
24.20 rights-of-way, including easements, for the  
24.21 dam. This is a onetime appropriation and is  
24.22 available until June 30, 2028.

24.23	<u>Subd. 6. Fish and Wildlife Management</u>	<u>98,237,000</u>	<u>98,171,000</u>
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24.24	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
24.25		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
24.26	<u>General</u>	<u>10,499,000</u>	<u>9,437,000</u>
24.27	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>2,182,000</u>	<u>2,424,000</u>
24.28	<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>85,556,000</u>	<u>86,310,000</u>

24.29 (a) \$12,125,000 the first year and \$12,097,000  
24.30 the second year are from the heritage  
24.31 enhancement account in the game and fish  
24.32 fund only for activities specified under  
24.33 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,  
24.34 paragraph (h), clause (1). Notwithstanding  
24.35 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, five

25.1 percent of this appropriation may be used for  
25.2 expanding hunter and angler recruitment and  
25.3 retention.

25.4 (b) \$8,546,000 the first year and \$8,546,000  
25.5 the second year are from the deer management  
25.6 account in the game and fish fund for the  
25.7 purposes identified in Minnesota Statutes,  
25.8 section 97A.075, subdivision 1.

25.9 (c) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the  
25.10 second year are from the heritage enhancement  
25.11 account in the game and fish fund for grants  
25.12 for natural-resource-based education and  
25.13 recreation programs serving youth under  
25.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.976. The  
25.15 commissioner may use a reasonable amount  
25.16 of this appropriation for administering grants  
25.17 authorized under Minnesota Statutes, section  
25.18 84.976. Priority must be given to projects  
25.19 benefiting underserved communities.

25.20 (d) Up to \$2,225,000 the first year and up to  
25.21 \$2,225,000 the second year are available for  
25.22 transfer from the critical habitat private sector  
25.23 matching account to the reinvest in Minnesota  
25.24 fund for wildlife management areas  
25.25 acquisition, restoration, and enhancement  
25.26 according to Minnesota Statutes, section  
25.27 84.943, subdivision 5, paragraph (b).

25.28 (e) \$3,532,000 the first year and \$3,532,000  
25.29 the second year are from the general fund and  
25.30 \$1,675,000 the first year and \$1,675,000 the  
25.31 second year are from the game and fish fund  
25.32 for statewide response and management of  
25.33 chronic wasting disease. Of this amount, up  
25.34 to \$3,250,000 each year from the general fund  
25.35 is for inspections, investigations, and

26.1 enforcement activities taken for the  
 26.2 white-tailed deer farm program.

26.3 (f) \$848,000 the first year is to provide grants  
 26.4 to accredited learning centers to provide a  
 26.5 multiday, overnight educational experience  
 26.6 for students in grades 4 through 12 that is  
 26.7 comprised mainly of outdoor-based learning  
 26.8 activities. To be eligible for a grant, the  
 26.9 outdoor education program must provide  
 26.10 opportunities for students to directly  
 26.11 experience nature and must employ a  
 26.12 research-based environmental and natural  
 26.13 resources educational curriculum that is  
 26.14 integrated with local school curricula to help  
 26.15 students meet academic standards. A grantee  
 26.16 must address accessibility of outdoor  
 26.17 educational opportunities for underserved  
 26.18 students, including students with disabilities.

26.19 This is a onetime appropriation and is  
 26.20 available until June 30, 2028.

26.21 (g) \$225,000 the first year is from the general  
 26.22 fund to expand outreach under Minnesota  
 26.23 Statutes, section 84.027, subdivision 21. This  
 26.24 is a onetime appropriation.

26.25	<u>Subd. 7. Enforcement</u>	<u>63,890,000</u>	<u>64,534,000</u>
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26.26	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
26.27		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
26.28	<u>General</u>	<u>14,375,000</u>	<u>14,591,000</u>
26.29	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>15,045,000</u>	<u>15,473,000</u>
26.30	<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>34,353,000</u>	<u>34,353,000</u>
26.31	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>117,000</u>	<u>117,000</u>

26.32 (a) \$1,718,000 the first year and \$1,718,000  
 26.33 the second year are from the general fund for  
 26.34 enforcement efforts to prevent the spread of  
 26.35 aquatic invasive species.

27.1 (b) \$2,980,000 the first year and \$2,980,000  
27.2 the second year are from the heritage  
27.3 enhancement account in the game and fish  
27.4 fund for only the purposes specified under  
27.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,  
27.6 paragraph (h), clause (1).

27.7 (c) \$1,442,000 the first year and \$1,442,000  
27.8 the second year are from the water recreation  
27.9 account in the natural resources fund for grants  
27.10 to counties for boat and water safety. Any  
27.11 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the  
27.12 end of the first year and is available for the  
27.13 second year.

27.14 (d) \$315,000 the first year and \$315,000 the  
27.15 second year are from the snowmobile trails  
27.16 and enforcement account in the natural  
27.17 resources fund for grants to local law  
27.18 enforcement agencies for snowmobile  
27.19 enforcement activities. Any unencumbered  
27.20 balance does not cancel at the end of the first  
27.21 year and is available for the second year.

27.22 (e) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the  
27.23 second year are from the all-terrain vehicle  
27.24 account in the natural resources fund for grants  
27.25 to qualifying organizations to assist in safety  
27.26 and environmental education and monitoring  
27.27 trails on public lands under Minnesota  
27.28 Statutes, section 84.9011. Grants issued under  
27.29 this paragraph must be issued through a formal  
27.30 agreement with the organization. By  
27.31 December 15 each year, an organization  
27.32 receiving a grant under this paragraph must  
27.33 report to the commissioner with details on  
27.34 expenditures and outcomes from the grant. Of  
27.35 this appropriation, \$25,000 each year is for

28.1 administering these grants. Any unencumbered  
28.2 balance does not cancel at the end of the first  
28.3 year and is available for the second year.

28.4 (f) \$510,000 the first year and \$510,000 the  
28.5 second year are from the natural resources  
28.6 fund for grants to county law enforcement  
28.7 agencies for off-highway vehicle enforcement  
28.8 and public education activities based on  
28.9 off-highway vehicle use in the county. Of this  
28.10 amount, \$498,000 each year is from the  
28.11 all-terrain vehicle account, \$11,000 each year  
28.12 is from the off-highway motorcycle account,  
28.13 and \$1,000 each year is from the off-road  
28.14 vehicle account. The county enforcement  
28.15 agencies may use money received under this  
28.16 appropriation to make grants to other local  
28.17 enforcement agencies within the county that  
28.18 have a high concentration of off-highway  
28.19 vehicle use. Of this appropriation, \$25,000  
28.20 each year is for administering the grants. Any  
28.21 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the  
28.22 end of the first year and is available for the  
28.23 second year.

28.24 (g) \$262,000 the first year and \$262,000 the  
28.25 second year are from the water recreation  
28.26 account in the natural resources fund for  
28.27 investigating, notification, and removal of  
28.28 abandoned watercraft on or adjacent to public  
28.29 waters and public land.

28.30 (h) \$20,000 the first year and \$20,000 the  
28.31 second year are from the off-highway  
28.32 motorcycle account in the natural resources  
28.33 fund for grants to qualifying off-highway  
28.34 motorcycle organizations to assist in providing  
28.35 safety and environmental education and

29.1 monitoring trails on public lands according to  
29.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.9011. Grants  
29.3 awarded under this paragraph must be issued  
29.4 through a formal agreement with the  
29.5 organization. By December 15 each year, an  
29.6 organization receiving a grant under this  
29.7 paragraph must report to the commissioner  
29.8 with details on how the money was expended  
29.9 and what outcomes were achieved.

29.10	<b><u>Subd. 8. Operations Support</u></b>	<u>1,200,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
29.11	<u>\$1,200,000 the first year is for legal costs. This</u>		
29.12	<u>is a onetime appropriation and is available</u>		
29.13	<u>through fiscal year 2029.</u>		

29.14	<b><u>Subd. 9. Pass Through Funds</u></b>	<u>1,824,000</u>	<u>1,831,000</u>
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29.15	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
29.16		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
29.17	<u>General</u>	<u>221,000</u>	<u>221,000</u>
29.18	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>1,110,000</u>	<u>1,110,000</u>
29.19	<u>Permanent School</u>	<u>493,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>

29.20 (a) \$510,000 the first year and \$510,000 the  
29.21 second year are from the natural resources  
29.22 fund for grants to be divided equally between  
29.23 the city of St. Paul for the Como Park Zoo and  
29.24 Conservatory and the city of Duluth for the  
29.25 Lake Superior Zoo. This appropriation is from  
29.26 revenue deposited to the natural resources fund  
29.27 under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,  
29.28 paragraph (h), clause (5).

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

29.32 (c) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the  
29.33 second year are from the permanent school  
29.34 fund for transaction and project management

30.1 costs for divesting of school trust lands within  
30.2 Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.  
30.3 (d) \$343,000 the first year and \$350,000 the  
30.4 second year are from the permanent school  
30.5 fund for the Office of School Trust Lands.  
30.6 (e) \$600,000 the first year and \$600,000 the  
30.7 second year are from the natural resources  
30.8 fund for parks and trails of regional  
30.9 significance outside the seven-county  
30.10 metropolitan area under Minnesota Statutes,  
30.11 section 85.535, based on the recommendations  
30.12 from the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks  
30.13 and Trails Commission. This appropriation is  
30.14 from revenue deposited in the natural  
30.15 resources fund under Minnesota Statutes,  
30.16 section 297A.94, paragraph (i).

30.17 **Subd. 10. Transfers**

30.18 \$720,000 the first year and \$732,000 the  
30.19 second year are transferred from the forest  
30.20 suspense account to the permanent school  
30.21 fund. For fiscal years 2028 through 2031, the  
30.22 commissioner of management and budget must  
30.23 include a transfer of \$732,000 each year from  
30.24 the forest suspense account to the permanent  
30.25 school fund when preparing each forecast from  
30.26 the effective date of this section through the  
30.27 February 2027 forecast under Minnesota  
30.28 Statutes, section 16A.103.

30.29 **Subd. 11. Extensions**

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

30.34 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Subdivision 11 is effective the day following final enactment.

31.1 **Sec. 4. BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL**  
31.2 **RESOURCES**

**\$ 16,145,000 \$ 16,102,000**

31.3 (a) \$3,116,000 the first year and \$3,116,000  
31.4 the second year are for grants and payments  
31.5 to soil and water conservation districts for  
31.6 accomplishing the purposes of Minnesota  
31.7 Statutes, chapter 103C, and for other general  
31.8 purposes, nonpoint engineering, and  
31.9 implementation and stewardship of the  
31.10 reinvest in Minnesota reserve program.  
31.11 Expenditures may be made from this  
31.12 appropriation for supplies and services  
31.13 benefiting soil and water conservation  
31.14 districts. Any district receiving a payment  
31.15 under this paragraph must maintain a website  
31.16 that publishes, at a minimum, the district's  
31.17 annual report, annual audit, annual budget,  
31.18 and meeting notices.

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

31.21 (1) \$1,460,000 the first year and \$1,460,000  
31.22 the second year are for cost-sharing programs  
31.23 of soil and water conservation districts for  
31.24 accomplishing projects and practices  
31.25 consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section  
31.26 103C.501, including perennially vegetated  
31.27 riparian buffers, erosion control, water  
31.28 retention and treatment, water quality  
31.29 cost-sharing for feedlots and nutrient and  
31.30 manure management projects in watersheds  
31.31 where there are impaired waters, and other  
31.32 high-priority conservation practices; and

31.33 (2) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the  
31.34 second year are for invasive species and weed  
31.35 management programs and to restore native

- 32.1 plants at selected invasive species management  
32.2 sites.
- 32.3 (c) \$166,000 the first year and \$166,000 the  
32.4 second year are to provide technical assistance  
32.5 to local drainage management officials and  
32.6 for the costs of the Drainage Work Group. The  
32.7 board must coordinate the activities of the  
32.8 Drainage Work Group according to Minnesota  
32.9 Statutes, section 103B.101, subdivision 13.
- 32.10 (d) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the  
32.11 second year are for a grant to the Red River  
32.12 Basin Commission for water quality and  
32.13 floodplain management, including program  
32.14 administration. This appropriation must be  
32.15 matched by nonstate funds.
- 32.16 (e) \$140,000 the first year and \$140,000 the  
32.17 second year are for grants to Area II  
32.18 Minnesota River Basin Projects for floodplain  
32.19 management.
- 32.20 (f) \$240,000 the first year and \$240,000 the  
32.21 second year are for a grant to the Lower  
32.22 Minnesota River Watershed District to defray  
32.23 the annual cost of sustaining the state, national,  
32.24 and international commercial and recreational  
32.25 navigation on the lower Minnesota River.
- 32.26 (g) \$203,000 the first year and \$203,000 the  
32.27 second year are for soil health programming  
32.28 consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section  
32.29 103F.06, and for coordination with the  
32.30 University of Minnesota Office for Soil  
32.31 Health.
- 32.32 (h) \$3,423,000 the first year and \$3,423,000  
32.33 the second year are for natural resources block  
32.34 grants to local governments to implement the

- 33.1 Wetland Conservation Act and shoreland  
33.2 management program under Minnesota  
33.3 Statutes, chapter 103F, and local water  
33.4 management responsibilities under Minnesota  
33.5 Statutes, chapter 103B. The board may reduce  
33.6 the amount of the natural resources block grant  
33.7 to a county by an amount equal to any  
33.8 reduction in the county's general services  
33.9 allocation to a soil and water conservation  
33.10 district from the county's previous year  
33.11 allocation when the board determines that the  
33.12 reduction was disproportionate.
- 33.13 (i) \$200,000 the first year is for agreements  
33.14 with local units of government to implement  
33.15 local programs to prevent water pollution due  
33.16 to garbage and human waste left on the ice of  
33.17 state waters during winter-use activities. This  
33.18 is a onetime appropriation and is available  
33.19 until June 30, 2028.
- 33.20 (j) \$6,997,000 the first year and \$7,154,000  
33.21 the second year are for agency administration  
33.22 and operation of the Board of Water and Soil  
33.23 Resources.
- 33.24 (k) The board may shift funds in this section  
33.25 and may adjust the technical and  
33.26 administrative assistance portion of the funds  
33.27 to leverage federal or other nonstate funds or  
33.28 to address accountability, oversight, local  
33.29 government performance, or high-priority  
33.30 needs.
- 33.31 (l) The appropriations for grants and payments  
33.32 in this section are available until June 30,  
33.33 2029, except returned grants and payments  
33.34 are available for two years after they are  
33.35 returned or regranted, whichever is later.

34.1 Funds must be used consistent with the  
34.2 purposes of this section. If an appropriation  
34.3 for grants in either year is insufficient, the  
34.4 appropriation in the other year is available for  
34.5 it.

34.6 (m) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,  
34.7 section 16B.97, grants awarded from  
34.8 appropriations in this section are exempt from  
34.9 the Department of Administration, Office of  
34.10 Grants Management Policy 08-08 Grant  
34.11 Payments and 08-10 Grant Monitoring.

34.12	<b>Sec. 5. METROPOLITAN COUNCIL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>13,390,000</u></b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>11,740,000</u></b>
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34.13 Appropriations by Fund

34.14		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
34.15	<u>General</u>	<u>4,190,000</u>	<u>2,540,000</u>
34.16	Natural Resources	9,200,000	9,200,000

34.17 (a) \$2,540,000 the first year and \$2,540,000  
34.18 the second year are for metropolitan-area  
34.19 regional parks operation and maintenance  
34.20 according to Minnesota Statutes, section  
34.21 473.351.

34.22 (b) \$9,200,000 the first year and \$9,200,000  
34.23 the second year are from the natural resources  
34.24 fund for metropolitan-area regional parks and  
34.25 trails maintenance and operations. This  
34.26 appropriation is from revenue deposited in the  
34.27 natural resources fund under Minnesota  
34.28 Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (h),  
34.29 clause (3).

34.30 (c) \$750,000 the first year is for the purposes  
34.31 under Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section  
34.32 5, paragraph (f), which provides for the  
34.33 development of a comprehensive plan for  
34.34 communities in the White Bear Lake area.

35.1 This is a onetime appropriation and is  
35.2 available until June 30, 2028.

35.3 (d) \$900,000 the first year is for community  
35.4 tree-planting grants under Minnesota Statutes,  
35.5 section 473.355. This is a onetime  
35.6 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
35.7 2028.

35.8 **Sec. 6. CONSERVATION CORPS**  
35.9 **MINNESOTA AND IOWA** **\$** **1,070,000** **\$** **1,070,000**

35.10	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
35.11		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
35.12	<u>General</u>	<u>580,000</u>	<u>580,000</u>
35.13	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>490,000</u>	<u>490,000</u>

35.14 Conservation Corps Minnesota and Iowa may  
35.15 receive money appropriated from the natural  
35.16 resources fund under this section only as  
35.17 provided in an agreement with the  
35.18 commissioner of natural resources.

35.19 **Sec. 7. ZOOLOGICAL BOARD** **\$** **14,180,000** **\$** **14,532,000**

35.20	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
35.21		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
35.22	<u>General</u>	<u>13,925,000</u>	<u>14,277,000</u>
35.23	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>255,000</u>	<u>255,000</u>

35.24 \$255,000 the first year and \$255,000 the  
35.25 second year are from the natural resources  
35.26 fund from revenue deposited under Minnesota  
35.27 Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (h),  
35.28 clause (5).

35.29 **Sec. 8. SCIENCE MUSEUM** **\$** **1,460,000** **\$** **1,260,000**

35.30 **Sec. 9. LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING**  
35.31 **COMMISSION** **\$** **198,000** **\$** **-0-**

35.32 \$198,000 the first year is for the administrative  
35.33 costs of the Sustainable Foraging Task Force.  
35.34 This is a onetime appropriation.

36.1 **Sec. 10. EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC**  
36.2 **DEVELOPMENT**

**\$ 444,000 \$ 444,000**

36.3 \$444,000 the first year and \$444,000 the  
36.4 second year are for additional business  
36.5 permitting assistance through the Minnesota  
36.6 Business First Stop Program. Of this amount,  
36.7 \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the  
36.8 second year are for the development and  
36.9 maintenance of a GIS platform to identify sites  
36.10 with the least amount of conflict for complex  
36.11 development projects. The base for this  
36.12 appropriation is \$369,000 in fiscal year 2028  
36.13 and thereafter.

36.14 Sec. 11. Laws 2022, chapter 95, article 3, section 6, is amended to read:

36.15 **Sec. 6. APPROPRIATIONS; DROUGHT RELIEF.**

36.16 (a) \$300,000 in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
36.17 of natural resources for costs associated with resolving well interferences confirmed by the  
36.18 Department of Natural Resources that occurred after April 30, 2021, and before December  
36.19 31, 2021. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2026.

36.20 (b) ~~\$5,000,000~~ \$2,195,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to  
36.21 the commissioner of natural resources ~~to replace drought-killed seedlings on lands managed~~  
36.22 ~~by the Department of Natural Resources and to administer grants to Tribal, county, and~~  
36.23 ~~private forestland owners to replace drought-killed seedlings on their land. Seedling~~  
36.24 ~~replacement includes site prep, replanting, and tending seedlings.~~ for reforestation needs  
36.25 associated with wildfires. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30,  
36.26 ~~2027~~ 2029.

36.27 Sec. 12. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 2, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

36.28 **229,638,000**  
36.29 Subdivision 1. **Total Appropriation** \$ **305,345,000** \$ **226,638,000**

36.30 Appropriations by Fund

36.31		2024	2025
36.32			<del>100,098,000</del>
36.33	General	179,534,000	<u>97,098,000</u>

37.1	State Government		
37.2	Special Revenue	85,000	90,000
37.3	Environmental	106,055,000	109,203,000
37.4	Remediation	19,671,000	20,247,000

37.5 The amounts that may be spent for each  
37.6 purpose are specified in the following  
37.7 subdivisions.

37.8 The commissioner must present the agency's  
37.9 biennial budget for fiscal years 2026 and 2027  
37.10 to the legislature in a transparent way by  
37.11 agency division, including the proposed  
37.12 budget bill and presentations of the budget to  
37.13 committees and divisions with jurisdiction  
37.14 over the agency's budget.

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

37.16 Sec. 13. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

37.17			<del>72,785,000</del>
37.18	Subd. 2. <b>Environmental Analysis and Outcomes</b>	79,311,000	<u>69,785,000</u>

37.19	Appropriations by Fund		
37.20		2024	2025
37.21			<del>53,047,000</del>
37.22	General	60,103,000	<u>50,047,000</u>
37.23	Environmental	18,959,000	19,533,000
37.24	Remediation	249,000	205,000

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

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

37.32 (2) enhanced economic analysis in the  
37.33 rulemaking process for water quality

38.1 standards, including more-specific analysis  
38.2 and identification of cost-effective permitting;  
38.3 (3) developing statewide economic analyses  
38.4 and templates to reduce the amount of  
38.5 information and time required for  
38.6 municipalities to apply for variances from  
38.7 water quality standards; and  
38.8 (4) coordinating with the Public Facilities  
38.9 Authority to identify and advocate for the  
38.10 resources needed for urban, suburban, and  
38.11 Greater Minnesota municipalities to achieve  
38.12 permit requirements.  
38.13 (b) \$216,000 the first year and \$219,000 the  
38.14 second year are from the environmental fund  
38.15 for a monitoring program under Minnesota  
38.16 Statutes, section 116.454.  
38.17 (c) \$132,000 the first year and \$137,000 the  
38.18 second year are for monitoring water quality  
38.19 and operating assistance programs.  
38.20 (d) \$390,000 the first year and \$399,000 the  
38.21 second year are from the environmental fund  
38.22 for monitoring ambient air for hazardous  
38.23 pollutants.  
38.24 (e) \$106,000 the first year and \$109,000 the  
38.25 second year are from the environmental fund  
38.26 for duties related to harmful chemicals in  
38.27 children's products under Minnesota Statutes,  
38.28 sections 116.9401 to 116.9407. Of this  
38.29 amount, \$68,000 the first year and \$70,000  
38.30 the second year are transferred to the  
38.31 commissioner of health.  
38.32 (f) \$128,000 the first year and \$132,000 the  
38.33 second year are from the environmental fund  
38.34 for registering wastewater laboratories.

39.1 (g) \$1,492,000 the first year and \$1,519,000  
39.2 the second year are from the environmental  
39.3 fund to continue perfluorochemical  
39.4 biomonitoring in eastern metropolitan  
39.5 communities, as recommended by the  
39.6 Environmental Health Tracking and  
39.7 Biomonitoring Advisory Panel, and to address  
39.8 other environmental health risks, including air  
39.9 quality. The communities must include Hmong  
39.10 and other immigrant farming communities.  
39.11 Of this amount, up to \$1,226,000 the first year  
39.12 and \$1,248,000 the second year are for transfer  
39.13 to the commissioner of health.

39.14 (h) \$61,000 the first year and \$62,000 the  
39.15 second year are from the environmental fund  
39.16 for the listing procedures for impaired waters  
39.17 required under this act.

39.18 (i) \$72,000 the first year and \$74,000 the  
39.19 second year are from the remediation fund for  
39.20 the leaking underground storage tank program  
39.21 to investigate, clean up, and prevent future  
39.22 releases from underground petroleum storage  
39.23 tanks and for the petroleum remediation  
39.24 program for vapor assessment and  
39.25 remediation. These same annual amounts are  
39.26 transferred from the petroleum tank fund to  
39.27 the remediation fund.

39.28 (j) \$500,000 the first year is to facilitate the  
39.29 collaboration and modeling of greenhouse gas  
39.30 impacts, costs, and benefits of strategies to  
39.31 reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions.  
39.32 This is a onetime appropriation.

39.33 (k) \$50,266,000 the first year and ~~\$50,270,000~~  
39.34 \$47,270,000 the second year are to establish  
39.35 and implement a local government climate

40.1 resiliency and water infrastructure grant  
40.2 program for local governmental units and  
40.3 Tribal governments. Of this amount,  
40.4 \$49,100,000 ~~each~~ the first year is and  
40.5 \$46,100,000 the second year are for grants to  
40.6 support communities in planning and  
40.7 implementing projects that will allow for  
40.8 adaptation for a changing climate. At least 40  
40.9 percent of the money granted under this  
40.10 paragraph must be for projects in areas that  
40.11 meet environmental justice criteria. By  
40.12 December 30, 2027, the commissioner must  
40.13 submit a report on the use of grant money to  
40.14 the chairs and ranking minority members of  
40.15 the legislative committees with jurisdiction  
40.16 over environment and natural resources  
40.17 finance. This appropriation is available until  
40.18 June 30, 2027. The base for this appropriation  
40.19 in fiscal year 2026 and beyond is \$270,000.

40.20 (l) \$75,000 the first year is for a grant to the  
40.21 city of Fergus Falls to address water-quality  
40.22 concerns at Lake Alice. This appropriation is  
40.23 available until June 30, 2026.

40.24 (m) \$150,000 the first year is for a grant to  
40.25 Rice County to address water-quality concerns  
40.26 at French Lake. This appropriation is available  
40.27 until June 30, 2026.

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

40.31 (o) Recipients of money appropriated in  
40.32 paragraphs (l), (m), and (n) may use the grants  
40.33 to contract for water-quality improvement  
40.34 services, testing, necessary infrastructure,  
40.35 training, and maintenance.

- 41.1 (p) \$2,070,000 the first year and \$2,070,000  
41.2 the second year are from the environmental  
41.3 fund to develop and implement a program  
41.4 related to emerging issues, including  
41.5 Minnesota's PFAS Blueprint.
- 41.6 (q) \$1,820,000 the first year and \$1,820,000  
41.7 the second year are from the environmental  
41.8 fund to support improved management of data  
41.9 collected by the agency and its partners and  
41.10 regulated parties to facilitate decision-making  
41.11 and public access.
- 41.12 (r) \$500,000 the first year is from the general  
41.13 fund for the report on firefighter turnout gear  
41.14 and biomonitoring required under this act. Of  
41.15 this amount, up to ~~\$250,000~~ \$425,000 may be  
41.16 transferred to the commissioner of health for  
41.17 biomonitoring of firefighters. This  
41.18 appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.
- 41.19 (s) \$500,000 the first year is to develop  
41.20 protocols to be used by agencies and  
41.21 departments for sampling and testing  
41.22 groundwater, surface water, public drinking  
41.23 water, and private wells for microplastics and  
41.24 nanoplastics and to begin implementation. The  
41.25 commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency  
41.26 may transfer money appropriated under this  
41.27 paragraph to the commissioners of agriculture,  
41.28 natural resources, and health to implement the  
41.29 protocols developed. This is a onetime  
41.30 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
41.31 2025.
- 41.32 (t) \$50,000 the first year is from the  
41.33 remediation fund for the work group on PFAS  
41.34 manufacturer fees and report required under  
41.35 this act.

42.1 (u) \$387,000 the first year and \$90,000 the  
42.2 second year are to develop and implement the  
42.3 requirements for fish kills under Minnesota  
42.4 Statutes, sections 103G.216 and 103G.2165.  
42.5 Of this amount, up to \$331,000 the first year  
42.6 and \$90,000 the second year may be  
42.7 transferred to the commissioners of health,  
42.8 natural resources, agriculture, and public  
42.9 safety and to the Board of Regents of the  
42.10 University of Minnesota as necessary to  
42.11 implement those sections. The base for this  
42.12 appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and beyond  
42.13 is \$7,000.

42.14 (v) \$63,000 the first year and \$92,000 the  
42.15 second year are for transfer to the  
42.16 commissioner of health for amending the  
42.17 health risk limit for PFOS. This is a onetime  
42.18 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
42.19 2026.

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

42.24 (x) \$2,333,000 the first year and \$2,333,000  
42.25 the second year are to adopt rules and  
42.26 implement air toxics emissions requirements  
42.27 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.062.  
42.28 The general fund appropriations are onetime  
42.29 and are available until June 30, 2027. The base  
42.30 for this appropriation is \$0 in fiscal year 2026  
42.31 and \$1,400,000 from the environmental fund  
42.32 in fiscal year 2027 and beyond.

