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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SPECIAL SESSION

H. F. No. 5

06/12/2015 Authored by Urdahl, Davids, Hausman and Lillie
The bill was read for the first time

A bill for an act

1.1 relating to state government; appropriating money from the outdoor heritage
1.2 fund, clean water fund, parks and trails fund, and arts and cultural heritage fund;
1.3 establishing policy on milkweed; providing for rehearsal and storage space for
1.4 state band; modifying provisions of Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
1.5 and the Clean Water Council; modifying Water Law; modifying requirements
1.6 for use of and eligibility for legacy funds; modifying previous appropriations;
1.7 requiring a report; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 16B.24, by
1.8 adding a subdivision; 85.53, subdivision 2; 97A.056, subdivisions 8, 11, by
1.9 adding subdivisions; 103A.206; 103B.101, by adding a subdivision; 103C.101,
1.10 by adding a subdivision; 103C.401, subdivision 1; 103C.501, subdivision 5;
1.11 114D.30, subdivision 2; 114D.50, subdivision 4; 129D.17, subdivision 2; Laws
1.12 2012, chapter 264, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5; Laws 2013, chapter 137,
1.13 article 1, section 2, subdivision 10; article 2, section 6; article 3, section 4; Laws
1.14 2014, chapter 256, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5; Laws 2014, chapter 295,
1.15 sections 10, subdivision 12; 12; Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 14, section 7;
1.16 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 84; 103B.
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1.18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

ARTICLE 1

OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND

1.21 Section 1. OUTDOOR HERITAGE APPROPRIATION.

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

2.1		<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
2.2		<u>Available for the Year</u>	
2.3		<u>Ending June 30</u>	
2.4		<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>

2.5 **Sec. 2. OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND**

2.6	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>97,198,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>607,000</u>
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2.7 This appropriation is from the outdoor
 2.8 heritage fund. The amounts that may be
 2.9 spent for each purpose are specified in the
 2.10 following subdivisions.

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

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

2.31 **(b) Accelerating Wildlife Management Area**
 2.32 **Acquisition - Phase VII**

2.33 \$7,452,000 in the first year is to the
 2.34 commissioner of natural resources for an
 2.35 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire

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

3.12 **(c) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project - Phase**
 3.13 **VI**

3.14 \$4,032,000 in the first year is to the
 3.15 commissioner of natural resources for an
 3.16 agreement with The Nature Conservancy
 3.17 to acquire native prairie, wetlands, and
 3.18 savanna and restore and enhance grasslands,
 3.19 wetlands, and savanna. Subject to evaluation
 3.20 criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,
 3.21 priority must be given to acquisition of lands
 3.22 that are eligible for the native prairie bank
 3.23 under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or
 3.24 lands adjacent to protected native prairie.

3.25 Annual income statements and balance sheets
 3.26 for income and expenses from land acquired
 3.27 with this appropriation must be submitted
 3.28 to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage
 3.29 Council no later than 180 days following
 3.30 the close of The Nature Conservancy's fiscal
 3.31 year. A list of proposed land acquisitions
 3.32 must be provided as part of the required
 3.33 accomplishment plan and must be consistent
 3.34 with the priorities identified in the Minnesota
 3.35 Prairie Conservation Plan.

4.1 **(d) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National**
4.2 **Wildlife Refuge Land Acquisition - Phase V**

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

4.23 **(e) Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection**
4.24 **- Phase IV**

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

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

5.7 **(f) Minnesota Buffers for Wildlife and Water**
 5.8 **- Phase V**

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

5.22 **(g) Cannon River Headwaters Habitat**
 5.23 **Complex - Phase V**

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

6.1 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
6.2 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

6.3 **(h) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the**
6.4 **Southern Red River Valley**

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

6.19 **(i) Protecting and Restoring Minnesota's**
6.20 **Important Bird Areas**

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

7.1 **(j) Wild Rice River Corridor Habitat**
 7.2 **Restoration**

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

7.12 **(k) Accelerated Prairie Restoration and**
 7.13 **Enhancement on DNR Lands - Phase VII**

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

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

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

7.31 Subd. 3. **Forests**

12,634,000

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

7.33 \$1,500,000 in the first year is to the
 7.34 Board of Water and Soil Resources in

8.1 cooperation with the Morrison County Soil
 8.2 and Water Conservation District to acquire
 8.3 permanent conservation easements within
 8.4 the boundaries of the Minnesota National
 8.5 Guard Compatible Use Buffer to protect
 8.6 forest wildlife habitat. Up to \$55,000 is for
 8.7 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
 8.8 fund, as approved in the accomplishment
 8.9 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
 8.10 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of
 8.11 permanent conservation easements must be
 8.12 provided as part of the final report.

8.13 **(b) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**
 8.14 **Restoration - Phase III**

8.15 \$2,910,000 in the first year is to the
 8.16 commissioner of natural resources for an
 8.17 agreement with The Nature Conservancy to
 8.18 acquire land in fee for wildlife management
 8.19 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
 8.20 86A.05, subdivision 8; to acquire land
 8.21 in fee for scientific and natural areas
 8.22 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 8.23 subdivision 5; for state forest purposes
 8.24 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 8.25 subdivision 7; and to enhance grasslands,
 8.26 forest, and savanna. A list of proposed
 8.27 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
 8.28 required accomplishment plan.

8.29 **(c) Protecting Pinelands Sands Aquifer**
 8.30 **Forestlands - Phase II**

8.31 \$2,180,000 in the first year is to the
 8.32 commissioner of natural resources to
 8.33 acquire forest lands in Cass and Wadena
 8.34 Counties for wildlife management purposes
 8.35 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 8.36 subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee

9.1 for state forests under Minnesota Statutes,
 9.2 section 86A.05, subdivision 7. A list of
 9.3 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
 9.4 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

9.5 **(d) Protect Key Forest Lands in Cass County**
 9.6 **- Phase VI**

9.7 \$442,000 in the first year is to the
 9.8 commissioner of natural resources for an
 9.9 agreement with Cass County to acquire land
 9.10 in fee in Cass County for forest wildlife
 9.11 habitat or to prevent forest fragmentation.

9.12 A list of proposed land acquisitions
 9.13 must be provided as part of the required
 9.14 accomplishment plan.

9.15 **(e) Critical Shoreland Protection Program -**
 9.16 **Phase III**

9.17 \$1,690,000 in the first year is to the
 9.18 commissioner of natural resources for an
 9.19 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
 9.20 acquire permanent conservation easements
 9.21 along rivers and lakes in the northern
 9.22 forest region. Up to \$220,000 is for
 9.23 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
 9.24 fund, as approved in the accomplishment
 9.25 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
 9.26 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of
 9.27 proposed permanent conservation easements
 9.28 must be provided as part of the required
 9.29 accomplishment plan.

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

9.31 \$3,002,000 in the first year is to the
 9.32 commissioner of natural resources to
 9.33 acquire lands in fee and for permanent
 9.34 conservation easements in the Mississippi
 9.35 Headwaters and for agreements as follows:

10.1 \$1,217,000 to The Trust for Public Land;
 10.2 and \$824,000 to Minnesota Land Trust,
 10.3 of which up to \$80,000 is for establishing
 10.4 a monitoring and enforcement fund as
 10.5 approved in the accomplishment plan and
 10.6 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 10.7 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
 10.8 acquisitions must be included as part of the
 10.9 required accomplishment plan.

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

10.11 \$910,000 in the first year is to the
 10.12 commissioner of natural resources to
 10.13 enhance forests in southeastern Minnesota.
 10.14 A list of proposed land enhancements
 10.15 must be provided as part of the required
 10.16 accomplishment plan.

10.17 **Subd. 4. Wetlands**

20,390,000

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10.18 **(a) Accelerating the Waterfowl Production**
 10.19 **Area Acquisition - Phase VII**

10.20 \$7,620,000 in the first year is to the
 10.21 commissioner of natural resources for an
 10.22 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire
 10.23 land in fee to be designated and managed as
 10.24 waterfowl production areas in Minnesota,
 10.25 in cooperation with the United States Fish
 10.26 and Wildlife Service. A list of proposed land
 10.27 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
 10.28 required accomplishment plan.

10.29 **(b) Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection**
 10.30 **Program - Phase IV**

10.31 \$9,040,000 in the first year is to the
 10.32 commissioner of natural resources for an
 10.33 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire
 10.34 land in fee for wildlife management purposes
 10.35 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,

11.1 subdivision 8. A list of proposed acquisitions
 11.2 must be provided as part of the required
 11.3 accomplishment plan.

11.4 **(c) Wild Rice Shoreland Protection Program**
 11.5 **- Phase IV**

11.6 \$131,000 in the first year is to the
 11.7 commissioner of natural resources for the
 11.8 acquisition of land in fee and \$1,469,000 is
 11.9 to the Board of Water and Soil Resources to
 11.10 acquire permanent conservation easements
 11.11 on wild rice lake shoreland habitat for native
 11.12 wild rice bed protection. Of this amount, up
 11.13 to \$90,000 to the Board of Water and Soil
 11.14 Resources is for establishing a monitoring
 11.15 and enforcement fund as approved in
 11.16 the accomplishment plan and subject to
 11.17 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
 11.18 subdivision 17. A list of proposed fee land
 11.19 acquisitions must be included as part of
 11.20 the required accomplishment plan by the
 11.21 Department of Natural Resources and a list
 11.22 of permanent conservation easements must
 11.23 be provided as part of the final report by the
 11.24 Board of Water and Soil Resources.

11.25 **(d) Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetlands**
 11.26 **Enhancement - Phase VII**

11.27 \$2,130,000 in the first year is to the
 11.28 commissioner of natural resources to
 11.29 enhance and restore shallow lakes statewide.
 11.30 A list of proposed land restorations and
 11.31 enhancements must be provided as part of
 11.32 the required accomplishment plan.

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

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

12.1 \$4,540,000 in the first year is to the
 12.2 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
 12.3 interests in land in fee and permanent
 12.4 conservation easements for aquatic
 12.5 management purposes under Minnesota
 12.6 Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 14,
 12.7 and 97C.02, to acquire interests in land in
 12.8 permanent conservation easements for fish
 12.9 and wildlife habitat under Minnesota Statutes,
 12.10 section 84.66, and to restore and enhance
 12.11 aquatic habitat. Up to \$130,000 is for
 12.12 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
 12.13 fund as approved in the accomplishment
 12.14 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
 12.15 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of
 12.16 proposed land acquisitions and restorations
 12.17 and enhancements must be provided as part
 12.18 of the required accomplishment plan.

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

12.20 \$2,000,000 in the first year is to the
 12.21 commissioner of natural resources for
 12.22 agreements to acquire land in fee and in
 12.23 permanent conservation easements and
 12.24 to restore and enhance natural systems
 12.25 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,
 12.26 and St. Croix Rivers as follows: \$475,000 to
 12.27 Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge
 12.28 Trust, Inc.; \$275,000 to Friends of the
 12.29 Mississippi River; \$400,000 to Great River
 12.30 Greening; \$375,000 to Minnesota Land Trust;
 12.31 and \$475,000 to The Trust for Public Land.
 12.32 Up to \$60,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is for
 12.33 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
 12.34 fund as approved in the accomplishment
 12.35 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
 12.36 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of

13.1 proposed land acquisitions and permanent
13.2 conservation easements must be provided as
13.3 part of the required accomplishment plan.

13.4 **(c) Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish**
13.5 **Habitat Enhancement and Restoration - Phase**
13.6 **VII**

13.7 \$1,890,000 in the first year is to the
13.8 commissioner of natural resources for an
13.9 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited
13.10 to restore and enhance habitat for trout
13.11 and other species in and along coldwater
13.12 rivers and streams in Minnesota. A list of
13.13 proposed restorations and enhancements
13.14 must be provided as part of the required
13.15 accomplishment plan.

13.16 **(d) Lake Bemidji South Shore Restoration and**
13.17 **Enhancement**

13.18 \$1,650,000 in the first year is to the
13.19 commissioner of natural resources for
13.20 an agreement with the city of Bemidji to
13.21 restore and enhance fish habitat on Lake
13.22 Bemidji. A list of proposed restorations and
13.23 enhancements must be provided as part of
13.24 the required accomplishment plan.

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

13.26 \$990,000 in the first year is to the
13.27 commissioner of natural resources for
13.28 an agreement with the Sand Hill River
13.29 Watershed District to restore fish habitat
13.30 in the Sand Hill River watershed. A list of
13.31 proposed restorations must be provided as
13.32 part of the required accomplishment plan.

13.33 **(f) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**
13.34 **Restoration Program - Phase IV**

14.1 \$2,414,000 in the first year is to the
14.2 commissioner of natural resources for
14.3 an agreement with the Shell Rock River
14.4 Watershed District to protect, restore,
14.5 and enhance aquatic habitat in the Shell
14.6 Rock River watershed. A list of proposed
14.7 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements
14.8 must be provided as part of the required
14.9 accomplishment plan.

14.10 **(g) Lake Nokomis Integrated Habitat**
14.11 **Enhancement**

14.12 \$444,000 in the first year is to the
14.13 commissioner of natural resources for an
14.14 agreement with the Minneapolis Park and
14.15 Recreation Board to enhance aquatic habitat
14.16 on Lake Nokomis. A list of proposed
14.17 enhancements must be provided as part of
14.18 the required accomplishment plan.

