

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to state government; appropriating money from the outdoor heritage  
1.3 fund, clean water fund, parks and trails fund, and arts and cultural heritage fund;  
1.4 modifying Water Law; modifying use of legacy funds; modifying previous  
1.5 appropriations; modifying certain grant eligibility; providing for rehearsal and  
1.6 storage space for state band; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections  
1.7 16B.24, by adding a subdivision; 85.53, subdivision 2; 97A.056, subdivision  
1.8 8, by adding subdivisions; 103A.206; 103B.101, by adding a subdivision;  
1.9 103C.101, by adding a subdivision; 103C.401, subdivision 1; 103C.501,  
1.10 subdivision 5; 103F.731, subdivision 2; Laws 2012, chapter 264, article 1,  
1.11 section 2, subdivision 5; Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 2, sections 6; 7; article  
1.12 3, section 4; Laws 2014, chapter 256, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5; Laws  
1.13 2014, chapter 295, sections 10, subdivision 12; 12; proposing coding for new law  
1.14 in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103B.

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

1.16 **ARTICLE 1**

1.17 **OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND**

1.18 Section 1. **OUTDOOR HERITAGE APPROPRIATION.**

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

1.26 **APPROPRIATIONS**  
1.27 **Available for the Year**

2.1			<u>Ending June 30</u>	
2.2			<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>

2.3 **Sec. 2. OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND**

2.4	<b><u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u></b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>99,386,000</u></b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>607,000</u></b>
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2.5 This appropriation is from the outdoor  
 2.6 heritage fund. The amounts that may be  
 2.7 spent for each purpose are specified in the  
 2.8 following subdivisions.

2.9	<b><u>Subd. 2. Prairies</u></b>		<b><u>40,948,000</u></b>		<b><u>-0-</u></b>
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2.10 **(a) DNR Wildlife Management Area and**  
 2.11 **Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition - Phase**  
 2.12 **VII**

2.13 \$4,570,000 in the first year is to the  
 2.14 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
 2.15 land in fee for wildlife management purposes  
 2.16 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
 2.17 subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee  
 2.18 for scientific and natural area purposes  
 2.19 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
 2.20 subdivision 5. Subject to evaluation criteria  
 2.21 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority  
 2.22 must be given to acquisition of lands that  
 2.23 are eligible for the native prairie bank under  
 2.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
 2.25 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of  
 2.26 proposed land and permanent conservation  
 2.27 easement acquisitions must be provided as  
 2.28 part of the required accomplishment plan.

2.29 **(b) Accelerating Wildlife Management Area**  
 2.30 **Acquisition - Phase VII**

2.31 \$7,452,000 in the first year is to the  
 2.32 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 2.33 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire  
 2.34 land in fee for wildlife management area  
 2.35 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section

3.1 86A.05, subdivision 8. Subject to evaluation  
3.2 criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,  
3.3 priority must be given to acquisition of  
3.4 lands that are eligible for the native prairie  
3.5 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section  
3.6 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native  
3.7 prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions  
3.8 must be provided as part of the required  
3.9 accomplishment plan.

3.10 **(c) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project - Phase**  
3.11 **VI**

3.12 \$4,032,000 in the first year is to the  
3.13 commissioner of natural resources for an  
3.14 agreement with The Nature Conservancy  
3.15 to acquire native prairie, wetlands, and  
3.16 savanna and restore and enhance grasslands,  
3.17 wetlands, and savanna. Subject to evaluation  
3.18 criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,  
3.19 priority must be given to acquisition of lands  
3.20 that are eligible for the native prairie bank  
3.21 under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or  
3.22 lands adjacent to protected native prairie.  
3.23 Annual income statements and balance sheets  
3.24 for income and expenses from land acquired  
3.25 with this appropriation must be submitted  
3.26 to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage  
3.27 Council no later than 180 days following  
3.28 the close of The Nature Conservancy's fiscal  
3.29 year. A list of proposed land acquisitions  
3.30 must be provided as part of the required  
3.31 accomplishment plan and must be consistent  
3.32 with the priorities identified in the Minnesota  
3.33 Prairie Conservation Plan.

3.34 **(d) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National**  
3.35 **Wildlife Refuge Land Acquisition - Phase V**

4.1 \$3,430,000 in the first year is to the  
4.2 commissioner of natural resources for an  
4.3 agreement with The Nature Conservancy  
4.4 in cooperation with the United States Fish  
4.5 and Wildlife Service to acquire land in  
4.6 fee or permanent conservation easements  
4.7 within the Northern Tallgrass Prairie Habitat  
4.8 Preservation Area in western Minnesota  
4.9 for addition to the Northern Tallgrass  
4.10 Prairie National Wildlife Refuge. Subject  
4.11 to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules,  
4.12 part 6136.0900, priority must be given to  
4.13 acquisition of lands that are eligible for  
4.14 the native prairie bank under Minnesota  
4.15 Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to  
4.16 protected native prairie. A list of proposed  
4.17 land acquisitions must be provided as part  
4.18 of the required accomplishment plan and  
4.19 must be consistent with the priorities in the  
4.20 Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

4.21 **(e) Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection**  
4.22 **- Phase IV**

4.23 \$3,740,000 in the first year is to the  
4.24 commissioner of natural resources  
4.25 to implement the Minnesota Prairie  
4.26 Conservation Plan through the acquisition  
4.27 of permanent conservation easements to  
4.28 protect native prairie and grasslands. Up  
4.29 to \$165,000 is for establishing monitoring  
4.30 and enforcement funds as approved in  
4.31 the accomplishment plan and subject to  
4.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
4.33 subdivision 17. Subject to evaluation criteria  
4.34 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority  
4.35 must be given to acquisition of lands that  
4.36 are eligible for the native prairie bank under

5.1 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
5.2 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of  
5.3 permanent conservation easements must be  
5.4 provided as part of the final report.

5.5 **(f) Minnesota Buffers for Wildlife and Water**  
5.6 **- Phase V**

5.7 \$4,544,000 in the first year is to the Board  
5.8 of Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
5.9 permanent conservation easements to protect  
5.10 and enhance habitat by expanding the clean  
5.11 water fund riparian buffer program for at  
5.12 least equal wildlife benefits from buffers  
5.13 on private land. Up to \$72,500 is for  
5.14 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
5.15 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
5.16 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
5.17 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
5.18 conservation easements must be provided as  
5.19 part of the final report.

5.20 **(g) Cannon River Headwaters Habitat**  
5.21 **Complex - Phase V**

5.22 \$1,380,000 in the first year is to the  
5.23 commissioner of natural resources for an  
5.24 agreement with The Trust for Public Land to  
5.25 acquire and restore lands in the Cannon River  
5.26 watershed for wildlife management purposes  
5.27 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
5.28 subdivision 8. Subject to evaluation criteria  
5.29 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority  
5.30 must be given to acquisition of lands that  
5.31 are eligible for the native prairie bank under  
5.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
5.33 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of  
5.34 proposed land acquisitions must be provided  
5.35 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

6.1 **(h) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the**  
6.2 **Southern Red River Valley**

6.3 \$1,800,000 in the first year is to the  
6.4 commissioner of natural resources for  
6.5 an agreement with Pheasants Forever in  
6.6 cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie  
6.7 Chicken Society to acquire and restore lands  
6.8 in the southern Red River Valley for wildlife  
6.9 management purposes under Minnesota  
6.10 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8,  
6.11 or for designation and management as  
6.12 waterfowl production areas in Minnesota,  
6.13 in cooperation with the United States Fish  
6.14 and Wildlife Service. A list of proposed land  
6.15 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
6.16 required accomplishment plan.

6.17 **(i) Protecting and Restoring Minnesota's**  
6.18 **Important Bird Areas**

6.19 \$1,730,000 in the first year is to the  
6.20 commissioner of natural resources for  
6.21 agreements to acquire conservation  
6.22 easements within important bird areas  
6.23 identified in the Minnesota Prairie  
6.24 Conservation Plan, to be used as follows:  
6.25 \$408,000 is to Audubon Minnesota and  
6.26 \$1,322,000 is to Minnesota Land Trust, of  
6.27 which up to \$100,000 is for establishing  
6.28 monitoring and enforcement funds as  
6.29 approved in the accomplishment plan and  
6.30 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
6.31 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
6.32 conservation easements must be provided as  
6.33 part of the final report.

6.34 **(j) Wild Rice River Corridor Habitat**  
6.35 **Restoration**

7.1 \$2,270,000 in the first year is to the  
 7.2 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 7.3 agreement with the Wild Rice Watershed  
 7.4 District to acquire land in fee and permanent  
 7.5 conservation easement and to restore river  
 7.6 and related habitat in the Wild Rice River  
 7.7 corridor. A list of proposed acquisitions and  
 7.8 restorations must be provided as part of the  
 7.9 required accomplishment plan.

7.10 **(k) Accelerated Prairie Restoration and**  
 7.11 **Enhancement on DNR Lands - Phase VII**

7.12 \$4,880,000 in the first year is to the  
 7.13 commissioner of natural resources to  
 7.14 accelerate the restoration and enhancement  
 7.15 of prairie communities on wildlife  
 7.16 management areas, scientific and natural  
 7.17 areas, state forest land, and land under  
 7.18 native prairie bank easements. A list of  
 7.19 proposed land restorations and enhancements  
 7.20 must be provided as part of the required  
 7.21 accomplishment plan.

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

7.23 \$1,120,000 in the first year is to the  
 7.24 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 7.25 agreement with Pheasants Forever to enhance  
 7.26 and restore habitat on public lands. A list of  
 7.27 proposed land restorations and enhancements  
 7.28 must be provided as part of the final report.

7.29 Subd. 3. **Forests** 14,822,000 -0-

7.30 **(a) Protecting Forest Wildlife Habitat in the**  
 7.31 **Wild Rice River Watershed**

7.32 \$2,188,000 in the first year is to the  
 7.33 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 7.34 agreement with the White Earth Nation  
 7.35 to acquire lands in fee to be managed for

8.1 wildlife habitat purposes. As a condition of  
8.2 receiving the grant under this paragraph, the  
8.3 White Earth Nation shall ensure that current  
8.4 access roads and trails on the property are  
8.5 maintained and open to continue the current  
8.6 access to adjoining lands. A list of proposed  
8.7 land acquisitions must be provided as part of  
8.8 the required accomplishment plan.

8.9 **(b) Camp Ripley Partnership - Phase V**

8.10 \$1,500,000 in the first year is to the  
8.11 Board of Water and Soil Resources in  
8.12 cooperation with the Morrison County Soil  
8.13 and Water Conservation District to acquire  
8.14 permanent conservation easements within  
8.15 the boundaries of the Minnesota National  
8.16 Guard Compatible Use Buffer to protect  
8.17 forest wildlife habitat. Up to \$55,000 is for  
8.18 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
8.19 fund, as approved in the accomplishment  
8.20 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,  
8.21 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of  
8.22 permanent conservation easements must be  
8.23 provided as part of the final report.

8.24 **(c) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**  
8.25 **Restoration - Phase III**

8.26 \$2,910,000 in the first year is to the  
8.27 commissioner of natural resources for an  
8.28 agreement with The Nature Conservancy to  
8.29 acquire land in fee for wildlife management  
8.30 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section  
8.31 86A.05, subdivision 8; to acquire land  
8.32 in fee for scientific and natural areas  
8.33 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
8.34 subdivision 5; for state forest purposes  
8.35 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,



9.1 subdivision 7; and to enhance grasslands,  
9.2 forest, and savanna. A list of proposed  
9.3 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
9.4 required accomplishment plan.

9.5 **(d) Protecting Pinelands Sands Aquifer**  
9.6 **Forestlands - Phase II**

9.7 \$2,180,000 in the first year is to the  
9.8 commissioner of natural resources to  
9.9 acquire forest lands in Cass and Wadena  
9.10 Counties for wildlife management purposes  
9.11 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
9.12 subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee  
9.13 for state forests under Minnesota Statutes,  
9.14 section 86A.05, subdivision 7. A list of  
9.15 proposed land acquisitions must be provided  
9.16 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

9.17 **(e) Protect Key Forest Lands in Cass County**  
9.18 **- Phase VI**

9.19 \$442,000 in the first year is to the  
9.20 commissioner of natural resources for an  
9.21 agreement with Cass County to acquire land  
9.22 in fee in Cass County for forest wildlife  
9.23 habitat or to prevent forest fragmentation.  
9.24 A list of proposed land acquisitions  
9.25 must be provided as part of the required  
9.26 accomplishment plan.

9.27 **(f) Critical Shoreland Protection Program -**  
9.28 **Phase III**

9.29 \$1,690,000 in the first year is to the  
9.30 commissioner of natural resources for an  
9.31 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to  
9.32 acquire permanent conservation easements  
9.33 along rivers and lakes in the northern  
9.34 forest region. Up to \$220,000 is for  
9.35 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
9.36 fund, as approved in the accomplishment

10.1 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,  
 10.2 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of  
 10.3 proposed permanent conservation easements  
 10.4 must be provided as part of the required  
 10.5 accomplishment plan.

10.6 **(g) Mississippi Headwaters Habitat**  
 10.7 **Partnership**

10.8 \$3,002,000 in the first year is to the  
 10.9 commissioner of natural resources to  
 10.10 acquire lands in fee and for permanent  
 10.11 conservation easements in the Mississippi  
 10.12 Headwaters and for agreements as follows:  
 10.13 \$1,217,000 to The Trust for Public Land;  
 10.14 and \$824,000 to Minnesota Land Trust,  
 10.15 of which up to \$80,000 is for establishing  
 10.16 a monitoring and enforcement fund as  
 10.17 approved in the accomplishment plan and  
 10.18 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
 10.19 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
 10.20 acquisitions must be included as part of the  
 10.21 required accomplishment plan.

10.22 **(h) Southeast Forest Habitat Enhancement**

10.23 \$910,000 in the first year is to the  
 10.24 commissioner of natural resources to  
 10.25 enhance forests in southeastern Minnesota.  
 10.26 A list of proposed land enhancements  
 10.27 must be provided as part of the required  
 10.28 accomplishment plan.

10.29 **Subd. 4. Wetlands**

20,390,000

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10.30 **(a) Accelerating the Waterfowl Production**  
 10.31 **Area Acquisition - Phase VII**

10.32 \$7,620,000 in the first year is to the  
 10.33 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 10.34 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire  
 10.35 land in fee to be designated and managed as

11.1 waterfowl production areas in Minnesota,  
11.2 in cooperation with the United States Fish  
11.3 and Wildlife Service. A list of proposed land  
11.4 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
11.5 required accomplishment plan.

11.6 **(b) Living Shallow Lakes and Wetland**  
11.7 **Initiative - Phase V**

11.8 \$9,040,000 in the first year is to the  
11.9 commissioner of natural resources for an  
11.10 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire  
11.11 land in fee for wildlife management purposes  
11.12 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
11.13 subdivision 8. A list of proposed acquisitions  
11.14 must be provided as part of the required  
11.15 accomplishment plan.

11.16 **(c) Wild Rice Shoreland Protection Program**  
11.17 **- Phase IV**

11.18 \$131,000 in the first year is to the  
11.19 commissioner of natural resources for the  
11.20 acquisition of land in fee and \$1,469,000 is  
11.21 to the Board of Water and Soil Resources to  
11.22 acquire permanent conservation easements  
11.23 on wild rice lake shoreland habitat for native  
11.24 wild rice bed protection. Of this amount, up  
11.25 to \$90,000 to the Board of Water and Soil  
11.26 Resources is for establishing a monitoring  
11.27 and enforcement fund as approved in  
11.28 the accomplishment plan and subject to  
11.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
11.30 subdivision 17. A list of proposed fee land  
11.31 acquisitions must be included as part of  
11.32 the required accomplishment plan by the  
11.33 Department of Natural Resources and a list  
11.34 of permanent conservation easements must  
11.35 be provided as part of the final report by the  
11.36 Board of Water and Soil Resources.

12.1 **(d) Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetlands**  
 12.2 **Enhancement - Phase VII**

12.3 \$2,130,000 in the first year is to the  
 12.4 commissioner of natural resources to  
 12.5 enhance and restore shallow lakes statewide.

12.6 A list of proposed land restorations and  
 12.7 enhancements must be provided as part of  
 12.8 the required accomplishment plan.

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

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

12.11 \$4,540,000 in the first year is to the  
 12.12 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
 12.13 interests in land in fee and permanent  
 12.14 conservation easements for aquatic  
 12.15 management purposes under Minnesota  
 12.16 Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 14,  
 12.17 and 97C.02, to acquire interests in land in  
 12.18 permanent conservation easements for fish  
 12.19 and wildlife habitat under Minnesota Statutes,  
 12.20 section 84.66, and to restore and enhance  
 12.21 aquatic habitat. Up to \$130,000 is for  
 12.22 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
 12.23 fund as approved in the accomplishment  
 12.24 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,  
 12.25 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of  
 12.26 proposed land acquisitions and restorations  
 12.27 and enhancements must be provided as part  
 12.28 of the required accomplishment plan.