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

43.1       Sec. 14. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 2, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

43.2       Subd. 7. **Resource Management and Assistance**                               82,000,000                       57,974,000

43.3                       Appropriations by Fund

43.4		2024	2025
43.5	General	38,464,000	13,850,000
43.6	Environmental	43,536,000	44,124,000

43.7       (a) Up to \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000  
43.8       the second year may be transferred from the  
43.9       environmental fund to the small business  
43.10      environmental improvement loan account  
43.11      under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.993.

43.12      (b) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000  
43.13      the second year are for competitive recycling  
43.14      grants under Minnesota Statutes, section  
43.15      115A.565. Of this amount, \$300,000 the first  
43.16      year and \$300,000 the second year are from  
43.17      the general fund, and \$700,000 the first year  
43.18      and \$700,000 the second year are from the  
43.19      environmental fund. This appropriation is  
43.20      available until June 30, 2027.

43.21      (c) \$694,000 the first year and \$694,000 the  
43.22      second year are from the environmental fund  
43.23      for emission-reduction activities and grants to  
43.24      small businesses and other  
43.25      nonpoint-emission-reduction efforts. Of this  
43.26      amount, \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000  
43.27      the second year are to continue work with  
43.28      Clean Air Minnesota, and the commissioner  
43.29      may enter into an agreement with  
43.30      Environmental Initiative to support this effort.

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

44.1 (e) \$119,000 the first year and \$119,000 the  
44.2 second year are from the environmental fund  
44.3 for environmental assistance grants or loans  
44.4 under Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.0716.

44.5 (f) \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the  
44.6 second year are from the environmental fund  
44.7 for grants to develop and expand recycling  
44.8 markets for Minnesota businesses. This  
44.9 appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.

44.10 (g) \$767,000 the first year and \$770,000 the  
44.11 second year are from the environmental fund  
44.12 for reducing and diverting food waste,  
44.13 redirecting edible food for consumption, and  
44.14 removing barriers to collecting and recovering  
44.15 organic waste. Of this amount, \$500,000 each  
44.16 year is for grants to increase food rescue and  
44.17 waste prevention. This appropriation is  
44.18 available until June 30, 2027.

44.19 (h) \$2,797,000 the first year and \$2,811,000  
44.20 the second year are from the environmental  
44.21 fund for the purposes of Minnesota Statutes,  
44.22 section 473.844.

44.23 (i) \$318,000 the first year and \$324,000 the  
44.24 second year are from the environmental fund  
44.25 to address chemicals in products, including to  
44.26 implement and enforce flame retardant  
44.27 provisions under Minnesota Statutes, section  
44.28 325F.071, and perfluoroalkyl and  
44.29 polyfluoroalkyl substances in food packaging  
44.30 provisions under Minnesota Statutes, section  
44.31 325F.075. Of this amount, \$78,000 the first  
44.32 year and \$80,000 the second year are  
44.33 transferred to the commissioner of health.

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

(k) \$1,790,000 the first year and \$70,000 the second year are for accelerating pollution prevention at small businesses. Of this amount, \$1,720,000 the first year is for transfer to the environmental fund for zero-interest loans under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.993, to phase out high-polluting equipment, products, and processes and replace with new options. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2027. This is a onetime appropriation.

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

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

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

(o) \$4,210,000 the first year and \$210,000 the second year are for PFAS reduction grants. Of this amount, \$4,000,000 the first year is for grants to industry and public entities to identify sources of PFAS entering facilities and to develop pollution prevention and reduction initiatives to reduce PFAS entering facilities, prevent releases, and monitor the

effectiveness of these projects. Priority must be given to projects in underserved communities. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.

(p) \$12,940,000 the first year and \$12,940,000 the second year are for a waste prevention and reduction grants and loan program. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027. Of this amount in the first year, \$7,950,000 is for waste prevention and reduction grants and loans and \$3,000,000 is for a grant to the owner of a biomass energy generation plant in Shakopee that uses waste heat from the generation of electricity in the malting process to purchase a wood dehydrator to facilitate disposal of wood that is infested by the emerald ash borer. Of this amount in the second year, \$10,950,000 is for waste prevention and reduction grants and loans, including \$1,000,000 for transfer to the environmental fund for the purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.0716. By October 1, 2024, the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency must report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources on the use of money appropriated for the wood dehydrator under this paragraph.

(q) \$16,562,000 the first year is for grants to a Minnesota nonprofit corporation that owns a cogeneration facility that serves a St. Paul district heating and cooling system to preserve existing biomass energy infrastructure for purposes of local and regional emerald ash

47.1 borer response efforts. The commissioner of  
47.2 the Pollution Control Agency may require the  
47.3 nonprofit corporation to charge a fee per ton  
47.4 of wood waste delivered to the facility. This  
47.5 is a onetime appropriation and is available  
47.6 until June 30, 2030.

47.7 (r) \$1,163,000 the first year and \$1,115,000  
47.8 the second year are from the environmental  
47.9 fund for rulemaking and implementation of  
47.10 the new PFAS requirements under Minnesota  
47.11 Statutes, section 116.943. Of this amount,  
47.12 \$312,000 the first year and \$468,000 the  
47.13 second year are for transfer to the  
47.14 commissioner of health.

47.15 (s) \$680,000 the first year is for the resource  
47.16 management report required in this act. This  
47.17 is a onetime appropriation and is available  
47.18 until June 30, 2026.

47.19 (t) \$35,000 the second year is from the  
47.20 environmental fund for the compostable  
47.21 labeling requirements under Minnesota  
47.22 Statutes, section 325E.046. The base for this  
47.23 appropriation in fiscal year 2026 and beyond  
47.24 is \$68,000 from the environmental fund.

47.25 (u) \$175,000 the first year is for the  
47.26 rulemaking required under this act providing  
47.27 for the safe and lawful disposal of waste  
47.28 treated seed. This appropriation is available  
47.29 until June 30, 2025.

47.30 (v) \$1,000,000 the first year is for a lead tackle  
47.31 reduction program that provides outreach,  
47.32 education, and opportunities to safely dispose  
47.33 of and exchange lead tackle throughout the

48.1 state. This is a onetime appropriation and is  
48.2 available until June 30, 2027.

48.3 (w) \$17,000 the first year is for rulemaking  
48.4 for the capital assistance program. This is a  
48.5 onetime appropriation.

48.6 (x) Any unencumbered grant and loan  
48.7 balances in the first year do not cancel but are  
48.8 available for grants and loans in the second  
48.9 year. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,  
48.10 section 16A.28, the appropriations  
48.11 encumbered on or before June 30, 2025, as  
48.12 contracts or grants for environmental  
48.13 assistance awarded under Minnesota Statutes,  
48.14 section 115A.0716; technical and research  
48.15 assistance under Minnesota Statutes, section  
48.16 115A.152; technical assistance under  
48.17 Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.52; and  
48.18 pollution prevention assistance under  
48.19 Minnesota Statutes, section 115D.04, are  
48.20 available until June 30, 2027.

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

48.22 Sec. 15. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 2, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

48.23 Subd. 10. **Transfers**

48.24 (a) The commissioner must transfer up to  
48.25 \$24,000,000 the first year and \$24,000,000  
48.26 the second year from the environmental fund  
48.27 to the remediation fund for purposes of the  
48.28 remediation fund under Minnesota Statutes,  
48.29 section 116.155, subdivision 2. The base for  
48.30 this transfer is \$24,000,000 in fiscal year 2026  
48.31 and beyond.

48.32 (b) By June 30, 2024, the commissioner of  
48.33 management and budget must transfer

49.1 \$27,397,000 from the general fund to the  
49.2 metropolitan landfill contingency action trust  
49.3 account in the remediation fund to restore the  
49.4 money transferred from the account as  
49.5 intended under Laws 2003, chapter 128, article  
49.6 1, section 10, paragraph (e), and Laws 2005,  
49.7 First Special Session chapter 1, article 3,  
49.8 section 17, and to compensate the account for  
49.9 the estimated lost investment income.

49.10 ~~(e) Beginning in fiscal year 2024, the~~  
49.11 ~~commissioner of management and budget must~~  
49.12 ~~transfer \$100,000 each year from the general~~  
49.13 ~~fund to the metropolitan landfill contingency~~  
49.14 ~~action trust account in the remediation fund~~  
49.15 ~~to restore the money transferred from the~~  
49.16 ~~account as intended under Laws 2003, chapter~~  
49.17 ~~128, article 1, section 10, paragraph (e), and~~  
49.18 ~~Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 1,~~  
49.19 ~~article 3, section 17.~~

49.20 Sec. 16. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 3, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

49.21			<b>535,868,000</b>		
49.22	Subdivision 1. <b>Total Appropriation</b>	\$	<b><u>530,368,000</u></b>	\$	<b>403,116,000</b>

49.23	Appropriations by Fund			
49.24		2024	2025	
49.25		<del>281,054,000</del>		
49.26	General	<u>275,554,000</u>	150,078,000	
49.27	Natural Resources	123,986,000	123,706,000	
49.28	Game and Fish	129,920,000	128,513,000	
49.29	Remediation	117,000	117,000	
49.30	Permanent School	791,000	702,000	

49.31 The amounts that may be spent for each  
49.32 purpose are specified in the following  
49.33 subdivisions.

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

50.1       Sec. 17. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 3, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

50.2		<del>111,125,000</del>	
50.3	<b>Subd. 6. Fish and Wildlife Management</b>	<u>105,625,000</u>	96,963,000

50.4                   Appropriations by Fund

50.5		2024	2025
50.6		<del>23,643,000</del>	
50.7	General	<u>18,143,000</u>	9,888,000
50.8	Natural Resources	2,082,000	2,082,000
50.9	Game and Fish	85,400,000	84,993,000

50.10   (a) \$11,158,000 the first year and \$11,158,000  
50.11   the second year are from the heritage  
50.12   enhancement account in the game and fish  
50.13   fund only for activities specified under  
50.14   Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,  
50.15   paragraph (h), clause (1). Notwithstanding  
50.16   Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, five  
50.17   percent of this appropriation may be used for  
50.18   expanding hunter and angler recruitment and  
50.19   retention.

50.20   (b) \$982,000 the first year and \$982,000 the  
50.21   second year are from the general fund and  
50.22   \$1,675,000 the first year and \$1,675,000 the  
50.23   second year are from the game and fish fund  
50.24   for statewide response and management of  
50.25   chronic wasting disease. The commissioner  
50.26   and the Board of Animal Health must each  
50.27   submit annual reports on chronic wasting  
50.28   disease activities funded in this biennium to  
50.29   the chairs and ranking minority members of  
50.30   the legislative committees and divisions with  
50.31   jurisdiction over environment and natural  
50.32   resources and agriculture. The general fund  
50.33   base for this appropriation in fiscal year 2026  
50.34   and beyond is \$282,000.

51.1 (c) \$5,150,000 the first year and \$3,250,000  
51.2 the second year are for inspections,  
51.3 investigations, and enforcement activities  
51.4 taken for the white-tailed deer farm program  
51.5 and for statewide response and management  
51.6 of chronic wasting disease. This appropriation  
51.7 is available until June 30, 2029.

51.8 (d) \$8,546,000 the first year and \$8,546,000  
51.9 the second year are from the deer management  
51.10 account for the purposes identified in  
51.11 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.075,  
51.12 subdivision 1.

51.13 (e) \$268,000 the first year and \$268,000 the  
51.14 second year are for increased capacity for  
51.15 broadband utility licensing for state lands and  
51.16 public waters. This is a onetime appropriation  
51.17 and is available until June 30, 2028.

51.18 (f) ~~\$10,000,000~~ \$4,500,000 the first year is  
51.19 for enhancing prairies and grasslands and  
51.20 restoring wetlands on state-owned wildlife  
51.21 management areas to sequester more carbon  
51.22 and enhance climate resiliency. This is a  
51.23 onetime appropriation and is available until  
51.24 June 30, 2027.

51.25 (g) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the  
51.26 second year are from the general fund and  
51.27 \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the  
51.28 second year are from the heritage enhancement  
51.29 account in the game and fish fund for grants  
51.30 for natural-resource-based education and  
51.31 recreation programs serving youth under  
51.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.976, and for  
51.33 grant administration. Priority must be given  
51.34 to projects benefiting underserved  
51.35 communities. The base for this appropriation

52.1 in fiscal year 2026 and beyond is \$500,000  
52.2 from the heritage enhancement account in the  
52.3 game and fish fund. The general fund  
52.4 appropriation is onetime.

52.5 (h) \$2,300,000 the first year is for a grant to  
52.6 the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior  
52.7 Chippewa to expand Minnesota's wild elk  
52.8 population and range. Consideration must be  
52.9 given to moving elk from existing herds in  
52.10 northwest Minnesota to the area of the Fond  
52.11 du Lac State Forest and the Fond du Lac  
52.12 Reservation in Carlton and southern St. Louis  
52.13 Counties. The Fond du Lac Band of Lake  
52.14 Superior Chippewa's elk reintroduction efforts  
52.15 must undergo thorough planning with the  
52.16 Department of Natural Resources to develop  
52.17 necessary capture and handling protocols,  
52.18 including protocols related to cervid disease  
52.19 management, and to produce postrelease state  
52.20 and Tribal elk comanagement plans. Of this  
52.21 amount, \$300,000 is for the department for  
52.22 the purposes of this paragraph. This is a  
52.23 onetime appropriation and is available until  
52.24 June 30, 2026.

52.25 (i) \$767,000 the first year is from the heritage  
52.26 enhancement account in the game and fish  
52.27 fund to examine the effects of neonicotinoid  
52.28 exposure on the reproduction and survival of  
52.29 Minnesota's game species, including deer and  
52.30 prairie chicken. This is a onetime  
52.31 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
52.32 2027.

52.33 (j) \$134,000 the first year and \$134,000 the  
52.34 second year are from the heritage enhancement

53.1 account in the game and fish fund for native  
53.2 fish conservation and classification.

53.3 (k) \$82,000 the first year is for the native fish  
53.4 reports required under this act. This is a  
53.5 onetime appropriation.

53.6 (l) \$65,000 the first year is for preparing the  
53.7 report on feral pigs and mink required under  
53.8 this act and holding at least one public meeting  
53.9 on the topic.

53.10 (m) Up to \$5,750,000 the first year and up to  
53.11 \$2,225,000 the second year are available for  
53.12 transfer from the critical habitat private sector  
53.13 matching account to the reinvest in Minnesota  
53.14 fund for wildlife management areas  
53.15 acquisition, restoration, and enhancement  
53.16 according to Minnesota Statutes, section  
53.17 84.943, subdivision 5b.

53.18 (n) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,  
53.19 section 297A.94, \$300,000 the first year and  
53.20 \$300,000 the second year are from the heritage  
53.21 enhancement account in the game and fish  
53.22 fund for shooting sports facility grants under  
53.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 87A.10, including  
53.24 grants for archery facilities. Grants must be  
53.25 matched with a nonstate match, which may  
53.26 include in-kind contributions. This is a  
53.27 onetime appropriation and is available until  
53.28 June 30, ~~2026~~ 2028. ~~This appropriation must~~  
53.29 ~~be allocated as follows:~~

53.30 ~~(1) \$200,000 each fiscal year is for grants of~~  
53.31 ~~\$25,000 or less; and~~

53.32 ~~(2) \$100,000 each fiscal year is for grants in~~  
53.33 ~~excess of \$25,000.~~

54.1 (o) \$75,000 the first year is from the heritage  
54.2 enhancement account in the game and fish  
54.3 fund for enhanced fish stocking of white bass  
54.4 and crappies in lakes in the metropolitan area  
54.5 that have pier and shore fishing opportunities  
54.6 where communities are currently underserved.

54.7 (p) \$1,633,000 the first year is for a grant to  
54.8 the Board of Regents of the University of  
54.9 Minnesota for chronic wasting disease  
54.10 contingency plans developed by the Center  
54.11 for Infectious Disease Research and Policy.  
54.12 This is a onetime appropriation.

54.13 (q) \$900,000 the first year is to create new or  
54.14 expand existing outreach and education  
54.15 programs for non-native English-speaking  
54.16 communities. Of this amount, \$250,000 is for  
54.17 the commissioner of the Pollution Control  
54.18 Agency and \$250,000 is for the Board of  
54.19 Water and Soil Resources for this purpose. Up  
54.20 to \$400,000 may be used to expand the  
54.21 Fishing in the Neighborhood program for  
54.22 outreach to new and underserved audiences.  
54.23 This appropriation may be used for community  
54.24 outreach consultants for reaching new  
54.25 audiences. This is a onetime appropriation and  
54.26 is available until June 30, 2027.

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

54.28 Sec. 18. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 4, is amended to read:

54.29	Sec. 4. <b>BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL</b>				<b>58,131,000</b>
54.30	<b>RESOURCES</b>	\$	61,943,000	\$	<u>54,701,000</u>

54.31 (a) \$3,116,000 the first year and ~~\$3,116,000~~  
54.32 \$2,534,000 the second year are for grants and  
54.33 payments to soil and water conservation  
54.34 districts for accomplishing the purposes of

55.1 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103C, and for  
55.2 other general purposes, nonpoint engineering,  
55.3 and implementation and stewardship of the  
55.4 reinvest in Minnesota reserve program.  
55.5 Expenditures may be made from this  
55.6 appropriation for supplies and services  
55.7 benefiting soil and water conservation  
55.8 districts. Any district receiving a payment  
55.9 under this paragraph must maintain a website  
55.10 that publishes, at a minimum, the district's  
55.11 annual report, annual audit, annual budget,  
55.12 and meeting notices.

55.13 (b) \$761,000 the first year and \$761,000 the  
55.14 second year are to implement, enforce, and  
55.15 provide oversight for the Wetland  
55.16 Conservation Act, including administering the  
55.17 wetland banking program and in-lieu fee  
55.18 mechanism.

55.19 (c) \$1,560,000 the first year and \$1,560,000  
55.20 the second year are for the following:

55.21 (1) \$1,460,000 the first year and \$1,460,000  
55.22 the second year are for cost-sharing programs  
55.23 of soil and water conservation districts for  
55.24 accomplishing projects and practices  
55.25 consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section  
55.26 103C.501, including perennially vegetated  
55.27 riparian buffers, erosion control, water  
55.28 retention and treatment, water quality  
55.29 cost-sharing for feedlots under 500 animal  
55.30 units and nutrient and manure management  
55.31 projects in watersheds where there are  
55.32 impaired waters, and other high-priority  
55.33 conservation practices; and

55.34 (2) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the  
55.35 second year are for county cooperative weed

56.1 management programs and to restore native  
56.2 plants at selected invasive species management  
56.3 sites.

56.4 (d) \$166,000 the first year and \$166,000 the  
56.5 second year are to provide technical assistance  
56.6 to local drainage management officials and  
56.7 for the costs of the Drainage Work Group. The  
56.8 board must coordinate the activities of the  
56.9 Drainage Work Group according to Minnesota  
56.10 Statutes, section 103B.101, subdivision 13.

56.11 The Drainage Work Group must review a  
56.12 drainage authority's power under Minnesota  
56.13 Statutes, chapter 103E, to consider the  
56.14 abandonment or dismantling of drainage  
56.15 systems; to re-meander, restore, or reconstruct  
56.16 a natural waterway that has been modified by  
56.17 drainage; or to deconstruct dikes, dams, or  
56.18 other water-control structures.

56.19 (e) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the  
56.20 second year are for a grant to the Red River  
56.21 Basin Commission for water quality and  
56.22 floodplain management, including program  
56.23 administration. This appropriation must be  
56.24 matched by nonstate funds.

56.25 (f) \$190,000 the first year and \$190,000 the  
56.26 second year are for grants to Area II  
56.27 Minnesota River Basin Projects for floodplain  
56.28 management. The base for fiscal year 2026  
56.29 and later is \$140,000.

56.30 (g) \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the  
56.31 second year are for conservation easement  
56.32 stewardship.

56.33 (h) \$240,000 the first year and \$240,000 the  
56.34 second year are for a grant to the Lower

57.1 Minnesota River Watershed District to defray  
57.2 the annual cost of operating and maintaining  
57.3 sites for dredge spoil to sustain the state,  
57.4 national, and international commercial and  
57.5 recreational navigation on the lower Minnesota  
57.6 River.

57.7 (i) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000  
57.8 the second year are for the lawns to legumes  
57.9 program under Minnesota Statutes, section  
57.10 103B.104. The board may enter into  
57.11 agreements with local governments, Metro  
57.12 Blooms, and other organizations to support  
57.13 this effort. This is a onetime appropriation and  
57.14 is available until June 30, 2027.

57.15 (j) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000  
57.16 the second year are for the habitat  
57.17 enhancement landscape program under  
57.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.106. This is  
57.19 a onetime appropriation and is available until  
57.20 June 30, 2027.

57.21 (k) \$10,557,000 the first year and \$10,557,000  
57.22 the second year are for soil health activities to  
57.23 achieve water quality, soil productivity,  
57.24 climate change resiliency, or carbon  
57.25 sequestration benefits consistent with  
57.26 Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.06. This is  
57.27 a onetime appropriation and is available until  
57.28 June 30, 2027. The board may use grants to  
57.29 local governments, including soil and water  
57.30 conservation districts, and agreements with  
57.31 the United States Department of Agriculture;  
57.32 the University of Minnesota, Office for Soil  
57.33 Health; AgCentric, Minnesota State Northern  
57.34 Center of Excellence; and other practitioners  
57.35 and partners to accomplish this work.

58.1 (l) \$203,000 the first year and \$203,000 the  
58.2 second year are for soil health practice  
58.3 adoption purposes consistent with the  
58.4 cost-sharing provisions of Minnesota Statutes,  
58.5 section 103C.501, and for soil health program  
58.6 responsibilities in consultation with the  
58.7 University of Minnesota Office for Soil  
58.8 Health.

58.9 (m) \$10,500,000 the first year and  
58.10 ~~\$10,500,000~~ \$7,652,000 the second year are  
58.11 for conservation easements and to restore and  
58.12 enhance grasslands and adjacent lands  
58.13 consistent with Minnesota Statutes, sections  
58.14 103F.501 to 103F.531, for the purposes of  
58.15 climate resiliency, adaptation, carbon  
58.16 sequestration, and related benefits. Of this  
58.17 amount, up to \$423,000 is for deposit in the  
58.18 water and soil conservation easement  
58.19 stewardship account established under  
58.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.103. This is  
58.21 a onetime appropriation and is available until  
58.22 June 30, 2029. The board must give priority  
58.23 to leveraging nonstate funding, including  
58.24 practices, programs, and projects funded by  
58.25 the U.S. Department of Agriculture via the  
58.26 Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program,  
58.27 the Conservation Reserve Program, the  
58.28 Federal Inflation Reduction Act, the Federal  
58.29 Farm Bill, or the Climate-Smart Commodities  
58.30 Program.

58.31 (n) \$4,000,000 the first year and \$5,000,000  
58.32 the second year are to acquire conservation  
58.33 easements and to restore and enhance  
58.34 peatlands and adjacent lands consistent with  
58.35 Minnesota Statutes, sections 103F.501 to

59.1 103F.531, for the purposes of climate  
59.2 resiliency, adaptation, carbon sequestration,  
59.3 and related benefits. Of this amount, up to  
59.4 \$299,000 is for deposit in the water and soil  
59.5 conservation easement stewardship account  
59.6 established under Minnesota Statutes, section  
59.7 103B.103. This is a onetime appropriation and  
59.8 is available until June 30, 2029. The board  
59.9 must give priority to leveraging nonstate  
59.10 funding, including practices, programs, and  
59.11 projects funded by the U.S. Department of  
59.12 Agriculture via the Conservation Reserve  
59.13 Enhancement Program, the Conservation  
59.14 Reserve Program, the Federal Inflation  
59.15 Reduction Act, the Federal Farm Bill, or the  
59.16 Climate-Smart Commodities Program.

59.17 (o) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000  
59.18 the second year are to enhance existing  
59.19 easements established under Minnesota  
59.20 Statutes, sections 103F.501 to 103F.531.  
59.21 Enhancements are for the purposes of climate  
59.22 resiliency, adaptation, and carbon  
59.23 sequestration and include but are not limited  
59.24 to increasing biodiversity and mitigating the  
59.25 effects of rainfall and runoff events. This is a  
59.26 onetime appropriation and is available until  
59.27 June 30, 2029. The board must give priority  
59.28 to leveraging nonstate funding, including  
59.29 practices, programs, and projects funded by  
59.30 the U.S. Department of Agriculture via the  
59.31 Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program,  
59.32 the Conservation Reserve Program, the  
59.33 Federal Inflation Reduction Act, the Federal  
59.34 Farm Bill, or the Climate-Smart Commodities  
59.35 Program.

60.1 (p) \$8,500,000 the first year and \$8,500,000  
60.2 the second year are for water quality and  
60.3 storage practices and projects to protect  
60.4 infrastructure, improve water quality and  
60.5 related public benefits, and mitigate climate  
60.6 change impacts consistent with Minnesota  
60.7 Statutes, section 103F.05. This is a onetime  
60.8 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
60.9 2029. The board must give priority to  
60.10 leveraging nonstate funding, including  
60.11 practices, programs, and projects funded by  
60.12 the U.S. Department of Agriculture via the  
60.13 Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program,  
60.14 the Conservation Reserve Program, the  
60.15 Federal Inflation Reduction Act, the Federal  
60.16 Farm Bill, or the Climate-Smart Commodities  
60.17 Program.

60.18 (q) \$4,673,000 the first year and \$4,673,000  
60.19 the second year are for natural resources block  
60.20 grants to local governments to implement the  
60.21 Wetland Conservation Act and shoreland  
60.22 management program under Minnesota  
60.23 Statutes, chapter 103F, and local water  
60.24 management responsibilities under Minnesota  
60.25 Statutes, chapter 103B. The board may reduce  
60.26 the amount of the natural resources block grant  
60.27 to a county by an amount equal to any  
60.28 reduction in the county's general services  
60.29 allocation to a soil and water conservation  
60.30 district from the county's previous year  
60.31 allocation when the board determines that the  
60.32 reduction was disproportionate. The base for  
60.33 this appropriation in fiscal year 2026 and  
60.34 beyond is \$3,423,000.

61.1 (r) \$129,000 the first year and \$136,000 the  
61.2 second year are to accomplish the objectives  
61.3 of Minnesota Statutes, section 10.65, and  
61.4 related Tribal government coordination. The  
61.5 base for fiscal year 2026 and each year  
61.6 thereafter is \$144,000.

61.7 (s) \$3,000,000 the first year is to provide  
61.8 onetime state incentive payments to enrollees  
61.9 in the federal Conservation Reserve Program  
61.10 (CRP) during the continuous enrollment  
61.11 period and to enroll complementary areas in  
61.12 conservation easements consistent with  
61.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515. The  
61.14 board may establish payment rates based on  
61.15 land valuation and on environmental benefit  
61.16 criteria, including but not limited to surface  
61.17 water or groundwater pollution reduction,  
61.18 drinking water protection, soil health,  
61.19 pollinator and wildlife habitat, and other  
61.20 conservation enhancements. The board may  
61.21 use state funds to implement the program and  
61.22 to provide technical assistance to landowners  
61.23 or their agents to fulfill enrollment and  
61.24 contract provisions. The board must consult  
61.25 with the commissioners of agriculture, health,  
61.26 natural resources, and the Pollution Control  
61.27 Agency and the United States Department of  
61.28 Agriculture in establishing program criteria.  
61.29 This is a onetime appropriation and is  
61.30 available until June 30, 2027.