14.19 **(h) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**
14.20 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat -**
14.21 **Phase VII**

14.22 \$8,440,000 in the first year is to the
14.23 commissioner of natural resources for a
14.24 program to provide competitive, matching
14.25 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,
14.26 state, and national organizations for
14.27 enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests,
14.28 wetlands, prairies, or habitat for fish, game,
14.29 or wildlife in Minnesota. Of this amount,
14.30 \$3,692,000 is for grants in the seven-county
14.31 metropolitan area and cities with a population
14.32 of 50,000 or greater. Grants shall not be made
14.33 for activities required to fulfill the duties
14.34 of owners of lands subject to conservation
14.35 easements. Grants shall not be made from the
14.36 appropriation in this paragraph for projects

15.1 that have a total project cost exceeding
15.2 \$575,000. Of this appropriation, \$596,000
15.3 may be spent for personnel costs and other
15.4 direct and necessary administrative costs.
15.5 Grantees may acquire land or interests in
15.6 land. Easements must be permanent. Grants
15.7 may not be used to establish easement
15.8 stewardship accounts. Land acquired in fee
15.9 must be open to hunting and fishing during
15.10 the open season unless otherwise provided
15.11 by law. The program must require a match
15.12 of at least ten percent from nonstate sources
15.13 for all grants. The match may be cash or
15.14 in-kind resources. For grant applications
15.15 of \$25,000 or less, the commissioner shall
15.16 provide a separate, simplified application
15.17 process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the
15.18 commissioner of natural resources shall,
15.19 when evaluating projects of equal value,
15.20 give priority to organizations that have a
15.21 history of receiving or a charter to receive
15.22 private contributions for local conservation
15.23 or habitat projects. If acquiring land or a
15.24 conservation easement, priority must be
15.25 given to projects associated with or within
15.26 one mile of existing wildlife management
15.27 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section
15.28 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific and natural
15.29 areas under Minnesota Statutes, sections
15.30 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; or aquatic
15.31 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,
15.32 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02.
15.33 All restoration or enhancement projects
15.34 must be on land permanently protected by
15.35 a permanent covenant ensuring perpetual
15.36 maintenance and protection of restored

16.1 and enhanced habitat, by a conservation
 16.2 easement, or by public ownership or in
 16.3 public waters as defined in Minnesota
 16.4 Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision
 16.5 15. Priority must be given to restoration
 16.6 and enhancement projects on public lands.
 16.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
 16.8 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded
 16.9 under this paragraph. This appropriation is
 16.10 available until June 30, 2018. No less than
 16.11 five percent of the amount of each grant
 16.12 must be held back from reimbursement until
 16.13 the grant recipient has completed a grant
 16.14 accomplishment report by the deadline and
 16.15 in the form prescribed by and satisfactory to
 16.16 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
 16.17 The commissioner shall provide notice of
 16.18 the grant program in the game and fish law
 16.19 summary prepared under Minnesota Statutes,
 16.20 section 97A.051, subdivision 2.

16.21 Subd. 6. **Administration** 858,000 607,000

16.22 **(a) Contract Management**

16.23 \$150,000 in the first year is to the
 16.24 commissioner of natural resources for
 16.25 contract management duties assigned in this
 16.26 section. The commissioner shall provide an
 16.27 accomplishment plan in the form specified by
 16.28 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
 16.29 on the expenditure of this appropriation.
 16.30 The accomplishment plan must include a
 16.31 copy of the grant contract template and
 16.32 reimbursement manual. No money may
 16.33 be expended prior to the Lessard-Sams
 16.34 Outdoor Heritage Council's approval of the
 16.35 accomplishment plan.

17.1 **(b) Legislative Coordinating Commission**

17.2 \$608,000 in the first year and \$607,000
 17.3 in the second year are to the Legislative
 17.4 Coordinating Commission for administrative
 17.5 expenses of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
 17.6 Heritage Council and for compensation and
 17.7 expense reimbursement of council members.
 17.8 This appropriation is available until June 30,
 17.9 2017. Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.281,
 17.10 applies to this appropriation.

17.11 **(c) Technical Evaluation Panel**

17.12 \$100,000 in the first year is to the
 17.13 commissioner of natural resources for a
 17.14 technical evaluation panel to conduct up to
 17.15 ten restoration evaluations under Minnesota
 17.16 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 10.

17.17 **(d) Land Acquisition Report**

17.18 The staff of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
 17.19 Heritage Council, in consultation with the
 17.20 commissioner of natural resources, shall
 17.21 prepare a report on outdoor heritage fund
 17.22 land acquisitions as of June 30, 2015, that
 17.23 includes:

17.24 (1) the total number of acres, by county and
 17.25 by type, acquired in fee and the percentage
 17.26 of land in each county acquired in fee;

17.27 (2) the average price paid per acre, by county,
 17.28 for lands acquired in fee;

17.29 (3) the total number of acres, by county, for
 17.30 land acquired in easement;

17.31 (4) the average price paid per acre, by county,
 17.32 for land acquired in easement;

18.1 (5) the total number of acres, by county,
18.2 estimated to be acquired in fee and the total
18.3 number of acres, by county, estimated to
18.4 be acquired in easement over the life of the
18.5 outdoor heritage fund if the current rate of
18.6 acquisition continues;

18.7 (6) the number and percentage of sellers by
18.8 category, including the number of corporate
18.9 and other private sellers, nonprofit sellers,
18.10 and public sellers;

18.11 (7) the total amount of property taxes paid
18.12 during the five years prior to acquisition,
18.13 including statewide business property taxes,
18.14 if any, on the acres acquired in fee by county;

18.15 (8) the total of payment-in-lieu of tax
18.16 payments made for lands acquired with
18.17 outdoor heritage funds and the estimate
18.18 of future payment-in-lieu of tax payments
18.19 based on the estimated total number of acres
18.20 acquired over the life of the outdoor heritage
18.21 fund; and

18.22 (9) the total amount of land acquired in fee
18.23 by the state, excluding lands acquired by the
18.24 commissioner of transportation, with any
18.25 funds over the last ten years.

18.26 The Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
18.27 must submit the report to the Legislative
18.28 Coordinating Commission, and the chairs
18.29 and ranking minority members of the house
18.30 of representatives and senate committees
18.31 and divisions with jurisdiction over the
18.32 environment and natural resources, the
18.33 outdoor heritage fund, and finance and the
18.34 house of representatives Committee on Ways
18.35 and Means by January 15, 2016. The report

19.1 must be posted on the Web site required
19.2 under Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303,
19.3 subdivision 10.

19.4 **Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation**

19.5 Money appropriated in this section may
19.6 not be spent on activities unless they are
19.7 directly related to and necessary for a
19.8 specific appropriation and are specified in
19.9 the accomplishment plan approved by the
19.10 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

19.11 Money appropriated in this section must not
19.12 be spent on indirect costs or other institutional
19.13 overhead charges that are not directly related
19.14 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.

19.15 Unless otherwise provided, the amounts
19.16 in this section are available until June 30,
19.17 2018. For acquisition of real property, the
19.18 amounts in this section are available until
19.19 June 30, 2019, if a binding agreement with a
19.20 landowner or purchase agreement is entered
19.21 into by June 30, 2018, and closed no later
19.22 than June 30, 2019. Money for restoration or
19.23 enhancement is available until June 30, 2020,
19.24 or five years after acquisition, whichever is
19.25 later, in order to complete initial restoration
19.26 or enhancement work. If a project receives
19.27 at least 15 percent of its funding from federal
19.28 funds, the time period of the appropriation
19.29 may be extended to equal the availability
19.30 of federal funding to a maximum of six
19.31 years, provided the federal funding was
19.32 confirmed and included within the first draft
19.33 accomplishment plan. Money appropriated
19.34 for fee title acquisition of land may be used to
19.35 restore, enhance, and provide for public use
19.36 of the land acquired with the appropriation.

20.1 Public use facilities must have a minimal
20.2 impact on habitat in acquired lands.

20.3 **Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital**
20.4 **Equipment Expenditures**

20.5 All agreements referred to in this section must
20.6 be administered on a reimbursement basis
20.7 unless otherwise provided in this section.

20.8 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
20.9 16A.41, expenditures directly related
20.10 to each appropriation's purpose made
20.11 on or after July 1, 2015, or the date of
20.12 accomplishment plan approval, whichever is
20.13 later, are eligible for reimbursement unless
20.14 otherwise provided in this section. For the
20.15 purposes of administering appropriations
20.16 and legislatively authorized agreements paid
20.17 out of the outdoor heritage fund, an expense
20.18 must be considered reimbursable by the
20.19 administering agency when the recipient
20.20 presents the agency with an invoice, or
20.21 binding agreement with the landowner, and
20.22 the recipient attests that the goods have
20.23 been received or the landowner agreement
20.24 is binding. Periodic reimbursement must
20.25 be made upon receiving documentation that
20.26 the items articulated in the accomplishment
20.27 plan approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
20.28 Heritage Council have been achieved,
20.29 including partial achievements as evidenced
20.30 by progress reports approved by the
20.31 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

20.32 Reasonable amounts may be advanced to
20.33 projects to accommodate cash flow needs,
20.34 support future management of acquired
20.35 lands, or match a federal share. The
20.36 advances must be approved as part of the

21.1 accomplishment plan. Capital equipment
 21.2 expenditures for specific items in excess of
 21.3 \$10,000 must be itemized in and approved as
 21.4 part of the accomplishment plan.

21.5 Subd. 9. **Mapping**

21.6 Each direct recipient of money appropriated
 21.7 in this section, as well as each recipient of
 21.8 a grant awarded pursuant to this section,
 21.9 must provide geographic information to the
 21.10 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
 21.11 for mapping any lands acquired in fee with
 21.12 money appropriated in this section and open
 21.13 to public taking of fish and game. The
 21.14 commissioner of natural resources shall
 21.15 include the lands acquired in fee with money
 21.16 appropriated in this section on maps showing
 21.17 public recreation opportunities. Maps must
 21.18 include information on and acknowledgment
 21.19 of the outdoor heritage fund, including a
 21.20 notation of any restrictions.

21.21 Subd. 10. **Disability Access**

21.22 Where appropriate, grant recipients of
 21.23 the outdoor heritage fund, in consultation
 21.24 with the Council on Disability and
 21.25 other appropriate governor-appointed
 21.26 disability councils, boards, committees, and
 21.27 commissions, should make progress toward
 21.28 providing greater access to programs, print
 21.29 publications, and digital media for people
 21.30 with disabilities related to the programs the
 21.31 recipient funds using appropriations made
 21.32 in this article.

21.33 Subd. 11. **Monarch Butterfly Habitat**

22.1 When feasible, a recipient of funds
 22.2 appropriated in this section is encouraged
 22.3 to use conservation practices that promote
 22.4 monarch butterfly habitat, including planting
 22.5 and maintaining vegetation beneficial
 22.6 to monarchs and minimizing the use of
 22.7 pesticides.

22.8 Sec. 3. **[84.974] MILKWEED.**

22.9 When feasible, the commissioner of natural resources is encouraged to plant
 22.10 milkweed.

22.11 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97A.056, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

22.28 Subd. 20. **Donations.** A recipient shall not accept a monetary donation or payment
 22.29 from an owner of land that is acquired in fee in whole or in part with an appropriation from
 22.30 the outdoor heritage fund that exceeds the documented expenses that are directly related
 22.31 to and necessary for activities specified in the accomplishment plan approved by the
 22.32 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council, unless expressly approved by the Lessard-Sams
 22.33 Outdoor Heritage Council in the accomplishment plan. This subdivision does not apply to

23.1 donations that are not connected with the acquisition transaction or bargain sales, as defined
 23.2 by Code of Federal Regulations, title 26, section 1.1011-2, provided that the purchase
 23.3 price reimbursed by the state does not exceed the purchase price paid by the recipient.

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

23.6 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97A.056, is amended by adding a subdivision
 23.7 to read:

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

23.12 Sec. 7. Laws 2012, chapter 264, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

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

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

23.15 \$3,480,000 in the second year is to the
 23.16 commissioner of natural resources to
 23.17 acquire interests in land in fee or permanent
 23.18 conservation easements for aquatic
 23.19 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,
 23.20 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and
 23.21 97C.02, and to restore and enhance aquatic
 23.22 habitat. A list of proposed land acquisitions
 23.23 must be provided as part of the required
 23.24 accomplishment plan. The accomplishment
 23.25 plan must include an easement stewardship
 23.26 plan. Up to \$25,000 is for establishing
 23.27 a monitoring and enforcement fund as
 23.28 approved in the accomplishment plan
 23.29 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 23.30 97A.056, subdivision 17. An annual financial
 23.31 report is required for any monitoring and
 23.32 enforcement fund established, including
 23.33 expenditures from the fund and a description

24.1 of annual monitoring and enforcement
24.2 activities.

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

24.4 \$3,680,000 in the second year is to the
24.5 commissioner of natural resources for
24.6 agreements to acquire interests in land in
24.7 fee or permanent conservation easements
24.8 and to restore and enhance natural systems
24.9 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,
24.10 and St. Croix Rivers as follows: \$1,000,000
24.11 to the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife
24.12 Refuge Trust, Inc.; \$375,000 to the Friends
24.13 of the Mississippi; \$375,000 to Great River
24.14 Greening; \$930,000 to The Minnesota
24.15 Land Trust; and \$1,000,000 to The Trust
24.16 for Public Land. A list of proposed
24.17 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements
24.18 must be provided as part of the required
24.19 accomplishment plan. The accomplishment
24.20 plan must include an easement stewardship
24.21 plan. Up to \$51,000 is for establishing
24.22 a monitoring and enforcement fund as
24.23 approved in the accomplishment plan
24.24 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
24.25 97A.056, subdivision 17. An annual financial
24.26 report is required for any monitoring and
24.27 enforcement fund established, including
24.28 expenditures from the fund and a description
24.29 of annual monitoring and enforcement
24.30 activities.

24.31 **(c) Dakota County Riparian and Lakeshore**
24.32 **Protection and Management - Phase III**

24.33 \$480,000 in the second year is to the
24.34 commissioner of natural resources for an
24.35 agreement with Dakota County to acquire

25.1 permanent conservation easements and
25.2 restore and enhance habitats along the
25.3 Mississippi, Cannon, and Vermillion Rivers.
25.4 A list of proposed acquisitions, restorations,
25.5 and enhancements must be provided as
25.6 part of the required accomplishment plan.
25.7 The accomplishment plan must include
25.8 an easement stewardship plan. Up to
25.9 \$20,000 is for establishing a monitoring
25.10 and enforcement fund as approved in
25.11 the accomplishment plan and subject to
25.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
25.13 subdivision 17. An annual financial report is
25.14 required for any monitoring and enforcement
25.15 fund established, including expenditures
25.16 from the fund and a description of annual
25.17 monitoring and enforcement activities.