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

12.30 \$2,000,000 in the first year is to the  
 12.31 commissioner of natural resources for  
 12.32 agreements to acquire land in fee and in  
 12.33 permanent conservation easements and  
 12.34 to restore and enhance natural systems

13.1 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,  
13.2 and St. Croix Rivers as follows: \$475,000 to  
13.3 Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge  
13.4 Trust, Inc.; \$275,000 to Friends of the  
13.5 Mississippi River; \$400,000 to Great River  
13.6 Greening; \$375,000 to Minnesota Land Trust;  
13.7 and \$475,000 to The Trust for Public Land.  
13.8 Up to \$60,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is for  
13.9 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
13.10 fund as approved in the accomplishment  
13.11 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,  
13.12 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of  
13.13 proposed land acquisitions and permanent  
13.14 conservation easements must be provided as  
13.15 part of the required accomplishment plan.

13.16 **(c) Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish**  
13.17 **Habitat Enhancement and Restoration - Phase**  
13.18 **VII**

13.19 \$1,890,000 in the first year is to the  
13.20 commissioner of natural resources for an  
13.21 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited  
13.22 to restore and enhance habitat for trout  
13.23 and other species in and along coldwater  
13.24 rivers and streams in Minnesota. A list of  
13.25 proposed restorations and enhancements  
13.26 must be provided as part of the required  
13.27 accomplishment plan.

13.28 **(d) Lake Bemidji South Shore Restoration and**  
13.29 **Enhancement**

13.30 \$1,650,000 in the first year is to the  
13.31 commissioner of natural resources for  
13.32 an agreement with the city of Bemidji to  
13.33 restore and enhance fish habitat on Lake  
13.34 Bemidji. A list of proposed restorations and  
13.35 enhancements must be provided as part of  
13.36 the required accomplishment plan.

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

14.2 \$990,000 in the first year is to the  
14.3 commissioner of natural resources for  
14.4 an agreement with the Sand Hill River  
14.5 Watershed District to restore fish habitat  
14.6 in the Sand Hill River watershed. A list of  
14.7 proposed restorations must be provided as  
14.8 part of the required accomplishment plan.

14.9 **(f) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**  
14.10 **Restoration Program - Phase IV**

14.11 \$2,414,000 in the first year is to the  
14.12 commissioner of natural resources for  
14.13 an agreement with the Shell Rock River  
14.14 Watershed District to protect, restore,  
14.15 and enhance aquatic habitat in the Shell  
14.16 Rock River watershed. A list of proposed  
14.17 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements  
14.18 must be provided as part of the required  
14.19 accomplishment plan.

14.20 **(g) Lake Nokomis Integrated Habitat**  
14.21 **Enhancement**

14.22 \$444,000 in the first year is to the  
14.23 commissioner of natural resources for an  
14.24 agreement with the Minneapolis Park and  
14.25 Recreation Board to enhance aquatic habitat  
14.26 on Lake Nokomis. A list of proposed  
14.27 enhancements must be provided as part of  
14.28 the required accomplishment plan.

14.29 **(h) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**  
14.30 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat -**  
14.31 **Phase VII**

14.32 \$8,440,000 in the first year is to the  
14.33 commissioner of natural resources for a  
14.34 program to provide competitive, matching  
14.35 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,

15.1 state, and national organizations for  
15.2 enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests,  
15.3 wetlands, prairies, or habitat for fish, game,  
15.4 or wildlife in Minnesota. Of this amount,  
15.5 \$3,692,000 is for grants in the seven-county  
15.6 metropolitan area and cities with a population  
15.7 of 50,000 or greater. Grants shall not be made  
15.8 for activities required to fulfill the duties  
15.9 of owners of lands subject to conservation  
15.10 easements. Grants shall not be made from the  
15.11 appropriation in this paragraph for projects  
15.12 that have a total project cost exceeding  
15.13 \$575,000. Of this appropriation, \$596,000  
15.14 may be spent for personnel costs and other  
15.15 direct and necessary administrative costs.  
15.16 Grantees may acquire land or interests in  
15.17 land. Easements must be permanent. Grants  
15.18 may not be used to establish easement  
15.19 stewardship accounts. Land acquired in fee  
15.20 must be open to hunting and fishing during  
15.21 the open season unless otherwise provided  
15.22 by law. The program must require a match  
15.23 of at least ten percent from nonstate sources  
15.24 for all grants. The match may be cash or  
15.25 in-kind resources. For grant applications  
15.26 of \$25,000 or less, the commissioner shall  
15.27 provide a separate, simplified application  
15.28 process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the  
15.29 commissioner of natural resources shall,  
15.30 when evaluating projects of equal value,  
15.31 give priority to organizations that have a  
15.32 history of receiving or a charter to receive  
15.33 private contributions for local conservation  
15.34 or habitat projects. If acquiring land or a  
15.35 conservation easement, priority must be  
15.36 given to projects associated with or within

16.1 one mile of existing wildlife management  
 16.2 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 16.3 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific and natural  
 16.4 areas under Minnesota Statutes, sections  
 16.5 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; or aquatic  
 16.6 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,  
 16.7 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02.  
 16.8 All restoration or enhancement projects  
 16.9 must be on land permanently protected by  
 16.10 a permanent covenant ensuring perpetual  
 16.11 maintenance and protection of restored  
 16.12 and enhanced habitat, by a conservation  
 16.13 easement, or by public ownership or in  
 16.14 public waters as defined in Minnesota  
 16.15 Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision  
 16.16 15. Priority must be given to restoration  
 16.17 and enhancement projects on public lands.  
 16.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
 16.19 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded  
 16.20 under this paragraph. This appropriation is  
 16.21 available until June 30, 2018. No less than  
 16.22 five percent of the amount of each grant  
 16.23 must be held back from reimbursement until  
 16.24 the grant recipient has completed a grant  
 16.25 accomplishment report by the deadline and  
 16.26 in the form prescribed by and satisfactory to  
 16.27 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.  
 16.28 The commissioner shall provide notice of  
 16.29 the grant program in the game and fish law  
 16.30 summary prepared under Minnesota Statutes,  
 16.31 section 97A.051, subdivision 2.

16.32 Subd. 6. Administration 858,000 607,000

16.33 **(a) Contract Management**

16.34 \$150,000 in the first year is to the  
 16.35 commissioner of natural resources for



17.1 contract management duties assigned in this  
17.2 section. The commissioner shall provide an  
17.3 accomplishment plan in the form specified by  
17.4 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
17.5 on the expenditure of this appropriation.  
17.6 The accomplishment plan must include a  
17.7 copy of the grant contract template and  
17.8 reimbursement manual. No money may  
17.9 be expended prior to the Lessard-Sams  
17.10 Outdoor Heritage Council's approval of the  
17.11 accomplishment plan.

17.12 **(b) Legislative Coordinating Commission**

17.13 \$608,000 in the first year and \$607,000  
17.14 in the second year are to the Legislative  
17.15 Coordinating Commission for administrative  
17.16 expenses of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor  
17.17 Heritage Council and for compensation and  
17.18 expense reimbursement of council members.  
17.19 This appropriation is available until June 30,  
17.20 2017. Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.281,  
17.21 applies to this appropriation.

17.22 **(c) Technical Evaluation Panel**

17.23 \$100,000 in the first year is to the  
17.24 commissioner of natural resources for a  
17.25 technical evaluation panel to conduct up to  
17.26 ten restoration evaluations under Minnesota  
17.27 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 10.

17.28 **Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation**

17.29 Money appropriated in this section may  
17.30 not be spent on activities unless they are  
17.31 directly related to and necessary for a  
17.32 specific appropriation and are specified in  
17.33 the accomplishment plan approved by the  
17.34 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

18.1 Money appropriated in this section must not  
18.2 be spent on indirect costs or other institutional  
18.3 overhead charges that are not directly related  
18.4 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.  
18.5 Unless otherwise provided, the amounts  
18.6 in this section are available until June 30,  
18.7 2018. For acquisition of real property, the  
18.8 amounts in this section are available until  
18.9 June 30, 2019, if a binding agreement with a  
18.10 landowner or purchase agreement is entered  
18.11 into by June 30, 2018, and closed no later  
18.12 than June 30, 2019. Money for restoration or  
18.13 enhancement is available until June 30, 2020,  
18.14 or five years after acquisition, whichever is  
18.15 later, in order to complete initial restoration  
18.16 or enhancement work. If a project receives  
18.17 at least 15 percent of its funding from federal  
18.18 funds, the time period of the appropriation  
18.19 may be extended to equal the availability  
18.20 of federal funding to a maximum of six  
18.21 years, provided the federal funding was  
18.22 confirmed and included within the first draft  
18.23 accomplishment plan. Money appropriated  
18.24 for fee title acquisition of land may be used to  
18.25 restore, enhance, and provide for public use  
18.26 of the land acquired with the appropriation.  
18.27 Public use facilities must have a minimal  
18.28 impact on habitat in acquired lands.

18.29 **Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital**  
18.30 **Equipment Expenditures**

18.31 All agreements referred to in this section must  
18.32 be administered on a reimbursement basis  
18.33 unless otherwise provided in this section.  
18.34 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
18.35 16A.41, expenditures directly related  
18.36 to each appropriation's purpose made

19.1 on or after July 1, 2015, or the date of  
19.2 accomplishment plan approval, whichever is  
19.3 later, are eligible for reimbursement unless  
19.4 otherwise provided in this section. For the  
19.5 purposes of administering appropriations  
19.6 and legislatively authorized agreements  
19.7 paid out of the outdoor heritage fund, an  
19.8 expense must be considered reimbursable  
19.9 by the administering agency when the  
19.10 recipient presents the agency with an invoice  
19.11 or binding agreement with the landowner,  
19.12 and the recipient attests that the goods have  
19.13 been received or the landowner agreement  
19.14 is binding. Periodic reimbursement must  
19.15 be made upon receiving documentation that  
19.16 the items articulated in the accomplishment  
19.17 plan approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor  
19.18 Heritage Council have been achieved,  
19.19 including partial achievements as evidenced  
19.20 by progress reports approved by the  
19.21 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.  
19.22 Reasonable amounts may be advanced to  
19.23 projects to accommodate cash flow needs,  
19.24 support future management of acquired  
19.25 lands, or match a federal share. The  
19.26 advances must be approved as part of the  
19.27 accomplishment plan. Capital equipment  
19.28 expenditures for specific items in excess of  
19.29 \$10,000 must be itemized in and approved as  
19.30 part of the accomplishment plan.

19.31 **Subd. 9. Mapping**

19.32 Each direct recipient of money appropriated  
19.33 in this section, as well as each recipient of  
19.34 a grant awarded pursuant to this section,  
19.35 must provide geographic information to the  
19.36 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

20.1 for mapping any lands acquired in fee with  
 20.2 money appropriated in this section and  
 20.3 open to public taking of fish and game.  
 20.4 The commissioner of natural resources  
 20.5 shall include the lands acquired in fee with  
 20.6 money appropriated in this section on maps  
 20.7 showing public recreation opportunities.  
 20.8 Maps must include information on and  
 20.9 acknowledgement of the outdoor heritage  
 20.10 fund, including a notation of any restrictions.

20.11 Subd. 10. **Disability Access**

20.12 Where appropriate, grant recipients of  
 20.13 the outdoor heritage fund, in consultation  
 20.14 with the appropriate governor-appointed  
 20.15 disability councils, boards, committees, and  
 20.16 commissions, should make progress toward  
 20.17 providing greater access to programs, print  
 20.18 publications, and digital media for people  
 20.19 with disabilities related to the programs the  
 20.20 recipient funds using appropriations made  
 20.21 in this article.

20.22 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97A.056, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

21.4 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97A.056, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 21.5 to read:

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

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

21.17 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97A.056, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 21.18 to read:

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

21.23 Sec. 6. Laws 2012, chapter 264, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

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

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

21.26 \$3,480,000 in the second year is to the  
 21.27 commissioner of natural resources to  
 21.28 acquire interests in land in fee or permanent  
 21.29 conservation easements for aquatic  
 21.30 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,  
 21.31 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and  
 21.32 97C.02, and to restore and enhance aquatic

22.1 habitat. A list of proposed land acquisitions  
22.2 must be provided as part of the required  
22.3 accomplishment plan. The accomplishment  
22.4 plan must include an easement stewardship  
22.5 plan. Up to \$25,000 is for establishing  
22.6 a monitoring and enforcement fund as  
22.7 approved in the accomplishment plan  
22.8 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
22.9 97A.056, subdivision 17. An annual financial  
22.10 report is required for any monitoring and  
22.11 enforcement fund established, including  
22.12 expenditures from the fund and a description  
22.13 of annual monitoring and enforcement  
22.14 activities.

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

22.16 \$3,680,000 in the second year is to the  
22.17 commissioner of natural resources for  
22.18 agreements to acquire interests in land in  
22.19 fee or permanent conservation easements  
22.20 and to restore and enhance natural systems  
22.21 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,  
22.22 and St. Croix Rivers as follows: \$1,000,000  
22.23 to the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife  
22.24 Refuge Trust, Inc.; \$375,000 to the Friends  
22.25 of the Mississippi; \$375,000 to Great River  
22.26 Greening; \$930,000 to The Minnesota  
22.27 Land Trust; and \$1,000,000 to The Trust  
22.28 for Public Land. A list of proposed  
22.29 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements  
22.30 must be provided as part of the required  
22.31 accomplishment plan. The accomplishment  
22.32 plan must include an easement stewardship  
22.33 plan. Up to \$51,000 is for establishing  
22.34 a monitoring and enforcement fund as  
22.35 approved in the accomplishment plan  
22.36 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section

23.1 97A.056, subdivision 17. An annual financial  
23.2 report is required for any monitoring and  
23.3 enforcement fund established, including  
23.4 expenditures from the fund and a description  
23.5 of annual monitoring and enforcement  
23.6 activities.

23.7 **(c) Dakota County Riparian and Lakeshore**  
23.8 **Protection and Management - Phase III**

23.9 \$480,000 in the second year is to the  
23.10 commissioner of natural resources for an  
23.11 agreement with Dakota County to acquire  
23.12 permanent conservation easements and  
23.13 restore and enhance habitats along the  
23.14 Mississippi, Cannon, and Vermillion Rivers.

23.15 A list of proposed acquisitions, restorations,  
23.16 and enhancements must be provided as  
23.17 part of the required accomplishment plan.

23.18 The accomplishment plan must include  
23.19 an easement stewardship plan. Up to  
23.20 \$20,000 is for establishing a monitoring  
23.21 and enforcement fund as approved in  
23.22 the accomplishment plan and subject to  
23.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
23.24 subdivision 17. An annual financial report is  
23.25 required for any monitoring and enforcement  
23.26 fund established, including expenditures  
23.27 from the fund and a description of annual  
23.28 monitoring and enforcement activities.

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

23.30 \$3,670,000 in the second year is to the  
23.31 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
23.32 habitat in the lower St. Louis River estuary.

23.33 A list of proposed projects must be provided  
23.34 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

23.35 **(e) Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement -**  
23.36 **Phase IV**

24.1 \$2,120,000 in the second year is to the  
24.2 commissioner of natural resources for an  
24.3 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited  
24.4 to restore and enhance coldwater fish lake,  
24.5 river, and stream habitats in Minnesota. A list  
24.6 of proposed restorations and enhancements  
24.7 must be provided as part of the required  
24.8 accomplishment plan.

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

24.10 \$2,320,000 in the second year is to the  
24.11 commissioner of natural resources for an  
24.12 agreement with the Red Lake Watershed  
24.13 District to restore and enhance stream and  
24.14 related habitat in Grand Marais Creek. A list  
24.15 of proposed restorations and enhancements  
24.16 must be provided as part of the required  
24.17 accomplishment plan.

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

24.19 \$380,000 in the second year is to the  
24.20 commissioner of natural resources for an  
24.21 agreement with the Lake Superior Steelhead  
24.22 Association to restore trout habitat in the  
24.23 Upper Knife River Watershed. A list of  
24.24 proposed restorations must be provided as  
24.25 part of the required accomplishment plan.  
24.26 Notwithstanding rules of the commissioner  
24.27 of natural resources, restorations conducted  
24.28 pursuant to this paragraph may be  
24.29 accomplished by excavation.

24.30 **(h) Protect Aquatic Habitat from Asian**  
24.31 **Invasive Carp**

24.32 \$7,500,000 in the second year is to the  
24.33 commissioner of natural resources ~~to~~ for  
24.34 ~~design, construct, operate, and evaluate~~  
24.35 construction, including acquisition,



25.1 operation, and evaluation of structural  
25.2 deterrents for Asian invasive carp to protect  
25.3 Minnesota's aquatic habitat. Use of this  
25.4 money requires a one-to-one match for  
25.5 projects on state boundary waters.