61.31 (t) \$2,000,000 the first year is to acquire  
61.32 conservation easements from landowners to  
61.33 preserve, restore, create, and enhance wetlands  
61.34 and associated uplands of prairie and  
61.35 grasslands and to restore and enhance rivers

62.1 and streams, riparian lands, and associated  
62.2 uplands of prairie and grasslands, in order to  
62.3 protect soil and water quality, support fish and  
62.4 wildlife habitat, reduce flood damage, and  
62.5 provide other public benefits. Minnesota  
62.6 Statutes, section 103F.515, applies to this  
62.7 program. The board must give priority to  
62.8 leveraging federal money by enrolling targeted  
62.9 new lands or enrolling environmentally  
62.10 sensitive lands that have expiring federal  
62.11 conservation agreements. The board is  
62.12 authorized to enter into new agreements and  
62.13 amend past agreements with landowners as  
62.14 required by Minnesota Statutes, section  
62.15 103F.515, subdivision 5, to allow for  
62.16 restoration. Up to five percent of this  
62.17 appropriation may be used for restoration and  
62.18 enhancement.

62.19 (u) \$5,623,000 the first year and \$5,804,000  
62.20 the second year are for agency administration  
62.21 and operation of the Board of Water and Soil  
62.22 Resources.

62.23 (v) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the  
62.24 second year are for the habitat-friendly utilities  
62.25 program under Minnesota Statutes, section  
62.26 103B.105. This is a onetime appropriation and  
62.27 is available until June 30, 2027.

62.28 (w) The board may shift money in this section  
62.29 and may adjust the technical and  
62.30 administrative assistance portion of the funds  
62.31 to leverage federal or other nonstate funds or  
62.32 to address accountability, oversight, local  
62.33 government performance, or high-priority  
62.34 needs.

63.1 (x) Returned grants and payments are available  
63.2 for two years after they are returned or  
63.3 regranted, whichever is later. Funds must be  
63.4 regranted consistent with the purposes of this  
63.5 section. If an appropriation for grants in either  
63.6 year is insufficient, the appropriation in the  
63.7 other year is available for it.

63.8 (y) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,  
63.9 section 16B.97, grants awarded from  
63.10 appropriations in this section are exempt from  
63.11 the Department of Administration, Office of  
63.12 Grants Management Policy 08-08 Grant  
63.13 Payments and 08-10 Grant Monitoring.

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

63.15 **ARTICLE 2**  
63.16 **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND APPROPRIATIONS**  
63.17 Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

63.18 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies  
63.19 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the environment  
63.20 and natural resources trust fund, or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal  
63.21 years indicated for each purpose. The figures "2026" and "2027" used in this article mean  
63.22 that the appropriations listed under them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
63.23 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The second year"  
63.24 is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2026 and 2027. Any unencumbered  
63.25 balance remaining in the first year does not cancel and is available for the second year or  
63.26 until the end of the appropriation. These are onetime appropriations.

63.27	<b><u>APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>		
63.28	<b><u>Available for the Year</u></b>		
63.29	<b><u>Ending June 30</u></b>		
63.30	<b><u>2026</u></b>	<b><u>2027</u></b>	

63.31 Sec. 2. **MINNESOTA RESOURCES**

63.32	<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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63.33 This appropriation is from the environment  
63.34 and natural resources trust fund. The amounts

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that may be spent for each purpose are

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specified in the following subdivisions.

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Subd. 2. **Definition**

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"Trust fund" means the Minnesota

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environment and natural resources trust fund

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established under the Minnesota Constitution,

64.7

article XI, section 14.

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

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**and Information**

22,084,000

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

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\$1,441,000 the first year is from the trust fund

64.12

to the Minnesota State Colleges and

64.13

Universities for Bemidji State University to

64.14

collect baseline deer demographic, movement,

64.15

and habitat-use data before elk restoration to

64.16

better inform management of both elk and deer

64.17

populations on the Fond du Lac Reservation

64.18

and surrounding areas.

64.19

(b) **Are All Walleye Created Equal? Probably**

64.20

**Not.**

64.21

\$298,000 the first year is from the trust fund

64.22

to the Board of Regents of the University of

64.23

Minnesota to investigate Minnesota walleye

64.24

strain physiology and disease responses to

64.25

warming water and to build a tool to guide

64.26

adaptive management of walleye in a warming

64.27

climate.

64.28

(c) **Deer Survival Within Minnesota's Densest**

64.29

**Wolf Population**

64.30

\$809,000 the first year is from the trust fund

64.31

to the Board of Regents of the University of

64.32

Minnesota to evaluate how wolves, winter

64.33

severity, and habitat affect deer mortality and

65.1 survival across space and time within the  
65.2 Voyageurs region.

65.3 **(d) Evaluating Anticoagulant Rodenticide**  
65.4 **Exposure in Minnesota's Carnivores**

65.5 \$247,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
65.6 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
65.7 Minnesota for the Natural Resources Research  
65.8 Institute in Duluth to determine anticoagulant  
65.9 rodenticide exposure rates and concentrations  
65.10 in Minnesota bobcats and fishers, factors  
65.11 influencing exposure risk, and negative effects  
65.12 of rodenticide exposure on carnivore health.

65.13 **(e) Digitizing the Science Museum of**  
65.14 **Minnesota's Mollusk Specimens**

65.15 \$386,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
65.16 to the Science Museum of Minnesota to make  
65.17 the museum's Minnesota mollusk specimen  
65.18 collection available for research and education  
65.19 by identifying and organizing all relevant  
65.20 specimens and digitizing the museum's data.

65.21 **(f) Integrating Wildlife Objectives in Long-Term**  
65.22 **Forest Management Planning**

65.23 \$316,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
65.24 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
65.25 Minnesota to develop a harvest-scheduling  
65.26 model that integrates wildlife habitat metrics  
65.27 with timber production objectives in the  
65.28 forest-planning process for more sustainable  
65.29 forest landscape-level outcomes.

65.30 **(g) Surveying Minnesota's Secretive Marsh**  
65.31 **Birds**

65.32 \$413,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
65.33 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
65.34 an agreement with the National Audubon  
65.35 Society, Upper Mississippi River office, to

66.1 conduct a breeding marsh bird survey and  
66.2 provide state and federal agencies with an  
66.3 assessment of marsh bird population status  
66.4 and wetland habitat. This appropriation is  
66.5 available until June 30, 2029, by which time  
66.6 the project must be completed and final  
66.7 products delivered.

66.8 **(h) Improving Conservation Outcomes for**  
66.9 **Imperiled Wood Turtles**

66.10 \$242,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
66.11 to the Minnesota Zoological Society to restore  
66.12 imperiled wood turtles by increasing remnant  
66.13 populations, quantifying effectiveness of  
66.14 habitat management strategies, establishing  
66.15 baseline information on disease prevalence,  
66.16 and creating a new decision-support tool for  
66.17 prioritizing future conservation actions.

66.18 **(i) Maximizing the Impact of Wildlife Movement**  
66.19 **Data**

66.20 \$216,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
66.21 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
66.22 Minnesota to create a centralized and  
66.23 accessible database of wildlife movement data  
66.24 from prior trust fund-supported studies and  
66.25 demonstrate tools biologists can use to analyze  
66.26 these data to benefit Minnesota wildlife.

66.27 **(j) Expanding the Statewide Motus Wildlife**  
66.28 **Tracking Network**

66.29 \$234,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
66.30 to the Minnesota Zoological Society to expand  
66.31 the statewide Motus Wildlife Tracking System  
66.32 network into southwestern Minnesota and the  
66.33 North Shore to guide the conservation of  
66.34 imperiled grassland and boreal migratory birds  
66.35 and other wildlife. This appropriation may

67.1 also be used to develop outreach and  
67.2 interpretive materials for Motus sites.

67.3 **(k) Updating and Sharing Information on**  
67.4 **Minnesota's Tick Biodiversity**

67.5 \$186,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
67.6 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
67.7 Minnesota to collaborate with wildlife  
67.8 organizations and community scientists to  
67.9 survey the biodiversity and distribution of  
67.10 ticks in Minnesota and create a publicly  
67.11 accessible GIS dashboard to share results and  
67.12 potential disease implications with the public  
67.13 and wildlife managers.

67.14 **(l) Small Mammals and Hunter Participation:**  
67.15 **Expanded Offal Wildlife Watching**

67.16 \$563,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
67.17 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
67.18 Minnesota to expand and assess hunter  
67.19 participation in monitoring scavenger use of  
67.20 deer gut piles, assess small mammal  
67.21 occurrence and contaminant and disease  
67.22 exposure risk at offal sites, and study how  
67.23 messaging impacts hunters' use of lead  
67.24 ammunition.

67.25 **(m) Green Heron as an Indicator of**  
67.26 **Wetland-Dependent Species**

67.27 \$424,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
67.28 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
67.29 Minnesota to collect data on the year-round  
67.30 habitat use and migratory movements of green  
67.31 herons, assess potential factors leading to  
67.32 population decline, and identify conservation  
67.33 strategies to benefit the green heron and other  
67.34 wetland-dependent bird species.

68.1 **(n) Visualizing Minnesota's Natural Resources**  
68.2 **with CT Scanning**

68.3 \$955,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
68.4 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
68.5 Minnesota, Bell Museum of Natural History,  
68.6 to acquire a CT scanner, scan Bell Museum  
68.7 organismal specimens, create 3D prints from  
68.8 the scans, and share the data and prints through  
68.9 environmental education and research  
68.10 programs. The CT scanner purchased with this  
68.11 appropriation must prioritize use by and be  
68.12 made available cost-free to other  
68.13 Minnesota-focused researchers for the duration  
68.14 of this appropriation. This appropriation may  
68.15 also be used for equipment, tools, and supplies  
68.16 needed to acquire, install, and use the scanner  
68.17 and print 3D models of scanned organisms.  
68.18 Net income generated as part of this  
68.19 appropriation may be reinvested in the project  
68.20 if a plan for reinvestment is approved in the  
68.21 work plan as provided under Minnesota  
68.22 Statutes, section 116P.10.

68.23 **(o) Mapping Human-Carnivore Conflicts in**  
68.24 **Human-Dominated Landscapes**

68.25 \$563,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
68.26 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
68.27 Minnesota for the Natural Resources Research  
68.28 Institute in Duluth to evaluate bear, bobcat,  
68.29 and coyote habitat use, activity, and diet in  
68.30 Duluth and surrounding areas to map hotspots  
68.31 for human-carnivore conflicts and fill  
68.32 knowledge gaps to reduce conflicts. This  
68.33 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029,  
68.34 by which time the project must be completed  
68.35 and final products delivered.

69.1 **(p) Geologic Atlases for Water Resource**  
69.2 **Management**

69.3 \$1,260,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
69.4 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
69.5 Minnesota, Minnesota Geological Survey, to  
69.6 continue to produce geologic atlas maps and  
69.7 databases to inform management of  
69.8 groundwater and surface water. This  
69.9 appropriation is to complete Part A, which  
69.10 focuses on the properties and distribution of  
69.11 earth materials to define aquifer boundaries  
69.12 and the connection of aquifers to the land  
69.13 surface and surface water resources.

69.14 **(q) Leveraging Statewide Datasets for Native**  
69.15 **Rough Fish**

69.16 \$250,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
69.17 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
69.18 Minnesota to construct species distribution  
69.19 models that predict presence and abundance  
69.20 of native rough fish species and identify  
69.21 potential areas for protection, additional  
69.22 monitoring, or restoration across the state. This  
69.23 appropriation may also be used to build an  
69.24 interactive mapping tool and share results.

69.25 **(r) The Impacts of Climate Change on**  
69.26 **Northeastern Minnesota**

69.27 \$772,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
69.28 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
69.29 an agreement with Friends of the Boundary  
69.30 Waters Wilderness to work with collaborators  
69.31 to aggregate research, data, and other  
69.32 information about the impacts of climate  
69.33 change on the habitat and wildlife of  
69.34 northeastern Minnesota into a publicly  
69.35 available, web-based database. This  
69.36 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029,

70.1 by which time the project must be completed  
70.2 and final products delivered.

70.3 **(s) Health and Disease Monitoring in Minnesota**  
70.4 **Wildlife**

70.5 \$750,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
70.6 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
70.7 Minnesota, Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostic  
70.8 Laboratory, to collaborate with wildlife  
70.9 rehabilitation organizations and other wildlife  
70.10 health professionals throughout Minnesota to  
70.11 enhance the state's health and disease  
70.12 surveillance, preparedness, and response  
70.13 efforts.

70.14 **(t) Affordable Statewide Tracking of Forestry**  
70.15 **Fragmentation and Degradation**

70.16 \$331,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
70.17 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
70.18 Minnesota to merge aircraft and satellite  
70.19 LiDAR data to build a model and an  
70.20 interactive real-time web dashboard of forest  
70.21 boundaries that provides business-ready  
70.22 information about statewide forest  
70.23 fragmentation and degradation due to human  
70.24 activities and natural disasters.

70.25 **(u) Safeguarding Bees While Monitoring**  
70.26 **Pollinators and Nesting Habitats**

70.27 \$590,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
70.28 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
70.29 Minnesota to pioneer low-mortality methods  
70.30 for monitoring bee populations and to  
70.31 investigate nest habitat materials and  
70.32 antimicrobial properties in cooperation with  
70.33 community scientists and management  
70.34 agencies. This appropriation is available until

71.1 June 30, 2029, by which time the project must  
71.2 be completed and final products delivered.

71.3 **(v) Expanding the Application of Minnesota's**  
71.4 **Wetland Monitoring Data**

71.5 \$312,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
71.6 to the commissioner of natural resources to  
71.7 use existing LiDAR and recurring aerial  
71.8 photographs to determine state grassland  
71.9 acreage and change over the last twenty years,  
71.10 evaluate key drivers of wetland change, and  
71.11 use technology to improve Minnesota's  
71.12 wetland monitoring.

71.13 **(w) Enhancing the Value of Minnesota Public**  
71.14 **Grasslands**

71.15 \$390,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
71.16 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
71.17 Minnesota to evaluate a combination of  
71.18 prescribed fire, brush mowing, and targeted  
71.19 conservation grazing to develop ready-to-use  
71.20 management strategies for public land  
71.21 managers to mitigate woody species  
71.22 encroachment and increase biodiversity and  
71.23 carbon sequestration in public grasslands.

71.24 **(x) Foundational Precision Agriculture Data to**  
71.25 **Reduce Environmental Impacts**

71.26 \$1,255,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
71.27 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
71.28 Minnesota for the West Central Research and  
71.29 Outreach Center at Morris to establish data  
71.30 collection systems and methods at sentinel  
71.31 farm sites, develop and evaluate best  
71.32 management practices, and provide outreach  
71.33 and training to farmers to encourage adoption  
71.34 of precision agriculture technologies that

72.1 reduce fertilizer and chemical use and improve  
 72.2 water and air quality.

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

72.4 \$621,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 72.5 to the commissioner of natural resources to  
 72.6 map the aggregate resource potential in the  
 72.7 state of Minnesota and to make the  
 72.8 information available in print and electronic  
 72.9 format to local units of government to support  
 72.10 informed land-use decisions and resource  
 72.11 conservation.

72.12 **(z) Advancing Collaborative Wild Rice**  
 72.13 **Monitoring Program Technologies**

72.14 \$900,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 72.15 to the commissioner of natural resources to  
 72.16 continue efforts to create a framework for  
 72.17 long-term wild rice monitoring for  
 72.18 conservation and collaborate with Tribal and  
 72.19 nongovernmental organizations to collect  
 72.20 additional data, improve collection and  
 72.21 analysis methods, and develop a statewide  
 72.22 estimate of wild rice abundance and coverage.

72.23 **(aa) Conserving Natural Resources by**  
 72.24 **Advancing Forever Green Agriculture**

72.25 \$2,146,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 72.26 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
 72.27 Minnesota for the Forever Green Initiative to  
 72.28 fund research projects to develop new  
 72.29 perennial and winter-annual crops to protect  
 72.30 water, wildlife, soil, other natural resources,  
 72.31 and the climate. This appropriation is available  
 72.32 until June 30, 2030, by which time the project  
 72.33 must be completed and final products  
 72.34 delivered.

73.1 **(bb) Minnesota's Priority Native Rough Fish:**  
73.2 **Gars and Bowfin**

73.3 \$568,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
73.4 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
73.5 Minnesota to develop population dynamics,  
73.6 habitat use, and food web models for  
73.7 Minnesota gars and bowfins and conduct  
73.8 outreach to inform conservation and  
73.9 management and serve as a template for study  
73.10 of Minnesota's other native rough fish species.

73.11 **(cc) Understanding to Improve Minnesota's**  
73.12 **Future Lake Water Quality**

73.13 \$595,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
73.14 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
73.15 Minnesota to use decade-long comprehensive  
73.16 lake, watershed, and weather data and  
73.17 high-resolution climate models to understand  
73.18 lake-specific drivers of water quality and  
73.19 predict the effects of future warming on  
73.20 harmful algal blooms across Minnesota.

73.21 **(dd) Operationalizing State Zooplankton Data**  
73.22 **to Support Lake Health**

73.23 \$423,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
73.24 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
73.25 Minnesota to use long-term monitoring data  
73.26 to determine the relationship between  
73.27 zooplankton communities and ecosystem  
73.28 services, like fisheries health and water  
73.29 quality, and develop biotic indices for lake  
73.30 health.

73.31 **(ee) Trialing Climate-Ready Woodland Trees**  
73.32 **in Urban Areas**

73.33 \$255,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
73.34 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
73.35 Minnesota to demonstrate performance of

74.1 climate-adaptive tree species and study land  
 74.2 manager and public perceptions of these  
 74.3 species to identify the best species and risk  
 74.4 tolerance for future plantings in metropolitan  
 74.5 areas of Minnesota.

74.6 **(ff) Superior Shores: Protecting Our Great**  
 74.7 **Lakes Coastal Habitats**

74.8 \$675,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 74.9 to the Science Museum of Minnesota for the  
 74.10 St. Croix Watershed Research Station to map  
 74.11 the locations and survey the biological  
 74.12 diversity and water quality of Lake Superior  
 74.13 coastal rock pools. This appropriation may  
 74.14 also be used to develop outreach materials and  
 74.15 host programs on rock pool understanding and  
 74.16 conservation.

74.17 **(gg) Recruitment and Fecundity of Minnesota**  
 74.18 **Moose**

74.19 \$2,007,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 74.20 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
 74.21 state and Tribal biologists to work  
 74.22 collaboratively to estimate survival and  
 74.23 fecundity of yearling and 2-year-old moose in  
 74.24 northeast Minnesota to inform future  
 74.25 management efforts. Of this amount, \$841,000  
 74.26 is for an agreement with the 1854 Treaty  
 74.27 Authority. This appropriation is available until  
 74.28 June 30, 2031, by which time the project must  
 74.29 be completed and final products delivered.

74.30 **(hh) Fighting Insect Decline: Minnesota**  
 74.31 **Bumblebees to the Rescue**

74.32 \$249,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 74.33 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
 74.34 Minnesota to map historical and current  
 74.35 bumblebee distribution and develop an

75.1 identification tool using molecular barcodes  
 75.2 and an online resource hub to improve  
 75.3 conservation of Minnesota's native  
 75.4 bumblebees.

75.5 **(ii) Trace Metals in Municipal Yard Waste and**  
 75.6 **Compost**

75.7 \$120,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 75.8 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
 75.9 Minnesota to assess trace metal contamination  
 75.10 from collected residential yard waste, finished  
 75.11 compost, and compost leachate in municipal  
 75.12 yard waste recycling programs.

75.13 **(jj) Chronic Wasting Disease Prions in**  
 75.14 **Minnesota Waters**

75.15 \$322,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 75.16 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
 75.17 Minnesota to evaluate the movement of  
 75.18 chronic wasting disease in Minnesota waters,  
 75.19 assess the risk of spread, and share results with  
 75.20 wildlife and watershed managers.

75.21 **Subd. 4. Water Resources**

75.22 **(a) Enhancing Our Resources - Rural Health**  
 75.23 **and Drinking Water**

75.24 \$994,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 75.25 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
 75.26 an agreement with Freshwater Society to  
 75.27 partner with the Mayo Clinic to educate well  
 75.28 owners and family health providers about the  
 75.29 geologic occurrence and risk of arsenic in  
 75.30 drinking water. This appropriation is also to  
 75.31 provide free arsenic testing to well owners in  
 75.32 southeast Minnesota.

75.33 **(b) Restoration and Outreach for Minnesota's**  
 75.34 **Native Mussels**

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76.1 \$1,258,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
76.2 to the commissioner of natural resources to  
76.3 propagate, rear, and restore native freshwater  
76.4 mussel populations and the ecosystem services  
76.5 they provide to Minnesota waters; to evaluate  
76.6 reintroduction success; and to inform the  
76.7 public on mussels and mussel conservation.

76.8 **(c) Pristine to Green: Toxic Blooms Threaten**  
76.9 **Northern Lakes**

76.10 \$1,362,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
76.11 to the Science Museum of Minnesota for the  
76.12 St. Croix Watershed Research Station to  
76.13 evaluate drivers that contribute to the  
76.14 formation of nuisance and toxic algal blooms  
76.15 in relatively pristine and protected lakes across  
76.16 Minnesota.

76.17 **(d) Training Lake Communities to Track**  
76.18 **Chloride and Algae**

76.19 \$274,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
76.20 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
76.21 Minnesota for the Minnesota Sea Grant  
76.22 college program in Duluth to develop and train  
76.23 a network of community-based volunteers to  
76.24 track chloride and harmful algal blooms in  
76.25 rural Minnesota lakes.

76.26 **(e) Clean Sweep Solution to Nonpoint Source**  
76.27 **Pollution**

76.28 \$386,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
76.29 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
76.30 Minnesota for the Water Resources Center to  
76.31 enhance Clean Sweep programs, identify the  
76.32 pollutants present in street-sweeping materials,  
76.33 explore material reuse options, and quantify  
76.34 benefits of enhanced street sweeping. This  
76.35 appropriation may also be used to coordinate

77.1 county and regional collaborations, develop  
77.2 resources, and provide training to increase  
77.3 targeted street-sweeping practices to reduce  
77.4 nonpoint source pollution to Minnesota's water  
77.5 resources.

77.6 **(f) Cyanotoxins in Minnesota Lakes: The Role**  
77.7 **of Sunlight**

77.8 \$220,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
77.9 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
77.10 Minnesota to quantify degradation of  
77.11 cyanobacterial toxins by sunlight to understand  
77.12 how increasing frequency of harmful algal  
77.13 blooms and changing environmental  
77.14 conditions influence toxin persistence in  
77.15 natural waters.

77.16 **(g) Enhancing Degradation of Emerging**  
77.17 **Contaminants via Microbial Starvation**

77.18 \$390,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
77.19 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
77.20 Minnesota to study how wastewater treatment  
77.21 systems can be improved to more effectively  
77.22 biodegrade mixtures of pharmaceuticals,  
77.23 pesticides, and other contaminants of emerging  
77.24 concern and protect Minnesota's water  
77.25 resources.

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

77.27 \$454,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
77.28 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
77.29 Minnesota for the Water Resources Center to  
77.30 conduct on-farm and model-based research  
77.31 and develop guidance for watershed planners  
77.32 and land managers to effectively use soil  
77.33 health management to achieve water storage  
77.34 and water quality goals.

78.1 **(i) Predicting Contaminant Movement in**  
78.2 **Minnesota's Fractured Aquifers**

78.3 \$650,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
78.4 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
78.5 Minnesota, St. Anthony Falls Laboratory, to  
78.6 develop a software program that predicts the  
78.7 fate and movement of contaminants, such as  
78.8 PFAS, chloride, nitrate, and pathogens, in  
78.9 Minnesota's fractured aquifers.

78.10 **(j) Documentation and Toxicity of Microplastics**  
78.11 **in Urban Ecosystems**

78.12 \$300,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
78.13 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
78.14 Minnesota to research how land use and  
78.15 toxicity affect the accumulation of  
78.16 microplastics and associated contaminants of  
78.17 concern in stormwater ponds and the wildlife  
78.18 that use stormwater ponds.

78.19 **(k) Terminating PFAS-Type Pesticides via**  
78.20 **Enzyme Cocktails**

78.21 \$297,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
78.22 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
78.23 Minnesota to evaluate the ability of selected  
78.24 enzymes and combinations of enzymes to  
78.25 biodegrade per- and polyfluoroalkyl  
78.26 substances (PFAS) found in pesticides and to  
78.27 design a pilot-scale biofilter for effective  
78.28 elimination of PFAS from water.

78.29 **(l) Addressing 21st Century Challenges for the**  
78.30 **St. Croix**

78.31 \$243,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
78.32 to the Science Museum of Minnesota for the  
78.33 St. Croix Watershed Research Station to  
78.34 develop a watershed model to identify  
78.35 potential hydrologic and water quality impacts

- 79.1 to the lower St. Croix River over the next 75  
79.2 years and inform future planning and  
79.3 management in the watershed.
- 79.4 **(m) Impact of Statewide Conservation Practices**  
79.5 **on Stream Biodiversity**
- 79.6 \$300,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
79.7 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
79.8 Minnesota to use existing monitoring data to  
79.9 evaluate the effects of wetlands and riparian  
79.10 buffers on stream and river biodiversity and  
79.11 biological condition and develop tools and  
79.12 materials to inform the public and natural  
79.13 resource managers.
- 79.14 **(n) Modeling the Future Mississippi River Gorge**
- 79.15 \$427,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
79.16 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
79.17 Minnesota, St. Anthony Falls Laboratory, to  
79.18 construct a reduced-scale physical model of  
79.19 Mississippi River Pool 1, Lock & Dam 1, and  
79.20 adjacent upstream and downstream reaches;  
79.21 analyze water flow and sediment movement  
79.22 under various pool management strategies;  
79.23 and share results with the public to inform  
79.24 decisions on the future management of the  
79.25 lock and dam.
- 79.26 **(o) Highly Efficient Nutrient Removal**  
79.27 **Technology for Agricultural Drainage**
- 79.28 \$453,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
79.29 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
79.30 Minnesota to conduct lab- and field-scale tests  
79.31 of a novel bioreactor technology for removing  
79.32 nutrients from agricultural drainage and  
79.33 disseminate results to farmers and the public.
- 79.34 **(p) Citizen Scientists Capture Microplastic**  
79.35 **Pollution Around State**

80.1 \$419,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
80.2 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
80.3 Minnesota to develop adaptable microplastic  
80.4 sampling and detection methods, develop a  
80.5 public-access database, and leverage citizen  
80.6 scientists to survey microplastic pollution  
80.7 throughout the state to allow for data-driven  
80.8 risk management decisions and solutions.

80.9 **(q) Healthy Native Prairie Microbiomes for**  
80.10 **Cleaner Water**

80.11 \$468,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
80.12 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
80.13 Minnesota to identify and characterize prairie  
80.14 plant microbiomes and study the potential of  
80.15 native prairie microbes to provide nitrogen for  
80.16 agricultural crops and reduce industrial  
80.17 fertilizer use and nitrate contamination of  
80.18 water.

80.19 **(r) Wastewater Chloride Reduction through**  
80.20 **Industrial Source Reduction Assistance**

80.21 \$247,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
80.22 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
80.23 Minnesota for the Minnesota Technical  
80.24 Assistance Program to provide technical  
80.25 assistance to businesses to cost-effectively  
80.26 reduce industrial and commercial chloride use  
80.27 in communities with high chloride effluent  
80.28 concentrations.

80.29 **(s) Pilot Water Budget Framework for**  
80.30 **Managing Water Withdrawals**

80.31 \$198,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
80.32 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
80.33 Minnesota to develop a pilot water budget  
80.34 framework to identify sensitive areas in  
80.35 Minnesota where net water withdrawals have

81.1 a significant impact on surface water and  
81.2 groundwater.

81.3 **(t) Biofilm Mediated Destruction of PFAS in**  
81.4 **Groundwater**

81.5 \$1,336,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
81.6 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
81.7 an agreement with Freshwater Society to  
81.8 develop biofilm treatment technology and  
81.9 demonstrate field-scale removal of per- and  
81.10 polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) from  
81.11 contaminated groundwater. A fiscal  
81.12 management plan must be approved in the  
81.13 work plan before any trust fund money is  
81.14 spent.

81.15 **(u) Impact of Microplastics on Wastewater**  
81.16 **Treatment in Minnesota**

81.17 \$506,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
81.18 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
81.19 Minnesota to quantify the abundance of  
81.20 microplastics in wastewater treatment plants  
81.21 in Minnesota, determine how microplastics  
81.22 affect wastewater treatment plant performance,  
81.23 and evaluate how different wastewater  
81.24 treatment processes alter microplastics.