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

25.19 \$3,670,000 in the second year is to the
25.20 commissioner of natural resources to restore
25.21 habitat in the lower St. Louis River estuary.
25.22 A list of proposed projects must be provided
25.23 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

25.24 **(e) Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement -**
25.25 **Phase IV**

25.26 \$2,120,000 in the second year is to the
25.27 commissioner of natural resources for an
25.28 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited
25.29 to restore and enhance coldwater fish lake,
25.30 river, and stream habitats in Minnesota. A list
25.31 of proposed restorations and enhancements
25.32 must be provided as part of the required
25.33 accomplishment plan.

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

26.1 \$2,320,000 in the second year is to the
 26.2 commissioner of natural resources for an
 26.3 agreement with the Red Lake Watershed
 26.4 District to restore and enhance stream and
 26.5 related habitat in Grand Marais Creek. A list
 26.6 of proposed restorations and enhancements
 26.7 must be provided as part of the required
 26.8 accomplishment plan.

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

26.10 \$380,000 in the second year is to the
 26.11 commissioner of natural resources for an
 26.12 agreement with the Lake Superior Steelhead
 26.13 Association to restore trout habitat in the
 26.14 Upper Knife River Watershed. A list of
 26.15 proposed restorations must be provided as
 26.16 part of the required accomplishment plan.
 26.17 Notwithstanding rules of the commissioner
 26.18 of natural resources, restorations conducted
 26.19 pursuant to this paragraph may be
 26.20 accomplished by excavation.

26.21 **(h) Protect Aquatic Habitat from Asian**
 26.22 **Invasive Carp**

26.23 \$7,500,000 in the second year is to the
 26.24 commissioner of natural resources ~~to~~ for
 26.25 ~~design, construct, operate, and evaluate~~
 26.26 construction, including acquisition,
 26.27 operation, and evaluation of structural
 26.28 ~~deterrents for Asian~~ invasive carp to protect
 26.29 Minnesota's aquatic habitat. Use of this
 26.30 money requires a one-to-one match for
 26.31 projects on state boundary waters.

26.32 **(i) Outdoor Heritage Conservation Partners**
 26.33 **Grant Program - Phase IV**

26.34 \$4,990,000 in the second year is to the
 26.35 commissioner of natural resources for a

27.1 program to provide competitive, matching
27.2 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,
27.3 state, and national organizations for
27.4 enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests,
27.5 wetlands, prairies, and habitat for fish, game,
27.6 or wildlife in Minnesota. Grants shall not be
27.7 made for activities required to fulfill the duties
27.8 of owners of lands subject to conservation
27.9 easements. Grants shall not be made from
27.10 appropriations in this paragraph for projects
27.11 that have a total project cost exceeding
27.12 \$575,000. \$366,000 of this appropriation
27.13 may be spent for personnel costs and other
27.14 direct and necessary administrative costs.
27.15 Grantees may acquire land or interests in
27.16 land. Easements must be permanent. Land
27.17 acquired in fee must be open to hunting
27.18 and fishing during the open season unless
27.19 otherwise provided by state law. The
27.20 program shall require a match of at least ten
27.21 percent from nonstate sources for all grants.
27.22 The match may be cash or in-kind resources.
27.23 For grant applications of \$25,000 or less,
27.24 the commissioner shall provide a separate,
27.25 simplified application process. Subject to
27.26 Minnesota Statutes, the commissioner of
27.27 natural resources shall, when evaluating
27.28 projects of equal value, give priority to
27.29 organizations that have a history of receiving
27.30 or charter to receive private contributions
27.31 for local conservation or habitat projects. If
27.32 acquiring land or a conservation easement,
27.33 priority shall be given to projects associated
27.34 with existing wildlife management areas
27.35 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
27.36 subdivision 8; scientific and natural areas

28.1 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 84.033
 28.2 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; and aquatic
 28.3 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,
 28.4 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02.
 28.5 All restoration or enhancement projects
 28.6 must be on land permanently protected by a
 28.7 conservation easement or public ownership
 28.8 or in public waters as defined in Minnesota
 28.9 Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision
 28.10 15. Priority shall be given to restoration
 28.11 and enhancement projects on public lands.
 28.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
 28.13 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded
 28.14 under this paragraph. This appropriation is
 28.15 available until June 30, 2016. No less than
 28.16 five percent of the amount of each grant
 28.17 must be held back from reimbursement until
 28.18 the grant recipient has completed a grant
 28.19 accomplishment report by the deadline and
 28.20 in the form prescribed by and satisfactory to
 28.21 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
 28.22 The commissioner shall provide notice of
 28.23 the grant program in the game and fish law
 28.24 summaries that are prepared under Minnesota
 28.25 Statutes, section 97A.051, subdivision 2.

28.26 Sec. 8. Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 1, section 2, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

28.27 **Subd. 10. Appropriations Carryforward; Fee**
 28.28 **Title Acquisition**

28.29 The availability of the appropriation for
 28.30 the following project is extended to ~~July~~
 28.31 September 1, 2015: Laws 2010, chapter
 28.32 361, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5,
 28.33 paragraph (h), Washington County St. Croix
 28.34 River Land Protection, and the appropriation
 28.35 may be spent on acquisition of land in fee

29.1 title to protect habitat associated with the
 29.2 St. Croix River Valley. A list of proposed
 29.3 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
 29.4 accomplishment plan.

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

29.6 Sec. 9. Laws 2014, chapter 256, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

29.7 Subd. 5. **Habitats** -0- 30,890,000

29.8 **(a) DNR Aquatic Habitat - Phase VI**

29.9 \$2,560,000 in the second year is to the
 29.10 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
 29.11 interests in land in fee and permanent
 29.12 conservation easements for aquatic
 29.13 management purposes under Minnesota
 29.14 Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 14,
 29.15 and 97C.02, and to restore and enhance
 29.16 aquatic habitat. Up to \$32,500 is for
 29.17 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
 29.18 fund as approved in the accomplishment
 29.19 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
 29.20 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of
 29.21 proposed land acquisitions and restorations
 29.22 and enhancements must be provided as part
 29.23 of the required accomplishment plan.

29.24 **(b) Fisheries Habitat Protection on**
 29.25 **Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes**

29.26 \$2,130,000 in the second year is to the
 29.27 commissioner of natural resources for
 29.28 agreements with the Leech Lake Area
 29.29 Watershed Foundation and Minnesota Land
 29.30 Trust to acquire land in fee and permanent
 29.31 conservation easements to sustain healthy
 29.32 fish habitat on lakes in Aitkin, Cass, Crow
 29.33 Wing, and Hubbard Counties as follows:

30.1 \$1,150,300 to Leech Lake Area Watershed
30.2 Foundation; and \$979,700 to Minnesota
30.3 Land Trust, of which up to \$120,000 to
30.4 Minnesota Land Trust is for establishing
30.5 a monitoring and enforcement fund as
30.6 approved in the accomplishment plan and
30.7 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
30.8 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
30.9 land acquisitions must be provided as part of
30.10 the required accomplishment plan.

30.11 **(c) Habitat Protection in Dakota County**
30.12 **- Phase V**

30.13 \$1,190,000 in the second year is to the
30.14 commissioner of natural resources for a
30.15 contract with Dakota County to acquire
30.16 permanent conservation easements and land
30.17 in fee and to restore and enhance habitats in
30.18 rivers and lake watersheds in Dakota County.
30.19 Up to \$15,000 to Dakota County is for
30.20 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
30.21 fund as approved in the accomplishment
30.22 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
30.23 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. Lands
30.24 acquired or lands with easements acquired
30.25 with this appropriation may not be used for
30.26 emergency haying and grazing in response
30.27 to federal or state disaster declarations.
30.28 Conservation grazing under a management
30.29 plan that is already being implemented may
30.30 continue. A list of proposed land acquisitions
30.31 and restorations and enhancements must
30.32 be provided as part of the required
30.33 accomplishment plan.

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

31.1 \$2,650,000 in the second year is to the
 31.2 commissioner of natural resources for
 31.3 agreements to acquire land in fee and
 31.4 permanent conservation easements and
 31.5 to restore and enhance natural systems
 31.6 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,
 31.7 and St. Croix Rivers as follows: \$600,000
 31.8 to Minnesota Valley National Wildlife
 31.9 Refuge Trust, Inc.; \$160,000 to Friends of
 31.10 the Mississippi River; \$400,000 to Great
 31.11 River Greening; \$590,000 to Minnesota
 31.12 Land Trust, of which up to \$77,000 is for
 31.13 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
 31.14 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
 31.15 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 31.16 97A.056, subdivision 17; and \$900,000 to
 31.17 The Trust for Public Land. Lands acquired
 31.18 or lands with easements acquired with
 31.19 this appropriation may not be used for
 31.20 emergency haying and grazing in response
 31.21 to federal or state disaster declarations.
 31.22 Conservation grazing under a management
 31.23 plan that is already being implemented may
 31.24 continue. A list of proposed land acquisitions
 31.25 and permanent conservation easements
 31.26 must be provided as part of the required
 31.27 accomplishment plan.

31.28 **(e) Mustinka River Fish and Wildlife**
 31.29 **Habitat Corridor Rehabilitation**

31.30 \$2,440,000 in the second year is to the
 31.31 commissioner of natural resources for
 31.32 an agreement with the Bois de Sioux
 31.33 Watershed District to acquire land in fee
 31.34 and to restore natural systems associated
 31.35 with the Mustinka River located within the
 31.36 Bois de Sioux Watershed. Lands acquired

32.1 with this appropriation may not be used for
 32.2 emergency haying and grazing in response
 32.3 to federal or state disaster declarations.
 32.4 Conservation grazing under a management
 32.5 plan that is already being implemented may
 32.6 continue. A list of proposed land acquisitions
 32.7 must be provided as part of the required
 32.8 accomplishment plan.

32.9 **(f) Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater**
 32.10 **Fish Habitat Enhancement and**
 32.11 **Restoration - Phase VI**

32.12 \$1,900,000 in the second year is to the
 32.13 commissioner of natural resources for an
 32.14 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited
 32.15 to restore and enhance habitat for trout
 32.16 and other species in and along coldwater
 32.17 rivers and streams in Minnesota. A list of
 32.18 proposed land restorations and enhancements
 32.19 must be provided as part of the required
 32.20 accomplishment plan.

32.21 **(g) St. Louis River Restoration Initiative -**
 32.22 **Phase II**

32.23 \$2,290,000 in the second year is to the
 32.24 commissioner of natural resources to restore
 32.25 habitat in the lower St. Louis River estuary.
 32.26 Of this appropriation, up to \$500,000 is for
 32.27 an agreement with Minnesota Land Trust. A
 32.28 list of proposed restorations must be provided
 32.29 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

32.30 **(h) Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation -**
 32.31 **Phase II**

32.32 \$1,410,000 in the second year is to the
 32.33 commissioner of natural resources for an
 32.34 agreement with the Lake Superior Steelhead
 32.35 Association to enhance trout habitat in the

33.1 Knife River watershed. A list of proposed
 33.2 enhancements must be provided as part of
 33.3 the required accomplishment plan.

33.4 **(i) Restoration and Enhancement of**
 33.5 **Washington County Public Lands**

33.6 \$430,000 in the second year is to the
 33.7 commissioner of natural resources for an
 33.8 agreement with Washington County to
 33.9 restore and enhance habitat on public lands
 33.10 in Washington County. A restoration and
 33.11 enhancement plan and a list of proposed
 33.12 land restorations and enhancements
 33.13 must be provided as part of the required
 33.14 accomplishment plan.

33.15 **(j) Wirth Park Enhancements**

33.16 \$600,000 in the second year is to the
 33.17 commissioner of natural resources for an
 33.18 agreement with the Minneapolis Park Board
 33.19 to enhance riparian and upland habitat
 33.20 within Wirth Park in Hennepin County.
 33.21 A restoration and enhancement plan and
 33.22 a list of proposed land restorations and
 33.23 enhancements must be provided as part of
 33.24 the required accomplishment plan.

33.25 **(k) Evaluate Effectiveness of Aquatic**
 33.26 **Invasive Species Prevention Strategies**

33.27 \$4,040,000 in the second year is to the
 33.28 commissioner of natural resources for an
 33.29 agreement with the Central Minnesota
 33.30 Initiative Fund to develop a series of pilot
 33.31 projects to enhance aquatic habitat by
 33.32 preventing the spread of aquatic invasive
 33.33 species, including pilot projects conducting
 33.34 education and outreach, inspection and
 33.35 decontamination, enforcement, and other

34.1 activities. All pilot projects must be
34.2 conducted on a reimbursement basis and
34.3 require a match of nonoutdoor heritage fund
34.4 dollars. A required evaluation of results
34.5 must be funded with nonoutdoor heritage
34.6 fund dollars. The required evaluation must
34.7 evaluate the efficacy of inspection and
34.8 decontamination activities utilized in any of
34.9 the pilot projects in preventing the spread
34.10 of aquatic invasive species. A list of pilot
34.11 projects must be included in the required final
34.12 report. This appropriation is available until
34.13 June 30, 2019. The accomplishment plan
34.14 must accelerate the start of the pilot project.

34.15 **(l) Albert Lea Lake Management and**
34.16 **Invasive Species Control Structure -**
34.17 **Supplement**

34.18 \$700,000 in the second year is added to
34.19 the appropriation contained in Laws 2013,
34.20 chapter 137, article 1, section 2, subdivision
34.21 5, paragraph (h), to the commissioner of
34.22 natural resources for an agreement with
34.23 the Shell Rock River Watershed District to
34.24 construct structural deterrents and lake level
34.25 controls.