25.6 **(i) Outdoor Heritage Conservation Partners**  
25.7 **Grant Program - Phase IV**

25.8 \$4,990,000 in the second year is to the  
25.9 commissioner of natural resources for a  
25.10 program to provide competitive, matching  
25.11 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,  
25.12 state, and national organizations for  
25.13 enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests,  
25.14 wetlands, prairies, and habitat for fish, game,  
25.15 or wildlife in Minnesota. Grants shall not be  
25.16 made for activities required to fulfill the duties  
25.17 of owners of lands subject to conservation  
25.18 easements. Grants shall not be made from  
25.19 appropriations in this paragraph for projects  
25.20 that have a total project cost exceeding  
25.21 \$575,000. \$366,000 of this appropriation  
25.22 may be spent for personnel costs and other  
25.23 direct and necessary administrative costs.  
25.24 Grantees may acquire land or interests in  
25.25 land. Easements must be permanent. Land  
25.26 acquired in fee must be open to hunting  
25.27 and fishing during the open season unless  
25.28 otherwise provided by state law. The  
25.29 program shall require a match of at least ten  
25.30 percent from nonstate sources for all grants.  
25.31 The match may be cash or in-kind resources.  
25.32 For grant applications of \$25,000 or less,  
25.33 the commissioner shall provide a separate,  
25.34 simplified application process. Subject to  
25.35 Minnesota Statutes, the commissioner of  
25.36 natural resources shall, when evaluating

26.1 projects of equal value, give priority to  
26.2 organizations that have a history of receiving  
26.3 or charter to receive private contributions  
26.4 for local conservation or habitat projects. If  
26.5 acquiring land or a conservation easement,  
26.6 priority shall be given to projects associated  
26.7 with existing wildlife management areas  
26.8 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
26.9 subdivision 8; scientific and natural areas  
26.10 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 84.033  
26.11 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; and aquatic  
26.12 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,  
26.13 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02.  
26.14 All restoration or enhancement projects  
26.15 must be on land permanently protected by a  
26.16 conservation easement or public ownership  
26.17 or in public waters as defined in Minnesota  
26.18 Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision  
26.19 15. Priority shall be given to restoration  
26.20 and enhancement projects on public lands.  
26.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
26.22 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded  
26.23 under this paragraph. This appropriation is  
26.24 available until June 30, 2016. No less than  
26.25 five percent of the amount of each grant  
26.26 must be held back from reimbursement until  
26.27 the grant recipient has completed a grant  
26.28 accomplishment report by the deadline and  
26.29 in the form prescribed by and satisfactory to  
26.30 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.  
26.31 The commissioner shall provide notice of  
26.32 the grant program in the game and fish law  
26.33 summaries that are prepared under Minnesota  
26.34 Statutes, section 97A.051, subdivision 2.

26.35 Sec. 7. Laws 2014, chapter 256, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

- 27.1 Subd. 5. **Habitats** -0- 30,890,000
- 27.2 **(a) DNR Aquatic Habitat - Phase VI**
- 27.3 \$2,560,000 in the second year is to the
- 27.4 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
- 27.5 interests in land in fee and permanent
- 27.6 conservation easements for aquatic
- 27.7 management purposes under Minnesota
- 27.8 Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 14,
- 27.9 and 97C.02, and to restore and enhance
- 27.10 aquatic habitat. Up to \$32,500 is for
- 27.11 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
- 27.12 fund as approved in the accomplishment
- 27.13 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
- 27.14 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of
- 27.15 proposed land acquisitions and restorations
- 27.16 and enhancements must be provided as part
- 27.17 of the required accomplishment plan.
- 27.18 **(b) Fisheries Habitat Protection on**
- 27.19 **Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes**
- 27.20 \$2,130,000 in the second year is to the
- 27.21 commissioner of natural resources for
- 27.22 agreements with the Leech Lake Area
- 27.23 Watershed Foundation and Minnesota Land
- 27.24 Trust to acquire land in fee and permanent
- 27.25 conservation easements to sustain healthy
- 27.26 fish habitat on lakes in Aitkin, Cass, Crow
- 27.27 Wing, and Hubbard Counties as follows:
- 27.28 \$1,150,300 to Leech Lake Area Watershed
- 27.29 Foundation; and \$979,700 to Minnesota
- 27.30 Land Trust, of which up to \$120,000 to
- 27.31 Minnesota Land Trust is for establishing
- 27.32 a monitoring and enforcement fund as
- 27.33 approved in the accomplishment plan and
- 27.34 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
- 27.35 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed

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

28.3 **(c) Habitat Protection in Dakota County**  
28.4 **- Phase V**

28.5 \$1,190,000 in the second year is to the  
28.6 commissioner of natural resources for a  
28.7 contract with Dakota County to acquire  
28.8 permanent conservation easements and land  
28.9 in fee and to restore and enhance habitats in  
28.10 rivers and lake watersheds in Dakota County.

28.11 Up to \$15,000 to Dakota County is for  
28.12 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
28.13 fund as approved in the accomplishment  
28.14 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,  
28.15 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. Lands  
28.16 acquired or lands with easements acquired  
28.17 with this appropriation may not be used for  
28.18 emergency haying and grazing in response  
28.19 to federal or state disaster declarations.

28.20 Conservation grazing under a management  
28.21 plan that is already being implemented may  
28.22 continue. A list of proposed land acquisitions  
28.23 and restorations and enhancements must  
28.24 be provided as part of the required  
28.25 accomplishment plan.

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

28.27 \$2,650,000 in the second year is to the  
28.28 commissioner of natural resources for  
28.29 agreements to acquire land in fee and  
28.30 permanent conservation easements and  
28.31 to restore and enhance natural systems  
28.32 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,  
28.33 and St. Croix Rivers as follows: \$600,000  
28.34 to Minnesota Valley National Wildlife  
28.35 Refuge Trust, Inc.; \$160,000 to Friends of

29.1 the Mississippi River; \$400,000 to Great  
29.2 River Greening; \$590,000 to Minnesota  
29.3 Land Trust, of which up to \$77,000 is for  
29.4 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
29.5 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
29.6 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
29.7 97A.056, subdivision 17; and \$900,000 to  
29.8 The Trust for Public Land. Lands acquired  
29.9 or lands with easements acquired with  
29.10 this appropriation may not be used for  
29.11 emergency haying and grazing in response  
29.12 to federal or state disaster declarations.  
29.13 Conservation grazing under a management  
29.14 plan that is already being implemented may  
29.15 continue. A list of proposed land acquisitions  
29.16 and permanent conservation easements  
29.17 must be provided as part of the required  
29.18 accomplishment plan.

29.19 **(e) Mustinka River Fish and Wildlife**  
29.20 **Habitat Corridor Rehabilitation**

29.21 \$2,440,000 in the second year is to the  
29.22 commissioner of natural resources for  
29.23 an agreement with the Bois de Sioux  
29.24 Watershed District to acquire land in fee  
29.25 and to restore natural systems associated  
29.26 with the Mustinka River located within the  
29.27 Bois de Sioux Watershed. Lands acquired  
29.28 with this appropriation may not be used for  
29.29 emergency haying and grazing in response  
29.30 to federal or state disaster declarations.  
29.31 Conservation grazing under a management  
29.32 plan that is already being implemented may  
29.33 continue. A list of proposed land acquisitions  
29.34 must be provided as part of the required  
29.35 accomplishment plan.

30.1 **(f) Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater**  
30.2 **Fish Habitat Enhancement and**  
30.3 **Restoration - Phase VI**

30.4 \$1,900,000 in the second year is to the  
30.5 commissioner of natural resources for an  
30.6 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited  
30.7 to restore and enhance habitat for trout  
30.8 and other species in and along coldwater  
30.9 rivers and streams in Minnesota. A list of  
30.10 proposed land restorations and enhancements  
30.11 must be provided as part of the required  
30.12 accomplishment plan.

30.13 **(g) St. Louis River Restoration Initiative -**  
30.14 **Phase II**

30.15 \$2,290,000 in the second year is to the  
30.16 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
30.17 habitat in the lower St. Louis River estuary.  
30.18 Of this appropriation, up to \$500,000 is for  
30.19 an agreement with Minnesota Land Trust. A  
30.20 list of proposed restorations must be provided  
30.21 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

30.22 **(h) Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation -**  
30.23 **Phase II**

30.24 \$1,410,000 in the second year is to the  
30.25 commissioner of natural resources for an  
30.26 agreement with the Lake Superior Steelhead  
30.27 Association to enhance trout habitat in the  
30.28 Knife River watershed. A list of proposed  
30.29 enhancements must be provided as part of  
30.30 the required accomplishment plan.

30.31 **(i) Restoration and Enhancement of**  
30.32 **Washington County Public Lands**

30.33 \$430,000 in the second year is to the  
30.34 commissioner of natural resources for an

31.1 agreement with Washington County to  
31.2 restore and enhance habitat on public lands  
31.3 in Washington County. A restoration and  
31.4 enhancement plan and a list of proposed  
31.5 land restorations and enhancements  
31.6 must be provided as part of the required  
31.7 accomplishment plan.

31.8 **(j) Wirth Park Enhancements**

31.9 \$600,000 in the second year is to the  
31.10 commissioner of natural resources for an  
31.11 agreement with the Minneapolis Park Board  
31.12 to enhance riparian and upland habitat  
31.13 within Wirth Park in Hennepin County.  
31.14 A restoration and enhancement plan and  
31.15 a list of proposed land restorations and  
31.16 enhancements must be provided as part of  
31.17 the required accomplishment plan.

31.18 **(k) Evaluate Effectiveness of Aquatic  
31.19 Invasive Species Prevention Strategies**

31.20 \$4,040,000 in the second year is to the  
31.21 commissioner of natural resources for an  
31.22 agreement with the Central Minnesota  
31.23 Initiative Fund to develop a series of pilot  
31.24 projects to enhance aquatic habitat by  
31.25 preventing the spread of aquatic invasive  
31.26 species, including pilot projects conducting  
31.27 education and outreach, inspection and  
31.28 decontamination, enforcement, and other  
31.29 activities. All pilot projects must be  
31.30 conducted on a reimbursement basis and  
31.31 require a match of nonoutdoor heritage fund  
31.32 dollars. A required evaluation of results  
31.33 must be funded with nonoutdoor heritage  
31.34 fund dollars. The required evaluation must  
31.35 evaluate the efficacy of inspection and

32.1 decontamination activities utilized in any of  
32.2 the pilot projects in preventing the spread  
32.3 of aquatic invasive species. A list of pilot  
32.4 projects must be included in the required final  
32.5 report. This appropriation is available until  
32.6 June 30, 2019. The accomplishment plan  
32.7 must accelerate the start of the pilot project.

32.8 **(l) Albert Lea Lake Management and**  
32.9 **Invasive Species Control Structure -**  
32.10 **Supplement**

32.11 \$700,000 in the second year is added to  
32.12 the appropriation contained in Laws 2013,  
32.13 chapter 137, article 1, section 2, subdivision  
32.14 5, paragraph (h), to the commissioner of  
32.15 natural resources for an agreement with  
32.16 the Shell Rock River Watershed District to  
32.17 construct structural deterrents and lake level  
32.18 controls.

32.19 **(m) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**  
32.20 **Program - Phase VI**

32.21 \$4,550,000 in the second year is to the  
32.22 commissioner of natural resources for a  
32.23 program to provide competitive, matching  
32.24 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,  
32.25 state, and national organizations for  
32.26 enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests,  
32.27 wetlands, prairies, or habitat for fish, game,  
32.28 or wildlife in Minnesota. Grants shall not  
32.29 be made for activities required to fulfill  
32.30 the duties of owners of lands subject to  
32.31 conservation easements. Grants shall not  
32.32 be made from the appropriation in this  
32.33 paragraph for projects that have a total  
32.34 project cost exceeding \$575,000. Of this  
32.35 appropriation, ~~\$460,000~~ \$265,000 may be



33.1 spent for personnel costs and other direct and  
33.2 necessary administrative costs. Grantees may  
33.3 acquire land or interests in land. Easements  
33.4 must be permanent. Grants may not be used  
33.5 to establish easement stewardship accounts.  
33.6 Land acquired in fee must be open to hunting  
33.7 and fishing during the open season unless  
33.8 otherwise provided by law. Lands acquired  
33.9 or lands with easements acquired with this  
33.10 appropriation may not be used for emergency  
33.11 haying and grazing in response to federal  
33.12 or state disaster declarations. Conservation  
33.13 grazing under a management plan that is  
33.14 already being implemented may continue.  
33.15 The program shall require a match of at  
33.16 least ten percent from nonstate sources  
33.17 for all grants. The match may be cash or  
33.18 in-kind resources. For grant applications  
33.19 of \$25,000 or less, the commissioner shall  
33.20 provide a separate, simplified application  
33.21 process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the  
33.22 commissioner of natural resources shall,  
33.23 when evaluating projects of equal value,  
33.24 give priority to organizations that have a  
33.25 history of receiving or charter to receive  
33.26 private contributions for local conservation  
33.27 or habitat projects. If acquiring land or a  
33.28 conservation easement, priority shall be  
33.29 given to projects associated with or within  
33.30 one mile of existing wildlife management  
33.31 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section  
33.32 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific and natural  
33.33 areas under Minnesota Statutes, sections  
33.34 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; or aquatic  
33.35 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,  
33.36 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02.

34.1 All restoration or enhancement projects  
34.2 must be on land permanently protected by  
34.3 a permanent covenant ensuring perpetual  
34.4 maintenance and protection of restored  
34.5 and enhanced habitat, by a conservation  
34.6 easement, or by public ownership or in public  
34.7 waters as defined in Minnesota Statutes,  
34.8 section 103G.005, subdivision 15. Priority  
34.9 shall be given to restoration and enhancement  
34.10 projects on public lands. Minnesota Statutes,  
34.11 section 97A.056, subdivision 13, applies  
34.12 to grants awarded under this paragraph.  
34.13 This appropriation is available until June  
34.14 30, 2018. No less than five percent of the  
34.15 amount of each grant must be held back from  
34.16 reimbursement until the grant recipient has  
34.17 completed a grant accomplishment report by  
34.18 the deadline and in the form prescribed by  
34.19 and satisfactory to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor  
34.20 Heritage Council. The commissioner shall  
34.21 provide notice of the grant program in  
34.22 the game and fish law summary prepared  
34.23 under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.051,  
34.24 subdivision 2.

34.25 **(n) Conservation Partners Legacy Metro**  
34.26 **Grant Program**

34.27 \$4,000,000 in the second year is to the  
34.28 commissioner of natural resources for a  
34.29 program to provide competitive, matching  
34.30 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,  
34.31 state, and national organizations for  
34.32 enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests,  
34.33 wetlands, prairies, or habitat for fish, game,  
34.34 or wildlife in the seven-county metropolitan  
34.35 area and cities with a population of 50,000  
34.36 or greater. Grants shall not be made for

35.1 activities required to fulfill the duties of  
35.2 owners of lands subject to conservation  
35.3 easements. Grants shall not be made from the  
35.4 appropriation in this paragraph for projects  
35.5 that have a total project cost exceeding  
35.6 \$575,000. Of this appropriation, ~~\$70,000~~  
35.7 \$250,000 may be spent for personnel costs  
35.8 and other direct and necessary administrative  
35.9 costs. Grantees may acquire land or interests  
35.10 in land. Easements must be permanent.  
35.11 Grants may not be used to establish easement  
35.12 stewardship accounts. Land acquired in fee  
35.13 must be open to hunting and fishing during  
35.14 the open season unless otherwise provided  
35.15 by law. Lands acquired or lands with  
35.16 easements acquired with this appropriation  
35.17 may not be used for emergency haying and  
35.18 grazing in response to federal or state disaster  
35.19 declarations. Conservation grazing under  
35.20 a management plan that is already being  
35.21 implemented may continue. The program  
35.22 shall require a match of at least ten percent  
35.23 from nonstate sources for all grants. The  
35.24 match may be cash or in-kind resources.  
35.25 For grant applications of \$25,000 or less,  
35.26 the commissioner shall provide a separate,  
35.27 simplified application process. Subject to  
35.28 Minnesota Statutes, the commissioner of  
35.29 natural resources shall, when evaluating  
35.30 projects of equal value, give priority to  
35.31 organizations that have a history of receiving  
35.32 or charter to receive private contributions  
35.33 for local conservation or habitat projects. If  
35.34 acquiring land or a conservation easement,  
35.35 priority shall be given to projects associated  
35.36 with or within one mile of existing wildlife

36.1 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,  
36.2 section 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific  
36.3 and natural areas under Minnesota Statutes,  
36.4 sections 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision  
36.5 5; or aquatic management areas under  
36.6 Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05,  
36.7 subdivision 14, and 97C.02. All restoration  
36.8 or enhancement projects must be on land  
36.9 permanently protected by a permanent  
36.10 covenant ensuring perpetual maintenance  
36.11 and protection of restored and enhanced  
36.12 habitat, by a conservation easement, or  
36.13 by public ownership or in public waters  
36.14 as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section  
36.15 103G.005, subdivision 15. Priority shall  
36.16 be given to restoration and enhancement  
36.17 projects on public lands. Minnesota Statutes,  
36.18 section 97A.056, subdivision 13, applies  
36.19 to grants awarded under this paragraph.  
36.20 This appropriation is available until June  
36.21 30, 2018. No less than five percent of the  
36.22 amount of each grant must be held back from  
36.23 reimbursement until the grant recipient has  
36.24 completed a grant accomplishment report by  
36.25 the deadline and in the form prescribed by  
36.26 and satisfactory to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor  
36.27 Heritage Council. The commissioner shall  
36.28 provide notice of the grant program in  
36.29 the game and fish law summary prepared  
36.30 under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.051,  
36.31 subdivision 2.