81.25 **(v) Portable Arsenic and Nitrate Detector for**  
81.26 **Well Water**

81.27 \$358,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
81.28 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
81.29 Minnesota to develop a small, cheap, and  
81.30 easy-to-use system to detect arsenic and nitrate  
81.31 in well water and determine whether well  
81.32 water is safe to drink.

81.33 **(w) Recovering Salts from Highly Saline**  
81.34 **Wastewater**

82.1 \$272,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 82.2 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
 82.3 Minnesota to develop a method to recover  
 82.4 useful salts from concentrated saline  
 82.5 wastewater to increase the economic  
 82.6 sustainability of high water-recovery  
 82.7 softening, sulfate removal, and industrial  
 82.8 wastewater treatment.

82.9 **Subd. 5. Environmental Education**

11,965,000

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82.10 **(a) Eagle's Nest: Where the World Becomes**  
 82.11 **Your Classroom**

82.12 \$130,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 82.13 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
 82.14 an agreement with Glacial Hills Elementary  
 82.15 School to create interactive natural playground  
 82.16 and landscaping features for children and  
 82.17 provide environmental education programming  
 82.18 outside of regular school hours.

82.19 **(b) Advancing Equity in Environmental**  
 82.20 **Education**

82.21 \$700,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 82.22 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
 82.23 an agreement with Camp Fire Minnesota to  
 82.24 provide needs-based scholarships for  
 82.25 Minnesota youth to attend  
 82.26 state-standards-aligned environmental and  
 82.27 outdoor education programs.

82.28 **(c) Teacher Field School - Phase 2: Increasing**  
 82.29 **Impact**

82.30 \$712,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 82.31 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
 82.32 an agreement with Hamline University to  
 82.33 continue the teacher field school program that  
 82.34 trains teachers how to connect academic  
 82.35 content with environmental stewardship,

83.1 natural resource conservation, and outdoor  
83.2 recreation. This appropriation is also to pilot  
83.3 a train-the-trainer model for nature-based  
83.4 education practices.

83.5 **(d) Creating Future Leaders in Outdoor and**  
83.6 **Environmental Leadership**

83.7 \$330,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
83.8 to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota  
83.9 State Colleges and Universities for North  
83.10 Hennepin Community College to collaborate  
83.11 with K-12 education, higher education, and  
83.12 outdoor organizations to increase  
83.13 environmental education, leadership,  
83.14 internship, and career opportunities for  
83.15 underrepresented college and high school  
83.16 students.

83.17 **(e) Engaging our Diverse Public in**  
83.18 **Environmental Stewardship - Phase 2**

83.19 \$249,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
83.20 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
83.21 an agreement with Great River Greening to  
83.22 increase participation in natural resources  
83.23 conservation and restoration efforts and  
83.24 careers through volunteer, internship, and  
83.25 youth engagement activities, with a focus on  
83.26 diverse audiences that more accurately reflect  
83.27 local demographic and socioeconomic  
83.28 conditions in Minnesota.

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

83.30 \$3,992,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
83.31 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
83.32 an agreement with Osprey Wilds  
83.33 Environmental Learning Center to partner with  
83.34 four other accredited residential environmental  
83.35 learning centers in Minnesota to provide

84.1 needs-based scholarships to K-12 students  
84.2 statewide for immersive multiday  
84.3 environmental learning experiences.

84.4 **(g) Statewide Environmental Education via PBS**  
84.5 **Outdoor Series**

84.6 \$415,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
84.7 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
84.8 an agreement with Pioneer Public  
84.9 Broadcasting Service to produce, distribute,  
84.10 and promote new episodes of a statewide  
84.11 public television series that inspires  
84.12 Minnesotans to connect with the outdoors and  
84.13 to restore and protect the state's natural  
84.14 resources.

84.15 **(h) Maajii-akii-gikenjigewin Conservation Crew**  
84.16 **Program**

84.17 \$678,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
84.18 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
84.19 an agreement with Conservation Corps  
84.20 Minnesota & Iowa to expand a conservation  
84.21 corps program developed to provide natural  
84.22 resources career development opportunities  
84.23 for indigenous young adults and cultivate an  
84.24 enduring action-based conservation ethic  
84.25 through the integration of traditional  
84.26 knowledge, nature immersion, and the  
84.27 implementation of conservation and  
84.28 restoration practices in the field.

84.29 **(i) Reuse for the Future: Youth Education and**  
84.30 **Engagement**

84.31 \$225,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
84.32 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
84.33 an agreement with Reuse Minnesota to provide  
84.34 curriculum-based opportunities for students  
84.35 to learn about the reuse economy, reuse skills,

85.1 and other opportunities to reduce waste. This  
85.2 appropriation may also be used to align  
85.3 materials to state standards and translate  
85.4 materials to additional languages.

85.5 **(j) River Bend Nature Center Outdoor Diversity**  
85.6 **Initiative**

85.7 \$247,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
85.8 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
85.9 an agreement with River Bend Nature Center  
85.10 to lead a coalition of educational partners and  
85.11 culturally specific organizations to expand  
85.12 recognized environmental education  
85.13 curriculum and provide conservation-based  
85.14 career exploration and job placement  
85.15 opportunities for diverse communities in  
85.16 southern Minnesota.

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

85.18 \$225,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
85.19 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
85.20 an agreement with the Phyllis Wheatley  
85.21 Community Center to provide environmental  
85.22 education to Minneapolis urban youth through  
85.23 the Camp Parsons Mississippi Summer  
85.24 program that fosters connections to nature and  
85.25 encourages responsible stewardship of our  
85.26 natural resources.

85.27 **(l) Adult Outdoor Education for Minnesota's**  
85.28 **Underrepresented Communities**

85.29 \$247,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
85.30 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
85.31 an agreement with Baztec Fishing & Outdoors  
85.32 to create fishing and hunting education,  
85.33 training, and opportunities for underserved  
85.34 and underrepresented communities in  
85.35 Minnesota. All fishing tackle purchased with

86.1 this appropriation must be lead-free. A fiscal  
86.2 management plan must be approved in the  
86.3 work plan before any trust fund money is  
86.4 spent.

86.5 **(m) Minnesota's Road Map for Sustainability**  
86.6 **and Climate Education**

86.7 \$491,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
86.8 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
86.9 an agreement with Climate Generation to  
86.10 convene community gatherings and partner  
86.11 with institutions and organizations across the  
86.12 education sector to develop a road map on  
86.13 how to build capacity for equitable and  
86.14 accessible sustainability and climate education  
86.15 programs that align with the Minnesota  
86.16 Climate Action Framework.

86.17 **(n) ESTEP 2.0: Earth Science Teacher**  
86.18 **Education Project**

86.19 \$643,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
86.20 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
86.21 an agreement with Minnesota Science  
86.22 Teachers Association to provide professional  
86.23 development for Minnesota science teachers  
86.24 statewide in environmental and earth science  
86.25 content to strengthen environmental education  
86.26 in schools.

86.27 **(o) Engaging Latine Communities in**  
86.28 **Conservation and Preservation**

86.29 \$400,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
86.30 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
86.31 an agreement with Comunidades Organizando  
86.32 el Poder y la Accion Latina to use  
86.33 community-based partnerships and  
86.34 communications platforms to host outdoor  
86.35 events and conduct educational outreach

87.1 focused on Latine and BIPOC communities  
87.2 about the need to protect Minnesota's  
87.3 environment and natural resources.

87.4 **(p) Inclusive Wildlife Engagement in Classrooms**  
87.5 **and Communities**

87.6 \$712,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
87.7 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
87.8 the nongame wildlife program to provide three  
87.9 wildlife conservation, action-based outdoor  
87.10 educational opportunities to engage  
87.11 needs-based schools, young adults, and  
87.12 communities underrepresented in natural  
87.13 resources through the Bird by Bird,  
87.14 Empowering Pathways into Conservation, and  
87.15 Community Science programs.

87.16 **(q) Activating Youth and Family Environmental**  
87.17 **Stewardship through Raptors**

87.18 \$228,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
87.19 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
87.20 Minnesota for the Raptor Center to deliver  
87.21 standards-based environmental education  
87.22 featuring live raptors through school programs  
87.23 and community events across Minnesota.

87.24 **(r) Moving Minnesota toward a Lead-Free**  
87.25 **Sporting Future**

87.26 \$250,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
87.27 to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota  
87.28 State Colleges and Universities for Bemidji  
87.29 State University to conduct educational  
87.30 outreach directed at hunters and anglers to  
87.31 increase awareness of lead-free options for  
87.32 big-game hunting, small-game hunting, and  
87.33 fishing as a means of reducing wildlife  
87.34 exposure to lead.

88.1 **(s) Science Centers Supporting Northern Boys**  
88.2 **and Girls Clubs**

88.3 \$1,091,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
88.4 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
88.5 an agreement with the Headwaters Science  
88.6 Center to expand access to environmental  
88.7 science education in northern Minnesota and  
88.8 leverage partnerships between rural and urban  
88.9 organizations to deliver culturally relevant,  
88.10 hands-on learning experiences to underserved  
88.11 students.

88.12 **Subd. 6. Aquatic and Terrestrial Invasive**  
88.13 **Species**

6,713,000

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88.14 **(a) Aquatic Invasive Species: From Problems to**  
88.15 **Real-World Solutions**

88.16 \$5,771,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
88.17 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
88.18 Minnesota for the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive  
88.19 Species Research Center to conduct  
88.20 high-priority projects aimed at solving  
88.21 Minnesota's aquatic invasive species problems  
88.22 using rigorous science and a collaborative  
88.23 process. This appropriation may also be used  
88.24 to deliver research findings to end users  
88.25 through strategic communication and outreach.  
88.26 This appropriation is available until June 30,  
88.27 2029, by which time the project must be  
88.28 completed and final products delivered.

88.29 **(b) Optimizing Nonnative Cattail Treatment**  
88.30 **Effectiveness in Prairie Wetlands**

88.31 \$942,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
88.32 to the commissioner of natural resources to  
88.33 compare the effectiveness of invasive cattail  
88.34 treatment methods and provide  
88.35 recommendations for managers to maximize  
88.36 benefits of conservation money for native

89.1 wetland plants and wildlife. This appropriation  
 89.2 is available until June 30, 2031, by which time  
 89.3 the project must be completed and final  
 89.4 products delivered.

89.5 **Subd. 7. Air Quality, Climate Change, and**  
 89.6 **Renewable Energy**

11,744,000

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89.7 **(a) Protecting Coldwater Fish Habitat in**  
 89.8 **Minnesota Lakes**

89.9 \$561,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 89.10 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
 89.11 Minnesota to identify lake-specific watershed  
 89.12 protection targets and management practices  
 89.13 needed to maintain coldwater fish habitat  
 89.14 threatened by warming temperatures and  
 89.15 increasing extreme rain events and to integrate  
 89.16 this information into conservation planning  
 89.17 tools.

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

89.19 \$535,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 89.20 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
 89.21 Minnesota for the West Central Research and  
 89.22 Outreach Center at Morris to evaluate  
 89.23 emerging solar system designs and solar  
 89.24 technology integration with vegetable and  
 89.25 livestock production systems to maximize  
 89.26 energy production and benefits to farmers.

89.27 **(c) Pine Needles Reveal Past and Present**  
 89.28 **Airborne PFAS**

89.29 \$550,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 89.30 to the commissioner of the Pollution Control  
 89.31 Agency to use current and historic pine  
 89.32 needles as a low-cost method to assess  
 89.33 statewide per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances  
 89.34 (PFAS) levels in ambient air.

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

90.3 \$1,050,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
90.4 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
90.5 Minnesota to develop and test advanced  
90.6 polymeric membranes for capture and reuse  
90.7 of carbon dioxide at industrial sources.

90.8 **(e) Renewable Energy Conversion for Farm**  
90.9 **Diesel and Ammonia**

90.10 \$726,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
90.11 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
90.12 Minnesota to develop a novel charge-swing  
90.13 catalytic condenser that will enable the  
90.14 low-cost production of hydrogen from water  
90.15 using rural electricity for on-the-farm energy  
90.16 storage or renewable diesel and ammonia  
90.17 fertilizer.

90.18 **(f) Innovative Solution to Renewable Energy**  
90.19 **from Food Waste**

90.20 \$5,167,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
90.21 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
90.22 an agreement with the Ramsey/Washington  
90.23 Recycling and Energy Board to provide  
90.24 reimbursements to offset the processing fees  
90.25 for the public to divert organic materials from  
90.26 landfills and produce renewable natural gas  
90.27 through anaerobic digestion and sequestration  
90.28 of carbon into biochar. Net income generated  
90.29 as part of this appropriation may be reinvested  
90.30 in the project if a plan for reinvestment is  
90.31 approved in the work plan as provided under  
90.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10. This  
90.33 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029,  
90.34 by which time the project must be completed  
90.35 and final products delivered.

91.1 **(g) Fueling the Future: Decarbonizing Regional**  
 91.2 **Transportation Project**

91.3 \$3,155,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 91.4 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
 91.5 an agreement with the city of St. Cloud to  
 91.6 install a green hydrogen production, storage,  
 91.7 and fueling station that provides a renewable,  
 91.8 carbon-free, alternate fuel source to  
 91.9 decarbonize community transportation and  
 91.10 manufacturing sectors. This appropriation may  
 91.11 also be used to convert city fleet and public  
 91.12 transit vehicles to hydrogen fuel. Net income  
 91.13 generated as part of this appropriation may be  
 91.14 reinvested in the project if a plan for  
 91.15 reinvestment is approved in the work plan as  
 91.16 provided under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 91.17 116P.10. This appropriation is available until  
 91.18 June 30, 2029, by which time the project must  
 91.19 be completed and final products delivered.

91.20 **Subd. 8. Methods to Protect or Restore Land,**  
 91.21 **Water, and Habitat**

12,188,000

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91.22 **(a) Minnesota PlantWatch: Community**  
 91.23 **Scientists Conserving Rare Plants**

91.24 \$1,086,000 the first year is from the trust fund.  
 91.25 Of this amount, \$518,000 is to the Board of  
 91.26 Regents of the University of Minnesota for  
 91.27 the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and  
 91.28 \$568,000 is to the commissioner of natural  
 91.29 resources to enhance the Minnesota  
 91.30 PlantWatch program to improve the  
 91.31 conservation of Minnesota's natural resources  
 91.32 and support community scientist-driven rare  
 91.33 plant surveys and seed banking and  
 91.34 preservation.

91.35 **(b) Grassland Restoration for Pollinator**  
 91.36 **Conservation and Demonstration**

92.1 \$250,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
92.2 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
92.3 Minnesota for the Minnesota Landscape  
92.4 Arboretum to restore a degraded pasture to  
92.5 grassland as a model for climate-resilient  
92.6 pollinator habitat; provide interpretive signage,  
92.7 education, and community engagement; and  
92.8 conduct species monitoring. This appropriation  
92.9 is available until June 30, 2031, by which time  
92.10 the project must be completed and final  
92.11 products delivered.

92.12 **(c) Planning for Long-Term Natural Resources**  
92.13 **Protection in Hennepin County**

92.14 \$250,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
92.15 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
92.16 an agreement with Hennepin County to  
92.17 develop a publicly available interactive map  
92.18 of natural systems, create a centralized  
92.19 clearinghouse of data and best practices  
92.20 toolkit, and provide ongoing technical  
92.21 assistance for local communities with limited  
92.22 resources to manage complex natural resources  
92.23 challenges. Net income generated as part of  
92.24 this appropriation may be reinvested in the  
92.25 project if a plan for reinvestment is approved  
92.26 in the work plan as provided under Minnesota  
92.27 Statutes, section 116P.10.

92.28 **(d) Native Forages: Growing Drought and**  
92.29 **Climate Resiliency**

92.30 \$2,254,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
92.31 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
92.32 an agreement with Ducks Unlimited to  
92.33 collaborate with livestock farmers to establish  
92.34 native grassland wildlife habitat and enhance  
92.35 native forages on working lands to improve  
92.36 ecological, economic, and climate resiliency.

- 93.1 Notwithstanding subdivision 13, paragraph  
93.2 (e), restoration efforts may be undertaken on  
93.3 private lands but must occur on properties  
93.4 enrolled in long-term agreements to protect  
93.5 and maintain the restored areas in  
93.6 conformance with approved restoration and  
93.7 grazing plans as approved in the work plan.  
93.8 This appropriation is available until June 30,  
93.9 2031, by which time the project must be  
93.10 completed and final products delivered.
- 93.11 **(e) Accelerated Genetic Migration of Bur Oak**  
93.12 **- Ten-Year Data**
- 93.13 \$223,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
93.14 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
93.15 an agreement with Great River Greening to  
93.16 assess the growth and survival of previously  
93.17 restored bur oak ecotypes to inform techniques  
93.18 for improved climate resiliency. This  
93.19 appropriation may also be used to enhance the  
93.20 previous plantings and disseminate results of  
93.21 the study to practitioners, students,  
93.22 landowners, and others. This appropriation is  
93.23 available until June 30, 2029, by which time  
93.24 the project must be completed and final  
93.25 products delivered.
- 93.26 **(f) Superior Hiking Trail Bridge, Boardwalk,**  
93.27 **and Trailhead Renewal**
- 93.28 \$532,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
93.29 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
93.30 an agreement with the Superior Hiking Trail  
93.31 Association to renew Superior Hiking Trail  
93.32 bridges, boardwalks, and trailheads to increase  
93.33 user safety, improve the user experience, and  
93.34 protect adjacent land and water.
- 93.35 **(g) Mississippi Gateway Shoreline Stabilization**  
93.36 **and Fishing Improvements**

94.1 \$735,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
94.2 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
94.3 an agreement with Three Rivers Park District  
94.4 to improve water quality and shoreline fishing  
94.5 access through shoreline stabilization and  
94.6 construction of accessible trails and fishing  
94.7 platforms within Mississippi Gateway  
94.8 Regional Park.

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

94.10 \$1,066,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
94.11 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
94.12 Minnesota to use interdisciplinary research in  
94.13 biology, nanotechnology, chemistry, and  
94.14 genetic engineering to develop technology to  
94.15 remediate soils contaminated with per- and  
94.16 polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). This  
94.17 appropriation may also be used to convene  
94.18 stakeholders to coordinate and advance PFAS  
94.19 remediation research in Minnesota. This  
94.20 appropriation is subject to Minnesota Statutes,  
94.21 section 116P.10.

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

94.23 \$247,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
94.24 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
94.25 Minnesota to test and refine a biotechnology  
94.26 approach to remove mercury from the food  
94.27 chain in Minnesota's lakes and rivers and  
94.28 potentially make fish consumption in  
94.29 Minnesota safer. This appropriation is subject  
94.30 to Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10.

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

94.32 \$208,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
94.33 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
94.34 an agreement with Restoravore to assess the

95.1 use of native hay and pasture mixes to benefit  
95.2 biodiversity, soil health, and Minnesota  
95.3 farmers. A fiscal management plan must be  
95.4 approved in the work plan before any trust  
95.5 fund money is spent.

95.6 **(k) Improving Minnesota Forest Health via**  
95.7 **Post-Duff-Burning Soil Analysis**

95.8 \$646,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
95.9 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
95.10 Minnesota to thoroughly investigate the impact  
95.11 of forest floor duff fires on soil dynamics,  
95.12 nutrient cycles, invasive shrubs, earthworms,  
95.13 and root systems to improve fire management  
95.14 for Minnesota's forest preservation. This  
95.15 appropriation may also be used to develop an  
95.16 outdoor lab-scale duff-burning device.

95.17 **(l) Minnesota Riverbank Protection and Parks**  
95.18 **Improvements**

95.19 \$1,400,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
95.20 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
95.21 an agreement with the city of Shakopee to  
95.22 restore Minnesota River shoreline at Huber  
95.23 Park by regrading and establishing native  
95.24 vegetation to protect fish and wildlife habitat,  
95.25 reduce erosion, and provide public access to  
95.26 the river. This appropriation is available until  
95.27 June 30, 2029, by which time the project must  
95.28 be completed and final products delivered.

95.29 **(m) Restoration at Wakan Tipi and Bruce Vento**  
95.30 **Nature Sanctuary**

95.31 \$669,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
95.32 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
95.33 an agreement with the Lower Phalen Creek  
95.34 Project to conduct citizen-science natural  
95.35 resource data collection events, recruit and

96.1 train volunteer site stewards, and enhance  
96.2 habitat at Wakan Tipi and the Bruce Vento  
96.3 Nature Sanctuary.

96.4 **(n) Promoting Pollinators on Corporate**  
96.5 **Campuses**

96.6 \$547,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
96.7 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
96.8 an agreement with the University of St.  
96.9 Thomas to use experimental bee lawn  
96.10 installations on corporate campuses, combined  
96.11 with landscape modeling and employee  
96.12 surveys, to determine potential ecological,  
96.13 economic, and societal benefits of widespread  
96.14 commercial lawn habitat transformation. This  
96.15 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029,  
96.16 by which time the project must be completed  
96.17 and final products delivered.

96.18 **(o) Riparian Area Adaptation Strategy for**  
96.19 **Southeast Minnesota**

96.20 \$243,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
96.21 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
96.22 an agreement with The Nature Conservancy,  
96.23 in partnership with the University of  
96.24 Minnesota, to assess an alternative adaptation  
96.25 strategy to restore riparian areas by excavating  
96.26 and planting riparian shrubs to reconnect the  
96.27 floodplains. This appropriation may also be  
96.28 used for outreach materials and educational  
96.29 activities.

96.30 **(p) Minnehaha Park South Plateau Oak Savanna**  
96.31 **Restoration**

96.32 \$242,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
96.33 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
96.34 an agreement with the Minneapolis Park and  
96.35 Recreation Board to improve wildlife habitat,

97.1 enhance recreational experiences, and restore  
97.2 an area of urban parkland in Minnehaha Park  
97.3 to an oak savanna ecosystem. This  
97.4 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029,  
97.5 by which time the project must be completed  
97.6 and final products delivered.

97.7 **(q) Tree Protection for Minnesota's Tamarack**  
97.8 **Against Larch Beetle**

97.9 \$321,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
97.10 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
97.11 Minnesota to evaluate new insect management  
97.12 techniques and key factors for predicting  
97.13 future infestations to protect and preserve trees  
97.14 from native eastern larch beetle infestations.

97.15 **(r) Shoreline Restoration and Enhancement at**  
97.16 **Minneapolis Lakes**

97.17 \$819,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
97.18 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
97.19 an agreement with the Minneapolis Park and  
97.20 Recreation Board to restore and enhance areas  
97.21 of turf-dominated, eroding, and low habitat  
97.22 value lakeshore that impacts the water quality  
97.23 of the Minneapolis Chain of Lakes.

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

97.25 \$450,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
97.26 to the commissioner of agriculture to provide  
97.27 grants to organizations in Minnesota to  
97.28 develop enterprises, supply chains, and  
97.29 markets for continuous living cover crops and  
97.30 cropping systems in the early stage of  
97.31 commercial development. This appropriation  
97.32 is exempt from the income repayment  
97.33 requirements in Minnesota Statutes, section  
97.34 116P.10, paragraph (c).

98.1	<b><u>Subd. 9. Land Acquisition, Habitat, and</u></b>		
98.2	<b><u>Recreation</u></b>	<u>19,553,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
98.3	<b><u>(a) Cannon River Preservation and Access</u></b>		
98.4	<u>\$2,717,000 the first year is from the trust fund</u>		
98.5	<u>to the commissioner of natural resources for</u>		
98.6	<u>an agreement with Dakota County to</u>		
98.7	<u>rehabilitate the historic Waterford Bridge for</u>		
98.8	<u>the Mill Towns State Trail; restore and</u>		
98.9	<u>enhance upland shoreline, forest, and prairie</u>		
98.10	<u>habitats; and develop a trailhead and</u>		
98.11	<u>recreational access to the Cannon River.</u>		
98.12	<b><u>(b) Mesabi Trail: Aurora to Hoyt Lakes</u></b>		
98.13	<u>\$1,325,000 the first year is from the trust fund</u>		
98.14	<u>to the commissioner of natural resources for</u>		
98.15	<u>an agreement with St. Louis and Lake</u>		
98.16	<u>Counties Regional Railroad Authority for</u>		
98.17	<u>environmental review and permitting and to</u>		
98.18	<u>engineer, design, and construct a segment of</u>		
98.19	<u>the Mesabi Trail beginning at the intersection</u>		
98.20	<u>of Main Street and Forestry Road in Aurora</u>		
98.21	<u>toward Hoyt Lakes.</u>		
98.22	<b><u>(c) RTA Maintenance Trail Stabilization Project</u></b>		
98.23	<u>\$500,000 the first year is from the trust fund</u>		
98.24	<u>to the commissioner of natural resources for</u>		
98.25	<u>an agreement with the city of Eden Prairie to</u>		
98.26	<u>construct a retaining wall and restore adjacent</u>		
98.27	<u>remnant prairie along the maintenance trail at</u>		
98.28	<u>Richard T. Anderson (RTA) Conservation</u>		
98.29	<u>Area to mitigate ongoing erosion and protect</u>		
98.30	<u>native habitat and plant communities.</u>		
98.31	<b><u>(d) Local Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Grant</u></b>		
98.32	<b><u>Programs</u></b>		
98.33	<u>\$4,769,000 the first year is from the trust fund</u>		
98.34	<u>to the commissioner of natural resources to</u>		

99.1 solicit, rank, and fund competitive matching  
99.2 grants for local parks, trail connections, and  
99.3 natural and scenic areas under Minnesota  
99.4 Statutes, section 85.019. This appropriation is  
99.5 for local nature-based recreation, connections  
99.6 to regional and state natural areas, and  
99.7 recreation facilities and may not be used for  
99.8 athletic facilities such as sport fields, courts,  
99.9 and playgrounds. This appropriation is exempt  
99.10 from subdivision 13, paragraph (k).

99.11 **(e) Boardwalk Over Boggy Land for**  
99.12 **Recreational Purposes**

99.13 \$148,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
99.14 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
99.15 an agreement with the city of Battle Lake to  
99.16 design and construct a boardwalk over city  
99.17 land to protect wetlands and to increase  
99.18 community access to natural areas and wildlife  
99.19 habitat.

99.20 **(f) Lake Zumbro Park Water Access and Site**  
99.21 **Improvements**

99.22 \$1,978,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
99.23 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
99.24 an agreement with Olmsted County to enhance  
99.25 the Lake Zumbro Park water access and the  
99.26 federal Americans with Disabilities Act  
99.27 (ADA) accessibility for boating, fishing, and  
99.28 viewing, while creating new user-friendly and  
99.29 accessible amenities for individuals and  
99.30 families. This may include new fishing docks  
99.31 or piers, restored shoreline, improved parking,  
99.32 and ADA accessible access to an existing  
99.33 kayak and canoe launch.

99.34 **(g) Scientific and Natural Area (SNA)**  
99.35 **Biodiversity Protection**

100.1 \$1,104,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
100.2 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
100.3 the scientific and natural area program to  
100.4 conserve Minnesota's most unique places and  
100.5 rare species and strategically acquire lands  
100.6 that meet criteria for SNAs under Minnesota  
100.7 Statutes, section 86A.05. This appropriation  
100.8 is available until June 30, 2029, by which time  
100.9 the project must be completed and final  
100.10 products delivered.

100.11 **(h) Scandia Gateway Trail Connection:**  
100.12 **Recreation, Wetlands, and Environmental**  
100.13 **Education**

100.14 \$907,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
100.15 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
100.16 an agreement with the city of Scandia to  
100.17 engineer, design, and construct a bike and  
100.18 pedestrian trail to connect recreational,  
100.19 cultural, and environmental resources in  
100.20 Scandia to the state Gateway Trail. This  
100.21 appropriation is also to create and install  
100.22 educational interpretive signage about  
100.23 wetlands and rain gardens near the trail.