34.26 **(m) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**
34.27 **Program - Phase VI**

34.28 \$4,550,000 in the second year is to the
34.29 commissioner of natural resources for a
34.30 program to provide competitive, matching
34.31 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,
34.32 state, and national organizations for
34.33 enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests,
34.34 wetlands, prairies, or habitat for fish, game,
34.35 or wildlife in Minnesota. Grants shall not

35.1 be made for activities required to fulfill
35.2 the duties of owners of lands subject to
35.3 conservation easements. Grants shall not
35.4 be made from the appropriation in this
35.5 paragraph for projects that have a total
35.6 project cost exceeding \$575,000. Of this
35.7 appropriation, ~~\$460,000~~ \$265,000 may be
35.8 spent for personnel costs and other direct and
35.9 necessary administrative costs. Grantees may
35.10 acquire land or interests in land. Easements
35.11 must be permanent. Grants may not be used
35.12 to establish easement stewardship accounts.
35.13 Land acquired in fee must be open to hunting
35.14 and fishing during the open season unless
35.15 otherwise provided by law. Lands acquired
35.16 or lands with easements acquired with this
35.17 appropriation may not be used for emergency
35.18 haying and grazing in response to federal
35.19 or state disaster declarations. Conservation
35.20 grazing under a management plan that is
35.21 already being implemented may continue.
35.22 The program shall require a match of at
35.23 least ten percent from nonstate sources
35.24 for all grants. The match may be cash or
35.25 in-kind resources. For grant applications
35.26 of \$25,000 or less, the commissioner shall
35.27 provide a separate, simplified application
35.28 process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the
35.29 commissioner of natural resources shall,
35.30 when evaluating projects of equal value,
35.31 give priority to organizations that have a
35.32 history of receiving or charter to receive
35.33 private contributions for local conservation
35.34 or habitat projects. If acquiring land or a
35.35 conservation easement, priority shall be
35.36 given to projects associated with or within

36.1 one mile of existing wildlife management
36.2 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section
36.3 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific and natural
36.4 areas under Minnesota Statutes, sections
36.5 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; or aquatic
36.6 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,
36.7 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02.
36.8 All restoration or enhancement projects
36.9 must be on land permanently protected by
36.10 a permanent covenant ensuring perpetual
36.11 maintenance and protection of restored
36.12 and enhanced habitat, by a conservation
36.13 easement, or by public ownership or in public
36.14 waters as defined in Minnesota Statutes,
36.15 section 103G.005, subdivision 15. Priority
36.16 shall 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 **(n) Conservation Partners Legacy Metro**
36.33 **Grant Program**

36.34 \$4,000,000 in the second year is to the
36.35 commissioner of natural resources for a
36.36 program to provide competitive, matching

37.1 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,
37.2 state, and national organizations for
37.3 enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests,
37.4 wetlands, prairies, or habitat for fish, game,
37.5 or wildlife in the seven-county metropolitan
37.6 area and cities with a population of 50,000
37.7 or greater. Grants shall not be made for
37.8 activities required to fulfill the duties of
37.9 owners of lands subject to conservation
37.10 easements. Grants shall not be made from the
37.11 appropriation in this paragraph for projects
37.12 that have a total project cost exceeding
37.13 \$575,000. Of this appropriation, ~~\$70,000~~
37.14 \$250,000 may be spent for personnel costs
37.15 and other direct and necessary administrative
37.16 costs. Grantees may acquire land or interests
37.17 in land. Easements must be permanent.
37.18 Grants may not be used to establish easement
37.19 stewardship accounts. Land acquired in fee
37.20 must be open to hunting and fishing during
37.21 the open season unless otherwise provided
37.22 by law. Lands acquired or lands with
37.23 easements acquired with this appropriation
37.24 may not be used for emergency haying and
37.25 grazing in response to federal or state disaster
37.26 declarations. Conservation grazing under
37.27 a management plan that is already being
37.28 implemented may continue. The program
37.29 shall require a match of at least ten percent
37.30 from nonstate sources for all grants. The
37.31 match may be cash or in-kind resources.
37.32 For grant applications of \$25,000 or less,
37.33 the commissioner shall provide a separate,
37.34 simplified application process. Subject to
37.35 Minnesota Statutes, the commissioner of
37.36 natural resources shall, when evaluating

38.1 projects of equal value, give priority to
38.2 organizations that have a history of receiving
38.3 or charter to receive private contributions
38.4 for local conservation or habitat projects. If
38.5 acquiring land or a conservation easement,
38.6 priority shall be given to projects associated
38.7 with or within one mile of existing wildlife
38.8 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,
38.9 section 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific
38.10 and natural areas under Minnesota Statutes,
38.11 sections 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision
38.12 5; or aquatic management areas under
38.13 Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05,
38.14 subdivision 14, and 97C.02. All restoration
38.15 or enhancement projects must be on land
38.16 permanently protected by a permanent
38.17 covenant ensuring perpetual maintenance
38.18 and protection of restored and enhanced
38.19 habitat, by a conservation easement, or
38.20 by public ownership or in public waters
38.21 as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section
38.22 103G.005, subdivision 15. Priority shall
38.23 be given to restoration and enhancement
38.24 projects on public lands. Minnesota Statutes,
38.25 section 97A.056, subdivision 13, applies
38.26 to grants awarded under this paragraph.
38.27 This appropriation is available until June
38.28 30, 2018. No less than five percent of the
38.29 amount of each grant must be held back from
38.30 reimbursement until the grant recipient has
38.31 completed a grant accomplishment report by
38.32 the deadline and in the form prescribed by
38.33 and satisfactory to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
38.34 Heritage Council. The commissioner shall
38.35 provide notice of the grant program in
38.36 the game and fish law summary prepared

39.1 under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.051,
39.2 subdivision 2.

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

39.4 Sec. 10. **PAYMENT-IN-LIEU OF TAX ALTERNATIVES;**
39.5 **RECOMMENDATIONS.**

39.6 The commissioner of management and budget, in consultation with the
39.7 commissioners of natural resources and revenue, the Association of Minnesota
39.8 Counties, and the Minnesota Association of Townships, shall examine alternatives to
39.9 payment-in-lieu of tax payments under Minnesota Statutes, sections 477A.10 to 477A.14,
39.10 including a trust fund approach, that would apply to land acquired with money from the
39.11 outdoor heritage fund and other dedicated funds. The examination must take into account
39.12 the ongoing costs to the state and local units of government associated with the acquisition
39.13 of the land and any constitutional constraints. The commissioner of management and
39.14 budget shall submit recommendations to the chairs and ranking minority members of the
39.15 house of representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over the
39.16 environment and natural resources, legacy funds, and taxes no later than January 15, 2016.

39.17 **ARTICLE 2**

39.18 **CLEAN WATER FUND**

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

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

39.28		<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
39.29		<u>Available for the Year</u>	
39.30		<u>Ending June 30</u>	
39.31		<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>

39.32 Sec. 2. **CLEAN WATER**

39.33	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>116,263,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>112,039,000</u>
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40.1 The amounts that may be spent for each
 40.2 purpose are specified in the following
 40.3 sections.

40.4 **Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation**

40.5 Money appropriated in this article may
 40.6 not be spent on activities unless they are
 40.7 directly related to and necessary for a
 40.8 specific appropriation. Money appropriated
 40.9 in this article must be spent in accordance
 40.10 with Minnesota Management and Budget's
 40.11 Guidance to Agencies on Legacy Fund
 40.12 Expenditure. Notwithstanding Minnesota
 40.13 Statutes, section 16A.28, and unless
 40.14 otherwise specified in this article, fiscal year
 40.15 2016 appropriations are available until June
 40.16 30, 2017, and fiscal year 2017 appropriations
 40.17 are available until June 30, 2018. If a project
 40.18 receives federal funds, the time period of
 40.19 the appropriation is extended to equal the
 40.20 availability of federal funding.

40.21 **Subd. 3. Disability Access**

40.22 Where appropriate, grant recipients of
 40.23 clean water funds, in consultation with the
 40.24 Council on Disability and other appropriate
 40.25 governor-appointed disability councils,
 40.26 boards, committees, and commissions ,
 40.27 should make progress toward providing
 40.28 greater access to programs, print publications,
 40.29 and digital media for people with disabilities
 40.30 related to the programs the recipient funds
 40.31 using appropriations made in this article.

40.32 **Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE** **\$** **8,584,000** **\$** **5,082,000**

40.33 (a) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the
 40.34 second year are to increase monitoring for

41.1 pesticides and pesticide degradates in surface
41.2 water and groundwater and to use data
41.3 collected to assess pesticide use practices.

41.4 (b) \$2,586,000 the first year and \$2,585,000
41.5 the second year are for monitoring and
41.6 evaluating trends in the concentration of
41.7 nitrate in groundwater in areas vulnerable
41.8 to groundwater degradation; monitoring
41.9 for pesticides when nitrate is detected;
41.10 promoting, developing, and evaluating
41.11 regional and crop-specific nutrient best
41.12 management practices; assessing best
41.13 management practice adoption; education
41.14 and technical support from University of
41.15 Minnesota Extension; and other actions to
41.16 protect groundwater from degradation from
41.17 nitrate. This appropriation is available until
41.18 June 30, 2018.

41.19 (c) \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the
41.20 second year are for administering clean water
41.21 funds managed through the agriculture best
41.22 management practices loan program. Any
41.23 unencumbered balance at the end of the
41.24 second year shall be added to the corpus of
41.25 the loan fund.

41.26 (d) \$1,125,000 the first year and \$1,125,000
41.27 the second year are for technical assistance,
41.28 research, and demonstration projects on
41.29 proper implementation of best management
41.30 practices and more precise information on
41.31 nonpoint contributions to impaired waters.
41.32 This appropriation is available until June 30,
41.33 2020.

41.34 (e) \$788,000 the first year and \$787,000 the
41.35 second year are for research to quantify and

42.1 reduce agricultural contributions to impaired
42.2 waters and for development and evaluation
42.3 of best management practices to protect and
42.4 restore water resources. This appropriation
42.5 is available until June 30, 2020.

42.6 (f) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the
42.7 second year are for a research inventory
42.8 database containing water-related research
42.9 activities. Costs for information technology
42.10 development or support for this research
42.11 inventory database may be paid to the Office
42.12 of MN.IT Services. This appropriation is
42.13 available until June 30, 2018.

42.14 (g) \$2,500,000 the first year is to implement
42.15 the Minnesota agricultural water quality
42.16 certification program statewide. The
42.17 commissioner of agriculture shall consult
42.18 with the United States Department of
42.19 Agriculture to determine whether other
42.20 state spending would qualify as a match for
42.21 the agricultural water quality certification
42.22 program funds available from the federal
42.23 government. By January 1, 2016, the
42.24 commissioner shall submit a report on
42.25 funding recommendations to the Clean Water
42.26 Council and the chairs and ranking minority
42.27 members of the house of representatives
42.28 and senate committees and divisions with
42.29 jurisdiction over agriculture, the environment
42.30 and natural resources, and the clean water
42.31 fund. Funds appropriated in this paragraph
42.32 are available until June 30, 2016, and
42.33 the commissioner may request additional
42.34 funding for this program for fiscal year 2017.

43.1 (h) \$110,000 the first year and \$110,000 the
 43.2 second year are to provide funding for a
 43.3 regional irrigation water quality specialist
 43.4 through University of Minnesota Extension.

43.5 (i) \$1,000,000 the first year is for grants
 43.6 to the Board of Regents of the University
 43.7 of Minnesota to fund the Forever Green
 43.8 Agriculture Initiative and to protect the
 43.9 state's natural resources while increasing
 43.10 the efficiency, profitability, and productivity
 43.11 of Minnesota farmers by incorporating
 43.12 perennial and winter-annual crops into
 43.13 existing agricultural practices.

43.14 (j) A portion of the funds in this section may
 43.15 be used for programs to train state and local
 43.16 outreach staff in the intersection between
 43.17 agricultural economics and agricultural
 43.18 conservation.

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

43.20 (a) \$9,000,000 the first year and \$9,000,000
 43.21 the second year are for the point source
 43.22 implementation grants program under
 43.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.073. This
 43.24 appropriation is available until June 30, 2020.

43.25 (b) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000
 43.26 the second year are for small community
 43.27 wastewater treatment grants and loans under
 43.28 Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.075. This
 43.29 appropriation is available until June 30, 2020.

43.30 (c) If there are any uncommitted funds at
 43.31 the end of each fiscal year under paragraph
 43.32 (a) or (b), the Public Facilities Authority
 43.33 may transfer the remaining funds to eligible
 43.34 projects under any of the programs listed

44.1 in this section based on their priority rank
 44.2 on the Pollution Control Agency's project
 44.3 priority list.

44.4 **Sec. 5. POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY \$ 27,350,000 \$ 27,348,000**

44.5 (a) \$8,350,000 the first year and \$8,350,000
 44.6 the second year are for completion of 20
 44.7 percent of the needed statewide assessments
 44.8 of surface water quality and trends. Of this
 44.9 amount, \$100,000 each year is for grants
 44.10 to the Red River Watershed Management
 44.11 Board to enhance and expand the existing
 44.12 water quality and watershed monitoring river
 44.13 watch activities in the schools along the Red
 44.14 River of the North. The Red River Watershed
 44.15 Management Board shall provide a report to
 44.16 the commissioner of the Pollution Control
 44.17 Agency and the legislative committees and
 44.18 divisions with jurisdiction over environment
 44.19 and natural resources finance and policy and
 44.20 the clean water fund by February 15, 2017,
 44.21 on the expenditure of this appropriation. If
 44.22 the amount in the first year is insufficient, the
 44.23 amount in the second year is available in the
 44.24 first year.

44.25 (b) \$9,795,000 the first year and \$9,795,000
 44.26 the second year are to develop watershed
 44.27 restoration and protection strategies
 44.28 (WRAPS), which include total maximum
 44.29 daily load (TMDL) studies and TMDL
 44.30 implementation plans for waters listed on
 44.31 the Unites States Environmental Protection
 44.32 Agency approved impaired waters list in
 44.33 accordance with Minnesota Statutes, chapter
 44.34 114D. The agency shall complete an average

45.1 of ten percent of the TMDLs each year over
45.2 the biennium.

45.3 (c) \$1,182,000 the first year and \$1,181,000
45.4 the second year are for groundwater
45.5 assessment, including enhancing the
45.6 ambient monitoring network, modeling, and
45.7 evaluating trends, including the reassessment
45.8 of groundwater that was assessed ten to 15
45.9 years ago and found to be contaminated.

45.10 (d) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
45.11 second year are for implementation of the
45.12 St. Louis River System Area of Concern
45.13 Remedial Action Plan. This appropriation
45.14 must be matched at a rate of 65 percent
45.15 nonstate money to 35 percent state money.