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

**ARTICLE 2**

**CLEAN WATER FUND**

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

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

**APPROPRIATIONS**  
**Available for the Year**  
**Ending June 30**  
**2016**                      **2017**

**Sec. 2. CLEAN WATER**

**Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation                      \$     112,451,000 \$     112,246,000**

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

**Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation**

Money appropriated in this article may not be spent on activities unless they are directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation. Money appropriated in this article must be spent in accordance with Minnesota Management and Budget's Guidance to Agencies on Legacy Fund Expenditure. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, and unless otherwise specified in this article, fiscal year 2016 appropriations are available until June 30, 2017, and fiscal year 2017 appropriations are available until June 30, 2018. If a project

38.1 receives federal funds, the time period of  
38.2 the appropriation is extended to equal the  
38.3 availability of federal funding.

38.4 **Subd. 3. Disability Access**

38.5 Where appropriate, grant recipients of  
38.6 clean water funds, in consultation with  
38.7 the appropriate governor-appointed  
38.8 disability councils, boards, committees, and  
38.9 commissions , should make progress toward  
38.10 providing greater access to programs, print  
38.11 publications, and digital media for people  
38.12 with disabilities related to the programs the  
38.13 recipient funds using appropriations made  
38.14 in this article.

38.15 **Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE    \$        8,584,000    \$        8,582,000**

38.16 (a) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the  
38.17 second year are to increase monitoring for  
38.18 pesticides and pesticide degradates in surface  
38.19 water and groundwater and to use data  
38.20 collected to assess pesticide use practices.

38.21 (b) \$2,586,000 the first year and \$2,585,000  
38.22 the second year are for monitoring and  
38.23 evaluating trends in the concentration of  
38.24 nitrate in groundwater in areas vulnerable  
38.25 to groundwater degradation; monitoring  
38.26 for pesticides when nitrate is detected;  
38.27 promoting, developing, and evaluating  
38.28 regional and crop-specific nutrient best  
38.29 management practices; assessing best  
38.30 management practice adoption; education  
38.31 and technical support from University of  
38.32 Minnesota Extension; and other actions to  
38.33 protect groundwater from degradation from

39.1 nitrate. This appropriation is available until  
39.2 June 30, 2018.

39.3 (c) \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the  
39.4 second year are for administering clean water  
39.5 funds managed through the agriculture best  
39.6 management practices loan program. Any  
39.7 unencumbered balance at the end of the  
39.8 second year shall be added to the corpus of  
39.9 the loan fund.

39.10 (d) \$1,125,000 the first year and \$1,125,000  
39.11 the second year are for technical assistance,  
39.12 research, and demonstration projects on  
39.13 proper implementation of best management  
39.14 practices and more precise information on  
39.15 nonpoint contributions to impaired waters.

39.16 This appropriation is available until June 30,  
39.17 2020.

39.18 (e) \$788,000 the first year and \$787,000 the  
39.19 second year are for research to quantify and  
39.20 reduce agricultural contributions to impaired  
39.21 waters and for development and evaluation  
39.22 of best management practices to protect and  
39.23 restore water resources. This appropriation  
39.24 is available until June 30, 2020.

39.25 (f) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the  
39.26 second year are for a research inventory  
39.27 database containing water-related research  
39.28 activities. Costs for information technology  
39.29 development or support for this research  
39.30 inventory database may be paid to the Office  
39.31 of MN.IT Services. This appropriation is  
39.32 available until June 30, 2018.

39.33 (g) \$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,500,000  
39.34 the second year are to implement the  
39.35 Minnesota agricultural water quality

40.1 certification program statewide. This  
 40.2 appropriation is available until June 30, 2020.

40.3 (h) \$110,000 the first year and \$110,000 the  
 40.4 second year are to provide funding for a  
 40.5 regional irrigation water quality specialist  
 40.6 through University of Minnesota Extension.

40.7 (i) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000  
 40.8 the second year are for grants to the Board of  
 40.9 Regents of the University of Minnesota to  
 40.10 fund the Forever Green Agriculture Initiative  
 40.11 and to protect the state's natural resources  
 40.12 while increasing the efficiency, profitability,  
 40.13 and productivity of Minnesota farmers by  
 40.14 incorporating perennial and winter-annual  
 40.15 crops into existing agricultural practices.

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

40.17 (a) \$9,000,000 the first year and \$9,000,000  
 40.18 the second year are for the point source  
 40.19 implementation grants program under  
 40.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.073. This  
 40.21 appropriation is available until June 30, 2020.

40.22 (b) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000  
 40.23 the second year are for small community  
 40.24 wastewater treatment grants and loans under  
 40.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.075. This  
 40.26 appropriation is available until June 30, 2020.

40.27 (c) If there are any uncommitted funds at  
 40.28 the end of each fiscal year under paragraph  
 40.29 (a) or (b), the Public Facilities Authority  
 40.30 may transfer the remaining funds to eligible  
 40.31 projects under any of the programs listed  
 40.32 in this section based on their priority rank  
 40.33 on the Pollution Control Agency's project  
 40.34 priority list.



41.1 Sec. 5. POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY \$ 28,855,000 \$ 28,853,000

41.2 (a) \$8,550,000 the first year and \$8,550,000

41.3 the second year are for completion of 20

41.4 percent of the needed statewide assessments

41.5 of surface water quality and trends. Of this

41.6 amount, \$100,000 each year is for grants

41.7 to the Red River Watershed Management

41.8 Board to enhance and expand the existing

41.9 water quality and watershed monitoring river

41.10 watch activities in the schools along the Red

41.11 River of the North. The Red River Watershed

41.12 Management Board shall provide a report to

41.13 the commissioner of the Pollution Control

41.14 Agency and the legislative committees and

41.15 divisions with jurisdiction over environment

41.16 and natural resources finance and policy and

41.17 the clean water fund by February 15, 2017,

41.18 on the expenditure of this appropriation. If

41.19 the amount in the first year is insufficient, the

41.20 amount in the second year is available in the

41.21 first year.

41.22 (b) \$10,600,000 the first year and

41.23 \$10,600,000 the second year are to develop

41.24 watershed restoration and protection

41.25 strategies (WRAPS), which include total

41.26 maximum daily load (TMDL) studies and

41.27 TMDL implementation plans for waters

41.28 listed on the Unites States Environmental

41.29 Protection Agency approved impaired waters

41.30 list in accordance with Minnesota Statutes,

41.31 chapter 114D. The agency shall complete an

41.32 average of ten percent of the TMDLs each

41.33 year over the biennium.

41.34 (c) \$1,182,000 the first year and \$1,181,000

41.35 the second year are for groundwater

42.1 assessment, including enhancing the  
42.2 ambient monitoring network, modeling, and  
42.3 evaluating trends, including the reassessment  
42.4 of groundwater that was assessed ten to 15  
42.5 years ago and found to be contaminated.

42.6 (d) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the  
42.7 second year are for implementation of the  
42.8 St. Louis River System Area of Concern  
42.9 Remedial Action Plan. This appropriation  
42.10 must be matched at a rate of 65 percent  
42.11 nonstate money to 35 percent state money.

42.12 (e) \$275,000 the first year and \$275,000 the  
42.13 second year are for storm water research and  
42.14 guidance.

42.15 (f) \$1,150,000 the first year and \$1,150,000  
42.16 the second year are for TMDL research and  
42.17 database development.

42.18 (g) \$900,000 the first year and \$900,000  
42.19 the second year are for national pollutant  
42.20 discharge elimination system wastewater and  
42.21 storm water TMDL implementation efforts.

42.22 (h) \$3,623,000 the first year and \$3,622,000  
42.23 the second year are for enhancing the  
42.24 county-level delivery systems for subsurface  
42.25 sewage treatment system (SSTS) activities  
42.26 necessary to implement Minnesota Statutes,  
42.27 sections 115.55 and 115.56, for protection  
42.28 of groundwater, including base grants  
42.29 for all counties with SSTS programs and  
42.30 competitive grants to counties with specific  
42.31 plans to significantly reduce water pollution  
42.32 by reducing the number of systems that  
42.33 are an imminent threat to public health or  
42.34 safety or are otherwise failing. Counties that  
42.35 receive base grants must report the number

43.1 of sewage noncompliant properties upgraded  
43.2 through SSTS replacement, connection  
43.3 to a centralized sewer system, or other  
43.4 means, including property abandonment  
43.5 or buy-out. Counties also must report  
43.6 the number of existing SSTS compliance  
43.7 inspections conducted in areas under county  
43.8 jurisdiction. These required reports are to  
43.9 be part of established annual reporting for  
43.10 SSTS programs. Counties that conduct SSTS  
43.11 inventories or those with an ordinance in  
43.12 place that requires an SSTS to be inspected  
43.13 as a condition of transferring property or as a  
43.14 condition of obtaining a local permit must be  
43.15 given priority for competitive grants under  
43.16 this paragraph. Of this amount, \$750,000  
43.17 each year is available to counties for grants to  
43.18 low-income landowners to address systems  
43.19 that pose an imminent threat to public health  
43.20 or safety or fail to protect groundwater. A  
43.21 grant awarded under this paragraph may not  
43.22 exceed \$500,000 for the biennium. A county  
43.23 receiving a grant under this paragraph must  
43.24 submit a report to the agency listing the  
43.25 projects funded, including an account of the  
43.26 expenditures.

43.27 (i) \$275,000 the first year and \$275,000  
43.28 the second year are for a storm water  
43.29 best management practice performance  
43.30 evaluation and technology transfer program  
43.31 to enhance data and information management  
43.32 of storm water best management practices;  
43.33 evaluate best management performance  
43.34 and effectiveness to support meeting total  
43.35 maximum daily loads; develop standards  
43.36 and incorporate state of the art guidance

44.1 using minimal impact design standards as  
 44.2 the model; and implement a knowledge  
 44.3 and technology transfer system across  
 44.4 local government, industry, and regulatory  
 44.5 sectors for pass-through to the University of  
 44.6 Minnesota. This appropriation is available  
 44.7 until June 30, 2018.

44.8 (j) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the  
 44.9 second year are to support activities of the  
 44.10 Clean Water Council according to Minnesota  
 44.11 Statutes, section 114D.30, subdivision 1.

44.12 (k) \$1,500,000 the first year and \$1,500,000  
 44.13 the second year are for a grant program for  
 44.14 sanitary sewer projects that are included in  
 44.15 the draft or any updated Voyageurs National  
 44.16 Park Clean Water Project Comprehensive  
 44.17 Plan to restore the water quality of waters  
 44.18 within Voyageurs National Park. Grants must  
 44.19 be awarded to local government units for  
 44.20 projects approved by the Voyageurs National  
 44.21 Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board and  
 44.22 must be matched by at least 25 percent from  
 44.23 sources other than the clean water fund.

44.24 (l) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,  
 44.25 section 16A.28, the appropriations in this  
 44.26 section encumbered on or before June 30,  
 44.27 2017, as grants or contracts are available  
 44.28 until June 30, 2020.

44.29	<b><u>Sec. 6. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL</u></b>				
44.30	<b><u>RESOURCES</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>8,500,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>8,500,000</u></b>

44.31 (a) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000  
 44.32 the second year are for stream flow  
 44.33 monitoring.

- 45.1 (b) \$1,300,000 the first year and \$1,300,000  
45.2 the second year are for lake Index of  
45.3 Biological Integrity (IBI) assessments.
- 45.4 (c) \$135,000 the first year and \$135,000  
45.5 the second year are for assessing mercury  
45.6 and other contaminants of fish, including  
45.7 monitoring to track the status of impaired  
45.8 waters over time.
- 45.9 (d) \$1,940,000 the first year and \$1,940,000  
45.10 the second year are for developing targeted,  
45.11 science-based watershed restoration and  
45.12 protection strategies.
- 45.13 (e) \$1,375,000 the first year and \$1,375,000  
45.14 the second year are for water supply planning,  
45.15 aquifer protection, and monitoring activities.
- 45.16 (f) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the  
45.17 second year are for technical assistance to  
45.18 support local implementation of nonpoint  
45.19 source restoration and protection activities.
- 45.20 (g) \$675,000 the first year and \$675,000 the  
45.21 second year are for applied research and tools,  
45.22 including watershed hydrologic modeling;  
45.23 maintaining and updating spatial data for  
45.24 watershed boundaries, streams, and water  
45.25 bodies and integrating high-resolution digital  
45.26 elevation data; assessing effectiveness of  
45.27 forestry best management practices for water  
45.28 quality; and developing a biomonitoring  
45.29 database.
- 45.30 (h) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000  
45.31 the second year are for developing county  
45.32 geologic atlases.
- 45.33 (i) \$325,000 the first year and \$325,000 the  
45.34 second year are for analysis and mapping

46.1 in each county related to compliance  
 46.2 with riparian buffer or alternate practice  
 46.3 requirements and to provide statewide  
 46.4 coordination and guidance to local units of  
 46.5 government for implementation of buffer  
 46.6 requirements. Maps must be provided to  
 46.7 local units of government and made available  
 46.8 to landowners on the Department of Natural  
 46.9 Resources' Web site.

46.10 **Sec. 7. BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL**  
 46.11 **RESOURCES**

**\$ 51,274,000 \$ 51,274,000**

46.12 (a) \$5,480,000 the first year and \$6,000,000  
 46.13 the second year are for grants to local  
 46.14 government units organized for the  
 46.15 management of water in a watershed or  
 46.16 subwatershed that have multiyear plans  
 46.17 that will result in a significant reduction in  
 46.18 water pollution in a selected subwatershed.  
 46.19 The grants may be used for establishment  
 46.20 of riparian buffers; practices to store  
 46.21 water for natural treatment and infiltration,  
 46.22 including rain gardens; capturing storm  
 46.23 water for reuse; stream bank, shoreland, and  
 46.24 ravine stabilization; enforcement activities;  
 46.25 and implementation of best management  
 46.26 practices for feedlots within riparian areas  
 46.27 and other practices demonstrated to be  
 46.28 most effective in protecting, enhancing, and  
 46.29 restoring water quality in lakes, rivers, and  
 46.30 streams and protecting groundwater from  
 46.31 degradation. Grant recipients must identify  
 46.32 a nonstate match and may use other legacy  
 46.33 funds to supplement projects funded under  
 46.34 this paragraph. Grants awarded under this  
 46.35 paragraph are available for four years and

47.1 priority must be given to the best designed  
47.2 plans each year.

47.3 (b) \$13,890,000 the first year and  
47.4 \$13,890,000 the second year are for grants  
47.5 to protect and restore surface water and  
47.6 drinking water; to keep water on the land; to  
47.7 protect, enhance, and restore water quality  
47.8 in lakes, rivers, and streams; and to protect  
47.9 groundwater and drinking water, including  
47.10 feedlot water quality and subsurface sewage  
47.11 treatment system projects and stream bank,  
47.12 stream channel, shoreline restoration,  
47.13 and ravine stabilization projects. The  
47.14 projects must use practices demonstrated  
47.15 to be effective, be of long-lasting public  
47.16 benefit, include a match, and be consistent  
47.17 with total maximum daily load (TMDL)  
47.18 implementation plans, watershed restoration  
47.19 and protection strategies (WRAPS), or local  
47.20 water management plans or their equivalents.

47.21 (c) \$6,000,000 the first year and \$6,000,000  
47.22 the second year are for targeted local  
47.23 resource protection and enhancement grants  
47.24 and statewide program enhancements for  
47.25 technical assistance, citizen and community  
47.26 outreach, and training and certification, as  
47.27 well as projects, practices, and programs that  
47.28 supplement or otherwise exceed current state  
47.29 standards for protection, enhancement, and  
47.30 restoration of water quality in lakes, rivers,  
47.31 and streams or that protect groundwater from  
47.32 degradation, including compliance.

47.33 (d) \$950,000 the first year and \$950,000  
47.34 the second year are to provide state  
47.35 oversight and accountability, evaluate

48.1 results, provide implementation tools, and  
48.2 measure the value of conservation program  
48.3 implementation by local governments,  
48.4 including submission to the legislature by  
48.5 March 1 each even-numbered year a biennial  
48.6 report prepared by the board, in consultation  
48.7 with the commissioners of natural resources,  
48.8 health, agriculture, and the Pollution Control  
48.9 Agency, detailing the recipients, the projects  
48.10 funded under this section, and the amount of  
48.11 pollution reduced.

48.12 (e) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000  
48.13 the second year are for grants to local units  
48.14 of government to enhance compliance  
48.15 with riparian buffer or alternate practice  
48.16 requirements.

48.17 (f) \$7,500,000 the first year and \$7,500,000  
48.18 the second year are to restore or preserve  
48.19 permanent conservation on riparian buffers  
48.20 adjacent to lakes, rivers, streams, and  
48.21 tributaries, to keep water on the land in order  
48.22 to decrease sediment, pollutant, and nutrient  
48.23 transport; reduce hydrologic impacts to  
48.24 surface waters; and increase infiltration for  
48.25 groundwater recharge. This appropriation  
48.26 may be used for restoration of riparian  
48.27 buffers permanently protected by easements  
48.28 purchased with this appropriation or contracts  
48.29 to achieve permanent protection for riparian  
48.30 buffers or stream bank restorations when the  
48.31 riparian buffers have been restored. Up to  
48.32 \$344,000 is for deposit in a monitoring and  
48.33 enforcement account.