100.24 **(i) Lake Byllesby Regional Park Restoration and**  
100.25 **Recreation**

100.26 \$1,120,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
100.27 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
100.28 an agreement with Dakota County to restore  
100.29 prairie, woodland, and shoreline habitat and  
100.30 design and install trails, birding and picnic  
100.31 areas, and other recreational amenities to  
100.32 enhance the visitor experience and stewardship  
100.33 at Lake Byllesby Regional Park. This  
100.34 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029,  
100.35 by which time the project must be completed  
100.36 and final products delivered.

101.1 **(j) Thompson County Park Restoration and**  
101.2 **Accessibility Improvements**

101.3 \$867,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
101.4 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
101.5 an agreement with Dakota County to develop  
101.6 a pollinator promenade with accessible natural  
101.7 surface paths, native plantings, and interpretive  
101.8 signage at Thompson County Park. This  
101.9 appropriation may also be used to conduct  
101.10 stream restoration to enhance visitor  
101.11 experience and provide stormwater storage,  
101.12 sediment and nutrient reduction, and increased  
101.13 habitat and species diversity within the park.  
101.14 This appropriation is available until June 30,  
101.15 2029, by which time the project must be  
101.16 completed and final products delivered.

101.17 **(k) Thom Storm Chalet and Outdoor Recreation**  
101.18 **Center**

101.19 \$2,312,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
101.20 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
101.21 an agreement with the city of Duluth to  
101.22 construct a new building and accessible  
101.23 parking for the Thom Storm Chalet and  
101.24 Outdoor Recreation Center at Chester Park to  
101.25 expand high-quality outdoor recreation and  
101.26 environmental education opportunities that  
101.27 enhance youth and family understanding of  
101.28 the importance of natural resource protection,  
101.29 conservation, and preservation. Net income  
101.30 generated as part of this appropriation may be  
101.31 reinvested in the project if a plan for  
101.32 reinvestment is approved in the work plan as  
101.33 provided under Minnesota Statutes, section  
101.34 116P.10.

101.35 **(l) Enhancing Preservation and Accessibility at**  
101.36 **Hawk Ridge Nature Reserve**

102.1 \$155,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 102.2 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
 102.3 an agreement with the city of Duluth to  
 102.4 develop accessible trails and remove invasive  
 102.5 species to enhance outdoor recreation and  
 102.6 education opportunities that promote  
 102.7 conservation of raptors and preservation of  
 102.8 natural resources at Hawk Ridge Nature  
 102.9 Reserve.

102.10 **(m) Echo Bay County Park - Phase 1**  
 102.11 **Construction**

102.12 \$1,122,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 102.13 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
 102.14 an agreement with Otter Tail County to  
 102.15 construct, in accordance with the Echo Bay  
 102.16 County Park Master Plan, access roads, trails,  
 102.17 parking, and bathroom facilities that create  
 102.18 designated public access and use corridors for  
 102.19 outdoor recreation and limit natural resource  
 102.20 impacts in Echo Bay County Park.

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

102.22 \$529,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 102.23 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
 102.24 an agreement with the city of Chaska to  
 102.25 acquire property that contains remnant Big  
 102.26 Woods to protect Minnesota forests and  
 102.27 wetlands and to increase community access  
 102.28 to natural areas.

102.29 **Subd. 10. Administration, Emerging Issues, and**  
 102.30 **Contract Agreement Reimbursement**

7,267,000

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102.31 **(a) Emerging Issues Account**

102.32 \$2,984,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 102.33 to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on  
 102.34 Minnesota Resources to an emerging issues

- 103.1 account authorized in Minnesota Statutes,  
103.2 section 116P.08, subdivision 4, paragraph (d).
- 103.3 **(b) 2025 Contract Agreement Reimbursement**
- 103.4 \$280,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
103.5 to the commissioner of natural resources, at  
103.6 the direction of the Legislative-Citizen  
103.7 Commission on Minnesota Resources, for  
103.8 expenses incurred in preparing and  
103.9 administering contracts, including for the  
103.10 agreements specified in this section.
- 103.11 **(c) LCCMR Administrative Budget**
- 103.12 \$4,000,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
103.13 to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on  
103.14 Minnesota Resources for administration in  
103.15 fiscal years 2026 and 2027 as provided in  
103.16 Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.09,  
103.17 subdivision 5. This appropriation is available  
103.18 until June 30, 2027. Notwithstanding  
103.19 Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.11,  
103.20 paragraph (b), Minnesota Statutes, section  
103.21 16A.281, applies to this appropriation.
- 103.22 **(d) Legislative Coordinating Commission Legacy**  
103.23 **Website**
- 103.24 \$3,000 the first year is from the trust fund to  
103.25 the Legislative Coordinating Commission for  
103.26 the website required in Minnesota Statutes,  
103.27 section 3.303, subdivision 10.
- 103.28 **Subd. 11. Availability of appropriations**
- 103.29 Money appropriated in this section may not  
103.30 be spent on activities unless they are directly  
103.31 related to and necessary for a specific  
103.32 appropriation and are specified in the work  
103.33 plan approved by the Legislative-Citizen  
103.34 Commission on Minnesota Resources. Money

104.1 appropriated in this section must not be spent  
104.2 on indirect costs or other institutional overhead  
104.3 charges that are not directly related to and  
104.4 necessary for a specific appropriation. Costs  
104.5 that are directly related to and necessary for  
104.6 an appropriation, including financial services,  
104.7 human resources, information services, rent,  
104.8 and utilities, are eligible only if the costs can  
104.9 be clearly justified and individually  
104.10 documented specific to the appropriation's  
104.11 purpose and would not be generated by the  
104.12 recipient but for receipt of the appropriation.  
104.13 No broad allocations for costs in either dollars  
104.14 or percentages are allowed. Unless otherwise  
104.15 provided, the amounts in this section are  
104.16 available for three years beginning July 1,  
104.17 2025, and ending June 30, 2028, when projects  
104.18 must be completed and final products  
104.19 delivered. For acquisition of real property, the  
104.20 appropriations in this section are available for  
104.21 an additional fiscal year if a binding contract  
104.22 for acquisition of the real property is entered  
104.23 into before the expiration date of the  
104.24 appropriation. If a project receives a federal  
104.25 award, the period of the appropriation is  
104.26 extended to equal the federal award period to  
104.27 a maximum trust fund appropriation length of  
104.28 six years.

104.29 Subd. 12. **Data availability requirements**  
104.30 Data collected by the projects funded under  
104.31 this section must conform to guidelines and  
104.32 standards adopted by Minnesota IT Services.  
104.33 Spatial data must also conform to additional  
104.34 guidelines and standards designed to support  
104.35 data coordination and distribution that have

105.1 been published by the Minnesota Geospatial  
105.2 Information Office. Descriptions of spatial  
105.3 data must be prepared as specified in the state's  
105.4 geographic metadata guidelines and final data  
105.5 must be uploaded to the Minnesota Geospatial  
105.6 Commons upon project completion. All data  
105.7 must be accessible and free to the public  
105.8 unless made private under the Data Practices  
105.9 Act, Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13. To the  
105.10 extent practicable, summary data and results  
105.11 of projects funded under this section should  
105.12 be readily accessible on the Internet and  
105.13 identified as having received funding from the  
105.14 environment and natural resources trust fund.

105.15 **Subd. 13. Project requirements**

105.16 (a) As a condition of accepting an  
105.17 appropriation under this section, an agency or  
105.18 entity receiving an appropriation or a party to  
105.19 an agreement from an appropriation must  
105.20 comply with paragraphs (b) to (m) and  
105.21 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116P, and must  
105.22 submit a work plan and annual or semiannual  
105.23 progress reports in the form determined by the  
105.24 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota  
105.25 Resources for any project funded in whole or  
105.26 in part with money from the appropriation.  
105.27 Modifications to the approved work plan and  
105.28 budget expenditures must be made through  
105.29 the amendment process established by the  
105.30 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota  
105.31 Resources.

105.32 (b) A recipient of money appropriated in this  
105.33 section that conducts a restoration using  
105.34 money appropriated in this section must use  
105.35 native plant species according to the Board of

106.1 Water and Soil Resources' native vegetation  
106.2 establishment and enhancement guidelines  
106.3 and include an appropriate diversity of native  
106.4 species selected to provide habitat for  
106.5 pollinators throughout the growing season as  
106.6 required under Minnesota Statutes, section  
106.7 84.973.

106.8 (c) For all restorations conducted with money  
106.9 appropriated under this section, a recipient  
106.10 must prepare an ecological restoration and  
106.11 management plan that, to the degree  
106.12 practicable, is consistent with the  
106.13 highest-quality conservation and ecological  
106.14 goals for the restoration site. Consideration  
106.15 should be given to soil, geology, topography,  
106.16 and other relevant factors that would provide  
106.17 the best chance for long-term success and  
106.18 durability of the restoration project. The plan  
106.19 must include the proposed timetable for  
106.20 implementing the restoration, including site  
106.21 preparation, establishment of diverse plant  
106.22 species, maintenance, and additional  
106.23 enhancement to establish the restoration;  
106.24 identify long-term maintenance and  
106.25 management needs of the restoration and how  
106.26 the maintenance, management, and  
106.27 enhancement will be financed; and take  
106.28 advantage of the best-available science and  
106.29 include innovative techniques to achieve the  
106.30 best restoration.

106.31 (d) An entity receiving an appropriation in this  
106.32 section for restoration activities must provide  
106.33 an initial restoration evaluation at the  
106.34 completion of the appropriation and an  
106.35 evaluation three years after the completion of

107.1 the expenditure. Restorations must be  
107.2 evaluated relative to the stated goals and  
107.3 standards in the restoration plan, current  
107.4 science, and, when applicable, the Board of  
107.5 Water and Soil Resources' native vegetation  
107.6 establishment and enhancement guidelines.  
107.7 The evaluation must determine whether the  
107.8 restorations are meeting planned goals,  
107.9 identify any problems with implementing the  
107.10 restorations, and, if necessary, give  
107.11 recommendations on improving restorations.  
107.12 The evaluation must be focused on improving  
107.13 future restorations.

107.14 (e) All restoration and enhancement projects  
107.15 funded with money appropriated in this section  
107.16 must be on land permanently protected by a  
107.17 conservation easement or public ownership.

107.18 (f) A recipient of money from an appropriation  
107.19 under this section must give consideration to  
107.20 contracting with Conservation Corps  
107.21 Minnesota for contract restoration and  
107.22 enhancement services.

107.23 (g) All conservation easements acquired with  
107.24 money appropriated under this section must:

107.25 (1) be permanent;  
107.26 (2) specify the parties to the easement in the  
107.27 easement document;  
107.28 (3) specify all provisions of an agreement that  
107.29 are permanent;  
107.30 (4) be sent to the Legislative-Citizen  
107.31 Commission on Minnesota Resources in an  
107.32 electronic format at least 20 business days  
107.33 before closing;

108.1 (5) include a long-term monitoring and  
108.2 enforcement plan and funding for monitoring  
108.3 and enforcing the easement agreement; and

108.4 (6) include requirements in the easement  
108.5 document to protect the quantity and quality  
108.6 of groundwater and surface water through  
108.7 specific activities, such as keeping water on  
108.8 the landscape, reducing nutrient and  
108.9 contaminant loading, and not permitting  
108.10 artificial hydrological modifications.

108.11 (h) For any acquisition of lands or interest in  
108.12 lands, a recipient of money appropriated under  
108.13 this section must not agree to pay more than  
108.14 100 percent of the appraised value for a parcel  
108.15 of land using this money to complete the  
108.16 purchase, in part or in whole, except that up  
108.17 to ten percent above the appraised value may  
108.18 be allowed to complete the purchase, in part  
108.19 or in whole, using this money if permission is  
108.20 received in advance of the purchase from the  
108.21 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota  
108.22 Resources.

108.23 (i) For any acquisition of land or interest in  
108.24 land, a recipient of money appropriated under  
108.25 this section must give priority to high-quality  
108.26 natural resources or conservation lands that  
108.27 provide natural buffers to water resources.

108.28 (j) For new lands acquired with money  
108.29 appropriated under this section, a recipient  
108.30 must prepare an ecological restoration and  
108.31 management plan in compliance with  
108.32 paragraph (c), including sufficient funding for  
108.33 implementation unless the work plan addresses  
108.34 why a portion of the money is not necessary  
108.35 to achieve a high-quality restoration.

109.1 (k) To ensure public accountability for using  
109.2 public money, a recipient of money  
109.3 appropriated under this section must, within  
109.4 60 days of a land acquisition, provide to the  
109.5 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota  
109.6 Resources documentation of the selection  
109.7 process used to identify parcels acquired and  
109.8 provide documentation of all related  
109.9 transaction costs, including but not limited to  
109.10 appraisals, legal fees, recording fees,  
109.11 commissions, other similar costs, and  
109.12 donations. This information must be provided  
109.13 for all parties involved in the transaction. The  
109.14 recipient must also report to the  
109.15 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota  
109.16 Resources any difference between the  
109.17 acquisition amount paid to the seller and the  
109.18 state-certified or state-reviewed appraisal, if  
109.19 a state-certified or state-reviewed appraisal  
109.20 was conducted.

109.21 (l) A recipient of an appropriation from the  
109.22 trust fund under this section must acknowledge  
109.23 financial support from the environment and  
109.24 natural resources trust fund in project  
109.25 publications, signage, and other public  
109.26 communications and outreach related to work  
109.27 completed using the appropriation.

109.28 Acknowledgment may occur, as appropriate,  
109.29 through use of the trust fund logo or inclusion  
109.30 of language attributing support from the trust  
109.31 fund. Each direct recipient of money  
109.32 appropriated in this section, as well as each  
109.33 recipient of a grant awarded pursuant to this  
109.34 section, must satisfy all reporting and other  
109.35 requirements incumbent upon constitutionally  
109.36 dedicated funding recipients as provided in

110.1 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision  
110.2 10, and chapter 116P.

110.3 (m) A recipient of an appropriation from the  
110.4 trust fund under this section that is receiving  
110.5 funding to conduct children's services, as  
110.6 defined in Minnesota Statutes, section  
110.7 299C.61, subdivision 7, must certify to the  
110.8 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota  
110.9 Resources, as part of the required work plan,  
110.10 that criminal background checks for  
110.11 background check crimes, as defined in  
110.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 299C.61,  
110.13 subdivision 2, are performed on all employees,  
110.14 contractors, and volunteers that have or may  
110.15 have access to a child to whom the recipient  
110.16 provides children's services using the  
110.17 appropriation.

110.18 **Subd. 14. Payment conditions and capital**  
110.19 **equipment expenditures**

110.20 (a) All agreements, grants, or contracts  
110.21 referred to in this section must be administered  
110.22 on a reimbursement basis unless otherwise  
110.23 provided in this section. Notwithstanding  
110.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.41,  
110.25 expenditures made on or after July 1, 2025,  
110.26 or the date the work plan is approved,  
110.27 whichever is later, are eligible for  
110.28 reimbursement unless otherwise provided in  
110.29 this section. Periodic payments must be made  
110.30 upon receiving documentation that the  
110.31 deliverable items articulated in the approved  
110.32 work plan have been achieved, including  
110.33 partial achievements as evidenced by approved  
110.34 progress reports. Reasonable amounts may be  
110.35 advanced to projects to accommodate

111.1 cash-flow needs or match federal money. The  
111.2 advances must be approved as part of the work  
111.3 plan. No expenditures for capital equipment  
111.4 are allowed unless expressly authorized in the  
111.5 project work plan.

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

111.8 **Subd. 15. Purchasing recycled and recyclable**  
111.9 **materials**

111.10 A political subdivision, public or private  
111.11 corporation, or other entity that receives an  
111.12 appropriation under this section must use the  
111.13 appropriation in compliance with Minnesota  
111.14 Statutes, section 16C.0725, regarding  
111.15 purchasing recycled, repairable, and durable  
111.16 materials, and Minnesota Statutes, section  
111.17 16C.073, regarding purchasing and using  
111.18 paper stock and printing.

111.19 **Subd. 16. Accessibility**

111.20 Structural and nonstructural facilities must  
111.21 meet the design standards in the Americans  
111.22 with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility  
111.23 guidelines.

111.24 **Subd. 17. Carryforward; extensions**

111.25 (a) The availability of the appropriations for  
111.26 the following projects is extended to June 30,  
111.27 2026:

111.28 (1) Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter  
111.29 4, article 2, section 2, subdivision 9, paragraph  
111.30 (e), as amended by Laws 2024, chapter 83,  
111.31 sections 2, subdivision 18; and 3, National  
111.32 Loon Center;

111.33 (2) Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter  
111.34 6, article 5, section 2, subdivision 3, paragraph

- 112.1 (d), Foundational Hydrology Data for Wetland  
112.2 Protection and Restoration;
- 112.3 (3) Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter  
112.4 6, article 5, section 2, subdivision 6, paragraph  
112.5 (b), Protect Community Forests by Managing  
112.6 Ash for Emerald Ash Borer;
- 112.7 (4) Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter  
112.8 6, article 5, section 2, subdivision 9, paragraph  
112.9 (t), Chippewa County Acquisition, Recreation,  
112.10 and Education;
- 112.11 (5) Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter  
112.12 6, article 6, section 2, subdivision 3, paragraph  
112.13 (g), Geologic Atlases for Water Resource  
112.14 Management;
- 112.15 (6) Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter  
112.16 6, article 6, section 2, subdivision 3, paragraph  
112.17 (n), Bioacoustics for Broad-Scale Species  
112.18 Monitoring and Conservation;
- 112.19 (7) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,  
112.20 subdivision 4, paragraph (f), Water and  
112.21 Climate Information to Enhance Community  
112.22 Resilience;
- 112.23 (8) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,  
112.24 subdivision 4, paragraph (i), Is the Tire  
112.25 Chemical 6PPDq Killing Minnesota's Fish?;
- 112.26 (9) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,  
112.27 subdivision 7, paragraph (a), Green Solar Cells  
112.28 from a Minnesota Natural Resource;
- 112.29 (10) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,  
112.30 subdivision 8, paragraph (d), Hastings Lake  
112.31 Rebecca Park Area;
- 112.32 (11) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,  
112.33 subdivision 9, paragraph (a), as amended by

113.1 Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 2, section 15,  
113.2 Mesabi Trail: Wahlsten Road (CR 26) to  
113.3 Tower; and  
113.4 (12) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,  
113.5 subdivision 9, paragraph (j), as amended by  
113.6 Laws 2024, chapter 83, section 5, Silver Bay  
113.7 Multimodal Trailhead Project.

113.8 (b) The availability of the appropriations for  
113.9 the following projects is extended to June 30,  
113.10 2027:

113.11 (1) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,  
113.12 subdivision 4, paragraph (g), Catch and  
113.13 Reveal: Discovering Unknown Fish  
113.14 Contamination Threats;  
113.15 (2) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,  
113.16 subdivision 9, paragraph (e), Native Prairie  
113.17 Stewardship and Prairie Bank Easement  
113.18 Acquisition;

113.19 (3) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,  
113.20 subdivision 9, paragraph (h), SNA Habitat  
113.21 Restoration and Public Engagement; and  
113.22 (4) Laws 2022, chapter 94, section 2,  
113.23 subdivision 9, paragraph (n), Ranier Safe  
113.24 Harbor/Transient Dock - Phase 2.

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

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

113.27 **Subd. 3. Foundational Natural Resource Data**  
113.28 **and Information**

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

113.31 \$198,000 the second year is from the trust  
113.32 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
113.33 for an agreement with Minnesota Land Trust

114.1 to develop field-verified native plant  
114.2 community data and maps for the city of  
114.3 Duluth and the St. Louis River estuary to  
114.4 support conservation and restoration activities.

114.5 **(b) Reconstructing Historical Wild Rice to**  
114.6 **Understand Its Future**

114.7 \$200,000 the second year is from the trust  
114.8 fund to the Science Museum of Minnesota for  
114.9 the St. Croix Watershed Research Station to  
114.10 characterize environmental drivers  
114.11 contributing to the decline of wild rice using  
114.12 lake sediment cores to reconstruct historical  
114.13 wild rice abundance in relation to lake and  
114.14 watershed stressors.

114.15 **(c) Characterizing Tree Cavities and Use by**  
114.16 **Minnesota's Wildlife**

114.17 \$349,000 the second year is from the trust  
114.18 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
114.19 of Minnesota for the Natural Resources  
114.20 Research Institute in Duluth to assess the  
114.21 effects of forest management on Minnesota's  
114.22 primary cavity engineer, the pileated  
114.23 woodpecker, and on the wildlife that rely on  
114.24 the cavities that pileated woodpeckers create.  
114.25 This appropriation is also to develop  
114.26 management guidelines.

114.27 **(d) Fate of Minnesota's Lakes in the Next**  
114.28 **Century**

114.29 \$453,000 the second year is from the trust  
114.30 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
114.31 of Minnesota to use new modeling techniques  
114.32 to quantify how water quality of Minnesota's  
114.33 lakes will change in the next century under  
114.34 future land use and climate change scenarios  
114.35 and to create an online web tool to display the

115.1 results. This appropriation is subject to  
115.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10. This  
115.3 appropriation is available until June 30, 2028,  
115.4 by which time the project must be completed  
115.5 and final products delivered.

115.6 **(e) Turtle Island Skywatchers - Minnesota**  
115.7 **Research and Data Visualization**

115.8 \$200,000 the second year is from the trust  
115.9 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
115.10 for an agreement with Native Skywatchers  
115.11 Inc. to engage youth in environmental  
115.12 stewardship by collecting images and acoustic  
115.13 data from turtles and other culturally  
115.14 significant animals and their habitats,  
115.15 evaluating the differences in these soundscapes  
115.16 across landscapes, and sharing the results  
115.17 through scientific storytelling and online  
115.18 platforms.

115.19 **(f) Monitoring Minnesota's Insects: Connecting**  
115.20 **Habitat to Insect Prey**

115.21 \$199,000 the second year is from the trust  
115.22 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
115.23 of Minnesota to investigate the ecological  
115.24 roles of and energy transfer by certain  
115.25 Minnesota insects throughout their life cycles  
115.26 and to train future insect researchers on field  
115.27 techniques.

115.28 **(g) Determining Ambient Background PFAS**  
115.29 **Concentrations in Minnesota Soils**

115.30 \$621,000 the second year is from the trust  
115.31 fund to the commissioner of the Pollution  
115.32 Control Agency to determine ambient  
115.33 background per- and polyfluoroalkyl substance  
115.34 (PFAS) levels in urban and nonurban soils to  
115.35 help Minnesota develop management

116.1 strategies for PFAS-contaminated soils. This  
116.2 appropriation is available until June 30, 2028,  
116.3 by which time the project must be completed  
116.4 and final products delivered.

116.5 **(h) Investigating Life History Characteristics of**  
116.6 **Minnesota Elk**

116.7 \$933,000 the second year is from the trust  
116.8 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
116.9 to assess Minnesota elk herd health and  
116.10 genetic diversity, movements, survival, and  
116.11 causes of mortality and to develop a  
116.12 noninvasive, safer, and more accurate method  
116.13 to estimate population size. This appropriation  
116.14 is available until June 30, 2028, by which time  
116.15 the project must be completed and final  
116.16 products delivered.

116.17 **(i) Foundational Data for Moth and Butterfly**  
116.18 **Conservation**

116.19 \$195,000 the second year is from the trust  
116.20 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
116.21 to perform field surveys and consolidate  
116.22 existing data to create the first comprehensive  
116.23 list of Minnesota moths and butterflies. This  
116.24 appropriation is also to conduct outreach to  
116.25 inform land managers and to facilitate public  
116.26 appreciation of these species.

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

116.28 \$3,200,000 the second year is from the trust  
116.29 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
116.30 to continue producing county groundwater  
116.31 atlases to inform management of surface water  
116.32 and groundwater resources for drinking and  
116.33 other purposes. This appropriation is for Part  
116.34 B, to characterize the potential water yields of

117.1 aquifers and aquifers' sensitivity to  
117.2 contamination.

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

117.4 \$996,000 the second year is from the trust  
117.5 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
117.6 of Minnesota to continue to study summertime  
117.7 wolf predation on deer, moose, and other  
117.8 species in the greater Voyageurs ecosystem  
117.9 to inform wildlife management and to share  
117.10 natural history of this species with the public.  
117.11 This appropriation is available until June 30,  
117.12 2028, by which time the project must be  
117.13 completed and final products delivered.

117.14 **(l) Distribution and Population Status of Weasels**  
117.15 **in Minnesota**

117.16 \$400,000 the second year is from the trust  
117.17 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
117.18 of Minnesota for the Natural Resources  
117.19 Research Institute in Duluth to determine the  
117.20 distribution, relative abundance, and spatial  
117.21 occupancy patterns of small weasel species in  
117.22 Minnesota to fill key knowledge gaps in  
117.23 weasel distribution and status in Minnesota.

117.24 **(m) Improving Aquatic Plant Knowledge for**  
117.25 **Healthy Waters**

117.26 \$198,000 the second year is from the trust  
117.27 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
117.28 to collect foundational data on Minnesota's  
117.29 native aquatic plant biodiversity through new  
117.30 and enhanced lake surveys and to disseminate  
117.31 results to state resource managers, scientists,  
117.32 and the public.

117.33 **(n) New Small Mammal Monitoring Methods**  
117.34 **for Minnesota**

118.1 \$199,000 the second year is from the trust  
118.2 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
118.3 of Minnesota for the Natural Resources  
118.4 Research Institute in Duluth to develop camera  
118.5 trapping methods as a new tool to collect  
118.6 foundational data and fill key knowledge gaps  
118.7 in the status of small mammal species in  
118.8 Minnesota.

118.9 **(o) Status of Bats and Roost Trees after**  
118.10 **White-Nose Syndrome**

118.11 \$195,000 the second year is from the trust  
118.12 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
118.13 of Minnesota for the Natural Resources  
118.14 Research Institute in Duluth to study changes  
118.15 in maternity roost trees and bat populations in  
118.16 the forested areas of Minnesota and to evaluate  
118.17 the effects of years of white-nose syndrome  
118.18 on Minnesota bats.

118.19 **(p) Sublethal Effects of Pesticides on the**  
118.20 **Invertebrate Community**

118.21 \$387,000 the second year is from the trust  
118.22 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
118.23 of Minnesota to provide data on pesticide  
118.24 contamination in soil and the insect  
118.25 community across the state and the effect of  
118.26 insecticide exposure on insect reproduction.  
118.27 This appropriation is available until June 30,  
118.28 2029, by which time the project must be  
118.29 completed and final products delivered.

118.30 **(q) Modernizing Minnesota's Plant Community**  
118.31 **Classification and Field Guides**

118.32 \$1,800,000 the second year is from the trust  
118.33 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
118.34 to collect additional vegetation and  
118.35 environmental data and update the state's

119.1 20-year-old native plant community  
119.2 classification guides to incorporate new data,  
119.3 streamline user application and access to  
119.4 products, and include analysis of climate and  
119.5 vegetation trends. Net income generated as  
119.6 part of this appropriation may be reinvested  
119.7 in the project if a plan for reinvestment is  
119.8 approved in the work plan. This appropriation  
119.9 is subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
119.10 116P.10.

119.11 **(r) Assessing Prairie Health to Inform Pollinator**  
119.12 **Conservation**

119.13 \$297,000 the second year is from the trust  
119.14 fund to the Minnesota Zoological Society to  
119.15 assess habitat quality and pesticide occurrence  
119.16 in Minnesota prairies to help inform  
119.17 management actions, endangered species  
119.18 recovery plans, and pollinator reintroduction  
119.19 efforts for endangered and threatened  
119.20 butterflies and other wildlife.

119.21 **(s) Understanding Native Fishes in the**  
119.22 **Bowfishing Era**

119.23 \$588,000 the second year is from the trust  
119.24 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
119.25 of Minnesota, Duluth, to collect foundational  
119.26 biological information on a selection of native  
119.27 Minnesota fish to aid in sustainable  
119.28 management, improve recreational  
119.29 opportunities, and educate the public about  
119.30 these shared aquatic resources. This  
119.31 appropriation is available until June 30, 2028,  
119.32 by which time the project must be completed  
119.33 and final products delivered.