45.16 (e) \$275,000 the first year and \$275,000 the
45.17 second year are for storm water research and
45.18 guidance.

45.19 (f) \$1,150,000 the first year and \$1,150,000
45.20 the second year are for TMDL research and
45.21 database development.

45.22 (g) \$900,000 the first year and \$900,000
45.23 the second year are for national pollutant
45.24 discharge elimination system wastewater and
45.25 storm water TMDL implementation efforts.

45.26 (h) \$3,623,000 the first year and \$3,622,000
45.27 the second year are for enhancing the
45.28 county-level delivery systems for subsurface
45.29 sewage treatment system (SSTS) activities
45.30 necessary to implement Minnesota Statutes,
45.31 sections 115.55 and 115.56, for protection
45.32 of groundwater, including base grants
45.33 for all counties with SSTS programs and
45.34 competitive grants to counties with specific
45.35 plans to significantly reduce water pollution

46.1 by reducing the number of systems that
46.2 are an imminent threat to public health or
46.3 safety or are otherwise failing. Counties that
46.4 receive base grants must report the number
46.5 of sewage noncompliant properties upgraded
46.6 through SSTS replacement, connection
46.7 to a centralized sewer system, or other
46.8 means, including property abandonment
46.9 or buy-out. Counties also must report
46.10 the number of existing SSTS compliance
46.11 inspections conducted in areas under county
46.12 jurisdiction. These required reports are to
46.13 be part of established annual reporting for
46.14 SSTS programs. Counties that conduct SSTS
46.15 inventories or those with an ordinance in
46.16 place that requires an SSTS to be inspected
46.17 as a condition of transferring property or as a
46.18 condition of obtaining a local permit must be
46.19 given priority for competitive grants under
46.20 this paragraph. Of this amount, \$750,000
46.21 each year is available to counties for grants to
46.22 low-income landowners to address systems
46.23 that pose an imminent threat to public health
46.24 or safety or fail to protect groundwater. A
46.25 grant awarded under this paragraph may not
46.26 exceed \$500,000 for the biennium. A county
46.27 receiving a grant under this paragraph must
46.28 submit a report to the agency listing the
46.29 projects funded, including an account of the
46.30 expenditures.

46.31 (i) \$275,000 the first year and \$275,000
46.32 the second year are for a storm water
46.33 best management practice performance
46.34 evaluation and technology transfer program
46.35 to enhance data and information management
46.36 of storm water best management practices;

47.1 evaluate best management performance
 47.2 and effectiveness to support meeting total
 47.3 maximum daily loads; develop standards
 47.4 and incorporate state of the art guidance
 47.5 using minimal impact design standards as
 47.6 the model; and implement a knowledge
 47.7 and technology transfer system across
 47.8 local government, industry, and regulatory
 47.9 sectors for pass-through to the University of
 47.10 Minnesota. This appropriation is available
 47.11 until June 30, 2018.

47.12 (j) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the
 47.13 second year are to support activities of the
 47.14 Clean Water Council according to Minnesota
 47.15 Statutes, section 114D.30, subdivision 1.

47.16 (k) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
 47.17 the second year are for a grant program for
 47.18 sanitary sewer projects that are included in
 47.19 the draft or any updated Voyageurs National
 47.20 Park Clean Water Project Comprehensive
 47.21 Plan to restore the water quality of waters
 47.22 within Voyageurs National Park. Grants must
 47.23 be awarded to local government units for
 47.24 projects approved by the Voyageurs National
 47.25 Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board and
 47.26 must be matched by at least 25 percent from
 47.27 sources other than the clean water fund.

47.28 (l) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
 47.29 section 16A.28, the appropriations in this
 47.30 section encumbered on or before June 30,
 47.31 2017, as grants or contracts are available
 47.32 until June 30, 2020.

47.33	Sec. 6. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL			
47.34	<u>RESOURCES</u>	\$	<u>9,000,000</u>	\$ <u>9,000,000</u>

- 48.1 (a) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000
48.2 the second year are for stream flow
48.3 monitoring.
- 48.4 (b) \$1,300,000 the first year and \$1,300,000
48.5 the second year are for lake Index of
48.6 Biological Integrity (IBI) assessments.
- 48.7 (c) \$135,000 the first year and \$135,000
48.8 the second year are for assessing mercury
48.9 and other contaminants of fish, including
48.10 monitoring to track the status of impaired
48.11 waters over time.
- 48.12 (d) \$1,940,000 the first year and \$1,940,000
48.13 the second year are for developing targeted,
48.14 science-based watershed restoration and
48.15 protection strategies.
- 48.16 (e) \$1,375,000 the first year and \$1,375,000
48.17 the second year are for water supply planning,
48.18 aquifer protection, and monitoring activities.
- 48.19 (f) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
48.20 the second year are for technical assistance
48.21 to support local implementation of nonpoint
48.22 source restoration and protection activities.
- 48.23 (g) \$675,000 the first year and \$675,000 the
48.24 second year are for applied research and tools,
48.25 including watershed hydrologic modeling;
48.26 maintaining and updating spatial data for
48.27 watershed boundaries, streams, and water
48.28 bodies and integrating high-resolution digital
48.29 elevation data; assessing effectiveness of
48.30 forestry best management practices for water
48.31 quality; and developing a biomonitoring
48.32 database.

49.1 (h) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000
 49.2 the second year are for developing county
 49.3 geologic atlases.

49.4 (i) \$325,000 the first year and \$325,000 the
 49.5 second year are for analysis and mapping
 49.6 in each county related to compliance
 49.7 with riparian buffer or alternate practice
 49.8 requirements and to provide statewide
 49.9 coordination and guidance to local units of
 49.10 government for implementation of buffer
 49.11 requirements. Maps must be provided to
 49.12 local units of government and made available
 49.13 to landowners on the Department of Natural
 49.14 Resources' Web site.

49.15 **Sec. 7. BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL**
 49.16 **RESOURCES**

\$ 56,841,000 \$ 56,322,000

49.17 (a) \$4,875,000 the first year and \$4,875,000
 49.18 the second year are for grants to local
 49.19 government units organized for the
 49.20 management of water in a watershed or
 49.21 subwatershed that have multiyear plans
 49.22 that will result in a significant reduction in
 49.23 water pollution in a selected subwatershed.
 49.24 The grants may be used for establishment
 49.25 of riparian buffers; practices to store
 49.26 water for natural treatment and infiltration,
 49.27 including rain gardens; capturing storm
 49.28 water for reuse; stream bank, shoreland, and
 49.29 ravine stabilization; enforcement activities;
 49.30 and implementation of best management
 49.31 practices for feedlots within riparian areas
 49.32 and other practices demonstrated to be
 49.33 most effective in protecting, enhancing, and
 49.34 restoring water quality in lakes, rivers, and
 49.35 streams and protecting groundwater from

50.1 degradation. Grant recipients must identify
50.2 a nonstate match and may use other legacy
50.3 funds to supplement projects funded under
50.4 this paragraph. Grants awarded under this
50.5 paragraph are available for four years and
50.6 priority must be given to the best designed
50.7 plans each year.

50.8 (b) \$10,187,000 the first year and
50.9 \$10,188,000 the second year are for grants
50.10 to protect and restore surface water and
50.11 drinking water; to keep water on the land; to
50.12 protect, enhance, and restore water quality
50.13 in lakes, rivers, and streams; and to protect
50.14 groundwater and drinking water, including
50.15 feedlot water quality and subsurface sewage
50.16 treatment system projects and stream bank,
50.17 stream channel, shoreline restoration,
50.18 and ravine stabilization projects. The
50.19 projects must use practices demonstrated
50.20 to be effective, be of long-lasting public
50.21 benefit, include a match, and be consistent
50.22 with total maximum daily load (TMDL)
50.23 implementation plans, watershed restoration
50.24 and protection strategies (WRAPS), or local
50.25 water management plans or their equivalents.
50.26 A portion of these funds may be used to seek
50.27 administrative efficiencies through shared
50.28 resources by multiple local governmental
50.29 units.

50.30 (c) \$6,000,000 the first year and \$6,000,000
50.31 the second year are for targeted local
50.32 resource protection and enhancement grants
50.33 and statewide program enhancements for
50.34 technical assistance, citizen and community
50.35 outreach, and training and certification, as
50.36 well as projects, practices, and programs that

51.1 supplement or otherwise exceed current state
51.2 standards for protection, enhancement, and
51.3 restoration of water quality in lakes, rivers,
51.4 and streams or that protect groundwater from
51.5 degradation, including compliance.

51.6 (d) \$950,000 the first year and \$950,000
51.7 the second year are to provide state
51.8 oversight and accountability, evaluate
51.9 results, provide implementation tools, and
51.10 measure the value of conservation program
51.11 implementation by local governments,
51.12 including submission to the legislature by
51.13 March 1 each even-numbered year a biennial
51.14 report prepared by the board, in consultation
51.15 with the commissioners of natural resources,
51.16 health, agriculture, and the Pollution Control
51.17 Agency, detailing the recipients, the projects
51.18 funded under this section, and the amount of
51.19 pollution reduced.

51.20 (e) \$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,500,000
51.21 the second year are for grants to local units
51.22 of government to enhance compliance
51.23 with riparian buffer or alternate practice
51.24 requirements.

51.25 (f) \$4,875,000 the first year and \$4,875,000
51.26 the second year are to restore or preserve
51.27 permanent conservation on riparian buffers
51.28 adjacent to lakes, rivers, streams, and
51.29 tributaries, to keep water on the land in order
51.30 to decrease sediment, pollutant, and nutrient
51.31 transport; reduce hydrologic impacts to
51.32 surface waters; and increase infiltration for
51.33 groundwater recharge. This appropriation
51.34 may be used for restoration of riparian
51.35 buffers permanently protected by easements

52.1 purchased with this appropriation or contracts
 52.2 to achieve permanent protection for riparian
 52.3 buffers or stream bank restorations when the
 52.4 riparian buffers have been restored. Up to
 52.5 \$344,000 is for deposit in a monitoring and
 52.6 enforcement account.
 52.7 (g) \$1,750,000 the first year and \$1,750,000
 52.8 the second year are for permanent
 52.9 conservation easements on wellhead
 52.10 protection areas under Minnesota Statutes,
 52.11 section 103F.515, subdivision 2, paragraph
 52.12 (d), or for grants to local units of government
 52.13 for fee title acquisition to permanently
 52.14 protect groundwater supply sources on
 52.15 wellhead protection areas or for otherwise
 52.16 assuring long-term protection of groundwater
 52.17 supply sources as described under alternative
 52.18 management tools in the Department
 52.19 of Agriculture's Nitrogen Fertilizer
 52.20 Management Plan, including low nitrogen
 52.21 cropping systems or implementing nitrogen
 52.22 fertilizer best management practices. Priority
 52.23 must be placed on land that is located where
 52.24 the vulnerability of the drinking water supply
 52.25 is designated as high or very high by the
 52.26 commissioner of health, where drinking
 52.27 water protection plans have identified
 52.28 specific activities that will achieve long-term
 52.29 protection, and on lands with expiring
 52.30 Conservation Reserve Program contracts.
 52.31 Up to \$52,500 is for deposit in a monitoring
 52.32 and enforcement account.
 52.33 (h) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000
 52.34 the second year are for community partner
 52.35 grants to local units of government for:
 52.36 (1) structural or vegetative management

53.1 practices that reduce storm water runoff
53.2 from developed or disturbed lands to reduce
53.3 the movement of sediment, nutrients, and
53.4 pollutants for restoration, protection, or
53.5 enhancement of water quality in lakes, rivers,
53.6 and streams and to protect groundwater
53.7 and drinking water; and (2) installation
53.8 of proven and effective water retention
53.9 practices including, but not limited to, rain
53.10 gardens and other vegetated infiltration
53.11 basins and sediment control basins in order
53.12 to keep water on the land. The projects must
53.13 be of long-lasting public benefit, include a
53.14 local match, and be consistent with TMDL
53.15 implementation plans, watershed restoration
53.16 and protection strategies (WRAPS), or local
53.17 water management plans or their equivalents.
53.18 Local government unit costs may be used as
53.19 a match.
53.20 (i) \$84,000 the first year and \$84,000 the
53.21 second year are for a technical evaluation
53.22 panel to conduct ten restoration evaluations
53.23 under Minnesota Statutes, section 114D.50,
53.24 subdivision 6.
53.25 (j) \$2,100,000 the first year and \$2,100,000
53.26 the second year are for assistance, oversight,
53.27 and grants to local governments to transition
53.28 local water management plans to a watershed
53.29 approach as provided for in Minnesota
53.30 Statutes, chapters 103B, 103C, 103D, and
53.31 114D.
53.32 (k) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000
53.33 the second year are for technical assistance
53.34 and grants for the conservation drainage
53.35 program in consultation with the Drainage

54.1 Work Group, coordinated under Minnesota
54.2 Statutes, section 103B.101, subdivision
54.3 13, that includes projects to improve
54.4 multipurpose water management under
54.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 103E.015.

54.6 (l) \$9,000,000 the first year and \$9,000,000
54.7 the second year are to purchase and restore
54.8 permanent conservation sites via easements
54.9 or contracts to treat and store water on the
54.10 land for water quality improvement purposes
54.11 and related technical assistance. This work
54.12 may be done in cooperation with the United
54.13 States Department of Agriculture with a first
54.14 priority use to accomplish a conservation
54.15 reserve enhancement program, or equivalent,
54.16 in the state. Up to \$1,285,000 is for deposit
54.17 in a monitoring and enforcement account.

54.18 (m) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
54.19 the second year are to purchase permanent
54.20 conservation easements to protect lands
54.21 adjacent to public waters with good water
54.22 quality but threatened with degradation. Up
54.23 to \$190,000 is for deposit in a monitoring
54.24 and enforcement account.

54.25 (n) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000
54.26 the second year are for a program to
54.27 systematically collect data and produce
54.28 county, watershed, and statewide estimates
54.29 of soil erosion caused by water and wind
54.30 along with tracking adoption of conservation
54.31 measures to address erosion.