48.34 (g) \$1,750,000 the first year and \$1,750,000  
48.35 the second year are for permanent



49.1 conservation easements on wellhead  
49.2 protection areas under Minnesota Statutes,  
49.3 section 103F.515, subdivision 2, paragraph  
49.4 (d), or for grants to local units of government  
49.5 for fee title acquisition to permanently  
49.6 protect groundwater supply sources on  
49.7 wellhead protection areas or for otherwise  
49.8 assuring long-term protection of groundwater  
49.9 supply sources as described under alternative  
49.10 management tools in the Department  
49.11 of Agriculture's Nitrogen Fertilizer  
49.12 Management Plan, including low nitrogen  
49.13 cropping systems or implementing nitrogen  
49.14 fertilizer best management practices. Priority  
49.15 must be placed on land that is located where  
49.16 the vulnerability of the drinking water supply  
49.17 is designated as high or very high by the  
49.18 commissioner of health and where drinking  
49.19 water protection plans have identified  
49.20 specific activities that will achieve long-term  
49.21 protection. Up to \$52,500 is for deposit in a  
49.22 monitoring and enforcement account.  
49.23 (h) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000  
49.24 the second year are for community partner  
49.25 grants to local units of government for:  
49.26 (1) structural or vegetative management  
49.27 practices that reduce storm water runoff  
49.28 from developed or disturbed lands to reduce  
49.29 the movement of sediment, nutrients, and  
49.30 pollutants for restoration, protection, or  
49.31 enhancement of water quality in lakes, rivers,  
49.32 and streams and to protect groundwater  
49.33 and drinking water; and (2) installation  
49.34 of proven and effective water retention  
49.35 practices including, but not limited to, rain  
49.36 gardens and other vegetated infiltration

50.1 basins and sediment control basins in order  
50.2 to keep water on the land. The projects must  
50.3 be of long-lasting public benefit, include a  
50.4 local match, and be consistent with TMDL  
50.5 implementation plans, watershed restoration  
50.6 and protection strategies (WRAPS), or local  
50.7 water management plans or their equivalents.  
50.8 Local government unit costs may be used as  
50.9 a match.

50.10 (i) \$84,000 the first year and \$84,000 the  
50.11 second year are for a technical evaluation  
50.12 panel to conduct ten restoration evaluations  
50.13 under Minnesota Statutes, section 114D.50,  
50.14 subdivision 6.

50.15 (j) \$2,100,000 the first year and \$2,100,000  
50.16 the second year are for assistance, oversight,  
50.17 and grants to local governments to transition  
50.18 local water management plans to a watershed  
50.19 approach as provided for in Minnesota  
50.20 Statutes, chapters 103B, 103C, 103D, and  
50.21 114D.

50.22 (k) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000  
50.23 the second year are for technical assistance  
50.24 and grants for the conservation drainage  
50.25 program in consultation with the Drainage  
50.26 Work Group, coordinated under Minnesota  
50.27 Statutes, section 103B.101, subdivision  
50.28 13, that includes projects to improve  
50.29 multipurpose water management under  
50.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 103E.015.

50.31 (l) \$9,000,000 the first year and \$9,000,000  
50.32 the second year are to purchase and restore  
50.33 permanent conservation sites via easements  
50.34 or contracts to treat and store water on the  
50.35 land for water quality improvement purposes

51.1 and related technical assistance. This work  
51.2 may be done in cooperation with the United  
51.3 States Department of Agriculture with a first  
51.4 priority use to accomplish a conservation  
51.5 reserve enhancement program, or equivalent,  
51.6 in the state. Up to \$1,285,000 is for deposit  
51.7 in a monitoring and enforcement account.

51.8 (m) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000  
51.9 the second year are to purchase permanent  
51.10 conservation easements to protect lands  
51.11 adjacent to public waters with good water  
51.12 quality but threatened with degradation. Up  
51.13 to \$190,000 is for deposit in a monitoring  
51.14 and enforcement account.

51.15 (n) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000  
51.16 the second year are for a program to  
51.17 systematically collect data and produce  
51.18 county, watershed, and statewide estimates  
51.19 of soil erosion caused by water and wind  
51.20 along with tracking adoption of conservation  
51.21 measures to address erosion.

51.22 (o) \$520,000 the first year is for a grant  
51.23 to Washington County for a water quality  
51.24 improvement project that will improve water  
51.25 quality and restore an essential backwater  
51.26 aquatic area by reconnecting Grey Cloud  
51.27 Slough to the main channel of the Mississippi  
51.28 River Area. This appropriation is not  
51.29 available until at least an equal amount is  
51.30 committed from nonstate sources.

51.31 (p) The board shall contract for delivery  
51.32 of services with Conservation Corps  
51.33 Minnesota for restoration, maintenance, and  
51.34 other activities under this section for up to

52.1 \$500,000 the first year and up to \$500,000  
 52.2 the second year.

52.3 (q) The board may shift grant or cost-share  
 52.4 funds in this section and may adjust the  
 52.5 technical and administrative assistance  
 52.6 portion of the funds to leverage federal or  
 52.7 other nonstate funds or to address oversight  
 52.8 responsibilities or high-priority needs  
 52.9 identified in local water management plans.

52.10 (r) The board shall require grantees to specify  
 52.11 the outcomes that will be achieved by the  
 52.12 grants prior to any grant awards.

52.13 (s) The appropriations in this section are  
 52.14 available until June 30, 2020. Returned grant  
 52.15 funds are available until expended and shall  
 52.16 be regranted consistent with the purposes of  
 52.17 this section.

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

52.19 (a) \$1,100,000 the first year and \$1,100,000  
 52.20 the second year are for addressing public  
 52.21 health concerns related to contaminants  
 52.22 found in Minnesota drinking water for which  
 52.23 no health-based drinking water standards  
 52.24 exist, including accelerating the development  
 52.25 of health risk limits and improving the  
 52.26 capacity of the department's laboratory to  
 52.27 analyze unregulated contaminants. The  
 52.28 commissioner shall contract with the Board  
 52.29 of Regents of the University of Minnesota  
 52.30 to provide an independent review of the  
 52.31 department's drinking water contaminants  
 52.32 of emerging concern program. The review  
 52.33 must include an assessment of the process  
 52.34 used by the department to rank contaminants

53.1 that are threats to drinking water supplies  
53.2 and include a comparison of efforts at the  
53.3 department with efforts by other states and  
53.4 the United States Environmental Protection  
53.5 Agency. The review must be submitted to  
53.6 the Clean Water Council and the chairs and  
53.7 ranking minority members of the house of  
53.8 representatives and senate committees and  
53.9 divisions with jurisdiction over environment  
53.10 and natural resources by June 1, 2016.

53.11 (b) \$1,900,000 the first year and \$1,900,000  
53.12 the second year are for protection of drinking  
53.13 water sources.

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

53.18 (d) \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000  
53.19 the second year are to develop and deliver  
53.20 groundwater restoration and protection  
53.21 strategies for use on a watershed scale for use  
53.22 in local water planning efforts and to provide  
53.23 resources to local governments for drinking  
53.24 water source protection activities.

53.25 (e) \$325,000 the first year and \$325,000 the  
53.26 second year are for studying the occurrence  
53.27 and magnitude of contaminants in private  
53.28 wells and developing guidance to ensure  
53.29 that new well placement minimizes the  
53.30 potential for risks, in cooperation with the  
53.31 commissioner of agriculture.

53.32 (f) \$275,000 the first year and \$75,000  
53.33 the second year are for development  
53.34 and implementation of a groundwater  
53.35 virus monitoring plan, including an

54.1 epidemiological study to determine the  
 54.2 association between groundwater virus  
 54.3 concentration and community illness rates.  
 54.4 (g) \$175,000 the first year and \$175,000 the  
 54.5 second year are to prepare a comprehensive  
 54.6 study of and recommendations for regulatory  
 54.7 and nonregulatory approaches to water reuse  
 54.8 for use in the development of state policy for  
 54.9 water reuse in Minnesota.

54.10 (h) Unless otherwise specified, the  
 54.11 appropriations in this section are available  
 54.12 until June 30, 2019.

54.13 Sec. 9. **METROPOLITAN COUNCIL**                    **\$**                **1,975,000** **\$**                **1,975,000**

54.14 (a) \$975,000 the first year and \$975,000  
 54.15 the second year are to implement projects  
 54.16 that address emerging drinking water supply  
 54.17 threats, provide cost-effective regional  
 54.18 solutions, leverage interjurisdictional  
 54.19 coordination, support local implementation  
 54.20 of water supply reliability projects, and  
 54.21 prevent degradation of groundwater  
 54.22 resources in the metropolitan area. These  
 54.23 projects will provide to communities:  
 54.24 (1) potential solutions to leverage regional  
 54.25 water use through utilization of surface water,  
 54.26 storm water, wastewater, and groundwater;  
 54.27 (2) an analysis of infrastructure requirements  
 54.28 for different alternatives;  
 54.29 (3) development of planning level cost  
 54.30 estimates, including capital cost and  
 54.31 operation cost;  
 54.32 (4) identification of funding mechanisms  
 54.33 and an equitable cost-sharing structure

55.1 for regionally beneficial water supply  
 55.2 development projects; and  
 55.3 (5) development of subregional groundwater  
 55.4 models.  
 55.5 (b) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000  
 55.6 the second year are for the water demand  
 55.7 reduction grant program to encourage  
 55.8 implementation of water demand reduction  
 55.9 measures by municipalities in the  
 55.10 metropolitan area to ensure the reliability and  
 55.11 protection of drinking water supplies.  
 55.12 (c) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the  
 55.13 second year are for grants or loans for local  
 55.14 inflow and infiltration reduction programs  
 55.15 addressing high-priority areas in the  
 55.16 metropolitan area, as defined in Minnesota  
 55.17 Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2. This  
 55.18 appropriation is available until June 30, 2019.

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

55.20 **103A.206 SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION POLICY.**

55.21 Maintaining and enhancing the quality of soil and water for the environmental and  
 55.22 economic benefits they produce, preventing degradation, and restoring degraded soil and  
 55.23 water resources of this state contribute greatly to the health, safety, economic well-being,  
 55.24 and general welfare of this state and its citizens. Land occupiers have the responsibility to  
 55.25 implement practices that conserve the soil and water resources of the state. Soil and water  
 55.26 conservation measures implemented on private lands in this state provide benefits to the  
 55.27 general public by reducing erosion, sedimentation, siltation, water pollution, and damages  
 55.28 caused by floods. The soil and water conservation policy of the state is to encourage land  
 55.29 occupiers to conserve soil, water, and the natural resources they support through the  
 55.30 implementation of practices that:

55.31 (1) control or prevent erosion, sedimentation, siltation, and related pollution in  
 55.32 order to preserve natural resources;

55.33 (2) ensure continued soil health, as defined under section 103C.101, subdivision  
 55.34 10a, and soil productivity;

- 56.1 (3) protect water quality;
- 56.2 (4) prevent impairment of dams and reservoirs;
- 56.3 (5) reduce damages caused by floods;
- 56.4 (6) preserve wildlife;
- 56.5 (7) protect the tax base; and
- 56.6 (8) protect public lands and waters.

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

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

56.15 Sec. 12. [103B.801] **COMPREHENSIVE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT**  
56.16 **PLANNING PROGRAM.**

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

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

56.21 (1) align local water planning purposes and procedures under chapters 103B, 103C,  
56.22 and 103D on watershed boundaries to create a systematic, watershed-wide, science-based  
56.23 approach to watershed management;

56.24 (2) acknowledge and build off existing local government structure, water plan  
56.25 services, and local capacity;

56.26 (3) incorporate and make use of data and information, including watershed  
56.27 restoration and protection strategies under section 114D.26;

56.28 (4) solicit input and engage experts from agencies, citizens, and stakeholder groups;

56.29 (5) focus on implementation of prioritized and targeted actions capable of achieving  
56.30 measurable progress; and

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



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

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

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

57.15 (3) requirements for consistency with state agency-adopted water and natural  
57.16 resources-related plans and documents required by chapters 103A, 103B, 103C, 103D,  
57.17 103E, 103F, 103G, and 114D; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

57.34 (iii) restoration, protection, and improvement of surface water and groundwater  
57.35 quality;

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

58.3 (v) identification of priority areas for wetland enhancement, restoration, and  
58.4 establishment;

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

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

58.7 (viii) promotion of groundwater recharge;

58.8 (ix) protection and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat and water recreational  
58.9 facilities; and

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

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

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

58.18 (5) a land and water resource inventory.

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

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

58.27 Subd. 6. **Authority.** Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, the authorities  
58.28 granted to local government through chapters 103B, 103C, and 103D are retained when  
58.29 a comprehensive watershed management plan is adopted as a substitute for a watershed  
58.30 management plan required under section 103B.231, a county groundwater plan authorized  
58.31 under section 103B.255, a county water plan authorized under section 103B.311, a  
58.32 comprehensive plan authorized under section 103C.331, or a watershed management plan  
58.33 required under section 103D.401 or 103D.405.

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

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

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

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

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

59.11           (2) keep the district boards of the state informed of the activities and experience of  
59.12 other districts and facilitate cooperation and an interchange of advice and experience  
59.13 among the districts;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

60.33 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 103F.731, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

61.1 Subd. 2. **Eligibility; documents required.** (a) Local units of government are  
 61.2 eligible to apply for assistance. An applicant for assistance shall submit:

- 61.3 (1) a project proposal form as prescribed by the agency; and
- 61.4 (2) evidence that the applicant has consulted with the involved local soil and water  
 61.5 conservation districts and watershed districts, where they exist, in preparing the application.

61.6 (b) The proposed project must be identified in at least one of the following documents:

- 61.7 (1) the comprehensive water plan authorized under sections 103B.301 to 103B.355;
- 61.8 (2) a surface water management plan required under section 103B.231;
- 61.9 (3) a comprehensive watershed management plan developed under section

61.10 103B.801, subdivision 4;

61.11 (4) an overall plan required under chapter 103D;

61.12 ~~(4)~~ (5) any other local plan that provides an inventory of existing physical and  
 61.13 hydrologic information on the area, a general identification of water quality problems and  
 61.14 goals, and that demonstrates a local commitment to water quality protection, enhancement,  
 61.15 or restoration;

61.16 ~~(5)~~ (6) an approved total maximum daily load (TMDL) or a TMDL implementation  
 61.17 plan; or

61.18 ~~(6)~~ (7) a watershed protection and restoration strategy implementation plan.

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

61.20 **Sec. 6. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**  
 61.21 **RESOURCES** \$ 12,635,000 \$ 9,450,000

61.22 (a) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000  
 61.23 the second year are for stream flow  
 61.24 monitoring, including the installation of  
 61.25 additional monitoring gauges, and monitoring  
 61.26 necessary to determine the relationship  
 61.27 between stream flow and groundwater.

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

61.31 (c) \$135,000 the first year and \$135,000  
 61.32 the second year are for assessing mercury  
 61.33 contamination and other contaminants of  
 61.34 fish, including monitoring to track the status

62.1 of waters impaired by mercury and mercury  
62.2 reduction efforts over time.

62.3 (d) \$1,850,000 the first year and \$1,850,000  
62.4 the second year are for developing targeted,  
62.5 science-based watershed restoration and  
62.6 protection strategies, including regional  
62.7 technical assistance for TMDL plans and  
62.8 development of a watershed assessment tool,  
62.9 in cooperation with the commissioner of the  
62.10 Pollution Control Agency. By January 15,  
62.11 2016, the commissioner shall submit a report  
62.12 to the chairs and ranking minority members  
62.13 of the senate and house of representatives  
62.14 committees and divisions with jurisdiction  
62.15 over environment and natural resources  
62.16 policy and finance providing the outcomes  
62.17 to lakes, rivers, streams, and groundwater  
62.18 achieved with this appropriation and  
62.19 recommendations.

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

62.23 (f) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000  
62.24 the second year are for technical assistance  
62.25 to support local implementation of nonpoint  
62.26 source restoration and protection activities,  
62.27 including water quality protection in forested  
62.28 watersheds.

62.29 (g) \$675,000 the first year and \$675,000  
62.30 the second year are for applied research  
62.31 and tools, including watershed hydrologic  
62.32 modeling; maintaining and updating spatial  
62.33 data for watershed boundaries, streams, and  
62.34 water bodies and integrating high-resolution  
62.35 digital elevation data; assessing effectiveness

63.1 of forestry best management practices for  
63.2 water quality; and developing an ecological  
63.3 monitoring database.

63.4 (h) \$615,000 the first year and \$615,000  
63.5 the second year are for developing county  
63.6 geologic atlases.

63.7 (i) \$85,000 the first year is to develop design  
63.8 standards and best management practices  
63.9 for public water access sites to maintain and  
63.10 improve water quality by avoiding shoreline  
63.11 erosion and runoff.

63.12 (j) \$3,000,000 the first year is for beginning  
63.13 to develop and designate groundwater  
63.14 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,  
63.15 section 103G.287, subdivision 4. The  
63.16 commissioner, in consultation with the  
63.17 commissioners of the Pollution Control  
63.18 Agency, health, and agriculture, shall  
63.19 establish a uniform statewide hydrogeologic  
63.20 mapping system that will include designated  
63.21 groundwater management areas. The  
63.22 mapping system must include wellhead  
63.23 protection areas, special well construction  
63.24 areas, groundwater provinces, groundwater  
63.25 recharge areas, and other designated or  
63.26 geographical areas related to groundwater.  
63.27 This mapping system shall be used to  
63.28 implement all groundwater-related laws  
63.29 and for reporting and evaluations. This  
63.30 appropriation is available until June 30, 2017.