119.34 **(t) Preserving Minnesota Wildflower**  
119.35 **Information**

120.1 \$199,000 the second year is from the trust  
120.2 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
120.3 of Minnesota, Bell Museum of Natural  
120.4 History, to preserve and enhance Minnesota  
120.5 Wildflowers Information, an online tool for  
120.6 plant identification, by integrating the content  
120.7 and functionality of the website with the  
120.8 Minnesota Biodiversity Atlas for public use  
120.9 as required by Laws 2017, chapter 96, section  
120.10 2, subdivision 3, paragraph (e).

120.11 **(u) White-Tailed Deer Movement and Disease**  
120.12 **in Suburban Areas**

120.13 \$699,000 the second year is from the trust  
120.14 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
120.15 of Minnesota to better understand white-tailed  
120.16 deer movement, habitat use, and disease  
120.17 dynamics at the suburban-agricultural interface  
120.18 to inform more efficient deer management and  
120.19 disease control.

120.20 **(v) Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza and**  
120.21 **Minnesota Raptors**

120.22 \$187,000 the second year is from the trust  
120.23 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
120.24 of Minnesota for the Raptor Center to evaluate  
120.25 Minnesota raptors for current or past infections  
120.26 with highly pathogenic avian influenza virus  
120.27 to better understand disease transmission and  
120.28 outbreak impacts on raptor populations.

120.29 **(w) Geologic Atlases for Water Resource**  
120.30 **Management**

120.31 \$1,236,000 the second year is from the trust  
120.32 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
120.33 of Minnesota, Minnesota Geological Survey,  
120.34 to continue producing county geologic atlases  
120.35 to inform management of surface water and

121.1 groundwater resources. This appropriation is  
121.2 to complete Part A, which focuses on the  
121.3 properties and distribution of earth materials  
121.4 to define aquifer boundaries and the  
121.5 connection of aquifers to the land surface and  
121.6 surface water resources.

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

121.8 \$180,000 the second year is from the trust  
121.9 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
121.10 for an agreement with Monarch Joint Venture  
121.11 to use remote sensing technology to evaluate  
121.12 pollinator habitat on energy and transportation  
121.13 corridors across Minnesota and to host  
121.14 field-day training workshops. Net income  
121.15 generated as part of this appropriation may be  
121.16 reinvested in the project if a plan for  
121.17 reinvestment is approved in the work plan as  
121.18 provided under Minnesota Statutes, section  
121.19 116P.10.

121.20 **(y) Harnessing Cover Crops and Roots for**  
121.21 **Sustainable Cropping**

121.22 \$375,000 the second year is from the trust  
121.23 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
121.24 of Minnesota to determine carbon  
121.25 sequestration, nitrogen credit potential, water  
121.26 use, and performance of cover crops in  
121.27 corn-soybean and corn-soybean-wheat  
121.28 rotations in southern Minnesota.

121.29 **(z) Effects of Conservation Grazing on Solar**  
121.30 **Sites Managed for Pollinator Habitat**

121.31 \$88,000 the second year is from the trust fund  
121.32 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
121.33 an agreement with Minnesota Native  
121.34 Landscapes, in partnership with Temple  
121.35 University, to analyze the effects of sheep

122.1 grazing and mowing on the vegetation and  
122.2 soils of solar sites managed for pollinator  
122.3 habitat and to improve understanding of the  
122.4 environmental outcomes from the colocation  
122.5 of solar panels; grazing; and native,  
122.6 pollinator-friendly vegetation. This  
122.7 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029,  
122.8 by which time the project must be completed  
122.9 and final products delivered.

122.10 (aa) **Genetic Detection of Endangered Mussels**  
122.11 **in the Mississippi**

122.12 \$241,000 the second year is from the trust  
122.13 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
122.14 for an agreement with the United States  
122.15 Geological Survey, Ohio Water Microbiology  
122.16 Lab, to create, optimize, and use eDNA assays  
122.17 to detect the presence of endangered or  
122.18 threatened mussel species around Buffalo  
122.19 Slough near the Prairie Island Indian  
122.20 Community.

122.21 (bb) **Integrated Population Modeling for**  
122.22 **Trumpeter Swans**

122.23 \$180,000 the second year is from the trust  
122.24 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
122.25 of Minnesota to compile and use all available  
122.26 data to model historical population abundance  
122.27 and estimate future population dynamics of  
122.28 Minnesota trumpeter swans.

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

122.30 Sec. 4. Laws 2024, chapter 83, section 2, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

122.31 Subd. 8. **Methods to Protect or Restore Land,**  
122.32 **Water, and Habitat**

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122.33 (a) **Long-Term Preservation of Minnesota's Ball**  
122.34 **Cactus Population**

123.1 \$100,000 the second year is from the trust  
123.2 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
123.3 of Minnesota for the Minnesota Landscape  
123.4 Arboretum to protect Minnesota's only  
123.5 population of ball cactus by supporting  
123.6 population expansion and establishment,  
123.7 monitoring transferred plants, and training  
123.8 long-term volunteer monitors. This  
123.9 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029,  
123.10 by which time the project must be completed  
123.11 and final products delivered.

123.12 **(b) Morrison County Historical Society**  
123.13 **Streambank Stabilization and Restoration**

123.14 \$519,000 the second year is from the trust  
123.15 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
123.16 for an agreement with the Morrison Soil and  
123.17 Water Conservation District to stabilize and  
123.18 restore land along the Mississippi River owned  
123.19 by the Morrison County Historical Society  
123.20 within the statutory boundaries of Charles A.  
123.21 Lindbergh State Park to improve water quality  
123.22 and improve aquatic and terrestrial habit. For  
123.23 purposes of this appropriation, subdivision 13,  
123.24 paragraph (e), does not apply. The  
123.25 commissioner of natural resources may make  
123.26 reasonable amounts of this appropriation  
123.27 available on an advance basis to accommodate  
123.28 the Morrison Soil and Water Conservation  
123.29 District's cash-flow needs if a plan for the  
123.30 advances is approved as part of the work plan.

123.31 **(c) Can Increased Tree Diversity Increase**  
123.32 **Community Diversity?**

123.33 \$415,000 the second year is from the trust  
123.34 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
123.35 of Minnesota to evaluate impacts of increasing  
123.36 tree diversity on wildlife, plant and fungal

124.1 communities, and carbon storage within aspen  
124.2 forests in northern Minnesota to develop best  
124.3 management practices for mixed woodland  
124.4 systems.

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

124.6 \$141,000 the second year is from the trust  
124.7 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
124.8 for an agreement with the city of Long Prairie  
124.9 to improve water retention, increase native  
124.10 habitat, and enhance footpaths for recreation  
124.11 at Riverside Park in Todd County, Minnesota.  
124.12 The project must create a net increase in  
124.13 habitat, and this appropriation may not be used  
124.14 to meet the conditions of any permits received  
124.15 for the project.

124.16 **(e) Pollinator Central IV: Habitat Improvement**  
124.17 **with Public Engagement**

124.18 \$698,000 the second year is from the trust  
124.19 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
124.20 for an agreement with Great River Greening  
124.21 to partner with municipalities, educational  
124.22 organizations, and volunteers to create and  
124.23 enhance pollinator habitat along public  
124.24 corridors from Lakeville to St. Cloud and to  
124.25 engage youth and the public through education  
124.26 and monitoring the impact of habitat  
124.27 improvements. This appropriation is available  
124.28 until June 30, 2028, by which time the project  
124.29 must be completed and final products  
124.30 delivered.

124.31 **(f) Conservation Grazing for Birds, Beef, and**  
124.32 **Better Soil**

124.33 \$342,000 the second year is from the trust  
124.34 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
124.35 for an agreement with the National Audubon

125.1 Society, Minnesota office, to assess Audubon  
125.2 Conservation Ranching as a strategic approach  
125.3 to improve grassland biodiversity, soils, and  
125.4 ecosystem resilience. This appropriation is  
125.5 available until June 30, 2028, by which time  
125.6 the project must be completed and final  
125.7 products delivered.

125.8 **(g) Minnesota Microbes for Enhanced**  
125.9 **Biodegradation of Microplastics**

125.10 \$524,000 the second year is from the trust  
125.11 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
125.12 of Minnesota to investigate the potential of  
125.13 natural and indigenous microbes to biodegrade  
125.14 conventional plastics in contaminated soils  
125.15 and waters across the state. This appropriation  
125.16 is subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
125.17 116P.10.

125.18 **(h) Completing the Mississippi River Greenway:**  
125.19 **Dakota County**

125.20 \$657,000 the second year is from the trust  
125.21 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
125.22 for an agreement with Dakota County to  
125.23 restore and enhance habitat on public lands,  
125.24 establish linear native plantings, and install  
125.25 electric-vehicle charging stations within and  
125.26 along the 27-mile Mississippi River Greenway  
125.27 in Dakota County. Net income generated as  
125.28 part of this appropriation may be reinvested  
125.29 in the project if a plan for reinvestment is  
125.30 approved in the work plan. This appropriation  
125.31 is subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
125.32 116P.10, and is available until June 30, 2028,  
125.33 by which time the project must be completed  
125.34 and final products delivered.

125.35 **(i) Enabling Nature to Destroy Environmental**  
125.36 **PFAS Contaminants**

126.1 \$378,000 the second year is from the trust  
126.2 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
126.3 of Minnesota to identify enzymes and  
126.4 microbes that can break down soil-based per-  
126.5 and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) into  
126.6 nontoxic elements. This appropriation is  
126.7 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10.

126.8 **(j) Bioacoustics for Species Monitoring and**  
126.9 **Conservation - Phase 2**

126.10 \$568,000 the second year is from the trust  
126.11 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
126.12 of Minnesota to assess avian diversity at the  
126.13 statewide scale by developing a citizen science  
126.14 bioacoustics monitoring program with an  
126.15 initial focus on private lands.

126.16 **(k) Preventing PFAS and Microplastics**  
126.17 **Contaminants Across Minnesota**

126.18 \$656,000 the second year is from the trust  
126.19 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
126.20 of Minnesota to help stop the flow of per- and  
126.21 polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and  
126.22 microplastics contaminants into Minnesota's  
126.23 environment by developing strategies and  
126.24 technologies to manage solid waste streams  
126.25 on site. This appropriation is subject to  
126.26 Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10.

126.27 **(l) Shingle Creek Aquatic and Shoreline Habitat**  
126.28 **Enhancement**

126.29 \$1,100,000 the second year is from the trust  
126.30 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
126.31 for an agreement with the Minneapolis Park  
126.32 and Recreation Board to plan and restore a  
126.33 section of Shingle Creek in north Minneapolis  
126.34 with native aquatic and shoreline vegetation,  
126.35 channel and bank modification, and natural

127.1 stream features. This appropriation is also to  
127.2 monitor plant and animal health following  
127.3 construction to ensure that the ecological  
127.4 functioning of the creek corridor is restored.  
127.5 This appropriation is available until June 30,  
127.6 2030, by which time the project must be  
127.7 completed and final products delivered.

127.8 **(m) LiDAR Technology to Help Prevent Wildlife**  
127.9 **Fatalities from Wind Turbines**

127.10 \$525,000 the second year is from the trust  
127.11 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
127.12 of Minnesota to create a low-cost and  
127.13 advanced LiDAR system to detect bats and  
127.14 birds approaching wind turbines that may be  
127.15 used in concert with deterrence or impact  
127.16 avoidance methods to prevent collisions. This  
127.17 appropriation is subject to Minnesota Statutes,  
127.18 section 116P.10.

127.19 **(n) Road Salt Pollution of Surface Waters from**  
127.20 **Groundwater**

127.21 \$622,000 the second year is from the trust  
127.22 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
127.23 of Minnesota to inform source-reduction  
127.24 efforts by developing a model to identify hot  
127.25 spots where road-salt-contaminated  
127.26 groundwater leads to chloride pollution of  
127.27 surface waters.

127.28 **(o) Growing the Minnesota Bison Conservation**  
127.29 **Herd**

127.30 \$1,775,000 the second year is from the trust  
127.31 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
127.32 to reintroduce bison to Camden State Park as  
127.33 part of a statewide effort to preserve the  
127.34 American Plains bison genome.  
127.35 Reintroduction includes the design,

128.1 construction, and installation of fencing, a  
128.2 handling facility, signage, exhibits, and other  
128.3 site improvements. This appropriation is  
128.4 available until June 30, 2030, by which time  
128.5 the project must be completed and final  
128.6 products delivered.

128.7 **(p) Priority Lakes: Meeting Protection Goals**  
128.8 **and Multiplying Benefits**

128.9 \$1,890,000 the second year is from the trust  
128.10 fund to the commissioner of natural resources  
128.11 for an agreement with the Hubbard County  
128.12 Soil and Water Conservation District, in  
128.13 cooperation with Minnesota Land Trust, to  
128.14 protect habitat, forest health, and water quality  
128.15 in the best fishing lakes by creating lake  
128.16 implementation action plans, conducting  
128.17 community-based habitat restorations and  
128.18 improvements, and protecting forest lands with  
128.19 conservation easements and Sustainable Forest  
128.20 Incentive Act (SFIA) enrollments within  
128.21 prioritized areas of the upper Mississippi River  
128.22 basin ~~in Hubbard County~~. Of this amount, up  
128.23 to \$168,000 is for deposit in a monitoring fund  
128.24 to be used by Minnesota Land Trust as  
128.25 approved in the work plan and subject to  
128.26 Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.20.

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

128.28 **ARTICLE 3**

128.29 **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND: GRANT**  
128.30 **PROGRAMS**

128.31 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116X.03, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

128.32 Subdivision 1. **Grants.** (a) Beginning July 1, 2025, each fiscal year 1.5 percent of the  
128.33 market value of the environment and natural resources trust fund on June 30 one year before  
128.34 the start of the biennium is available for appropriation to the commissioner of natural

resources to provide grants under this section for the benefit of current residents and future generations. The commissioner must award grants under this section for purposes authorized under the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 14, and expand the number and diversity of recipients who benefit from the environment and natural resources trust fund, especially in communities that have been adversely affected by pollution and environmental degradation.

(b) Grants awarded under this section must be expended for benefits across all regions and residents of the state. A grant may be awarded under this section only for:

(1) helping adversely impacted communities respond to environmental degradation and related health concerns;

(2) education and awareness related to stewardship of air, land, water, forests, fish, wildlife, and other natural resources; ~~or~~

(3) preserving or enhancing air, land, water, and other natural resources that otherwise may be substantially impaired or destroyed in any area of the state;

(4) trail maintenance and improvement on state, regional, or local trails. No money allocated under this clause may be used to construct new trails or new trail segments; or

(5) aquatic invasive species management.

(c) A grant awarded under this section must provide measurable results ~~and may not be awarded to a for-profit business.~~

(d) Money appropriated from the trust fund under this subdivision must supplement the traditional sources of funding for environment and natural resources activities and may not be used as a substitute.

(e) Any appropriated funds under this subdivision that are not encumbered before the appropriation expires must be credited to the principal of the trust fund.

~~(f) The commissioner may not award a grant under this section to the Department of Natural Resources.~~

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116X.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 6. Prohibitions. The commissioner may not award a grant under this section:

(1) to a state agency;

(2) to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota;

(3) to a for-profit business; or

130.1 (4) for a scientific research project.

130.2 Sec. 3. **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND**  
130.3 **COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM; REPORT.**

130.4 By December 15, 2025, the commissioner of natural resources must submit a report to  
130.5 the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate  
130.6 committees and divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources on plans  
130.7 to implement the environment and natural resources trust fund community grant program  
130.8 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116X.03. The report must include:

130.9 (1) recommendations for the grant program to ensure that the program operates in a  
130.10 manner similar to the conservation partners legacy grant program established as required  
130.11 under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 3, including a draft of any request  
130.12 for proposals and the criteria that will be used to prioritize applications and allocate funding;

130.13 (2) details of grant program implementation, including requests for proposals, awarded  
130.14 grants, and future implementation; and

130.15 (3) the organizational structure and membership of the Environment and Natural  
130.16 Resources Trust Fund Community Grant Advisory Council required under Minnesota  
130.17 Statutes, section 116X.05.

130.18 Sec. 4. **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND**  
130.19 **APPROPRIATION.**

130.20 (a) \$28,180,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the environment and natural  
130.21 resources trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for grants under Minnesota  
130.22 Statutes, section 116X.03, allocated as required under Minnesota Statutes, section 116X.03,  
130.23 subdivision 1.

130.24 (b) This is a onetime appropriation. Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116P, does not apply  
130.25 to this appropriation or to projects funded with this appropriation. This appropriation is  
130.26 available until June 30, 2029.

130.27 Sec. 5. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

130.28 Sections 1 to 4 are effective the day following final enactment.

131.1 **ARTICLE 4**

131.2 **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES POLICY**

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

131.5 Subd. 21. **Outreach to culturally diverse communities.** The commissioner must ensure  
131.6 that, to the maximum extent practicable, the commissioner's work and the work of the  
131.7 department are carried out in a manner that facilitates enhanced outreach to all Minnesotans.  
131.8 To the maximum extent practicable, public hearings, solicitations for grant proposals, and  
131.9 other interactions with the public must include audiovisual communication components and  
131.10 must not rely exclusively on written forms of communication.

131.11 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 84.705, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

131.12 Subdivision 1. ~~**Definitions**~~ **Definition.** (a) For the purposes of this section, ~~the following~~  
131.13 ~~terms have the meanings given.~~

131.14 ~~(b) "shade tree" means a woody perennial grown primarily for aesthetic or environmental~~  
131.15 ~~purposes with minimal to residual timber value.~~

131.16 ~~(c) "Supplemental demographic index" means an index in the Environmental Justice~~  
131.17 ~~Screening and Mapping Tool developed by the United States Environmental Protection~~  
131.18 ~~Agency that is based on socioeconomic indicators, including low income, unemployment,~~  
131.19 ~~less than high school education, limited English speaking, and low life expectancy.~~

131.20 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 84.705, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

131.21 Subd. 3. **Priority.** (a) Priority for grants awarded under this section must be given to:

131.22 (1) projects removing and replacing ash trees that pose significant public safety concerns;  
131.23 and

131.24 (2) projects ~~located in a census block group with a supplemental demographic index~~  
131.25 ~~score in the 70th percentile or higher within the state of Minnesota~~ in areas identified using  
131.26 the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Justice Screening and  
131.27 Mapping Tool methodology provided in the United States Environmental Protection Agency's  
131.28 environmental justice screen technical documentation dated July 31, 2024.

131.29 (b) The commissioner may not prioritize projects based on criteria other than the criteria  
131.30 established under paragraph (a). Nothing in this section precludes the Department of Natural

132.1 Resources from following chapter 16B requirements or considering the ability of the grantees  
132.2 to complete the work of the grant.

132.3 **Sec. 4. [86B.109] ABANDONED WATERCRAFT.**

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

132.9 (1) inoperative and neglected, wrecked, stranded, or substantially dismantled;

132.10 (2) in immediate danger of sinking; or

132.11 (3) unmoored and unattended.

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

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

132.18 (1) the watercraft has been tagged and the condition that resulted in the watercraft being  
132.19 tagged must be remedied immediately; and

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

132.22 **Subd. 2. Failure to remedy.** The registered owner of a watercraft who knowingly fails  
132.23 to remedy the condition that resulted in the watercraft being tagged within 14 days of the  
132.24 commissioner sending the notice required by subdivision 1, paragraph (c), is guilty of a  
132.25 misdemeanor. In addition, the owner is liable to the Department of Natural Resources for  
132.26 all costs incurred by the commissioner in enforcing this section against the owner.

132.27 **Subd. 3. Seizure of abandoned watercraft.** Fourteen days after the commissioner sends  
132.28 the notice required by subdivision 1, paragraph (c), to the registered owner or concludes  
132.29 that there is no registered owner, the commissioner must investigate the watercraft. If, upon  
132.30 inspection, the watercraft has not been removed and the condition that prompted the peace  
132.31 officer or employee to tag it has not been substantially remedied, the watercraft is considered

133.1 abandoned and the commissioner must seize and forfeit the watercraft according to section  
133.2 97A.223.

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

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

133.8 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 86B.415, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

133.18 (4) for a watercraft used by a nonprofit corporation for teaching boat and water safety,  
133.19 \$14;

133.20 (5) for a watercraft owned by a dealer under a dealer's license, \$50;

133.21 (6) for a personal watercraft, including one offered for rent or lease, \$25;

133.22 (7) for a watercraft less than 17 feet in length, other than a watercraft listed in clauses  
133.23 (2) to (6), \$25;

133.24 (8) for a canoe, kayak, sailboard, paddleboard, paddleboat, or rowing shell over ten feet  
133.25 in length, \$20;

133.26 (9) for a watercraft more than 19 feet but less than 26 feet in length, other than a  
133.27 watercraft listed in clauses (4), (5), (8), and (12), \$38;

133.28 (10) for a watercraft 26 feet but less than 40 feet in length, other than a watercraft listed  
133.29 in clauses (4), (5), (8), and (12), \$50;

133.30 (11) for a watercraft 40 feet in length or longer, other than a watercraft listed in clauses  
133.31 (4), (5), (8), and (12), \$62; and

134.1 (12) for a watercraft used primarily for charter fishing, commercial fishing, commercial  
134.2 passenger carrying, or other commercial operation, \$50.

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

134.4 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 88.82, is amended to read:

134.5 **88.82 MINNESOTA RELEAF PROGRAM.**

134.6 (a) The Minnesota releaf program is established in the Department of Natural Resources  
134.7 to encourage, promote, and fund the inventory, planting, assessment, maintenance,  
134.8 improvement, protection, utilization, and restoration of trees and forest resources in this  
134.9 state to enhance community forest ecosystem health and sustainability as well as to reduce  
134.10 atmospheric carbon dioxide levels and promote energy conservation.

134.11 (b) Priority for grants awarded under this section must be given to projects located in  
134.12 whole or in part in ~~a census block group with a supplemental demographic index score in~~  
134.13 ~~the 70th percentile or higher within the state of Minnesota~~ an area identified using the United  
134.14 States Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Justice Screening and Mapping  
134.15 Tool methodology provided in the United States Environmental Protection Agency's  
134.16 environmental justice screen technical documentation dated July 31, 2024.

134.17 ~~(c) For the purposes of this section, "supplemental demographic index" means an index~~  
134.18 ~~in the Environmental Justice Screening and Mapping Tool developed by the United States~~  
134.19 ~~Environmental Protection Agency that is based on socioeconomic indicators, including low~~  
134.20 ~~income, unemployment, less than high school education, limited English speaking, and low~~  
134.21 ~~life expectancy.~~

134.22 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.223, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

135.1 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.421, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
135.2 read:

135.3 Subd. 3c. **Restrictions after conviction; abandoned watercraft.** (a) After a conviction  
135.4 under section 86B.109, subdivision 2, the following license and registration restrictions  
135.5 remain in effect until the person reimburses the Department of Natural Resources for all  
135.6 the department's costs under section 86B.109, subdivision 2:

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

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

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

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

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

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

135.19 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.465, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
135.20 read:

135.21 Subd. 9. **Resident disabled veterans; reduced fee licenses.** A person authorized to  
135.22 issue licenses must issue the following licenses for the reduced fee specified under section  
135.23 97A.475 to a resident who is a veteran, as defined in section 197.447, and who has a 50 to  
135.24 99 percent service-connected disability as defined by the United States Department of  
135.25 Veterans Affairs upon being furnished satisfactory evidence:

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

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

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

135.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2027.

136.1 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.475, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

136.7 (4) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take turkey, \$5;

136.8 (5) for persons age 18 or over to take deer with firearms during the regular firearms  
136.9 season, \$34;

136.10 (6) for persons age 18 or over to take deer by archery, \$34;

136.11 (7) for persons age 18 or over to take deer by muzzleloader during the muzzleloader  
136.12 season, \$34;

136.13 (8) to take moose, for a party of not more than six persons, \$356;

136.14 (9) for persons age 18 or over to take bear, \$44;

136.15 (10) to take elk, for a party of not more than two persons, \$287;

136.16 (11) to take light geese during the light goose conservation order, \$2.50;

136.17 (12) to take sandhill crane during the sandhill crane season, \$3;

136.18 (13) to take prairie chickens, \$23;

136.19 (14) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take deer with firearms during the  
136.20 regular firearms season, \$5;

136.21 (15) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take deer by archery, \$5;

136.22 (16) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take deer by muzzleloader during  
136.23 the muzzleloader season, \$5;

136.24 (17) for persons age 10, 11, or 12 to take bear, no fee;

136.25 (18) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take bear, \$5;

136.26 (19) for persons age 18 or over to take small game for a consecutive 72-hour period

136.27 selected by the licensee, \$19, of which an amount equal to one-half of the fee for the

136.28 migratory-waterfowl stamp under subdivision 5, clause (1), shall be deposited in the

136.29 waterfowl habitat improvement account under section 97A.075, subdivision 2; one-half of

137.1 the fee for the pheasant stamp under subdivision 5, clause (2), shall be deposited in the  
137.2 pheasant habitat improvement account under section 97A.075, subdivision 4; and one-half  
137.3 of the small-game surcharge under subdivision 4, shall be deposited in the wildlife acquisition  
137.4 account;

137.5 (20) for persons age 16 or over and under age 18 to take small game, \$5;

137.6 (21) to take wolf, \$30;

137.7 (22) for persons age 12 and under to take turkey, no fee;

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

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

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

137.12 (26) for disabled veterans to take deer or small game under section 97A.465, subdivision  
137.13 9, \$5.

137.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2027.

137.15 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.475, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

138.1 (8) for disabled veterans to take fish by angling under section 97A.465, subdivision 9,  
138.2 \$5.

138.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2027.

138.4 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.031, is amended by adding a subdivision  
138.5 to read:

138.6 Subd. 7. **County authority to limit firearms for deer hunting.** A county board of a  
138.7 county located in the shotgun zone under Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.318, may  
138.8 adopt an ordinance after notice and public hearing to limit the type of firearms that may be  
138.9 used to hunt deer within the county. Subsequent ordinances may be adopted under this  
138.10 subdivision only after additional notice and public hearing and are effective until repealed  
138.11 or modified by ordinance.

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

138.13 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.037, is amended to read:

138.14 **97B.037 CROSSBOW HUNTING AND FISHING.**

138.15 (a) Notwithstanding section 97B.035, subdivisions 1 and 2, a person may take deer,  
138.16 bear, turkey, common carp, or native rough fish by crossbow during the respective regular  
138.17 archery seasons. The transportation requirements of section 97B.051 apply to crossbows  
138.18 during the regular archery deer, bear, turkey, common carp, or native rough fish season.  
138.19 Crossbows must meet the requirements of section 97B.106, subdivision 2. A person taking  
138.20 deer, bear, turkey, common carp, or native rough fish by crossbow under this section must  
138.21 have a valid license to take the respective game.

138.22 (b) This section expires June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

138.23 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97C.395, is amended to read:

138.24 **97C.395 OPEN SEASONS FOR ANGLING.**

138.25 Subdivision 1. **Dates for certain species.** (a) The open seasons to take fish by angling  
138.26 are as follows:

138.27 (1) for walleye, sauger, northern pike, and muskellunge, ~~largemouth bass, and smallmouth~~  
138.28 ~~bass~~, the Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through the  
138.29 last Sunday in February;

139.1 (2) for brown trout, brook trout, lake trout, rainbow trout, and splake, between January  
139.2 1 through October 31 as prescribed by the commissioner by rule except as provided in  
139.3 section 97C.415, subdivision 2; and

139.4 (3) for salmon, as prescribed by the commissioner by rule.

139.5 (b) The commissioner shall close the season in areas of the state where fish are spawning  
139.6 and closing the season will protect the resource.

139.7 Subd. 2. **Continuous season for certain species.** For largemouth bass, smallmouth bass,  
139.8 sunfish, white crappie, black crappie, yellow perch, channel catfish, rock bass, white bass,  
139.9 yellow bass, burbot, cisco (tullibee), lake whitefish, common carp, and native rough fish,  
139.10 the open season is continuous.