54.32 (o) \$11,000,000 the first year and
54.33 \$11,000,000 the second year are for
54.34 payments to soil and water conservation
54.35 districts for the purposes of Minnesota

55.1 Statutes, sections 103C.321 and 103C.331.
55.2 From this appropriation, each soil and water
55.3 conservation district shall receive an increase
55.4 in its base funding of \$100,000 per year.
55.5 Money remaining after the base increase
55.6 is available for matching grants to soil and
55.7 water conservation districts based on county
55.8 allocations to soil and water conservation
55.9 districts. The board and other agencies may
55.10 reduce the amount of grants to a county by an
55.11 amount equal to any reduction in the county's
55.12 allocation to a soil and water conservation
55.13 district from the county's previous-year
55.14 allocation when the board determines that
55.15 the reduction was disproportionate. The
55.16 second-year appropriation cancels if new
55.17 buffer requirements are not enacted in 2015.
55.18 (p) \$520,000 the first year is for a grant
55.19 to Washington County for a water quality
55.20 improvement project that will improve water
55.21 quality and restore an essential backwater
55.22 aquatic area by reconnecting Grey Cloud
55.23 Slough to the main channel of the Mississippi
55.24 River Area. This appropriation is not
55.25 available until at least an equal amount is
55.26 committed from nonstate sources.
55.27 (q) The Board of Water and Soil
55.28 Resources must consider the inclusion
55.29 of environmentally suitable annuals the
55.30 next time the board establishes or revises
55.31 vegetation establishment and enhancement
55.32 guidelines for the purposes of riparian
55.33 buffers.
55.34 (r) The board shall contract for delivery of
55.35 services with Conservation Corps Minnesota

56.1 for restoration, maintenance, and other
 56.2 activities under this section for up to
 56.3 \$500,000 the first year and up to \$500,000
 56.4 the second year.

56.5 (s) The board may shift grant or cost-share
 56.6 funds in this section and may adjust the
 56.7 technical and administrative assistance
 56.8 portion of the funds to leverage federal or
 56.9 other nonstate funds or to address oversight
 56.10 responsibilities or high-priority needs
 56.11 identified in local water management plans.

56.12 (t) The board shall require grantees to specify
 56.13 the outcomes that will be achieved by the
 56.14 grants prior to any grant awards.

56.15 (u) The appropriations in this section are
 56.16 available until June 30, 2020. Returned grant
 56.17 funds are available until expended and shall
 56.18 be regranted consistent with the purposes of
 56.19 this section.

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

56.21 (a) \$1,100,000 the first year and \$1,100,000
 56.22 the second year are for addressing public
 56.23 health concerns related to contaminants
 56.24 found in Minnesota drinking water for which
 56.25 no health-based drinking water standards
 56.26 exist, including accelerating the development
 56.27 of health risk limits and improving the
 56.28 capacity of the department's laboratory to
 56.29 analyze unregulated contaminants. The
 56.30 commissioner shall contract with the Board
 56.31 of Regents of the University of Minnesota
 56.32 to provide an independent review of the
 56.33 department's drinking water contaminants
 56.34 of emerging concern program. The review

57.1 must include an assessment of the process
57.2 used by the department to rank contaminants
57.3 that are threats to drinking water supplies
57.4 and include a comparison of efforts at the
57.5 department with efforts by other states and
57.6 the United States Environmental Protection
57.7 Agency. The review must be submitted to
57.8 the Clean Water Council and the chairs and
57.9 ranking minority members of the house of
57.10 representatives and senate committees and
57.11 divisions with jurisdiction over environment
57.12 and natural resources by June 1, 2016.

57.13 (b) \$1,900,000 the first year and \$1,900,000
57.14 the second year are for protection of drinking
57.15 water sources.

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

57.20 (d) \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000
57.21 the second year are to develop and deliver
57.22 groundwater restoration and protection
57.23 strategies for use on a watershed scale for use
57.24 in local water planning efforts and to provide
57.25 resources to local governments for drinking
57.26 water source protection activities.

57.27 (e) \$325,000 the first year and \$325,000 the
57.28 second year are for studying the occurrence
57.29 and magnitude of contaminants in private
57.30 wells and developing guidance to ensure
57.31 that new well placement minimizes the
57.32 potential for risks, in cooperation with the
57.33 commissioner of agriculture.

57.34 (f) \$275,000 the first year and \$75,000
57.35 the second year are for development

58.1 and implementation of a groundwater
 58.2 virus monitoring plan, including an
 58.3 epidemiological study to determine the
 58.4 association between groundwater virus
 58.5 concentration and community illness rates.

58.6 (g) \$175,000 the first year and \$175,000 the
 58.7 second year are to prepare a comprehensive
 58.8 study of and recommendations for regulatory
 58.9 and nonregulatory approaches to water reuse
 58.10 for use in the development of state policy for
 58.11 water reuse in Minnesota.

58.12 (h) Unless otherwise specified, the
 58.13 appropriations in this section are available
 58.14 until June 30, 2019.

58.15 Sec. 9. **METROPOLITAN COUNCIL** **\$** **1,225,000** **\$** **1,225,000**

58.16 (a) \$975,000 the first year and \$975,000
 58.17 the second year are to implement projects
 58.18 that address emerging drinking water supply
 58.19 threats, provide cost-effective regional
 58.20 solutions, leverage interjurisdictional
 58.21 coordination, support local implementation
 58.22 of water supply reliability projects, and
 58.23 prevent degradation of groundwater
 58.24 resources in the metropolitan area. These
 58.25 projects will provide to communities:

58.26 (1) potential solutions to leverage regional
 58.27 water use through utilization of surface water,
 58.28 storm water, wastewater, and groundwater;

58.29 (2) an analysis of infrastructure requirements
 58.30 for different alternatives;

58.31 (3) development of planning level cost
 58.32 estimates, including capital cost and
 58.33 operation cost;

- 59.1 (4) identification of funding mechanisms
 59.2 and an equitable cost-sharing structure
 59.3 for regionally beneficial water supply
 59.4 development projects; and
 59.5 (5) development of subregional groundwater
 59.6 models.
 59.7 (b) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000
 59.8 the second year are for the water demand
 59.9 reduction grant program to encourage
 59.10 implementation of water demand reduction
 59.11 measures by municipalities in the
 59.12 metropolitan area to ensure the reliability and
 59.13 protection of drinking water supplies.

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

59.15 **103A.206 SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION POLICY.**

59.16 Maintaining and enhancing the quality of soil and water for the environmental and
 59.17 economic benefits they produce, preventing degradation, and restoring degraded soil and
 59.18 water resources of this state contribute greatly to the health, safety, economic well-being,
 59.19 and general welfare of this state and its citizens. Land occupiers have the responsibility to
 59.20 implement practices that conserve the soil and water resources of the state. Soil and water
 59.21 conservation measures implemented on private lands in this state provide benefits to the
 59.22 general public by reducing erosion, sedimentation, siltation, water pollution, and damages
 59.23 caused by floods. The soil and water conservation policy of the state is to encourage land
 59.24 occupiers to conserve soil, water, and the natural resources they support through the
 59.25 implementation of practices that:

- 59.26 (1) control or prevent erosion, sedimentation, siltation, and related pollution in
 59.27 order to preserve natural resources;
 59.28 (2) ensure continued soil health, as defined under section 103C.101, subdivision
 59.29 10a, and soil productivity;
 59.30 (3) protect water quality;
 59.31 (4) prevent impairment of dams and reservoirs;
 59.32 (5) reduce damages caused by floods;
 59.33 (6) preserve wildlife;
 59.34 (7) protect the tax base; and

60.1 (8) protect public lands and waters.

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

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

60.10 Sec. 12. **[103B.801] COMPREHENSIVE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT**
60.11 **PLANNING PROGRAM.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

60.33 (1) a boundary framework consistent with section 103B.101, subdivision 14,
60.34 paragraph (a), and procedures, requirements, and criteria for establishing or modifying

61.1 the framework consistent with the goals of section 103A.212. The metropolitan area, as
 61.2 defined under section 473.121, subdivision 2, may be considered for inclusion in the
 61.3 boundary framework. If included, the metropolitan area is not excluded from the water
 61.4 management programs under sections 103B.201 to 103B.255;

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

61.9 (3) requirements for consistency with state agency-adopted water and natural
 61.10 resources-related plans and documents required by chapters 103A, 103B, 103C, 103D,
 61.11 103E, 103F, 103G, and 114D; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

61.28 (iii) restoration, protection, and improvement of surface water and groundwater
 61.29 quality;

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

61.32 (v) identification of priority areas for wetland enhancement, restoration, and
 61.33 establishment;

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

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

61.36 (viii) promotion of groundwater recharge;

62.1 (ix) protection and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat and water recreational
 62.2 facilities; and

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

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

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

62.11 (5) a land and water resource inventory.

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

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

62.20 Subd. 6. **Authority.** Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, the authorities
 62.21 granted to local government through chapters 103B, 103C, and 103D are retained when
 62.22 a comprehensive watershed management plan is adopted as a substitute for a watershed
 62.23 management plan required under section 103B.231, a county groundwater plan authorized
 62.24 under section 103B.255, a county water plan authorized under section 103B.311, a
 62.25 comprehensive plan authorized under section 103C.331, or a watershed management plan
 62.26 required under section 103D.401 or 103D.405.

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

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

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

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

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

63.5 (2) keep the district boards of the state informed of the activities and experience of
63.6 other districts and facilitate cooperation and an interchange of advice and experience
63.7 among the districts;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

64.25 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 114D.30, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

64.26 Subd. 2. **Membership; appointment.** (a) The commissioners of natural resources,
64.27 agriculture, health, and the Pollution Control Agency, ~~and~~ the executive director of the
64.28 Board of Water and Soil Resources, the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota,
64.29 and the Metropolitan Council shall each appoint one person from their respective ~~agency~~
64.30 entity to serve as a nonvoting member of the council. Two members of the house of
64.31 representatives, including one member from the majority party and one member from the
64.32 minority party, appointed by the speaker and two senators, including one member from
64.33 the majority party and one member from the minority party, appointed according to the
64.34 rules of the senate shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority as nonvoting

65.1 members of the council. ~~Agency and legislative~~ Members appointed under this paragraph
65.2 serve as nonvoting members of the council.

65.3 (b) ~~Nineteen~~ Seventeen voting members of the council shall be appointed by the
65.4 governor as follows:

65.5 (1) two members representing statewide farm organizations;

65.6 (2) two members representing business organizations;

65.7 (3) two members representing environmental organizations;

65.8 (4) one member representing soil and water conservation districts;

65.9 (5) one member representing watershed districts;

65.10 (6) one member representing nonprofit organizations focused on improvement of
65.11 Minnesota lakes or streams;

65.12 (7) two members representing organizations of county governments, one member
65.13 representing the interests of rural counties and one member representing the interests of
65.14 counties in the seven-county metropolitan area;

65.15 (8) two members representing organizations of city governments;

65.16 ~~(9) one member representing the Metropolitan Council established under section~~
65.17 ~~473.123;~~

65.18 ~~(10)~~ (9) one member representing township officers;

65.19 ~~(11)~~ (10) one member representing the interests of tribal governments;

65.20 ~~(12)~~ (11) one member representing statewide hunting organizations; and

65.21 ~~(13) one member representing the University of Minnesota or a Minnesota state~~
65.22 ~~university; and~~

65.23 ~~(14)~~ (12) one member representing statewide fishing organizations.

65.24 Members appointed under this paragraph must not be registered lobbyists or legislators.

65.25 In making appointments, the governor must attempt to provide for geographic balance.

65.26 The members of the council appointed by the governor are subject to the advice and
65.27 consent of the senate.

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

65.29	Sec. 6. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL		12,635,000	9,450,000
65.30	RESOURCES	\$	<u>12,135,000</u>	\$ <u>8,950,000</u>

65.31 (a) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000
65.32 the second year are for stream flow
65.33 monitoring, including the installation of
65.34 additional monitoring gauges, and monitoring

66.1 necessary to determine the relationship
66.2 between stream flow and groundwater.

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

66.6 (c) \$135,000 the first year and \$135,000
66.7 the second year are for assessing mercury
66.8 contamination and other contaminants of
66.9 fish, including monitoring to track the status
66.10 of waters impaired by mercury and mercury
66.11 reduction efforts over time.

66.12 (d) \$1,850,000 the first year and \$1,850,000
66.13 the second year are for developing targeted,
66.14 science-based watershed restoration and
66.15 protection strategies, including regional
66.16 technical assistance for TMDL plans and
66.17 development of a watershed assessment tool,
66.18 in cooperation with the commissioner of the
66.19 Pollution Control Agency. By January 15,
66.20 2016, the commissioner shall submit a report
66.21 to the chairs and ranking minority members
66.22 of the senate and house of representatives
66.23 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
66.24 over environment and natural resources
66.25 policy and finance providing the outcomes
66.26 to lakes, rivers, streams, and groundwater
66.27 achieved with this appropriation and
66.28 recommendations.

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

66.32 (f) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
66.33 the second year are for technical assistance
66.34 to support local implementation of nonpoint
66.35 source restoration and protection activities,

67.1 including water quality protection in forested
67.2 watersheds.

67.3 (g) \$675,000 the first year and \$675,000
67.4 the second year are for applied research
67.5 and tools, including watershed hydrologic
67.6 modeling; maintaining and updating spatial
67.7 data for watershed boundaries, streams, and
67.8 water bodies and integrating high-resolution
67.9 digital elevation data; assessing effectiveness
67.10 of forestry best management practices for
67.11 water quality; and developing an ecological
67.12 monitoring database.

67.13 (h) \$615,000 the first year and \$615,000
67.14 the second year are for developing county
67.15 geologic atlases.

67.16 (i) \$85,000 the first year is to develop design
67.17 standards and best management practices
67.18 for public water access sites to maintain and
67.19 improve water quality by avoiding shoreline
67.20 erosion and runoff.