63.31 (k) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000  
63.32 the second year are for grants a grant  
63.33 program to help counties and other local  
63.34 units of government to adopt and implement  
63.35 advanced shoreland protection measures

64.1 standards. The grants awarded under this  
64.2 paragraph shall be for up to \$100,000 and  
64.3 ~~must be used to restore and enhance riparian~~  
64.4 ~~areas~~ cover the costs of developing and  
64.5 adopting ordinances with advanced shoreland  
64.6 protection standards or implementing  
64.7 advanced shoreland protection standards to  
64.8 protect, enhance, and restore water quality in  
64.9 public water lakes, public water wetlands,  
64.10 and public water rivers; and streams. Grant  
64.11 recipients must submit a report to the  
64.12 commissioner on the outcomes achieved  
64.13 with the grant. ~~To be eligible for a grant~~  
64.14 ~~under this paragraph, a county or other local~~  
64.15 ~~unit of government must be adopting or have~~  
64.16 ~~adopted an ordinance for the subdivision,~~  
64.17 ~~use, redevelopment, and development of~~  
64.18 ~~shoreland that has been approved by the~~  
64.19 ~~commissioner of natural resources as having~~  
64.20 ~~advanced shoreland protection measures. An~~  
64.21 ~~ordinance~~ Recipients will be reimbursed for  
64.22 eligible costs upon adoption of ordinances  
64.23 and completion of implementation activities  
64.24 as provided in this paragraph and as  
64.25 stipulated in the grant agreement. Ordinances  
64.26 adopted under this grant program must be  
64.27 approved by the commissioner and meet or  
64.28 exceed the following standards:  
64.29 (1) requires new sewage treatment systems  
64.30 to be set back at least 100 feet from the  
64.31 ordinary high water level for recreational  
64.32 development lake shorelands and 75 feet for  
64.33 general development lake shorelands;  
64.34 (2) requires redevelopment and new  
64.35 development on shoreland to have at least



65.1 a 50-foot vegetative buffer. An access path  
65.2 and recreational use area may be allowed;

65.3 (3) requires mitigation when any variance to  
65.4 standards designed to protect public water  
65.5 lakes, public water wetlands, and public  
65.6 water rivers; and streams is granted;

65.7 (4) requires best management practices to be  
65.8 used to control storm water and sediment as  
65.9 part of a land alteration;

65.10 (5) includes other ~~criteria~~ standards  
65.11 developed by the commissioner; and

65.12 (6) has been adopted by July 1, ~~2015~~ 2017.

65.13 An ordinance that does not exceed all the  
65.14 standards in clauses (1) to (5) is considered  
65.15 to meet the requirement if the commissioner  
65.16 determines that the ordinance provides  
65.17 significantly greater protection for both  
65.18 public waters and shoreland shorelands than  
65.19 those standards. Implementation activities  
65.20 funded under this grant program must meet  
65.21 the advanced shoreland protection standards  
65.22 and criteria described above. Grants awarded  
65.23 under this program may not be used to  
65.24 reimburse ordinance adoption or shoreland  
65.25 protection implementation expenses incurred  
65.26 prior to the date of a fully executed grant  
65.27 agreement.

65.28 The commissioner of natural resources may  
65.29 develop additional criteria for the grants  
65.30 awarded under this ~~paragraph~~ program. In  
65.31 developing the criteria, the commissioner  
65.32 shall consider the proposed changes to  
65.33 the department's shoreland rules discussed  
65.34 during the rulemaking process authorized

66.1 under Laws 2007, chapter 57, article 1,  
 66.2 section 4, subdivision 3.

66.3 This appropriation is available until spent.

66.4 (l) \$100,000 the first year is for the  
 66.5 commissioner of natural resources for  
 66.6 rulemaking under Minnesota Statutes,  
 66.7 section 116G.15, subdivision 7.

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

66.9 Sec. 18. Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 2, section 7, is amended to read:

66.10	<b>Sec. 7. BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL</b>			
66.11	<b>RESOURCES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>30,689,000</b>	<b>\$ 34,740,000</b>

66.12 (a) \$5,000,000 the first year and \$7,000,000  
 66.13 the second year are for grants to local  
 66.14 government units organized for the  
 66.15 management of water in a watershed or  
 66.16 subwatershed that have multiyear plans  
 66.17 that will result in a significant reduction in  
 66.18 water pollution in a selected subwatershed.

66.19 The grants may be used for the following  
 66.20 purposes: establishment of riparian buffers;  
 66.21 practices to store water for natural treatment  
 66.22 and infiltration, including rain gardens;  
 66.23 capturing storm water for reuse; stream  
 66.24 bank, shoreland, and ravine stabilization;  
 66.25 enforcement activities; and implementation  
 66.26 of best management practices for feedlots  
 66.27 within riparian areas and other practices  
 66.28 demonstrated to be most effective in  
 66.29 protecting, enhancing, and restoring water  
 66.30 quality in lakes, rivers, and streams and  
 66.31 protecting groundwater from degradation.

66.32 Grant recipients must identify a nonstate  
 66.33 cash match of at least 25 percent of the  
 66.34 total eligible project costs. Grant recipients

67.1 may use other legacy funds to supplement  
67.2 projects funded under this paragraph. Grants  
67.3 awarded under this paragraph are available  
67.4 for four years and priority shall be given  
67.5 to the three to six best designed plans each  
67.6 year. By January 15, 2016, the board shall  
67.7 submit an interim report on the outcomes  
67.8 achieved with this appropriation, including  
67.9 recommendations, to the chairs and ranking  
67.10 minority members of the senate and house  
67.11 of representatives committees and divisions  
67.12 with jurisdiction over environment and  
67.13 natural resources policy and finance. This  
67.14 appropriation is available until June 30, 2018.

67.15 (b) \$9,705,000 the first year and \$10,756,000  
67.16 the second year are for grants to protect and  
67.17 restore surface water and drinking water; to  
67.18 keep water on the land; to protect, enhance,  
67.19 and restore water quality in lakes, rivers,  
67.20 and streams; and to protect groundwater  
67.21 and drinking water, including feedlot water  
67.22 quality and subsurface sewage treatment  
67.23 system (SSTS) projects and stream bank,  
67.24 stream channel, shoreline restoration,  
67.25 and ravine stabilization projects. The  
67.26 projects must use practices demonstrated  
67.27 to be effective, be of long-lasting public  
67.28 benefit, include a match, and be consistent  
67.29 with total maximum daily load (TMDL)  
67.30 implementation plans or local water  
67.31 management plans or their equivalents.

67.32 (c) \$3,500,000 the first year and \$4,500,000  
67.33 the second year are for targeted local  
67.34 resource protection and enhancement grants  
67.35 for projects and practices that supplement or  
67.36 exceed current state standards for protection,

68.1 enhancement, and restoration of water  
68.2 quality in lakes, rivers, and streams or that  
68.3 protect groundwater from degradation,  
68.4 including compliance.

68.5 (d) \$950,000 the first year and \$950,000 the  
68.6 second year are to provide state oversight  
68.7 and accountability, evaluate results, and  
68.8 measure the value of conservation program  
68.9 implementation by local governments,  
68.10 including submission to the legislature  
68.11 by March 1 each year an annual report  
68.12 prepared by the board, in consultation with  
68.13 the commissioners of natural resources,  
68.14 health, agriculture, and the Pollution Control  
68.15 Agency, detailing the recipients, projects  
68.16 funded under this section, and the amount of  
68.17 pollution reduced.

68.18 (e) \$1,700,000 the first year and \$1,700,000  
68.19 the second year are for grants to local units  
68.20 of government to ensure compliance with  
68.21 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103E, and  
68.22 sections 103F.401 to 103F.455, including  
68.23 enforcement efforts. Of this amount,  
68.24 \$235,000 the first year is to update the  
68.25 Minnesota Public Drainage Manual and the  
68.26 Minnesota Public Drainage Law Overview  
68.27 for Decision Makers and to provide outreach  
68.28 to users and up to \$1,000,000 the second year  
68.29 is for grants to soil and water conservation  
68.30 districts for assistance with the establishment  
68.31 of perennially vegetated riparian buffers.

68.32 (f) \$6,500,000 the first year and \$6,500,000  
68.33 the second year are to purchase and restore  
68.34 permanent conservation easements on  
68.35 riparian buffers adjacent to lakes, rivers,

69.1 streams, and tributaries, to keep water on the  
69.2 land in order to decrease sediment, pollutant,  
69.3 and nutrient transport; reduce hydrologic  
69.4 impacts to surface waters; and increase  
69.5 infiltration for groundwater recharge. This  
69.6 appropriation may be used for restoration  
69.7 of riparian buffers protected by easements  
69.8 purchased with this appropriation and for  
69.9 stream bank restorations when the riparian  
69.10 buffers have been restored.

69.11 (g) \$1,300,000 the first year and \$1,300,000  
69.12 the second year are for permanent  
69.13 conservation easements on wellhead  
69.14 protection areas under Minnesota Statutes,  
69.15 section 103F.515, subdivision 2, paragraph  
69.16 (d). Priority must be placed on land that  
69.17 is located where the vulnerability of the  
69.18 drinking water supply is designated as high  
69.19 or very high by the commissioner of health.

69.20 (h) \$1,500,000 the first year and \$1,500,000  
69.21 the second year are for community partners  
69.22 grants to local units of government for:  
69.23 (1) structural or vegetative management  
69.24 practices that reduce storm water runoff  
69.25 from developed or disturbed lands to reduce  
69.26 the movement of sediment, nutrients, and  
69.27 pollutants for restoration, protection, or  
69.28 enhancement of water quality in lakes, rivers,  
69.29 and streams and to protect groundwater  
69.30 and drinking water; and (2) installation  
69.31 of proven and effective water retention  
69.32 practices including, but not limited to, rain  
69.33 gardens and other vegetated infiltration  
69.34 basins and sediment control basins in order  
69.35 to keep water on the land. The projects  
69.36 must be of long-lasting public benefit,

70.1 include a local match, and be consistent  
70.2 with TMDL implementation plans or local  
70.3 water management plans or their equivalents.

70.4 Local government unit costs may be used as  
70.5 a match.

70.6 (i) \$84,000 the first year and \$84,000 the  
70.7 second year are for a technical evaluation  
70.8 panel to conduct ten restoration evaluations  
70.9 under Minnesota Statutes, section 114D.50,  
70.10 subdivision 6.

70.11 (j) \$450,000 the first year and \$450,000 the  
70.12 second year are for assistance and grants to  
70.13 local governments to transition local water  
70.14 management plans to a watershed approach  
70.15 as provided for in Minnesota Statutes,  
70.16 chapters 103B, 103C, 103D, and 114D.

70.17 (k) The board shall contract for services  
70.18 with Conservation Corps Minnesota for  
70.19 restoration, maintenance, and other activities  
70.20 under this section for up to \$500,000 the first  
70.21 year and up to \$500,000 the second year.

70.22 (l) The board may shift grant or cost-share  
70.23 funds in this section and may adjust the  
70.24 technical and administrative assistance  
70.25 portion of the funds to leverage federal or  
70.26 other nonstate funds or to address oversight  
70.27 responsibilities or high-priority needs  
70.28 identified in local water management plans.

70.29 (m) The board shall require grantees to  
70.30 specify the outcomes that will be achieved  
70.31 by the grants prior to any grant awards.

70.32 (n) The appropriations in this section are  
70.33 available until June 30, 2018. Returned grant  
70.34 funds are available until expended and shall

71.1 be regranted consistent with the purposes of  
71.2 this section.

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

71.4 Sec. 19. **CANCELLATION OF PRIOR APPROPRIATIONS.**

71.5 (a) The unspent balance of the appropriation to the Public Facilities Authority for  
71.6 the clean water legacy phosphorus reduction grant program under Minnesota Statutes  
71.7 2012, section 446A.074, in Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 2, section 3, paragraph (b), is  
71.8 canceled.

71.9 (b) The unspent balance of the appropriation to the Public Facilities Authority for  
71.10 the clean water legacy phosphorus reduction grant program under Minnesota Statutes  
71.11 2012, section 446A.074, in Laws 2011, First Special Session chapter 6, article 2, section 4,  
71.12 paragraph (b), is canceled.

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

71.14 **ARTICLE 3**

71.15 **PARKS AND TRAILS FUND**

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

71.17 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the  
71.18 agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the  
71.19 parks and trails fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The  
71.20 figures "2016" and "2017" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under  
71.21 them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, or June 30, 2017, respectively.  
71.22 "The first year" is fiscal year 2016. "The second year" is fiscal year 2017. "The biennium"  
71.23 is fiscal years 2016 and 2017. All appropriations in this article are onetime.

71.24		<b><u>APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>	
71.25		<b><u>Available for the Year</u></b>	
71.26		<b><u>Ending June 30</u></b>	
71.27		<b><u>2016</u></b>	<b><u>2017</u></b>

71.28 Sec. 2. **PARKS AND TRAILS**

71.29	<b><u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>44,702,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>44,461,000</u></b>
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71.30 The amounts that may be spent for each  
71.31 purpose are specified in the following  
71.32 sections.

72.1 **Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation**

72.2 Money appropriated in this article may  
 72.3 not be spent on activities unless they are  
 72.4 directly related to and necessary for a  
 72.5 specific appropriation. Money appropriated  
 72.6 in this article must be spent in accordance  
 72.7 with Minnesota Management and Budget's  
 72.8 Guidance to Agencies on Legacy Fund  
 72.9 Expenditure. Notwithstanding Minnesota  
 72.10 Statutes, section 16A.28, and unless  
 72.11 otherwise specified in this article, fiscal year  
 72.12 2016 appropriations are available until June  
 72.13 30, 2018, and fiscal year 2017 appropriations  
 72.14 are available until June 30, 2019. If a project  
 72.15 receives federal funds, the time period of  
 72.16 the appropriation is extended to equal the  
 72.17 availability of federal funding.

72.18 **Subd. 3. Disability Access**

72.19 Where appropriate, grant recipients of  
 72.20 parks and trails funds, in consultation  
 72.21 with the appropriate governor-appointed  
 72.22 disability councils, boards, committees, and  
 72.23 commissions, should make progress toward  
 72.24 providing greater access to programs, print  
 72.25 publications, and digital media for people  
 72.26 with disabilities related to the programs the  
 72.27 recipient funds using appropriations made  
 72.28 in this article.

72.29 **Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**  
 72.30 **RESOURCES**

**\$ 26,880,000 \$ 26,899,000**

72.31 (a) \$17,562,000 the first year and  
 72.32 \$17,562,000 the second year are for state  
 72.33 parks, recreation areas, and trails to:  
 72.34 (1) connect people to the outdoors;



73.1 (2) acquire land and create opportunities;  
73.2 (3) maintain existing holdings; and  
73.3 (4) improve cooperation by coordinating  
73.4 with partners to implement the 25-year  
73.5 long-range parks and trails legacy plan.

73.6 The appropriation in this paragraph includes  
73.7 money to acquire right-of-way and construct  
73.8 segments of the Goodhue Pioneer State Trail.

73.9 (b) \$8,782,000 the first year and \$8,782,000  
73.10 the second year are for grants for parks  
73.11 and trails of regional significance outside  
73.12 the seven-county metropolitan area under  
73.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.535. The  
73.14 grants must be based on the recommendations  
73.15 to the commissioner from the Greater  
73.16 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails  
73.17 Commission established under Minnesota  
73.18 Statutes, section 85.536. The appropriation  
73.19 in this paragraph includes money to: (1)  
73.20 design, engineer, acquire right-of-way, and  
73.21 construct segments of the Mesabi Trail from  
73.22 Embarrass to Tower and the Wagon Wheel  
73.23 Trail; and (2) provide a grant to Douglas  
73.24 County for the first phase of the acquisition of  
73.25 land, including a ski hill, for use as a regional  
73.26 park. Up to 2.5 percent of the appropriation  
73.27 may be used by the commissioner for the  
73.28 actual cost of issuing and monitoring the  
73.29 grants for the commission. Of the amount  
73.30 appropriated, \$356,000 in fiscal year 2016  
73.31 and \$362,000 in fiscal year 2017 are for the  
73.32 Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails  
73.33 Commission to carry out its duties under  
73.34 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.536, including  
73.35 the continued development of a statewide

74.1 system plan for regional parks and trails  
74.2 outside the seven-county metropolitan area.  
74.3 (c) \$536,000 the first year and \$555,000 the  
74.4 second year are for coordination and projects  
74.5 between the department, Metropolitan  
74.6 Council, and the Greater Minnesota Regional  
74.7 Parks and Trails Commission; enhanced  
74.8 Web-based information for park and trail  
74.9 users; and support of activities of the Parks  
74.10 and Trails Legacy Advisory Committee.

74.11 (d) The commissioner shall contract for  
74.12 services with Conservation Corps Minnesota  
74.13 for restoration, maintenance, and other  
74.14 activities under this section for at least  
74.15 \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the  
74.16 second year.

74.17 (e) The implementing agencies receiving  
74.18 appropriations under this section shall  
74.19 give consideration to contracting with  
74.20 Conservation Corps Minnesota for  
74.21 restoration, maintenance, and other activities.