139.11 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 103G.271, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

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

139.18 (1) ~~\$140~~ \$200 for amounts not exceeding 50,000,000 gallons per year;

139.19 (2) ~~\$3.50~~ \$6 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 50,000,000 gallons but less  
139.20 than 100,000,000 gallons per year;

139.21 (3) ~~\$4~~ \$7 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 100,000,000 gallons but less  
139.22 than 150,000,000 gallons per year;

139.23 (4) ~~\$4.50~~ \$8 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 150,000,000 gallons but  
139.24 less than 200,000,000 gallons per year;

139.25 (5) ~~\$5~~ \$9 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 200,000,000 gallons but less  
139.26 than 250,000,000 gallons per year;

139.27 (6) ~~\$5.50~~ \$10 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 250,000,000 gallons but  
139.28 less than 300,000,000 gallons per year;

139.29 (7) ~~\$6~~ \$11 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 300,000,000 gallons but less  
139.30 than 350,000,000 gallons per year;

140.1 (8) ~~\$6.50~~ \$12 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 350,000,000 gallons but  
140.2 less than 400,000,000 gallons per year;

140.3 (9) ~~\$7~~ \$13 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 400,000,000 gallons but less  
140.4 than 450,000,000 gallons per year;

140.5 (10) ~~\$7.50~~ \$14 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 450,000,000 gallons but  
140.6 less than 500,000,000 gallons per year; and

140.7 (11) ~~\$8~~ \$15 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 500,000,000 gallons per  
140.8 year.

140.9 (b) For once-through cooling systems, a water-use processing fee must be prescribed  
140.10 by the commissioner in accordance with the following schedule of fees for each water-use  
140.11 permit in force at any time during the year:

140.12 (1) for nonprofit corporations and school districts, \$200 per 1,000,000 gallons; and

140.13 (2) for all other users, \$420 per 1,000,000 gallons.

140.14 (c) The fee is payable based on the amount of water appropriated during the year and;  
140.15 ~~except as provided in paragraph (f),~~ the minimum fee is \$100.

140.16 (d) For water-use processing fees other than once-through cooling systems:

140.17 (1) the fee for a city of the first class may not exceed ~~\$250,000~~ \$325,000 per year;

140.18 (2) the fee for other entities for any permitted use may not exceed:

140.19 (i) ~~\$60,000~~ \$75,000 per year for an entity holding three or fewer permits;

140.20 (ii) ~~\$90,000~~ \$125,000 per year for an entity holding four or five permits; or

140.21 (iii) ~~\$300,000~~ \$400,000 per year for an entity holding more than five permits;

140.22 (3) the fee for agricultural irrigation may not exceed ~~\$750~~ \$1,500 per year;

140.23 (4) the fee for a municipality that furnishes electric service and cogenerates steam for  
140.24 home heating may not exceed \$10,000 for its permit for water use related to the cogeneration  
140.25 of electricity and steam;

140.26 (5) the fee for a facility that temporarily diverts a water of the state from its natural  
140.27 channel to produce hydroelectric or hydromechanical power may not exceed \$5,000 per  
140.28 year. A permit for such a facility does not count toward the number of permits held by an  
140.29 entity as described in this paragraph; and

(6) no fee is required for a project involving the appropriation of surface water to prevent flood damage or to remove floodwaters during a period of flooding, as determined by the commissioner.

(e) Failure to pay the fee is sufficient cause for revoking a permit. A penalty of ten percent per month calculated from the original due date must be imposed on the unpaid balance of fees remaining 30 days after the sending of a second notice of fees due. A fee may not be imposed on an agency, as defined in section 16B.01, subdivision 2, or federal governmental agency holding a water appropriation permit.

(f) The minimum water-use processing fee for a permit issued for irrigation of agricultural land is ~~\$20~~ \$100 for years in which:

(1) there is no appropriation of water under the permit; or

(2) the permit is suspended for more than seven consecutive days between May 1 and October 1.

(g) The commissioner shall waive the water-use permit fee for installations and projects that use stormwater runoff or where public entities are diverting water to treat a water quality issue and returning the water to its source without using the water for any other purpose, unless the commissioner determines that the proposed use adversely affects surface water or groundwater.

(h) A surcharge of \$50 per million gallons in addition to the fee prescribed in paragraph (a) ~~shall be~~ is applied to the volume of water used in each of the months of May, June, July, August, and September that exceeds the volume of water used in January for municipal water use, irrigation of golf courses, and landscape irrigation. The surcharge for municipalities with more than one permit ~~shall be~~ is determined based on the total appropriations from all permits that supply a common distribution system.

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

Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 103G.301, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 115B.421, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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

(b) Each fiscal year, up to ~~\$4,500,000~~ \$6,500,000 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.

143.1 (d) Paragraphs (b) and (c) expire June 30, ~~2025~~ 2029.

143.2 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116.07, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
143.3 read:

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

143.10 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116.943, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

143.11 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have  
143.12 the meanings given.

143.13 (b) "Adult mattress" means a mattress other than a crib mattress or toddler mattress.

143.14 (c) "Air care product" means a chemically formulated consumer product labeled to  
143.15 indicate that the purpose of the product is to enhance or condition the indoor environment  
143.16 by eliminating odors or freshening the air.

143.17 (d) "Automotive maintenance product" means a chemically formulated consumer product  
143.18 labeled to indicate that the purpose of the product is to maintain the appearance of a motor  
143.19 vehicle, including products for washing, waxing, polishing, cleaning, or treating the exterior  
143.20 or interior surfaces of motor vehicles. Automotive maintenance product does not include  
143.21 automotive paint or paint repair products.

143.22 (e) "Carpet or rug" means a fabric marketed or intended for use as a floor covering.

143.23 (f) "Cleaning product" means a finished product used primarily for domestic, commercial,  
143.24 or institutional cleaning purposes, including but not limited to an air care product, an  
143.25 automotive maintenance product, a general cleaning product, or a polish or floor maintenance  
143.26 product.

143.27 (g) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency.

143.28 (h) "Cookware" means durable houseware items used to prepare, dispense, or store food,  
143.29 foodstuffs, or beverages. Cookware includes but is not limited to pots, pans, skillets, grills,  
143.30 baking sheets, baking molds, trays, bowls, and cooking utensils.

143.31 (i) "Cosmetic" means articles, excluding soap:

(1) intended to be rubbed, poured, sprinkled, or sprayed on, introduced into, or otherwise applied to the human body or any part thereof for the purpose of cleansing, beautifying, promoting attractiveness, or altering the appearance; and

(2) intended for use as a component of any such article.

(j) "Currently unavoidable use" means a use of PFAS that the commissioner has determined by rule under this section to be essential for health, safety, or the functioning of society and for which alternatives are not reasonably available.

(k) "Fabric treatment" means a substance applied to fabric to give the fabric one or more characteristics, including but not limited to stain resistance or water resistance.

(l) "Intentionally added" means PFAS deliberately added during the manufacture of a product where the continued presence of PFAS is desired in the final product or one of the product's components to perform a specific function.

(m) "Internal components" means internal parts of a product, whether permanently affixed or removable, that are designed and intended to not be touched by a person during intended use or handling. Internal components include parts of a product used for holding batteries regardless of whether the parts are touched when replacing batteries.

~~(m)~~ (n) "Juvenile product" means a product designed or marketed for use by infants and children under 12 years of age:

(1) including but not limited to a baby or toddler foam pillow; bassinet; bedside sleeper; booster seat; changing pad; child restraint system for use in motor vehicles and aircraft; co-sleeper; crib mattress; highchair; highchair pad; infant bouncer; infant carrier; infant seat; infant sleep positioner; infant swing; infant travel bed; infant walker; nap cot; nursing pad; nursing pillow; play mat; playpen; play yard; polyurethane foam mat, pad, or pillow; portable foam nap mat; portable infant sleeper; portable hook-on chair; soft-sided portable crib; stroller; and toddler mattress; ~~and~~

(2) not including a children's electronic product such as a personal computer, audio and video equipment, calculator, wireless phone, game console, handheld device incorporating a video screen, or any associated peripheral such as a mouse, keyboard, power supply unit, or power cord; or an adult mattress; and

(3) not including:

(i) an off-highway vehicle, as defined in section 84.771, made for children;

(ii) an all-terrain vehicle, as defined in section 84.92, subdivision 8, made for children;

145.1 (iii) an off-highway motorcycle, as defined in section 84.787, subdivision 7, made for  
145.2 children;

145.3 (iv) a snowmobile, as defined in section 84.81, subdivision 3, made for children;

145.4 (v) an electric-assisted bicycle, as defined in section 169.011, subdivision 27, made for  
145.5 children; or

145.6 (vi) a replacement part for a vehicle described in items (i) to (v).

145.7 ~~(n)~~ (o) "Manufacturer" means the person that creates or produces a product or whose  
145.8 brand name is affixed to the product. In the case of a product imported into the United  
145.9 States, manufacturer includes the importer or first domestic distributor of the product if the  
145.10 person that manufactured or assembled the product or whose brand name is affixed to the  
145.11 product does not have a presence in the United States.

145.12 ~~(o)~~ (p) "Medical device" has the meaning given "device" under United States Code, title  
145.13 21, section 321, subsection (h).

145.14 ~~(p)~~ (q) "Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances" or "PFAS" means a class of  
145.15 fluorinated organic chemicals containing at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom.

145.16 ~~(q)~~ (r) "Product" means an item manufactured, assembled, packaged, or otherwise  
145.17 prepared for sale to consumers, including but not limited to its product components, sold  
145.18 or distributed for personal, residential, commercial, or industrial use, including for use in  
145.19 making other products.

145.20 ~~(r)~~ (s) "Product component" means an identifiable component of a product, regardless  
145.21 of whether the manufacturer of the product is the manufacturer of the component.

145.22 ~~(s)~~ (t) "Ski wax" means a lubricant applied to the bottom of snow runners, including but  
145.23 not limited to skis and snowboards, to improve their grip or glide properties. Ski wax includes  
145.24 related tuning products.

145.25 ~~(t)~~ (u) "Textile" means an item made in whole or part from a natural or synthetic fiber,  
145.26 yarn, or fabric. Textile includes but is not limited to leather, cotton, silk, jute, hemp, wool,  
145.27 viscose, nylon, and polyester.

145.28 ~~(u)~~ (v) "Textile furnishings" means textile goods of a type customarily used in households  
145.29 and businesses, including but not limited to draperies, floor coverings, furnishings, bedding,  
145.30 towels, and tablecloths.

146.1 ~~(v)~~ (w) "Upholstered furniture" means an article of furniture that is designed to be used  
146.2 for sitting, resting, or reclining and that is wholly or partly stuffed or filled with any filling  
146.3 material.

146.4 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116.943, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

146.5 Subd. 5. **Prohibitions.** (a) Beginning January 1, 2025, a person may not sell, offer for  
146.6 sale, or distribute for sale in this state the following products if the product contains  
146.7 intentionally added PFAS:

146.8 (1) carpets or rugs;

146.9 (2) cleaning products;

146.10 (3) cookware;

146.11 (4) cosmetics;

146.12 (5) dental floss;

146.13 (6) fabric treatments;

146.14 (7) juvenile products;

146.15 (8) menstruation products;

146.16 (9) textile furnishings;

146.17 (10) ski wax; or

146.18 (11) upholstered furniture.

146.19 (b) Paragraph (a) does not prohibit the sale, offer for sale, or distribution for sale of a  
146.20 product that contains intentionally added PFAS only in electronic components or internal  
146.21 components.

146.22 ~~(b)~~ (c) The commissioner may by rule identify additional products by category or use  
146.23 that may not be sold, offered for sale, or distributed for sale in this state if they contain  
146.24 intentionally added PFAS and designate effective dates. A prohibition adopted under this  
146.25 paragraph must be effective no earlier than January 1, 2025, and no later than January 1,  
146.26 2032. The commissioner must prioritize the prohibition of the sale of product categories  
146.27 that, in the commissioner's judgment, are most likely to contaminate or harm the state's  
146.28 environment and natural resources if they contain intentionally added PFAS.

146.29 ~~(e)~~ (d) Beginning January 1, 2032, a person may not sell, offer for sale, or distribute for  
146.30 sale in this state any product that contains intentionally added PFAS, unless the commissioner

147.1 has determined by rule that the use of PFAS in the product is a currently unavoidable use.  
147.2 The commissioner may specify specific products or product categories for which the  
147.3 commissioner has determined the use of PFAS is a currently unavoidable use. The  
147.4 commissioner may not determine that the use of PFAS in a product is a currently unavoidable  
147.5 use if the product is listed in paragraph (a).

147.6 ~~(d)~~ (e) The commissioner may not take action under paragraph ~~(b) or (c)~~ or (d) with  
147.7 respect to a pesticide, as defined under chapter 18B, a fertilizer, an agricultural liming  
147.8 material, a plant amendment, or a soil amendment as defined under chapter 18C, unless the  
147.9 commissioner of agriculture approves the action.

147.10 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 325F.072, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

147.11 Subd. 3. **Prohibition.** (a) No person, political subdivision, or state agency shall  
147.12 manufacture or knowingly sell, offer for sale, distribute for sale, or distribute for use in this  
147.13 state, and no person shall use in this state, class B firefighting foam containing PFAS  
147.14 chemicals.

147.15 (b) This subdivision does not apply to the manufacture, sale, distribution, or use of class  
147.16 B firefighting foam for which the inclusion of PFAS chemicals is required by federal law,  
147.17 including but not limited to Code of Federal Regulations, title 14, section 139.317. If a  
147.18 federal requirement to include PFAS chemicals in class B firefighting foam is revoked after  
147.19 January 1, 2024, class B firefighting foam subject to the revoked requirements is no longer  
147.20 exempt under this paragraph effective one year after the day of revocation.

147.21 (c) Except as provided under paragraph (e), this subdivision does not apply to the  
147.22 manufacture, sale, distribution, or use of class B firefighting foam for purposes of use at an  
147.23 airport, as defined under section 360.013, subdivision 39, until the state fire marshal makes  
147.24 a determination that:

147.25 (1) the Federal Aviation Administration has provided policy guidance on the transition  
147.26 to fluorine-free firefighting foam;

147.27 (2) a fluorine-free firefighting foam product is included in the Federal Aviation  
147.28 Administration's Qualified Product Database; and

147.29 (3) a firefighting foam product included in the database under clause (2) is commercially  
147.30 available in quantities sufficient to reliably meet the requirements under Code of Federal  
147.31 Regulations, title 14, part 139.

147.32 (d) Until the state fire marshal makes a determination under paragraph (c), the operator  
147.33 of an airport using class B firefighting foam containing PFAS chemicals must, on or before

December 31 each calendar year, submit a report to the state fire marshal regarding the status of the airport's conversion to class B firefighting foam products without intentionally added PFAS, the disposal of class B firefighting foam products with intentionally added PFAS, and an assessment of the factors listed in paragraph (c) as applied to the airport.

(e) Until January 1, 2028, this subdivision does not apply to the manufacture, sale, distribution, or use of class B firefighting foam for use in fixed firefighting systems in a hangar at an airport. The commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency, in consultation with the state fire marshal, may issue a hangar operator one-year extensions beyond January 1, 2028, if the commissioner determines (1) the need for additional time is beyond the operator's control, and (2) public safety and the environment are sufficiently protected during each extension period.

Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 473.355, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. ~~Definitions~~ **Definition.** ~~(a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given them.~~

~~(b) "shade tree" means a woody perennial grown primarily for aesthetic or environmental purposes with minimal to residual timber value.~~

~~(c) "Supplemental demographic index" means an index in the Environmental Justice Screening and Mapping Tool developed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency that is based on socioeconomic indicators, including low income, unemployment, less than high school education, limited English speaking, and low life expectancy.~~

Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 473.355, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Priority.** Priority for grants awarded under this section must be given to:

(1) projects removing and replacing ash trees that pose significant public safety concerns; and

(2) projects located in ~~a census block group with a supplemental demographic index score in the 70th percentile or higher within the state of Minnesota~~ an area identified using the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Justice Screening and Mapping Tool methodology provided in the United States Environmental Protection Agency's environmental justice screen technical documentation dated July 31, 2024.

149.1     Sec. 24. MINNESOTA SUSTAINABLE FORAGING TASK FORCE.

149.2         Subdivision 1. **Membership.** (a) The Minnesota Sustainable Foraging Task Force consists  
149.3 of the following members:

149.4         (1) two members of the senate, one appointed by the majority leader of the senate and  
149.5 one appointed by the minority leader of the senate;

149.6         (2) two members of the house of representatives, one appointed by the speaker of the  
149.7 house of representatives and one appointed by the speaker emerita of the house of  
149.8 representatives;

149.9         (3) one member appointed by the Minnesota Mycological Society;

149.10        (4) one member appointed by the Minnesota Foraging Alliance;

149.11        (5) four members from conservation or outdoor recreation organizations, appointed by  
149.12 the commissioner of natural resources;

149.13        (6) two scientists with expertise in botany, ecology, and environmental science appointed  
149.14 by the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota;

149.15        (7) three representatives of the Department of Natural Resources involved with managing  
149.16 state parks, forestry, fish and wildlife, and public lands appointed by the commissioner of  
149.17 natural resources;

149.18        (8) one member of the Minnesota Ojibwe Tribe appointed by the Minnesota Indian  
149.19 Affairs Council;

149.20        (9) one member of the Minnesota Dakota Tribe appointed by the Minnesota Indian  
149.21 Affairs Council; and

149.22        (10) two representatives with expertise on local ecosystems, species recovery, or  
149.23 sustainable harvesting appointed by the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota  
149.24 Extension.

149.25        (b) A member appointed under paragraph (a) may not be a registered lobbyist.

149.26        (c) The appointing authorities must make the appointments by August 1, 2025.

149.27        Subd. 2. **Duties.** The task force must:

149.28        (1) gather and review data and information, including traditional ecological knowledge,  
149.29 on the impact of foraging on species resilience, ecosystem health, and other aspects of  
149.30 Minnesota's diverse biomes;

149.31        (2) review existing regulations governing foraging activities on state lands;

(3) develop recommendations for science-based, including traditional ecological knowledge, foraging guidelines for state lands that balance public access and foraging opportunities with conservation needs. The recommendations must be in the form of draft statutory or rule language and must be consistent with Indigenous and other cultural practices and traditions;

(4) develop recommendations for increasing public understanding of sustainable foraging practices that include safety and ecological considerations;

(5) solicit public input, when appropriate; and

(6) develop recommendations for reduced-priced foraging permits.

Subd. 3. **Administrative support; meetings.** (a) The Legislative Coordinating Commission must provide administrative support and convene the first meeting by September 1, 2025.

(b) The commissioner of natural resources must provide subject matter resources and expertise, including information on the management of, and flora and fauna on, state lands, as requested by the task force.

(c) The task force must meet at regular intervals as often as necessary to accomplish the goals enumerated under subdivision 2. Meetings of the task force are subject to the Minnesota Open Meeting Law under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13D.

Subd. 4. **Chair.** The task force must elect a chair at its first meeting from among the legislative members.

Subd. 5. **Legislative recommendations; expiration.** By February 28, 2026, the task force must submit a written report containing its findings and recommendations to the commissioner of natural resources and to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over natural resources policy. The recommendations in the report must be specific and actionable. The report must detail the proposals for changes or additions to statute or rules to effectuate the task force's recommendations. The task force expires March 15, 2026, or upon submission of the report required by this subdivision, whichever occurs later.

Subd. 6. **Compensation; expense reimbursement.** Members of the task force appointed under subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clauses (1) and (2), may receive per diem and reimbursement for expenses as provided in the rules of their respective bodies. Other members of the task force may be compensated and have expenses reimbursed as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 3.

151.1 Sec. 25. **OUTDOOR RECREATION ENDORSEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS.**

151.2 By January 15, 2026, the commissioner of natural resources, in consultation with the  
151.3 commissioner of public safety and deputy registrars, must submit recommendations, including  
151.4 a draft statutory framework, to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative  
151.5 committees with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources and transportation on  
151.6 establishing an outdoor recreation endorsement to provide for reduced state park vehicle  
151.7 entrance fees and to provide support for state parks and other units of the outdoor recreation  
151.8 system as classified in Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05.

151.9 Sec. 26. **NOTIFICATION OF FIREARMS RESTRICTIONS DURING DEER**  
151.10 **HUNTING OPTION.**

151.11 By March 1, 2026, the commissioner of natural resources must notify county boards  
151.12 and county sheriffs of the option available to counties in the shotgun zone to adopt an  
151.13 ordinance under Minnesota Statutes, section 97B.031, subdivision 7.

151.14 Sec. 27. **MORATORIUM ON FORAGING RULES.**

151.15 The commissioner of natural resources must not begin or complete any rulemaking on  
151.16 foraging before July 1, 2026.

151.17 Sec. 28. **REPEALER.**

151.18 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.318, is repealed.

151.19 (b) Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 103E.067, is repealed.

151.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraph (a) is effective January 1, 2026.

151.21 **ARTICLE 5**

151.22 **STATE LANDS**

151.23 Section 1. **ADDITION TO STATE PARK.**

151.24 **[85.012] [Subd. 11] Carley State Park, Wabasha County.** The following area is added  
151.25 to Carley State Park: That part of Section 32, Township 108 North, Range 11 West, Wabasha  
151.26 County, Minnesota, described as follows: Beginning at the South Quarter corner stake of  
151.27 said Section 32; thence North 15-1/2 degrees East along road 425 feet; thence North 17  
151.28 degrees East 290 feet; thence North 53 degrees East 280 feet; thence North 17 degrees East  
151.29 115 feet; thence North 6-1/2 degrees West 643 feet; thence North 72-1/2 degrees West 720  
151.30 feet; thence North across river 690 feet; thence South 62 degrees East 263 feet along northerly

152.1 bank of river; thence North 250 feet to center of said Section 32; thence East 1,320 feet;  
152.2 thence North 440 feet to river; thence North 54-1/2 degrees East 224 feet along center of  
152.3 river; thence North 75 degrees East 192 feet; thence South 49 degrees East 115 feet; thence  
152.4 North 79 degrees East 155 feet; thence North 62 degrees East 232 feet; thence North 86  
152.5 degrees East 293 feet; thence North 64 degrees East 255 feet; thence South 3,368 feet, more  
152.6 or less to the southeast corner of Section 32; thence West 2,643.13 feet to the place of  
152.7 beginning.

152.8 EXCEPTING therefrom that portion lying West of the centerline of Wabasha County  
152.9 Road No. 4 owned by the State of Minnesota and A. M. Christenson.

152.10 ALSO EXCEPTING that part of the East Half of Section 32, Township 108 North,  
152.11 Range 11 West, Wabasha County, Minnesota, described as follows: Beginning at the South  
152.12 Quarter corner stake of said Section 32; thence North 15-1/2 degrees East along road 425  
152.13 feet; thence North 17 degrees East 290 feet; thence North 53 degrees East 280 feet; thence  
152.14 South 80 degrees 02 minutes 23 seconds East 304.46 feet; thence North 6 degrees 12 minutes  
152.15 49 seconds West 483.31 feet; thence South 89 degrees 54 minutes 25 seconds East 386.31  
152.16 feet; thence North 1 degree 39 minutes 32 seconds East 358.66 feet; thence North 36 degrees  
152.17 14 minutes 35 seconds East 693.46 feet; thence North 81 degrees 03 minutes 15 seconds  
152.18 East 349.81 feet; thence North 1 degree 49 minutes 43 seconds West 298.16 feet; thence  
152.19 North 79 degrees 04 minutes 47 seconds East 529.39 feet; thence South 35 degrees 46  
152.20 minutes 01 seconds East to the east line of the Southeast Quarter of Section 32; thence  
152.21 southerly along the east line of said Southeast Quarter to the southeast corner of said  
152.22 Southeast Quarter of Section 32; thence on a bearing of West along the south line of said  
152.23 Southeast Quarter 2,643.13 feet to the point of beginning.

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

152.25 Sec. 2. **PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND; AITKIN COUNTY.**

152.26 (a) Notwithstanding the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, or  
152.27 other law to the contrary, Aitkin County may sell by private sale the tax-forfeited land  
152.28 described in paragraph (c).

152.29 (b) The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The attorney  
152.30 general may make changes to the land description to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

152.31 (c) The land to be sold is located in Aitkin County and is described as: the West 20 feet  
152.32 of the East 932 feet of the South 208 feet of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter,

153.1 as in DOC 203542, Section 32, Township 46 North, Range 25 West (0.1 acres) (parcel  
153.2 number 09-0-054803).

153.3 (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would best  
153.4 be served if the lands were returned to private ownership.

153.5 **Sec. 3. PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND; AITKIN COUNTY.**

153.6 (a) Notwithstanding the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, or  
153.7 other law to the contrary, Aitkin County may sell by private sale the tax-forfeited lands  
153.8 described in paragraph (c).

153.9 (b) The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The attorney  
153.10 general may make changes to the land description to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

153.11 (c) The land to be sold is located in Aitkin County and is described as: the East 32 feet  
153.12 of the West 250 feet of Lot 5 and the East 32 feet of the West 250 feet of the North 10 feet  
153.13 of Lot 3, Hill City Realty Cos Fourth Addition, Section 14, Township 52 North, Range 26  
153.14 West, Aitkin County, Minnesota (0.1 acres) (parcel number 57-1-073003).

153.15 (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would best  
153.16 be served if the lands were returned to private ownership.

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

153.18 **Sec. 4. PRIVATE SALE OF SURPLUS STATE LAND BORDERING PUBLIC**  
153.19 **WATER; CASS COUNTY.**

153.20 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 92.45, and the public sale provisions  
153.21 of Minnesota Statutes, chapters 92 and 94, the commissioner of natural resources may sell  
153.22 by private sale the surplus land bordering public water that is described in paragraph (c).

153.23 (b) The commissioner may make necessary changes to the legal description to correct  
153.24 errors and ensure accuracy.

153.25 (c) The land to be sold is located in Cass County and is described as: the Northwest  
153.26 Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; and all that part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest  
153.27 Quarter lying north of the northerly right-of-way of U.S. Highway 2, as it exists in 2024,  
153.28 all in Section 27, Township 145 North, Range 28 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian.

153.29 (d) The commissioner has determined that the state's land management interests would  
153.30 best be served if the lands were returned to Tribal ownership.

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

154.1     Sec. 5. **PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND; ITASCA COUNTY.**

154.2         (a) Notwithstanding the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, or  
154.3 other law to the contrary, Itasca County may sell by private sale the tax-forfeited lands  
154.4 described in paragraph (c).

154.5         (b) The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The attorney  
154.6 general may make changes to the land description to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

154.7         (c) The lands to be sold are located in Itasca County and are described as: That part of  
154.8 the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 15, Township 59 North, Range 24  
154.9 west of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Itasca County, Minnesota, further described as  
154.10 follows: Commencing at the northwest corner of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast  
154.11 Quarter; thence North 89 degrees 01 minutes 34 seconds East, assigned bearing, along the  
154.12 north line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter a distance of 255.80 feet to  
154.13 the point of beginning; thence South 10 degrees 50 minutes 31 seconds East a distance of  
154.14 604.37 feet; thence North 55 degrees 26 minutes 17 seconds East a distance of 672.63 feet,  
154.15 more or less to the centerline of County Road 52; thence North 51 degrees 32 minutes 12  
154.16 seconds West along said centerline a distance of 351.56 feet to said north line of the  
154.17 Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence South 89 degrees 01 minutes 34 seconds  
154.18 West along said north line a distance of 392.39 feet to the point of beginning.

154.19         (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would best  
154.20 be served if the lands were returned to private ownership.

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

154.22     Sec. 6. **PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND BORDERING PUBLIC**  
154.23 **WATER; SIBLEY COUNTY.**

154.24         (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 92.45 and 282.018, subdivision 1, and  
154.25 the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, Sibley County may sell by  
154.26 private sale the tax-forfeited land bordering public water that is described in paragraph (c),  
154.27 under the remaining provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282.