67.21 (j) \$3,000,000 the first year is for beginning
67.22 to develop and designate groundwater
67.23 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,
67.24 section 103G.287, subdivision 4. The
67.25 commissioner, in consultation with the
67.26 commissioners of the Pollution Control
67.27 Agency, health, and agriculture, shall
67.28 establish a uniform statewide hydrogeologic
67.29 mapping system that will include designated
67.30 groundwater management areas. The
67.31 mapping system must include wellhead
67.32 protection areas, special well construction
67.33 areas, groundwater provinces, groundwater
67.34 recharge areas, and other designated or
67.35 geographical areas related to groundwater.

68.1 This mapping system shall be used to
68.2 implement all groundwater-related laws
68.3 and for reporting and evaluations. This
68.4 appropriation is available until June 30, 2017.

68.5 ~~(k) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the~~
68.6 ~~second year are for grants to counties and~~
68.7 ~~other local units of government to adopt and~~
68.8 ~~implement advanced shoreland protection~~
68.9 ~~measures. The grants awarded under this~~
68.10 ~~paragraph shall be for up to \$100,000 and~~
68.11 ~~must be used to restore and enhance riparian~~
68.12 ~~areas to protect, enhance, and restore water~~
68.13 ~~quality in lakes, rivers, and streams. Grant~~
68.14 ~~recipients must submit a report to the~~
68.15 ~~commissioner on the outcomes achieved~~
68.16 ~~with the grant. To be eligible for a grant~~
68.17 ~~under this paragraph, a county or other local~~
68.18 ~~unit of government must be adopting or have~~
68.19 ~~adopted an ordinance for the subdivision,~~
68.20 ~~use, redevelopment, and development of~~
68.21 ~~shoreland that has been approved by the~~
68.22 ~~commissioner of natural resources as having~~
68.23 ~~advanced shoreland protection measures. An~~
68.24 ~~ordinance must meet or exceed the following~~
68.25 ~~standards:~~

68.26 ~~(1) requires new sewage treatment systems~~
68.27 ~~to be set back at least 100 feet from the~~
68.28 ~~ordinary high water level for recreational~~
68.29 ~~development shorelands and 75 feet for~~
68.30 ~~general development lake shorelands;~~

68.31 ~~(2) requires redevelopment and new~~
68.32 ~~development on shoreland to have at least~~
68.33 ~~a 50-foot vegetative buffer. An access path~~
68.34 ~~and recreational use area may be allowed;~~

69.1 ~~(3) requires mitigation when any variance to~~
 69.2 ~~standards designed to protect lakes, rivers,~~
 69.3 ~~and streams is granted;~~

69.4 ~~(4) requires best management practices to be~~
 69.5 ~~used to control storm water and sediment as~~
 69.6 ~~part of a land alteration;~~

69.7 ~~(5) includes other criteria developed by the~~
 69.8 ~~commissioner; and~~

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

69.10 ~~An ordinance that does not exceed all the~~
 69.11 ~~standards in clauses (1) to (5) is considered~~
 69.12 ~~to meet the requirement if the commissioner~~
 69.13 ~~determines that the ordinance provides~~
 69.14 ~~significantly greater protection for both~~
 69.15 ~~waters and shoreland than those standards.~~

69.16 ~~The commissioner of natural resources~~
 69.17 ~~may develop additional criteria for the~~
 69.18 ~~grants awarded under this paragraph. In~~
 69.19 ~~developing the criteria, the commissioner~~
 69.20 ~~shall consider the proposed changes to~~
 69.21 ~~the department's shoreland rules discussed~~
 69.22 ~~during the rulemaking process authorized~~
 69.23 ~~under Laws 2007, chapter 57, article 1,~~
 69.24 ~~section 4, subdivision 3. This appropriation~~
 69.25 ~~is available until spent.~~

69.26 ~~(H) (k) \$100,000 the first year is for the~~
 69.27 ~~commissioner of natural resources for~~
 69.28 ~~rulemaking under Minnesota Statutes,~~
 69.29 ~~section 116G.15, subdivision 7.~~

69.30 Sec. 18. Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 14, section 7, is amended to read:

69.31 Sec. 7. **REPURPOSE OF 2011 APPROPRIATION.**

69.32 The remaining balance of the appropriation in Laws 2011, First Special Session
 69.33 chapter 6, article 2, section 6, paragraph (g), to the commissioner of natural resources
 69.34 for shoreland stewardship, TMDL implementation coordination, providing technical

70.1 assistance, and maintaining and updating data may be used for stream flow and
 70.2 groundwater monitoring, including the installation of additional monitoring gauges, and
 70.3 monitoring necessary to determine the relationship between stream flow and groundwater,
 70.4 and is available until June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

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

70.6 (a) The unspent balance of the appropriation to the Public Facilities Authority for
 70.7 the clean water legacy phosphorus reduction grant program under Minnesota Statutes
 70.8 2012, section 446A.074, in Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 2, section 3, paragraph (b), is
 70.9 canceled.

70.10 (b) The unspent balance of the appropriation to the Public Facilities Authority for
 70.11 the clean water legacy phosphorus reduction grant program under Minnesota Statutes
 70.12 2012, section 446A.074, in Laws 2011, First Special Session chapter 6, article 2, section 4,
 70.13 paragraph (b), is canceled.

70.14 (c) \$1,000,000 of the appropriation to the Board of Water and Soil Resources in
 70.15 Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 2, section 7, paragraph (e), is canceled.

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

70.17 **ARTICLE 3**

70.18 **PARKS AND TRAILS FUND**

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

70.20 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the
 70.21 agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the
 70.22 parks and trails fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The
 70.23 figures "2016" and "2017" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under
 70.24 them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, or June 30, 2017, respectively.
 70.25 "The first year" is fiscal year 2016. "The second year" is fiscal year 2017. "The biennium"
 70.26 is fiscal years 2016 and 2017. All appropriations in this article are onetime.

	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
	<u>Available for the Year</u>	
	<u>Ending June 30</u>	
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>

70.31 Sec. 2. **PARKS AND TRAILS**

70.32 <u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>43,628,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>45,722,000</u>
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71.1 The amounts that may be spent for each
 71.2 purpose are specified in the following
 71.3 sections.

71.4 **Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation**

71.5 Money appropriated in this article may
 71.6 not be spent on activities unless they are
 71.7 directly related to and necessary for a
 71.8 specific appropriation. Money appropriated
 71.9 in this article must be spent in accordance
 71.10 with Minnesota Management and Budget's
 71.11 Guidance to Agencies on Legacy Fund
 71.12 Expenditure. Notwithstanding Minnesota
 71.13 Statutes, section 16A.28, and unless
 71.14 otherwise specified in this article, fiscal year
 71.15 2016 appropriations are available until June
 71.16 30, 2018, and fiscal year 2017 appropriations
 71.17 are available until June 30, 2019. If a project
 71.18 receives federal funds, the time period of
 71.19 the appropriation is extended to equal the
 71.20 availability of federal funding.

71.21 **Subd. 3. Disability Access**

71.22 Where appropriate, grant recipients of parks
 71.23 and trails funds, in consultation with the
 71.24 Council on Disability and other appropriate
 71.25 governor-appointed disability councils,
 71.26 boards, committees, and commissions,
 71.27 should make progress toward providing
 71.28 greater access to programs, print publications,
 71.29 and digital media for people with disabilities
 71.30 related to the programs the recipient funds
 71.31 using appropriations made in this article.

71.32 **Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**
 71.33 **RESOURCES**

\$ 26,391,000 \$ 27,655,000

72.1 (a) \$17,237,000 the first year and
72.2 \$18,067,000 the second year are for state
72.3 parks, recreation areas, and trails to:
72.4 (1) connect people to the outdoors;
72.5 (2) acquire land and create opportunities;
72.6 (3) maintain existing holdings; and
72.7 (4) improve cooperation by coordinating
72.8 with partners to implement the 25-year
72.9 long-range parks and trails legacy plan.
72.10 (b) \$8,618,000 the first year and \$9,033,000
72.11 the second year are for grants for parks
72.12 and trails of regional significance outside
72.13 the seven-county metropolitan area under
72.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.535. The
72.15 grants must be based on the recommendations
72.16 to the commissioner from the Greater
72.17 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails
72.18 Commission established under Minnesota
72.19 Statutes, section 85.536. The second year
72.20 appropriation in this paragraph includes
72.21 money for: a grant to the St. Louis and
72.22 Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority
72.23 to design, engineer, acquire right-of-way,
72.24 and construct a segment of the Mesabi Trail
72.25 from Embarrass to near the intersection
72.26 of County Road 26, Whalston Road, and
72.27 Trunk Highway 135 toward Tower; and
72.28 up to \$400,000 for a grant to the city of
72.29 La Crescent to design, engineer, acquire
72.30 right-of-way, and construct a segment of the
72.31 Wagon Wheel Trail. Grants funded under
72.32 this paragraph must support parks and trails
72.33 of regional or statewide significance that
72.34 meet the applicable definitions and criteria
72.35 for regional parks and trails contained

73.1 in the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks
73.2 and Trails Strategic Plan adopted by the
73.3 Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and
73.4 Trails Commission on April 22, 2015. Grant
73.5 recipients identified under this paragraph
73.6 must submit a grant application to the
73.7 commissioner of natural resources. Up to
73.8 2.5 percent of the appropriation may be used
73.9 by the commissioner for the actual cost of
73.10 issuing and monitoring the grants for the
73.11 commission. Of the amount appropriated,
73.12 \$356,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$362,000 in
73.13 fiscal year 2017 are for the Greater Minnesota
73.14 Regional Parks and Trails Commission to
73.15 carry out its duties under Minnesota Statutes,
73.16 section 85.536, including the continued
73.17 development of a statewide system plan
73.18 for regional parks and trails outside the
73.19 seven-county metropolitan area.

73.20 (c) By January 15, 2016, the Greater
73.21 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails
73.22 Commission shall submit a list of projects,
73.23 ranked in priority order, that contains the
73.24 commission's recommendations for funding
73.25 from the parks and trails fund for fiscal year
73.26 2017 to the chairs and ranking minority
73.27 members of the house of representatives
73.28 and senate committees and divisions with
73.29 jurisdiction over the environment and natural
73.30 resources and the parks and trails fund.

73.31 (d) By January 15, 2016, the Greater
73.32 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails
73.33 Commission shall submit a report that
73.34 contains the commission's criteria for
73.35 funding from the parks and trails fund,
73.36 including the criteria used to determine if a

74.1 park or trail is of regional significance, to
74.2 the chairs and ranking minority members
74.3 of the house of representatives and senate
74.4 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
74.5 over the environment and natural resources
74.6 and the parks and trails fund.

74.7 (e) \$536,000 the first year and \$555,000 the
74.8 second year are for coordination and projects
74.9 between the department, the Metropolitan
74.10 Council, and the Greater Minnesota Regional
74.11 Parks and Trails Commission; enhanced
74.12 Web-based information for park and trail
74.13 users; and support of activities of the Parks
74.14 and Trails Legacy Advisory Committee. Of
74.15 this amount, \$260,000 the first year shall
74.16 be used for a grant to the University of
74.17 Minnesota Center for Changing Landscapes
74.18 to complete a legacy tracking project and
74.19 to implement a survey on use patterns, user
74.20 needs, and perceptions related to parks and
74.21 trails in Minnesota. The tracking project and
74.22 survey work must be done in collaboration
74.23 with the Department of Natural Resources,
74.24 Metropolitan Council, and Greater Minnesota
74.25 Regional Parks and Trails Commission.

74.26 (f) The commissioner shall contract for
74.27 services with Conservation Corps Minnesota
74.28 for restoration, maintenance, and other
74.29 activities under this section for at least
74.30 \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the
74.31 second year.

74.32 (g) The implementing agencies receiving
74.33 appropriations under this section shall
74.34 give consideration to contracting with

75.1 Conservation Corps Minnesota for
 75.2 restoration, maintenance, and other activities.

75.3 **Sec. 4. METROPOLITAN COUNCIL \$ 17,237,000 \$ 18,067,000**

75.4 (a) \$17,237,000 the first year and
 75.5 \$18,067,000 the second year are for
 75.6 distribution according to Minnesota Statutes,
 75.7 section 85.53, subdivision 3.

75.8 (b) Money appropriated under this section
 75.9 and distributed to implementing agencies
 75.10 must be used to fund the list of recommended
 75.11 projects in the report submitted pursuant to
 75.12 Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 3, section
 75.13 4, paragraph (o). Projects funded by the
 75.14 money appropriated under this section must
 75.15 be substantially consistent with the project
 75.16 descriptions and dollar amounts in the report.

75.17 Any funds remaining after completion of
 75.18 the listed projects may be spent by the
 75.19 implementing agencies on projects to support
 75.20 parks and trails.

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

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

75.32 Sec. 5. Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 3, section 4, is amended to read:

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

76.1 (a) \$16,821,000 the first year and \$16,953,000
76.2 the second year are for parks and trails of
76.3 regional or statewide significance in the
76.4 metropolitan area, distributed according to
76.5 paragraphs (b) to (1). Any funds remaining
76.6 after completion of the listed project may be
76.7 spent on projects to support parks and trails
76.8 by the implementing agency.