74.22 **Sec. 4. METROPOLITAN COUNCIL    \$                    17,562,000 \$                    17,562,000**

74.23 (a) \$17,562,000 the first year and  
74.24 \$17,562,000 the second year are for  
74.25 distribution according to Minnesota Statutes,  
74.26 section 85.53, subdivision 3.

74.27 (b) Money appropriated under this section  
74.28 and distributed to implementing agencies  
74.29 must be used to fund the list of recommended  
74.30 projects in the report submitted pursuant to  
74.31 Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 3, section  
74.32 4, paragraph (o). Projects funded by the  
74.33 money appropriated under this section must  
74.34 be substantially consistent with the project

75.1 descriptions and dollar amounts in the report.  
 75.2 Of the amount received in the distribution by  
 75.3 the implementing agencies under Minnesota  
 75.4 Statutes, section 85.53, subdivision 3: (1)  
 75.5 \$50,000 the first year to Ramsey County is  
 75.6 for a grant to the Minnesota China Friendship  
 75.7 Garden Society to plan and design a chinese  
 75.8 garden to be located in Phalen Park in St.  
 75.9 Paul; and (2) \$150,000 the first year to  
 75.10 Ramsey County is to develop and install in  
 75.11 parks in Ramsey County activity facilities for  
 75.12 culturally relevant games that are reflective  
 75.13 of the current demographic of the county.  
 75.14 Any funds remaining after completion of  
 75.15 the listed projects may be spent by the  
 75.16 implementing agencies on projects to support  
 75.17 parks and trails.

75.18 (c) Grant agreements entered into by the  
 75.19 Metropolitan Council and recipients of  
 75.20 money appropriated under this section must  
 75.21 ensure that the funds are used to supplement  
 75.22 and not substitute for traditional sources of  
 75.23 funding.

75.24 (d) The implementing agencies receiving  
 75.25 appropriations under this section shall  
 75.26 give consideration to contracting with  
 75.27 Conservation Corps Minnesota for  
 75.28 restoration, maintenance, and other activities.

75.29 **Sec. 5. UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA            \$            260,000 \$            -0-**

75.30 \$260,000 the first year is for the University of  
 75.31 Minnesota Center for Changing Landscapes  
 75.32 to complete the Parks and Trails Legacy  
 75.33 Tracking Project by completing an interactive  
 75.34 Web based mapping system to share legacy  
 75.35 fund parks and trails information for use by

76.1 state, local, regional and federal parks and  
76.2 trails managers and funders, policy makers  
76.3 and the general public, and to implement  
76.4 the common user survey to understand the  
76.5 overall use and user needs and perceptions  
76.6 related to parks and trails use in Minnesota.  
76.7 The information, application, and system  
76.8 created as part of this effort must be  
76.9 compatible with and available within the  
76.10 Minnesota Geospatial Commons.

76.11 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 85.53, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

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

76.22 (c) A state agency or other recipient of a direct appropriation from the parks and  
76.23 trails fund must compile and submit all information for funded projects or programs,  
76.24 including the proposed measurable outcomes and all other items required under section  
76.25 3.303, subdivision 10, to the Legislative Coordinating Commission as soon as practicable  
76.26 or by January 15 of the applicable fiscal year, whichever comes first. The Legislative  
76.27 Coordinating Commission must post submitted information on the Web site required  
76.28 under section 3.303, subdivision 10, as soon as it becomes available.

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

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

77.1 (f) When practicable, a direct recipient of an appropriation from the parks and  
 77.2 trails fund shall prominently display on the recipient's Web site home page the legacy  
 77.3 logo required under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 5, section 10, as amended by Laws  
 77.4 2010, chapter 361, article 3, section 5, accompanied by the phrase "Click here for more  
 77.5 information." When a person clicks on the legacy logo image, the Web site must direct  
 77.6 the person to a Web page that includes both the contact information that a person may  
 77.7 use to obtain additional information, as well as a link to the Legislative Coordinating  
 77.8 Commission Web site required under section 3.303, subdivision 10.

77.9 (g) Future eligibility for money from the parks and trails fund is contingent upon a  
 77.10 state agency or other recipient satisfying all applicable requirements in this section, as  
 77.11 well as any additional requirements contained in applicable session law.

77.12 (h) Money appropriated from the parks and trails fund shall not be spent to acquire  
 77.13 property by eminent domain unless the owner requests that the owner's property be  
 77.14 acquired by eminent domain.

77.15 Sec. 7. Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 3, section 4, is amended to read:

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

77.17 (a) \$16,821,000 the first year and \$16,953,000  
 77.18 the second year are for parks and trails of  
 77.19 regional or statewide significance in the  
 77.20 metropolitan area, distributed according to  
 77.21 paragraphs (b) to (1). Any funds remaining  
 77.22 after completion of the listed project may be  
 77.23 spent on projects to support parks and trails  
 77.24 by the implementing agency.

77.25 (b) \$1,443,000 the first year and \$1,455,000  
 77.26 the second year are for grants to Anoka  
 77.27 County for:

- 77.28 (1) a trail connection for Bunker Hills
- 77.29 Regional Park from Avocet Street;
- 77.30 (2) restoration, including erosion repair,
- 77.31 along Pleasure Creek and the Mississippi
- 77.32 River Regional Trail at the Coon Rapids
- 77.33 Dam Regional Park;

- 78.1 (3) a new playground and surfacing at Lake  
78.2 George Regional Park;
- 78.3 (4) land acquisition for the Rice Creek Chain  
78.4 of Lakes Park Reserve;
- 78.5 (5) improvements at the Rice Creek Chain of  
78.6 Lakes Park Reserve, including maintenance  
78.7 shop rehabilitation, road and parking  
78.8 construction, fencing, beach improvements,  
78.9 and roof repairs;
- 78.10 (6) trail reconstruction under East River  
78.11 Road on the Rice Creek West Regional Trail;
- 78.12 (7) contracts with Conservation Corps  
78.13 Minnesota;
- 78.14 (8) a volunteer or resource coordinator  
78.15 position;
- 78.16 (9) a landscape designer or architect;
- 78.17 (10) design, engineering, and construction of  
78.18 the Central Anoka County Regional Trail;
- 78.19 (11) road rehabilitation at Lake George  
78.20 Regional Park;
- 78.21 (12) reconstruction of a retaining wall on the  
78.22 Mississippi River Regional Trail;
- 78.23 (13) a trail connection on the Mississippi  
78.24 River Regional Trail to connect Mississippi  
78.25 West Regional Park to the city of Ramsey;
- 78.26 (14) improvements of the Heritage  
78.27 Laboratory/Day Camp at the Rice Creek  
78.28 Chain of Lakes Park Reserve; and
- 78.29 (15) trail reconstruction on the Rice Creek  
78.30 North Regional Trail from Lexington Avenue  
78.31 to Golden Lake Elementary School.
- 78.32 (c) \$289,000 the first year and \$292,000  
78.33 the second year are for grants to the city of

79.1 Bloomington to reconstruct parking lots at the  
79.2 Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Park Reserve.  
79.3 (d) \$294,000 the first year and \$297,000 the  
79.4 second year are for grants to Carver County  
79.5 to connect the Minnesota River Bluffs  
79.6 Regional Trail and Southwest Regional Trail  
79.7 and for trail and bridge construction on the  
79.8 Minnesota River Bluff Regional Trail.  
79.9 (e) \$1,174,000 the first year and \$1,183,000  
79.10 the second year are for grants to Dakota  
79.11 County for:  
79.12 (1) engineering to extend the Mississippi  
79.13 River Regional Trail and Big Rivers Regional  
79.14 Trails, including extensions to St. Paul, and  
79.15 to provide a connection to Lilydale Regional  
79.16 Trail;  
79.17 (2) a trail connection for the Mississippi  
79.18 River Regional Trail to connect St. Paul and  
79.19 to construct a bridge over railroad tracks;  
79.20 (3) engineering and construction of regional  
79.21 trail segments throughout the county;  
79.22 (4) engineering and construction of a bridge  
79.23 and trails through the Minnesota Zoological  
79.24 Garden on the North Creek Regional  
79.25 Greenway; and  
79.26 (5) resource management of the county's  
79.27 parks and trails system.  
79.28 (f) \$3,221,000 the first year and \$3,246,000  
79.29 the second are for grants to the Minneapolis  
79.30 Park and Recreation Board for:  
79.31 (1) design and construction of trail loops,  
79.32 river access areas, landscapes, and storm  
79.33 water management improvements at Above  
79.34 the Falls Regional Park;

- 80.1 (2) land acquisition at Above the Falls  
80.2 Regional Park;
- 80.3 (3) a master plan and trail design for Central  
80.4 Mississippi Riverfront Regional Park;
- 80.5 (4) planning and design for the Central  
80.6 Riverfront including the water works and the  
80.7 Mississippi Whitewater Park sites;
- 80.8 (5) trail, path, and shoreline improvements  
80.9 and play area rehabilitation at  
80.10 Nokomis-Hiawatha Regional Park;
- 80.11 (6) trail, shoreline, water access,  
80.12 picnic, sailboat facility, and concession  
80.13 improvements at Minneapolis Chain of  
80.14 Lakes Regional Park;
- 80.15 (7) a bird sanctuary, trail stabilization, habitat  
80.16 restoration, accessibility improvements, and  
80.17 construction of new entrances at Minneapolis  
80.18 Chain of Lakes Regional Park;
- 80.19 (8) a trail connection for the Minnehaha  
80.20 Parkway Regional Trail below Lyndale  
80.21 Avenue; and
- 80.22 (9) trail work at Theodore Wirth Regional  
80.23 Park.
- 80.24 (g) \$1,299,000 the first year and \$1,309,000  
80.25 the second year are for grants to Ramsey  
80.26 County for:
- 80.27 (1) wayfinding for cross-country ski trails  
80.28 at Battle Creek Regional Park, Tamarack  
80.29 Nature Center, and Grass-Vadnais-Snail  
80.30 Lakes Regional Park;
- 80.31 (2) contracts with Conservation Corps  
80.32 Minnesota;



- 81.1 (3) design and construction of an early  
81.2 learning center at Tamarack Nature Center  
81.3 and pedestrian connections, landscape  
81.4 restoration, signage, and other site amenities  
81.5 at Bald Eagle-Otter Lakes Regional Park;
- 81.6 (4) improvements to Tamarack Nature  
81.7 Center;
- 81.8 (5) building and supporting a volunteer corps  
81.9 for Tamarack Nature Center and Discovery  
81.10 Hollow;
- 81.11 (6) trail development to connect Tamarack  
81.12 Nature Center to the Otter Lake boat launch;
- 81.13 (7) a trail on Vadnais Lake, storm water  
81.14 management improvements, and site  
81.15 amenities at Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lakes  
81.16 Regional Park;
- 81.17 (8) trail development and connection, storm  
81.18 water management improvements, and site  
81.19 amenities at Rice Creek North Regional  
81.20 Trail; and
- 81.21 (9) the Bruce Vento Regional Trail.
- 81.22 (h) \$2,378,000 the first year and \$2,397,000  
81.23 the second year are for grants to the city of  
81.24 Saint Paul for:
- 81.25 (1) an education coordinator;
- 81.26 (2) a volunteer coordinator;
- 81.27 (3) Como Regional Park shuttle operation;
- 81.28 (4) a trail connection to connect Harriet  
81.29 Island to the Mississippi Regional Trail;
- 81.30 (5) Estabrook Road reconstruction and  
81.31 lighting upgrades at Como Regional Park;  
81.32 and

- 82.1 (6) a trail connection and railroad bridge  
82.2 reconstruction at Lilydale Regional Park.
- 82.3 (i) \$550,000 the first year and \$554,000 the  
82.4 second year are for grants to Scott County for  
82.5 construction at Cedar Lake Farm Regional  
82.6 Park.
- 82.7 (j) \$3,669,000 the first year and \$3,697,000  
82.8 the second year are for grants to Three Rivers  
82.9 Park District for:
- 82.10 (1) a trail connection to connect Grand  
82.11 Rounds to Nine Mile Creek Trail;
- 82.12 (2) a ~~trail bridge over~~ safe trail crossing of  
82.13 County State-Aid Highway 19 for the Lake  
82.14 Minnetonka LRT Regional Trail;
- 82.15 (3) trail construction on the Crystal Lake  
82.16 Regional Trail;
- 82.17 (4) trail construction on the Bassett Creek  
82.18 Regional Trail;
- 82.19 (5) trail construction on the Twin Lakes  
82.20 Regional Trail; and
- 82.21 (6) trail construction on the Nine Mile Creek  
82.22 Regional Trail.
- 82.23 (k) \$821,000 the first year and \$827,000 the  
82.24 second year are for grants to Washington  
82.25 County for:
- 82.26 (1) parking, buildings, and other  
82.27 improvements at the Swim Pond in Lake  
82.28 Elmo Park Reserve;
- 82.29 (2) design and construction of the Point  
82.30 Douglas Regional Trail, which connects to  
82.31 Wisconsin; and

83.1 (3) paving improvements to Hardwood Creek  
83.2 Regional Trail, which may include new trail  
83.3 sections toward Bald Eagle Regional Park.

83.4 (l) \$1,682,000 the first year and \$1,695,000  
83.5 the second year are for grants to implementing  
83.6 agencies for land acquisition within  
83.7 Metropolitan Council approved regional  
83.8 parks and trails master plan boundaries as  
83.9 provided under Minnesota Statutes, section  
83.10 85.53, subdivision 3, clause (4).

83.11 (m) A recipient of a grant awarded under  
83.12 this section must give consideration to  
83.13 Conservation Corps Minnesota for possible  
83.14 use of corps services to contract for  
83.15 restoration and enhancement services.

83.16 (n) For projects with the potential to need  
83.17 historic preservation services, a recipient  
83.18 of a grant awarded under this section must  
83.19 give consideration to the Northern Bedrock  
83.20 Conservation Corps for possible use of the  
83.21 corps' services.

83.22 (o) By January 15, 2015, the council  
83.23 shall submit a list of projects, ranked in  
83.24 priority order, that contains the council's  
83.25 recommendations for funding from the  
83.26 parks and trails fund for the 2016 and  
83.27 2017 biennium to the chairs and ranking  
83.28 minority members of the senate and house  
83.29 of representatives committees and divisions  
83.30 with jurisdiction over the environment and  
83.31 natural resources and the parks and trails  
83.32 fund.

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

83.34 Sec. 8. **MESABI TRAIL GRANT EXTENSION.**

84.1 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, or other law to the contrary,  
 84.2 \$512,000 of the money appropriated in fiscal year 2013 under Laws 2011, First Special  
 84.3 Session chapter 6, article 3, section 3, paragraph (c), clause (1), for grants under Minnesota  
 84.4 Statutes, section 85.535, is available until June 30, 2017. The commissioner of natural  
 84.5 resources shall extend the \$512,000 grant to the St. Louis and Lake Counties Regional  
 84.6 Railroad Authority for extension of the Mesabi Trail to June 30, 2017.

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

84.8 **ARTICLE 4**

84.9 **ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND**

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

84.11 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the  
 84.12 entities and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the arts  
 84.13 and cultural heritage fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for allowable  
 84.14 activities under the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 15. The figures "2016" and  
 84.15 "2017" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under the figure are available  
 84.16 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017, respectively. "The first year"  
 84.17 is fiscal year 2016. "The second year" is fiscal year 2017. "The biennium" is fiscal years  
 84.18 2016 and 2017. All appropriations in this article are onetime.

84.19		<b><u>APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>	
84.20		<b><u>Available for the Year</u></b>	
84.21		<b><u>Ending June 30</u></b>	
84.22		<b><u>2016</u></b>	<b><u>2017</u></b>

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

84.24 Subdivision 1. **Total Appropriation** **\$ 62,727,000 \$ 60,609,000**

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

84.28 Subd. 2. **Availability of Appropriation**

84.29 Money appropriated in this article may not  
 84.30 be spent on activities unless they are directly  
 84.31 related to and necessary for a specific  
 84.32 appropriation. Money appropriated in this  
 84.33 article must not be spent on indirect costs

85.1 or other institutional overhead charges that  
 85.2 are not directly related to and necessary for  
 85.3 a specific appropriation. Notwithstanding  
 85.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, and  
 85.5 unless otherwise specified in this article,  
 85.6 fiscal year 2016 appropriations are available  
 85.7 until June 30, 2017, and fiscal year 2017  
 85.8 appropriations are available until June 30,  
 85.9 2018. If a project receives federal funds, the  
 85.10 time period of the appropriation is extended  
 85.11 to equal the availability of federal funding.

85.12	<u>Subd. 3. <b>Minnesota State Arts Board</b></u>	<u>28,247,000</u>	<u>29,759,000</u>
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85.13 (a) These amounts are appropriated to  
 85.14 the Minnesota State Arts Board for arts,  
 85.15 arts education, arts preservation, and arts  
 85.16 access. Grant agreements entered into  
 85.17 by the Minnesota State Arts Board and  
 85.18 other recipients of appropriations in this  
 85.19 subdivision must ensure that these funds are  
 85.20 used to supplement and not substitute for  
 85.21 traditional sources of funding. Each grant  
 85.22 program established within this appropriation  
 85.23 must be separately administered from other  
 85.24 state appropriations for program planning  
 85.25 and outcome measurements, but may take  
 85.26 into consideration other state resources  
 85.27 awarded in the selection of applicants and  
 85.28 grant award size.