154.28         (b) The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The attorney  
154.29 general may make changes to the land description to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

154.30         (c) The land to be sold is located in Sibley County and is described as: that part of  
154.31 Government Lot 3, Section 27, Township 114 North, Range 28 West, described as follows:  
154.32 commencing at the center of said Section 27; thence due South along the north-south quarter  
154.33 line of said Section 27, 559.30 feet; thence South 86 degrees 46 minutes 30 seconds West,

155.1 572.20 feet; thence South 30 degrees 04 minutes 33 seconds West, 541.52 feet; thence South  
155.2 12 degrees 41 minutes 30 seconds West, 163.17 feet more or less to a point on the high  
155.3 bank line of High Island Lake, said point being the point of beginning; thence North 12  
155.4 degrees 41 minutes 30 seconds East, 163.17 feet; thence South 71 degrees 05 minutes 30  
155.5 seconds West, 199.05 feet to a point on the high bank line of High Island Lake; thence  
155.6 southeasterly along said high bank line to the point of beginning (0.35 acres) (parcel number  
155.7 20.2712.000).

155.8 (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would best  
155.9 be served if the lands were returned to private ownership.

155.10 **Sec. 7. PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND; ST. LOUIS COUNTY.**

155.11 (a) Notwithstanding the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, or  
155.12 other law to the contrary, St. Louis County may sell by private sale the tax-forfeited land  
155.13 described in paragraph (c).

155.14 (b) The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The attorney  
155.15 general may make changes to the land description to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

155.16 (c) The land to be sold is located in St. Louis County and is described as:

155.17 (1) the easterly 15 feet of Lot 5, Block 47, West Duluth 6th Division, Section 7, Township  
155.18 49, Range 14 (parcel number 010-4520-06505); and

155.19 (2) that part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter described as follows:  
155.20 beginning at the northwest corner continue due East parallel with the north boundary line  
155.21 a distance of 330 feet to a point of beginning; thence due South parallel with the west  
155.22 boundary line a distance of 400 feet to a point; thence due East parallel with the north  
155.23 boundary line a distance of 190 feet to a point; thence due North parallel with the west  
155.24 boundary a distance of 60 feet to a point; thence due East parallel with the north boundary  
155.25 line a distance of 140 feet to a point; thence due North parallel with the west boundary line  
155.26 a distance of 340 feet to a point; thence due West parallel with the north boundary line a  
155.27 distance of 330 feet to the point of beginning, Section 14, Township 54, Range 20 (parcel  
155.28 number 550-0020-02294).

155.29 (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would best  
155.30 be served if the lands were returned to private ownership.

## ARTICLE 6

## ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING REFORM

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116.03, subdivision 2b, is amended to read:

Subd. 2b. **Permitting efficiency.** (a) It is the goal of the state that environmental and resource management permits be issued or denied within 90 days for tier 1 permits or 150 days for tier 2 permits following submission of a permit application. The commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency ~~shall~~ must establish management systems designed to achieve the goal. For the purposes of this section, "tier 1 permits" are permits that do not require individualized actions or public comment periods, and "tier 2 permits" are permits that require individualized actions or public comment periods. Goals established in this paragraph do not apply to permit applications required due to agency enforcement actions.

(b) The commissioner ~~shall~~ must prepare an annual permitting efficiency report that includes statistics on meeting the tier 2 goal in paragraph (a) and the criteria for tier 2 by permit categories. The report ~~is due August 1~~ must be submitted to the governor and to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees having jurisdiction over environment policy and finance by October 1 each year and must be posted on the agency's website. The report must include:

(1) for each permit applications application that have has not met the goal, the report must state the reasons for not meeting the goal. In stating the reasons for not meeting the goal, the commissioner shall separately identify delays an explanation of whether the delay was caused by the responsiveness of the proposer, lack of staff, scientific or technical disagreements, or the level of public engagement. The report must specify;

(2) for each permit that has not met the goal, the number of days from initial submission of the application to the day of determination that the application is complete. The report must aggregate;

(3) a summary of the data for the year reporting period and assess an assessment of whether program or system changes are necessary to achieve the tier 2 goal. The report must be posted on the agency's website and submitted to the governor and the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees having jurisdiction over environment policy and finance. in paragraph (a);

(4) a statement of the number of tier 2 permits completed within the reporting period and, immediately following in parentheses, a statement of the percentage of total applications received for that tier 2 permit category that the number represents, stated separately for industrial and municipal permits; and

(5) for permits that did not meet the goal due to lack of staff, a combined estimate of the aggregate staff resources that would have been necessary for all affected permits to meet the goal.

(c) The commissioner ~~shall~~ must allow electronic submission of environmental review and permit documents to the agency.

(d) Within 30 business days of application for a permit subject to paragraph (a), the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency ~~shall~~ must notify the permit applicant, in writing, ~~whether the application is complete or incomplete. If the commissioner determines that an application is incomplete, the notice to the applicant must enumerate~~ of all deficiencies, while citing specific provisions of the applicable rules and statutes, and must advise the applicant on how the deficiencies can be remedied. The applicant has five business days to remedy all identified deficiencies before the commissioner determines that the application is complete or incomplete. If the commissioner determines that the application is complete, the ~~notice~~ commissioner must confirm the application's tier 1 or tier 2 permit status. If the commissioner believes that a complete application for a tier 2 construction permit cannot be issued within the 150-day goal, the commissioner must provide notice to the applicant with the commissioner's notice that the application is complete and, upon request of the applicant, provide the permit applicant with a schedule estimating when the agency will begin drafting the permit and issue the public notice of the draft permit. This paragraph does not apply to an application for a permit that is subject to a grant or loan agreement under chapter 446A.

(e) For purposes of this subdivision, "permit professional" means an individual not employed by the Pollution Control Agency who:

(1) has a professional license issued by the state of Minnesota in the subject area of the permit;

(2) has at least ten years of experience in the subject area of the permit; and

(3) abides by the duty of candor applicable to employees of the Pollution Control Agency under agency rules and complies with all applicable requirements under chapter 326.

(f) Upon the agency's request, an applicant relying on a permit professional must participate in a meeting with the agency before submitting an application:

(1) at least two weeks prior to the preapplication meeting, the applicant must submit at least the following:

- 158.1 (i) project description, including, but not limited to, scope of work, primary emissions  
158.2 points, discharge outfalls, and water intake points;
- 158.3 (ii) location of the project, including county, municipality, and location on the site;
- 158.4 (iii) business schedule for project completion; and
- 158.5 (iv) other information requested by the agency at least four weeks prior to the scheduled  
158.6 meeting; and
- 158.7 (2) during the preapplication meeting, the agency ~~shall~~ must provide for the applicant  
158.8 at least the following:
- 158.9 (i) an overview of the permit review program;
- 158.10 (ii) a determination of which specific application or applications will be necessary to  
158.11 complete the project;
- 158.12 (iii) a statement notifying the applicant if the specific permit being sought requires a  
158.13 mandatory public hearing or comment period;
- 158.14 (iv) a review of the timetable established in the permit review program for the specific  
158.15 permit being sought; and
- 158.16 (v) a determination of what information must be included in the application, including  
158.17 a description of any required modeling or testing.
- 158.18 (g) The applicant may select a permit professional to undertake the preparation of the  
158.19 permit application and draft permit.
- 158.20 (h) If a preapplication meeting was held, the agency ~~shall~~ must, within seven business  
158.21 days of receipt of an application, notify the applicant and submitting permit professional  
158.22 that the application is complete or is denied, specifying the deficiencies of the application.
- 158.23 (i) Upon receipt of notice that the application is complete, the permit professional ~~shall~~  
158.24 must submit to the agency a timetable for submitting a draft permit. The permit professional  
158.25 ~~shall~~ must submit a draft permit on or before the date provided in the timetable. Within 60  
158.26 days after the close of the public comment period, the commissioner ~~shall~~ must notify the  
158.27 applicant whether the permit can be issued.
- 158.28 (j) Nothing in this section shall be construed to modify:
- 158.29 (1) any requirement of law that is necessary to retain federal delegation to or assumption  
158.30 by the state; or
- 158.31 (2) the authority to implement a federal law or program.

(k) The permit application and draft permit ~~shall~~ must identify or include as an appendix all studies and other sources of information used to substantiate the analysis contained in the permit application and draft permit. The commissioner ~~shall~~ must request additional studies, if needed, and the permit applicant ~~shall~~ must submit all additional studies and information necessary for the commissioner to perform the commissioner's responsibility to review, modify, and determine the completeness of the application and approve the draft permit.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116.07, subdivision 4d, is amended to read:

Subd. 4d. **Permit fees.** (a) The agency may collect permit fees in amounts not greater than those necessary to cover the reasonable costs of developing, reviewing, and acting upon applications for agency permits and implementing and enforcing the conditions of the permits pursuant to agency rules. Permit fees shall not include the costs of litigation. The fee schedule must reflect reasonable and routine direct and indirect costs associated with permitting, implementation, and enforcement. The agency may impose an additional enforcement fee to be collected for a period of up to two years to cover the reasonable costs of implementing and enforcing the conditions of a permit under the rules of the agency. Any money collected under this paragraph shall be deposited in the environmental fund.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the agency shall collect an annual fee from the owner or operator of all stationary sources, emission facilities, emissions units, air contaminant treatment facilities, treatment facilities, potential air contaminant storage facilities, or storage facilities subject to a notification, permit, or license requirement under this chapter, subchapters I and V of the federal Clean Air Act, United States Code, title 42, section 7401 et seq., or rules adopted thereunder. The annual fee shall be used to pay for all direct and indirect reasonable costs, including legal costs, required to develop and administer the notification, permit, or license program requirements of this chapter, subchapters I and V of the federal Clean Air Act, United States Code, title 42, section 7401 et seq., or rules adopted thereunder. Those costs include the reasonable costs of reviewing and acting upon an application for a permit; implementing and enforcing statutes, rules, and the terms and conditions of a permit; emissions, ambient, and deposition monitoring; preparing generally applicable regulations; responding to federal guidance; modeling, analyses, and demonstrations; preparing inventories and tracking emissions; and providing information to the public about these activities.

(c) The agency shall set fees that:

(1) will result in the collection, in the aggregate, from the sources listed in paragraph (b), of an amount not less than \$25 per ton of each volatile organic compound; pollutant regulated under United States Code, title 42, section 7411 or 7412 (section 111 or 112 of the federal Clean Air Act); and each pollutant, except carbon monoxide, for which a national primary ambient air quality standard has been promulgated;

(2) may result in the collection, in the aggregate, from the sources listed in paragraph (b), of an amount not less than \$25 per ton of each pollutant not listed in clause (1) that is regulated under this chapter or air quality rules adopted under this chapter; and

(3) shall collect, in the aggregate, from the sources listed in paragraph (b), the amount needed to match grant funds received by the state under United States Code, title 42, section 7405 (section 105 of the federal Clean Air Act).

The agency must not include in the calculation of the aggregate amount to be collected under clauses (1) and (2) any amount in excess of 4,000 tons per year of each air pollutant from a source. The increase in air permit fees to match federal grant funds shall be a surcharge on existing fees. The commissioner may not collect the surcharge after the grant funds become unavailable. In addition, the commissioner shall use nonfee funds to the extent practical to match the grant funds so that the fee surcharge is minimized.

(d) To cover the reasonable costs described in paragraph (b), the agency shall provide in the rules promulgated under paragraph (c) for an increase in the fee collected in each year by the percentage, if any, by which the Consumer Price Index for the most recent calendar year ending before the beginning of the year the fee is collected exceeds the Consumer Price Index for the calendar year 1989. For purposes of this paragraph the Consumer Price Index for any calendar year is the average of the Consumer Price Index for all-urban consumers published by the United States Department of Labor, as of the close of the 12-month period ending on August 31 of each calendar year. The revision of the Consumer Price Index that is most consistent with the Consumer Price Index for calendar year 1989 shall be used.

(e) Any money collected under paragraphs (b) to (d) must be deposited in the environmental fund and must be used solely for the activities listed in paragraph (b).

(f) Permit applicants who wish to construct, reconstruct, or modify a project may ~~offer~~ request expedited permitting under this paragraph. An applicant requesting expedited permitting under this paragraph must agree to reimburse the agency for the costs of staff time or consultant services needed to expedite the preapplication process and permit development process through the final decision on the permit, including the analysis of

161.1 environmental review documents. The reimbursement ~~shall be~~ is in addition to permit  
161.2 application fees imposed by law. ~~When the agency determines that it needs additional~~  
161.3 ~~resources to develop the permit application in an expedited manner, and that expediting the~~  
161.4 ~~development is consistent with permitting program priorities, the agency may accept the~~  
161.5 ~~reimbursement.~~ The commissioner must first determine if existing agency staff is available  
161.6 to work on the permit subject to the expedited permitting request. If the commissioner  
161.7 determines that no agency staff is available to assign to the permit subject to the expedited  
161.8 permitting request, then the commissioner may contract for permitting services. If the  
161.9 commissioner determines that no agency staff is available and no contracting services are  
161.10 available to assign to the permit subject to the expedited permit request, then the  
161.11 commissioner may deny the expedited permitting request. The commissioner must give the  
161.12 applicant an estimate of the timeline and costs to be incurred by the commissioner. The  
161.13 estimate must include a brief description of the tasks to be performed, a schedule for  
161.14 completing the tasks, and the estimated cost for each task. If the applicant agrees to the  
161.15 estimated timeline and costs negotiated with the commissioner, the applicant and the  
161.16 commissioner must enter into a written agreement detailing the estimated costs for the  
161.17 expedited permit decision-making process to be incurred by the agency to proceed  
161.18 accordingly. The agreement must also identify staff anticipated to be assigned to the project.  
161.19 The agreement may provide that, if permitting is completed ahead of the schedule set forth  
161.20 in the written agreement, the commissioner may retain any fees that would have been due  
161.21 if the permitting had taken the time contemplated in the written agreement. Fees retained  
161.22 by the commissioner under this paragraph are appropriated to the commissioner for  
161.23 administering the commissioner's permitting duties. The commissioner must not issue a  
161.24 permit until the applicant has paid all fees in full. The commissioner must refund any  
161.25 unobligated balance of fees paid. Reimbursements accepted by the agency are appropriated  
161.26 to the agency for the purpose of developing the permit or analyzing environmental review  
161.27 documents. Reimbursement by a permit applicant shall precede and not be contingent upon  
161.28 issuance of a permit; shall not affect the agency's decision on whether to issue or deny a  
161.29 permit, what conditions are included in a permit, or the application of state and federal  
161.30 statutes and rules governing permit determinations; and shall not affect final decisions  
161.31 regarding environmental review.

161.32 (g) The fees under this subdivision are exempt from section 16A.1285.

161.33 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116D.04, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

161.34 Subd. 2a. **When prepared.** (a) Where there is potential for significant environmental  
161.35 effects resulting from any major governmental action, the action must be preceded by a

162.1 detailed environmental impact statement prepared by the responsible governmental unit.  
162.2 The environmental impact statement must be an analytical rather than an encyclopedic  
162.3 document that describes the proposed action in detail, analyzes its significant environmental  
162.4 impacts, discusses appropriate alternatives to the proposed action and their impacts, and  
162.5 explores methods by which adverse environmental impacts of an action could be mitigated.  
162.6 The environmental impact statement must also analyze those economic, employment, and  
162.7 sociological effects that cannot be avoided should the action be implemented. To ensure its  
162.8 use in the decision-making process, the environmental impact statement must be prepared  
162.9 as early as practical in the formulation of an action.

162.10 (b) The board ~~shall~~ must by rule establish categories of actions for which environmental  
162.11 impact statements and for which environmental assessment worksheets must be prepared  
162.12 as well as categories of actions for which no environmental review is required under this  
162.13 section. A mandatory environmental assessment worksheet is not required for the expansion  
162.14 of an ethanol plant, as defined in section 41A.09, subdivision 2a, paragraph (b), or the  
162.15 conversion of an ethanol plant to a biobutanol facility or the expansion of a biobutanol  
162.16 facility as defined in section 41A.15, subdivision 2d, based on the capacity of the expanded  
162.17 or converted facility to produce alcohol fuel, but must be required if the ethanol plant or  
162.18 biobutanol facility meets or exceeds thresholds of other categories of actions for which  
162.19 environmental assessment worksheets must be prepared. The responsible governmental unit  
162.20 for an ethanol plant or biobutanol facility project for which an environmental assessment  
162.21 worksheet is prepared is the state agency with the greatest responsibility for supervising or  
162.22 approving the project as a whole.

162.23 (c) A mandatory environmental impact statement is not required for a facility or plant  
162.24 located outside the seven-county metropolitan area that produces less than 125,000,000  
162.25 gallons of ethanol, biobutanol, or cellulosic biofuel annually, or produces less than 400,000  
162.26 tons of chemicals annually, if the facility or plant is: an ethanol plant, as defined in section  
162.27 41A.09, subdivision 2a, paragraph (b); a biobutanol facility, as defined in section 41A.15,  
162.28 subdivision 2d; or a cellulosic biofuel facility. A facility or plant that only uses a cellulosic  
162.29 feedstock to produce chemical products for use by another facility as a feedstock is not  
162.30 considered a fuel conversion facility as used in rules adopted under this chapter.

162.31 (d) The responsible governmental unit ~~shall~~ must promptly publish notice of the  
162.32 completion of an environmental assessment worksheet by publishing the notice in at least  
162.33 one newspaper of general circulation in the geographic area where the project is proposed,  
162.34 by posting the notice on a website that has been designated as the official publication site  
162.35 for publication of proceedings, public notices, and summaries of a political subdivision in

163.1 which the project is proposed, or in any other manner determined by the board and ~~shall~~  
163.2 must provide copies of the environmental assessment worksheet to the board and its member  
163.3 agencies. Comments on the need for an environmental impact statement may be submitted  
163.4 to the responsible governmental unit during a 30-day period following publication of the  
163.5 notice that an environmental assessment worksheet has been completed. The responsible  
163.6 governmental unit may extend the 30-day comment period for an additional 30 days one  
163.7 time. Further extensions of the comment period may not be made unless approved by the  
163.8 project's proposer. The responsible governmental unit's decision on the need for an  
163.9 environmental impact statement must be based on the environmental assessment worksheet  
163.10 and the comments received during the comment period, and must be made within 15 days  
163.11 after the close of the comment period. The board's chair may extend the 15-day period by  
163.12 not more than 15 additional days upon the request of the responsible governmental unit.

163.13 (e) An environmental assessment worksheet must also be prepared for a proposed action  
163.14 whenever material evidence accompanying a petition by not less than 100 individuals who  
163.15 reside or own property in ~~the state~~ a Minnesota county where the proposed action will be  
163.16 undertaken or in one or more adjoining counties, submitted before the proposed project has  
163.17 received final approval by the appropriate governmental units, demonstrates that, because  
163.18 of the nature or location of a proposed action, there may be potential for significant  
163.19 environmental effects. Petitions requesting the preparation of an environmental assessment  
163.20 worksheet must be submitted to the board. The chair of the board ~~shall~~ must determine the  
163.21 appropriate responsible governmental unit and forward the petition to it. A decision on the  
163.22 need for an environmental assessment worksheet must be made by the responsible  
163.23 governmental unit within 15 days after the petition is received by the responsible  
163.24 governmental unit. The board's chair may extend the 15-day period by not more than 15  
163.25 additional days upon request of the responsible governmental unit.

163.26 (f) Except in an environmentally sensitive location where Minnesota Rules, part  
163.27 4410.4300, subpart 29, item B, applies, the proposed action is exempt from environmental  
163.28 review under this chapter and rules of the board, if:

163.29 (1) the proposed action is:

163.30 (i) an animal feedlot facility with a capacity of less than 1,000 animal units; or

163.31 (ii) an expansion of an existing animal feedlot facility with a total cumulative capacity  
163.32 of less than 1,000 animal units;

(2) the application for the animal feedlot facility includes a written commitment by the proposer to design, construct, and operate the facility in full compliance with Pollution Control Agency feedlot rules; and

(3) the county board holds a public meeting for citizen input at least ten business days before the Pollution Control Agency or county issuing a feedlot permit for the animal feedlot facility unless another public meeting for citizen input has been held with regard to the feedlot facility to be permitted. The exemption in this paragraph is in addition to other exemptions provided under other law and rules of the board.

(g) The board may, before final approval of a proposed project, require preparation of an environmental assessment worksheet by a responsible governmental unit selected by the board for any action where environmental review under this section has not been specifically provided for by rule or otherwise initiated.

(h) An early and open process must be used to limit the scope of the environmental impact statement to a discussion of those impacts that, because of the nature or location of the project, have the potential for significant environmental effects. The same process must be used to determine the form, content, and level of detail of the statement as well as the alternatives that are appropriate for consideration in the statement. In addition, the permits that will be required for the proposed action must be identified during the scoping process. Further, the process must identify those permits for which information will be developed concurrently with the environmental impact statement. The board ~~shall~~ must provide in its rules for the expeditious completion of the scoping process. The determinations reached in the process must be incorporated into the order requiring the preparation of an environmental impact statement.

(i) The responsible governmental unit ~~shall~~ must, to the extent practicable, avoid duplication and ensure coordination between state and federal environmental review and between environmental review and environmental permitting. Whenever practical, information needed by a governmental unit for making final decisions on permits or other actions required for a proposed project must be developed in conjunction with the preparation of an environmental impact statement. When an environmental impact statement is prepared for a project requiring multiple permits for which two or more agencies' decision processes include either mandatory or discretionary hearings before a hearing officer before the agencies' decision on the permit, the agencies may, notwithstanding any law or rule to the contrary, conduct the hearings in a single consolidated hearing process if requested by the proposer. All agencies having jurisdiction over a permit that is included in the consolidated hearing ~~shall~~ must participate. The responsible governmental unit ~~shall~~ must establish

appropriate procedures for the consolidated hearing process, including procedures to ensure that the consolidated hearing process is consistent with the applicable requirements for each permit regarding the rights and duties of parties to the hearing, and ~~shall~~ must use the earliest applicable hearing procedure to initiate the hearing. All agencies having jurisdiction over a permit identified in the draft environmental assessment worksheet scoping document must begin reviewing any permit application upon publication of the notice of preparation of the environmental impact statement.

(j) An environmental impact statement must be prepared and its adequacy determined within 280 days after notice of its preparation unless the time is extended by consent of the parties or by the governor for good cause. The responsible governmental unit ~~shall~~ must determine the adequacy of an environmental impact statement, unless within 60 days after notice is published that an environmental impact statement will be prepared, the board chooses to determine the adequacy of an environmental impact statement. If an environmental impact statement is found to be inadequate, the responsible governmental unit has 60 days to prepare an adequate environmental impact statement.

(k) The proposer of a specific action may include in the information submitted to the responsible governmental unit a preliminary draft environmental impact statement under this section on that action for review, modification, and determination of completeness and adequacy by the responsible governmental unit. A preliminary draft environmental impact statement prepared by the project proposer and submitted to the responsible governmental unit must identify or include as an appendix all studies and other sources of information used to substantiate the analysis contained in the preliminary draft environmental impact statement. The responsible governmental unit ~~shall~~ must require additional studies, if needed, and obtain from the project proposer all additional studies and information necessary for the responsible governmental unit to perform its responsibility to review, modify, and determine the completeness and adequacy of the environmental impact statement.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116D.04, subdivision 2b, is amended to read:

Subd. 2b. **Project prerequisites.** (a) If an environmental assessment worksheet or an environmental impact statement is required for a governmental action under subdivision 2a, a project may not be started and a final governmental decision may not be made to grant a permit, approve a project, or begin a project, until:

(1) a petition for an environmental assessment worksheet is dismissed;

(2) a negative declaration has been issued on the need for an environmental impact statement;

(3) the environmental impact statement has been determined adequate; or

(4) a variance has been granted from making an environmental impact statement by the environmental quality board.

(b) Nothing in this subdivision precludes a local unit of government from beginning to review a feedlot permit application for a feedlot subject to environmental review under this chapter.

Sec. 5. **SCOPING ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET NOT REQUIRED FOR PROJECTS THAT REQUIRE A MANDATORY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.**

(a) The Environmental Quality Board must amend Minnesota Rules, part 4410.2100, as follows:

(1) to provide that an environmental assessment worksheet does not need to be prepared for a project that falls within a mandatory environmental impact statement category under Minnesota Rules, part 4410.4400, or other applicable law; and

(2) to provide that a scoping process undertaken under Minnesota Rules, part 4410.2100, for a project that falls within a mandatory environmental impact statement category must be completed no later than 280 days after publication of the notice of availability of a scoping document in the EQB Monitor.

(b) The board may use the good cause exemption under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.388, subdivision 1, clause (3), to adopt rules under this section, and Minnesota Statutes, section 14.386, does not apply except as provided under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.388.

Sec. 6. **INTENT.**

The legislature recognizes the need to retain and grow the state's economy and vital infrastructure to keep Minnesota competitive on a national and global level. This growth requires innovation and creativity, which will be achieved while protecting our environment and natural resources as prescribed under current law. It is therefore the intent of the legislature in enacting this article that the state will meet or exceed efficiency goals, modernize existing regulatory systems, and communicate clearly to permit applicants and stakeholders to ensure a predictable, transparent, and fair permitting and environmental review process.

Sec. 7. **REPORT ON USE OF AUTHORITY TO EXTEND TIMELINE FOR  
CERTAIN AGENCY ACTIONS.**

By March 1, 2028, the Board of Water and Soil Resources must report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources policy on the number of extensions noticed under Minnesota Statutes, section 15.99, subdivision 3, paragraph (f), that are made for any decision under Minnesota Rules, chapter 8420, between January 1, 2026, and December 31, 2027. A local government unit must supply the board with information necessary to prepare the report required by this section. The report must also include information on all other decisions made under Minnesota Rules, chapter 8420, for requests that are not subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 15.99, providing statistics on the time from submission of a complete wetland boundary and type or wetland replacement plan application to the government unit responsible for making the decision on the application to the approval or denial of the application. The government unit responsible for making the decision must supply the board with information necessary to prepare the report required by this section.

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**97B.318 ARMS USE AREAS AND RESTRICTIONS; REGULAR FIREARMS SEASON.**

Subdivision 1. **Shotgun use area.** During the regular firearms season in the shotgun use area, only legal shotguns loaded with single-slug shotgun shells, legal muzzle-loading long guns, and legal handguns may be used for taking deer. Legal shotguns include those with rifled barrels. The shotgun use area is that portion of the state lying within the following described boundary: Beginning on the west boundary of the state at the northern boundary of Clay County; thence along the northern boundary of Clay County to State Trunk Highway (STH) 32; thence along STH 32 to STH 34; thence along STH 34 to Interstate Highway 94 (I-94); thence along I-94 to County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 40, Douglas County; thence along CSAH 40 to CSAH 82, Douglas County; thence along CSAH 82 to CSAH 22, Douglas County; thence along CSAH 22 to CSAH 6, Douglas County; thence along CSAH 6 to CSAH 14, Douglas County; thence along CSAH 14 to STH 29; thence along STH 29 to CSAH 46, Otter Tail County; thence along CSAH 46, Otter Tail County, to CSAH 22, Todd County; thence along CSAH 22 to U.S. Highway 71; thence along U.S. Highway 71 to STH 27; thence along STH 27 to the Mississippi River; thence along the east bank of the Mississippi River to STH 23; thence along STH 23 to STH 95; thence along STH 95 to U.S. Highway 8; thence along U.S. Highway 8 to the eastern boundary of the state; thence along the east, south, and west boundaries of the state to the point of beginning.

Subd. 2. **All legal firearms use area.** The all legal firearms use area is that part of the state lying outside of the shotgun use area.

**103E.067 DITCH BUFFER STRIP; ANNUAL REPORTING.**

The drainage authority shall annually submit a report to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for the calendar year including:

- (1) the number and types of actions for which viewers were appointed;
- (2) the number of miles of buffer strips established according to section 103E.021;
- (3) the number of drainage system inspections conducted; and
- (4) the number of violations of section 103E.021 identified and enforcement actions taken.