85.29 (b) **Arts and Arts Access Initiatives**  
 85.30 \$22,598,000 the first year and \$23,807,000  
 85.31 the second year are to support Minnesota  
 85.32 artists and arts organizations in creating,  
 85.33 producing, and presenting high-quality arts  
 85.34 activities; to overcome barriers to accessing  
 85.35 high-quality arts activities; and to instill the

86.1 arts into the community and public life in  
86.2 this state.

86.3 **(c) Arts Education**

86.4 \$4,237,000 the first year and \$4,464,000  
86.5 the second year are for high-quality,  
86.6 age-appropriate arts education for  
86.7 Minnesotans of all ages to develop  
86.8 knowledge, skills, and understanding of the  
86.9 arts.

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

86.11 \$1,412,000 the first year and \$1,488,000 the  
86.12 second year are for events and activities that  
86.13 represent the diverse cultural arts traditions,  
86.14 including folk and traditional artists and art  
86.15 organizations, represented in this state.

86.16 (e) Up to 4.5 percent of the funds appropriated  
86.17 in paragraphs (b) to (d) may be used by the  
86.18 board for administering grant programs,  
86.19 delivering technical services, providing  
86.20 fiscal oversight for the statewide system, and  
86.21 ensuring accountability.

86.22 (f) Up to thirty percent of the remaining total  
86.23 appropriation to each of the categories listed  
86.24 in paragraphs (b) to (d) is for grants to the  
86.25 regional arts councils. Notwithstanding any  
86.26 other provision of law, regional arts council  
86.27 grants or other arts council grants for touring  
86.28 programs, projects, or exhibits must ensure  
86.29 the programs, projects, or exhibits are able to  
86.30 tour in their own region as well as all other  
86.31 regions of the state.

86.32 (g) Any unencumbered balance remaining  
86.33 under this section in the first year does not

87.1 cancel, but is available for the second year  
 87.2 of the biennium.

87.3 **Subd. 4. Minnesota Historical Society** 13,650,000 13,950,000

87.4 (a) These amounts are appropriated to the  
 87.5 governing board of the Minnesota Historical  
 87.6 Society to preserve and enhance access to  
 87.7 Minnesota's history and its cultural and  
 87.8 historical resources. Grant agreements  
 87.9 entered into by the Minnesota Historical  
 87.10 Society and other recipients of appropriations  
 87.11 in this subdivision must ensure that  
 87.12 these funds are used to supplement and  
 87.13 not substitute for traditional sources of  
 87.14 funding. Funds directly appropriated to the  
 87.15 Minnesota Historical Society must be used to  
 87.16 supplement and not substitute for traditional  
 87.17 sources of funding. Notwithstanding  
 87.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, for  
 87.19 historic preservation projects that improve  
 87.20 historic structures, the amounts are available  
 87.21 until June 30, 2019. The Minnesota  
 87.22 Historical Society or grant recipients of the  
 87.23 Minnesota Historical Society using arts and  
 87.24 cultural heritage funds under this subdivision  
 87.25 must give consideration to Conservation  
 87.26 Corps Minnesota and Northern Bedrock  
 87.27 Conservation Corps, or an organization  
 87.28 carrying out similar work, for projects with  
 87.29 the potential to need historic preservation  
 87.30 services.

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

87.32 (1) Statewide Historic and Cultural Grants  
 87.33 \$5,525,000 the first year and \$5,675,000 the  
 87.34 second year are for history programs and  
 87.35 projects operated or conducted by or through

88.1 local, county, regional, or other historical  
88.2 or cultural organizations or for activities  
88.3 to preserve significant historic and cultural  
88.4 resources. Funds are to be distributed through  
88.5 a competitive grant process. The Minnesota  
88.6 Historical Society shall administer these  
88.7 funds using established grant mechanisms,  
88.8 with assistance from the advisory committee  
88.9 created under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article  
88.10 4, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (b),  
88.11 item (ii). The appropriation in this paragraph  
88.12 includes money to plan, design, and engineer  
88.13 the reconstruction of the historic Hibbing  
88.14 High School Auditorium and to fund Phase  
88.15 1 of the project.

88.16 (2) Statewide History Programs

88.17 \$5,525,000 the first year and \$5,675,000 the  
88.18 second year are for programs and purposes  
88.19 related to the historical and cultural heritage  
88.20 of the state of Minnesota, conducted by the  
88.21 Minnesota Historical Society.

88.22 (3) History Partnerships

88.23 \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000 the  
88.24 second year are for partnerships involving  
88.25 multiple organizations, which may include  
88.26 the Minnesota Historical Society, to preserve  
88.27 and enhance access to Minnesota's history  
88.28 and cultural heritage in all regions of the state.

88.29 (4) Statewide Survey of Historical and  
88.30 Archaeological Sites

88.31 \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the  
88.32 second year are for a contract or contracts  
88.33 to be awarded on a competitive basis to  
88.34 conduct statewide surveys of Minnesota's  
88.35 sites of historical, archaeological, and



89.1 cultural significance. Results of the surveys  
 89.2 must be published in a searchable form  
 89.3 and available to the public on a cost-free  
 89.4 basis. The Minnesota Historical Society, the  
 89.5 Office of the State Archaeologist, and the  
 89.6 Indian Affairs Council shall each appoint a  
 89.7 representative to an oversight board to select  
 89.8 contractors and direct the conduct of the  
 89.9 surveys. The oversight board shall consult  
 89.10 with the Departments of Transportation and  
 89.11 Natural Resources.

89.12 (5) Digital Library

89.13 \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the  
 89.14 second year are for a digital library project  
 89.15 to preserve, digitize, and share Minnesota  
 89.16 images, documents, and historical materials.

89.17 The Minnesota Historical Society shall  
 89.18 cooperate with the Minitex interlibrary  
 89.19 loan system and shall jointly share this  
 89.20 appropriation for these purposes.

89.21 Subd. 5. **Department of Education**

2,950,000

2,950,000

89.22 These amounts are appropriated to the  
 89.23 commissioner of education for grants to  
 89.24 the 12 Minnesota regional library systems  
 89.25 to provide educational opportunities in  
 89.26 the arts, history, literary arts, and cultural  
 89.27 heritage of Minnesota. These funds must be  
 89.28 allocated using the formulas in Minnesota  
 89.29 Statutes, section 134.355, subdivisions 3,  
 89.30 4, and 5, with the remaining 25 percent to  
 89.31 be distributed to all qualifying systems in  
 89.32 an amount proportionate to the number of  
 89.33 qualifying system entities in each system.  
 89.34 For purposes of this subdivision, "qualifying  
 89.35 system entity" means a public library, a

90.1 regional library system, a regional library  
 90.2 system headquarters, a county, or an outreach  
 90.3 service program. These funds may be used  
 90.4 to sponsor programs provided by regional  
 90.5 libraries or to provide grants to local arts  
 90.6 and cultural heritage programs for programs  
 90.7 in partnership with regional libraries.  
 90.8 These funds must be distributed in ten  
 90.9 equal payments per year. Notwithstanding  
 90.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the  
 90.11 appropriations encumbered on or before  
 90.12 June 30, 2017, as grants or contracts in this  
 90.13 subdivision are available until June 30, 2019.

90.14 <u>Subd. 6. <b>Department of Administration</b></u>	<u>12,305,000</u>	<u>8,775,000</u>
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90.15 (a) These amounts are appropriated to  
 90.16 the commissioner of administration for  
 90.17 grants to the named organizations for the  
 90.18 purposes specified in this subdivision. Up  
 90.19 to one percent of funds may be used by the  
 90.20 commissioner for grants administration.

90.21 (b) Grant agreements entered into by  
 90.22 the commissioner and recipients of  
 90.23 appropriations under this subdivision must  
 90.24 ensure that money appropriated in this  
 90.25 subdivision is used to supplement and not  
 90.26 substitute for traditional sources of funding.

90.27 (c) **Minnesota Public Radio**  
 90.28 \$1,600,000 each year is for Minnesota Public  
 90.29 Radio to create programming and expand  
 90.30 news service on Minnesota's cultural heritage  
 90.31 and history.

90.32 (d) **Association of Minnesota Public**  
 90.33 **Educational Radio Stations**  
 90.34 \$1,600,000 each year is appropriated for a  
 90.35 grant to the Association of Minnesota Public

91.1 Educational Radio Stations for production  
91.2 and acquisition grants in accordance with  
91.3 Minnesota Statutes, section 129D.19.

91.4 **(e) Public Television**

91.5 \$3,900,000 the first year and \$3,900,000  
91.6 the second year are for grants to the  
91.7 Minnesota Public Television Association for  
91.8 production and acquisition grants according  
91.9 to Minnesota Statutes, section 129D.18.

91.10 **(f) Wilderness Inquiry**

91.11 \$100,000 each year is for grants to Wilderness  
91.12 Inquiry to preserve Minnesota's outdoor  
91.13 history, culture, and heritage by connecting  
91.14 Minnesota youth to natural resources.

91.15 **(g) Como Park Zoo**

91.16 \$750,000 each year is for the Como  
91.17 Park Zoo for program development that  
91.18 features education programs and habitat  
91.19 enhancement, special exhibits, music  
91.20 appreciation programs, and historical garden  
91.21 access and preservation.

91.22 **(h) Lake Superior Zoo**

91.23 \$150,000 each year is for development of  
91.24 educational exhibits using animals and the  
91.25 environment.

91.26 **(i) Science Museum of Minnesota**

91.27 \$600,000 each year is for arts, arts education,  
91.28 and arts access and to preserve Minnesota's  
91.29 history and cultural heritage, including  
91.30 student and teacher outreach and expansion  
91.31 of the museum's American Indian initiatives  
91.32 programs.

91.33 **(j) Lake Superior Center Authority**

92.1 \$250,000 the first year is for development,  
 92.2 preparation, and construction of an exhibit  
 92.3 on the unsalted seas to preserve Minnesota's  
 92.4 history and cultural heritage related to fresh  
 92.5 water lakes.

92.6 **(k) Minnesota State Band**

92.7 \$25,000 each year is for a grant to the  
 92.8 Minnesota State Band to promote and  
 92.9 increase public performances across  
 92.10 Minnesota, and to preserve the history of the  
 92.11 state band.

92.12 **(l) Midwest Art Conservation Center**

92.13 \$50,000 each year is for a grant to the  
 92.14 Midwest Art Conservation Center, a  
 92.15 nonprofit regional arts center, for the  
 92.16 preservation and conservation of art and  
 92.17 artifacts. The grant is to support providing  
 92.18 treatment, education, and training for  
 92.19 museums, historical societies, libraries, and  
 92.20 other cultural institutions, as well as public  
 92.21 and private clients.

92.22 **(m) Capitol Arts Restoration**

92.23 \$3,250,000 the first year is for restoration  
 92.24 and preservation of the fine art located in the  
 92.25 State Capitol complex.

92.26 **(n) Historical Memorial Bust**

92.27 \$30,000 the first year is for a bust of Nellie  
 92.28 Stone Johnson to be placed in the State  
 92.29 Capitol Building.

92.30	<b><u>Subd. 7. Minnesota Zoo</u></b>	<u>1,750,000</u>	<u>1,750,000</u>
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92.31 These amounts are appropriated to the  
 92.32 Minnesota Zoological Board for programs  
 92.33 and development of the Minnesota

93.1 Zoological Garden and to provide access and  
 93.2 education related to programs on the cultural  
 93.3 heritage of Minnesota.

93.4	<u>Subd. 8. <b>Minnesota Humanities Center</b></u>	<u>2,225,000</u>	<u>1,625,000</u>
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93.5 (a) These amounts are appropriated to  
 93.6 the Board of Directors of the Minnesota  
 93.7 Humanities Center for the purposes  
 93.8 specified in this subdivision. The Minnesota  
 93.9 Humanities Center may use a portion of  
 93.10 the following grants to cover the cost of  
 93.11 administering, planning, evaluating, and  
 93.12 reporting these grants. The Minnesota  
 93.13 Humanities Center must develop a written  
 93.14 plan to issue the grants in this subdivision and  
 93.15 shall submit the plan for review and approval  
 93.16 by the Department of Administration.

93.17 **(b) Programs and Purposes**

93.18 \$850,000 each year is for programs and  
 93.19 purposes of the Minnesota Humanities  
 93.20 Center.

93.21 The Minnesota Humanities Center may  
 93.22 consider museums and organizations  
 93.23 celebrating the identities of Minnesotans for  
 93.24 grants from these funds.

93.25 **(c) Council on Disability**

93.26 \$150,000 the first year is for a grant to the  
 93.27 Minnesota State Council on Disability to  
 93.28 preserve Minnesota's disability history and  
 93.29 culture and increase disability awareness  
 93.30 statewide.

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

93.32 \$1,225,000 the first year and \$775,000 the  
 93.33 second year are for arts and cultural heritage  
 93.34 grants to children's museums.

94.1 Of this amount, \$475,000 each year is  
 94.2 for the Minnesota Children's Museum,  
 94.3 including the Minnesota Children's Museum  
 94.4 in Rochester; \$200,000 each year is for the  
 94.5 Duluth Children's Museum; \$150,000 the  
 94.6 first year and \$100,000 the second year are  
 94.7 for the Grand Rapids Children's Museum;  
 94.8 and \$400,000 the first year is for the Southern  
 94.9 Minnesota Children's Museum.

94.10 **Subd. 9. Perpich Center for Arts Education** 600,000 750,000

94.11 (a) These amounts are appropriated to the  
 94.12 Board of Directors of the Perpich Center  
 94.13 for Arts Education for the program under  
 94.14 paragraph (c).

94.15 (b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,  
 94.16 section 16A.28, the appropriations  
 94.17 encumbered on or before June 30, 2017, are  
 94.18 available until June 30, 2019.

94.19 **(c) Turnaround Arts Program**

94.20 \$600,000 the first year and \$800,000 the  
 94.21 second year are for the Turnaround Arts  
 94.22 program to assist schools and programs  
 94.23 throughout the state.

94.24 **Subd. 10. Indian Affairs Council** 1,000,000 1,000,000

94.25 (a) \$1,000,000 each year is for the Indian  
 94.26 Affairs Council to provide grants to preserve  
 94.27 Dakota and Ojibwe Indian language and to  
 94.28 foster education programs and immersion  
 94.29 programs in Dakota and Ojibwe language.  
 94.30 Of this amount, \$125,000 each year is for the  
 94.31 Niigaane Ojibwe Immersion School.

94.32 **Subd. 11. Disability Access**

94.33 Where appropriate, grant recipients of arts  
 94.34 and cultural heritage funds, in consultation

95.1 with the appropriate governor-appointed  
 95.2 disability councils, boards, committees, and  
 95.3 commissions, should make progress toward  
 95.4 providing greater access to programs, print  
 95.5 publications, and digital media for people  
 95.6 with disabilities related to the programs the  
 95.7 recipient funds using appropriations made in  
 95.8 this section.

95.9 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 16B.24, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 95.10 to read:

95.11 Subd. 12. **State band.** The commissioner must provide free rehearsal and storage  
 95.12 space in the same building in the Capitol Area, as defined in section 15B.02, to an entity  
 95.13 known as the Minnesota State Band, a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of  
 95.14 the Internal Revenue Code.

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

95.16 Sec. 4. Laws 2014, chapter 295, section 10, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

95.17 Subd. 12. **St. Paul - Minnesota Children's**  
 95.18 **Museum**

7,485,000

95.19 For a grant to the city of St. Paul to predesign,  
 95.20 design, construct, furnish, and equip an  
 95.21 expansion and renovation of the Minnesota  
 95.22 Children's Museum. The expansion and  
 95.23 exhibit upgrades should incorporate the  
 95.24 latest research on early learning, allow for  
 95.25 new state-of-the art education facilities, and  
 95.26 increase the capacity of visitors to galleries  
 95.27 and programming areas. This appropriation  
 95.28 is not available until the commissioner of  
 95.29 management and budget has determined that  
 95.30 at least ~~an equal amount~~ \$4,000,000 has been  
 95.31 committed from nonstate sources. Amounts  
 95.32 expended for this project by nonstate sources  
 95.33 since October 1, 2010, shall count toward the  
 95.34 nonstate match.

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

96.2 Sec. 5. Laws 2014, chapter 295, section 12, is amended to read:

96.3 Sec. 12. **MINNESOTA HISTORICAL**  
 96.4 **SOCIETY**

**\$ 1,400,000**

96.5 To the Minnesota Historical Society to be  
 96.6 allocated to county and local jurisdictions  
 96.7 as matching money for historic preservation  
 96.8 projects of a capital nature, as provided  
 96.9 in Minnesota Statutes, section 138.0525.

96.10 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
 96.11 138.0525, of this amount: (1) \$50,000 is for a  
 96.12 grant to the Fulda Heritage Society to expand  
 96.13 the display areas for historic materials; and  
 96.14 (2) \$250,000 is for a grant to the Gunflint  
 96.15 Trail Historical Society to complete phase  
 96.16 two of the Chik-Wauk Museum and Nature  
 96.17 Center. Work within the National Register of  
 96.18 Historic Places property shall be approved  
 96.19 by the Minnesota Historical Society.