76.9 (b) \$1,443,000 the first year and \$1,455,000
76.10 the second year are for grants to Anoka
76.11 County for:

76.12 (1) a trail connection for Bunker Hills
76.13 Regional Park from Avocet Street;

76.14 (2) restoration, including erosion repair,
76.15 along Pleasure Creek and the Mississippi
76.16 River Regional Trail at the Coon Rapids
76.17 Dam Regional Park;

76.18 (3) a new playground and surfacing at Lake
76.19 George Regional Park;

76.20 (4) land acquisition for the Rice Creek Chain
76.21 of Lakes Park Reserve;

76.22 (5) improvements at the Rice Creek Chain of
76.23 Lakes Park Reserve, including maintenance
76.24 shop rehabilitation, road and parking
76.25 construction, fencing, beach improvements,
76.26 and roof repairs;

76.27 (6) trail reconstruction under East River
76.28 Road on the Rice Creek West Regional Trail;

76.29 (7) contracts with Conservation Corps
76.30 Minnesota;

76.31 (8) a volunteer or resource coordinator
76.32 position;

76.33 (9) a landscape designer or architect;

- 77.1 (10) design, engineering, and construction of
77.2 the Central Anoka County Regional Trail;
- 77.3 (11) road rehabilitation at Lake George
77.4 Regional Park;
- 77.5 (12) reconstruction of a retaining wall on the
77.6 Mississippi River Regional Trail;
- 77.7 (13) a trail connection on the Mississippi
77.8 River Regional Trail to connect Mississippi
77.9 West Regional Park to the city of Ramsey;
- 77.10 (14) improvements of the Heritage
77.11 Laboratory/Day Camp at the Rice Creek
77.12 Chain of Lakes Park Reserve; and
- 77.13 (15) trail reconstruction on the Rice Creek
77.14 North Regional Trail from Lexington Avenue
77.15 to Golden Lake Elementary School.
- 77.16 (c) \$289,000 the first year and \$292,000
77.17 the second year are for grants to the city of
77.18 Bloomington to reconstruct parking lots at the
77.19 Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Park Reserve.
- 77.20 (d) \$294,000 the first year and \$297,000 the
77.21 second year are for grants to Carver County
77.22 to connect the Minnesota River Bluffs
77.23 Regional Trail and Southwest Regional Trail
77.24 and for trail and bridge construction on the
77.25 Minnesota River Bluff Regional Trail.
- 77.26 (e) \$1,174,000 the first year and \$1,183,000
77.27 the second year are for grants to Dakota
77.28 County for:
- 77.29 (1) engineering to extend the Mississippi
77.30 River Regional Trail and Big Rivers Regional
77.31 Trails, including extensions to St. Paul, and
77.32 to provide a connection to Lilydale Regional
77.33 Trail;

- 78.1 (2) a trail connection for the Mississippi
78.2 River Regional Trail to connect St. Paul and
78.3 to construct a bridge over railroad tracks;
- 78.4 (3) engineering and construction of regional
78.5 trail segments throughout the county;
- 78.6 (4) engineering and construction of a bridge
78.7 and trails through the Minnesota Zoological
78.8 Garden on the North Creek Regional
78.9 Greenway; and
- 78.10 (5) resource management of the county's
78.11 parks and trails system.
- 78.12 (f) \$3,221,000 the first year and \$3,246,000
78.13 the second are for grants to the Minneapolis
78.14 Park and Recreation Board for:
- 78.15 (1) design and construction of trail loops,
78.16 river access areas, landscapes, and storm
78.17 water management improvements at Above
78.18 the Falls Regional Park;
- 78.19 (2) land acquisition at Above the Falls
78.20 Regional Park;
- 78.21 (3) a master plan and trail design for Central
78.22 Mississippi Riverfront Regional Park;
- 78.23 (4) planning and design for the Central
78.24 Riverfront including the water works and the
78.25 Mississippi Whitewater Park sites;
- 78.26 (5) trail, path, and shoreline improvements
78.27 and play area rehabilitation at
78.28 Nokomis-Hiawatha Regional Park;
- 78.29 (6) trail, shoreline, water access,
78.30 picnic, sailboat facility, and concession
78.31 improvements at Minneapolis Chain of
78.32 Lakes Regional Park;

79.1 (7) a bird sanctuary, trail stabilization, habitat
79.2 restoration, accessibility improvements, and
79.3 construction of new entrances at Minneapolis
79.4 Chain of Lakes Regional Park;

79.5 (8) a trail connection for the Minnehaha
79.6 Parkway Regional Trail below Lyndale
79.7 Avenue; and

79.8 (9) trail work at Theodore Wirth Regional
79.9 Park.

79.10 (g) \$1,299,000 the first year and \$1,309,000
79.11 the second year are for grants to Ramsey
79.12 County for:

79.13 (1) wayfinding for cross-country ski trails
79.14 at Battle Creek Regional Park, Tamarack
79.15 Nature Center, and Grass-Vadnais-Snail
79.16 Lakes Regional Park;

79.17 (2) contracts with Conservation Corps
79.18 Minnesota;

79.19 (3) design and construction of an early
79.20 learning center at Tamarack Nature Center
79.21 and pedestrian connections, landscape
79.22 restoration, signage, and other site amenities
79.23 at Bald Eagle-Otter Lakes Regional Park;

79.24 (4) improvements to Tamarack Nature
79.25 Center;

79.26 (5) building and supporting a volunteer corps
79.27 for Tamarack Nature Center and Discovery
79.28 Hollow;

79.29 (6) trail development to connect Tamarack
79.30 Nature Center to the Otter Lake boat launch;

79.31 (7) a trail on Vadnais Lake, storm water
79.32 management improvements, and site
79.33 amenities at Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lakes
79.34 Regional Park;

80.1 (8) trail development and connection, storm
80.2 water management improvements, and site
80.3 amenities at Rice Creek North Regional
80.4 Trail; and

80.5 (9) the Bruce Vento Regional Trail.

80.6 (h) \$2,378,000 the first year and \$2,397,000
80.7 the second year are for grants to the city of
80.8 Saint Paul for:

80.9 (1) an education coordinator;

80.10 (2) a volunteer coordinator;

80.11 (3) Como Regional Park shuttle operation;

80.12 (4) a trail connection to connect Harriet
80.13 Island to the Mississippi Regional Trail;

80.14 (5) Estabrook Road reconstruction and
80.15 lighting upgrades at Como Regional Park;
80.16 and

80.17 (6) a trail connection and railroad bridge
80.18 reconstruction at Lilydale Regional Park.

80.19 (i) \$550,000 the first year and \$554,000 the
80.20 second year are for grants to Scott County for
80.21 construction at Cedar Lake Farm Regional
80.22 Park.

80.23 (j) \$3,669,000 the first year and \$3,697,000
80.24 the second year are for grants to Three Rivers
80.25 Park District for:

80.26 (1) a trail connection to connect Grand
80.27 Rounds to Nine Mile Creek Trail;

80.28 (2) a ~~trail bridge over~~ safe trail crossing of
80.29 County State-Aid Highway 19 for the Lake
80.30 Minnetonka LRT Regional Trail;

80.31 (3) trail construction on the Crystal Lake
80.32 Regional Trail;

- 81.1 (4) trail construction on the Bassett Creek
81.2 Regional Trail;
- 81.3 (5) trail construction on the Twin Lakes
81.4 Regional Trail; and
- 81.5 (6) trail construction on the Nine Mile Creek
81.6 Regional Trail.
- 81.7 (k) \$821,000 the first year and \$827,000 the
81.8 second year are for grants to Washington
81.9 County for:
- 81.10 (1) parking, buildings, and other
81.11 improvements at the Swim Pond in Lake
81.12 Elmo Park Reserve;
- 81.13 (2) design and construction of the Point
81.14 Douglas Regional Trail, which connects to
81.15 Wisconsin; and
- 81.16 (3) paving improvements to Hardwood Creek
81.17 Regional Trail, which may include new trail
81.18 sections toward Bald Eagle Regional Park.
- 81.19 (l) \$1,682,000 the first year and \$1,695,000
81.20 the second year are for grants to implementing
81.21 agencies for land acquisition within
81.22 Metropolitan Council approved regional
81.23 parks and trails master plan boundaries as
81.24 provided under Minnesota Statutes, section
81.25 85.53, subdivision 3, clause (4).
- 81.26 (m) A recipient of a grant awarded under
81.27 this section must give consideration to
81.28 Conservation Corps Minnesota for possible
81.29 use of corps services to contract for
81.30 restoration and enhancement services.
- 81.31 (n) For projects with the potential to need
81.32 historic preservation services, a recipient
81.33 of a grant awarded under this section must
81.34 give consideration to the Northern Bedrock

82.1 Conservation Corps for possible use of the
82.2 corps' services.

82.3 (o) By January 15, 2015, the council
82.4 shall submit a list of projects, ranked in
82.5 priority order, that contains the council's
82.6 recommendations for funding from the
82.7 parks and trails fund for the 2016 and
82.8 2017 biennium to the chairs and ranking
82.9 minority members of the senate and house
82.10 of representatives committees and divisions
82.11 with jurisdiction over the environment and
82.12 natural resources and the parks and trails
82.13 fund.

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

82.15 Sec. 6. **MESABI TRAIL GRANT EXTENSION.**

82.16 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, or other law to the contrary,
82.17 \$512,000 of the money appropriated in fiscal year 2013 under Laws 2011, First Special
82.18 Session chapter 6, article 3, section 3, paragraph (c), clause (1), for grants under Minnesota
82.19 Statutes, section 85.535, is available until June 30, 2017. The commissioner of natural
82.20 resources shall extend the \$512,000 grant to the St. Louis and Lake Counties Regional
82.21 Railroad Authority for extension of the Mesabi Trail to June 30, 2017.

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

82.23 **ARTICLE 4**

82.24 **ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND**

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

82.26 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the
82.27 entities and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the arts
82.28 and cultural heritage fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for allowable
82.29 activities under the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 15. The figures "2016" and
82.30 "2017" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under the figure are available
82.31 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017, respectively. "The first year"
82.32 is fiscal year 2016. "The second year" is fiscal year 2017. "The biennium" is fiscal years
82.33 2016 and 2017. All appropriations in this article are onetime.

83.1	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>		
83.2	<u>Available for the Year</u>		
83.3	<u>Ending June 30</u>		
83.4	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	
83.5	<u>Sec. 2. ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE</u>		
83.6	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$ 61,542,000</u>	<u>\$ 63,262,000</u>
83.7	<u>The amounts that may be spent for each</u>		
83.8	<u>purpose are specified in the following</u>		
83.9	<u>subdivisions.</u>		
83.10	<u>Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation</u>		
83.11	<u>Money appropriated in this article may not</u>		
83.12	<u>be spent on activities unless they are directly</u>		
83.13	<u>related to and necessary for a specific</u>		
83.14	<u>appropriation. Money appropriated in this</u>		
83.15	<u>article must not be spent on indirect costs or</u>		
83.16	<u>other institutional overhead charges that are</u>		
83.17	<u>not directly related to and necessary for a</u>		
83.18	<u>specific appropriation. Money appropriated</u>		
83.19	<u>in this article must be spent in accordance</u>		
83.20	<u>with the Minnesota Management and</u>		
83.21	<u>Budget's Guidance to Agencies on Legacy</u>		
83.22	<u>Fund Expenditures. Notwithstanding</u>		
83.23	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, and</u>		
83.24	<u>unless otherwise specified in this article,</u>		
83.25	<u>fiscal year 2016 appropriations are available</u>		
83.26	<u>until June 30, 2017, and fiscal year 2017</u>		
83.27	<u>appropriations are available until June 30,</u>		
83.28	<u>2018. If a project receives federal funds, the</u>		
83.29	<u>time period of the appropriation is extended</u>		
83.30	<u>to equal the availability of federal funding.</u>		
83.31	<u>Subd. 3. Minnesota State Arts Board</u>	<u>26,819,000</u>	<u>31,312,000</u>
83.32	<u>(a) These amounts are appropriated to</u>		
83.33	<u>the Minnesota State Arts Board for arts,</u>		
83.34	<u>arts education, arts preservation, and arts</u>		

84.1 access. Grant agreements entered into
 84.2 by the Minnesota State Arts Board and
 84.3 other recipients of appropriations in this
 84.4 subdivision must ensure that these funds are
 84.5 used to supplement and not substitute for
 84.6 traditional sources of funding. Each grant
 84.7 program established within this appropriation
 84.8 must be separately administered from other
 84.9 state appropriations for program planning
 84.10 and outcome measurements, but may take
 84.11 into consideration other state resources
 84.12 awarded in the selection of applicants and
 84.13 grant award size.

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

84.15 \$21,155,000 the first year and \$25,350,000
 84.16 the second year are to support Minnesota
 84.17 artists and arts organizations in creating,
 84.18 producing, and presenting high-quality arts
 84.19 activities; to overcome barriers to accessing
 84.20 high-quality arts activities; and to instill the
 84.21 arts into the community and public life in
 84.22 this state.

84.23 **(c) Arts Education**

84.24 \$4,248,000 the first year and \$4,472,000
 84.25 the second year are for high-quality,
 84.26 age-appropriate arts education for
 84.27 Minnesotans of all ages to develop
 84.28 knowledge, skills, and understanding of the
 84.29 arts.

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

84.31 \$1,416,000 the first year and \$1,490,000 the
 84.32 second year are for events and activities that
 84.33 represent the diverse cultural arts traditions,

85.1 including folk and traditional artists and art
85.2 organizations, represented in this state.

85.3 (e) Up to 4.5 percent of the funds appropriated
85.4 in paragraphs (b) to (d) may be used by the
85.5 board for administering grant programs,
85.6 delivering technical services, providing
85.7 fiscal oversight for the statewide system, and
85.8 ensuring accountability.

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

85.19 (g) Any unencumbered balance remaining
85.20 under this section in the first year does not
85.21 cancel, but is available for the second year
85.22 of the biennium.

85.23 Subd. 4. **Minnesota Historical Society** 13,985,000 15,015,000

85.24 (a) These amounts are appropriated to the
85.25 governing board of the Minnesota Historical
85.26 Society to preserve and enhance access to
85.27 Minnesota's history and its cultural and
85.28 historical resources. Grant agreements
85.29 entered into by the Minnesota Historical
85.30 Society and other recipients of appropriations
85.31 in this subdivision must ensure that
85.32 these funds are used to supplement and
85.33 not substitute for traditional sources of
85.34 funding. Funds directly appropriated to the
85.35 Minnesota Historical Society must be used to

86.1 supplement and not substitute for traditional
86.2 sources of funding. Notwithstanding
86.3 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, for
86.4 historic preservation projects that improve
86.5 historic structures, the amounts are available
86.6 until June 30, 2019. The Minnesota
86.7 Historical Society or grant recipients of
86.8 the Minnesota Historical Society using
86.9 arts and cultural heritage funds under this
86.10 subdivision must give consideration to
86.11 Conservation Corps Minnesota and Northern
86.12 Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps, or an
86.13 organization carrying out similar work, for
86.14 projects with the potential to need historic
86.15 preservation services.

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

86.17 **(1) Statewide Historic and Cultural Grants**
86.18 \$5,525,000 the first year and \$6,000,000 the
86.19 second year are for history programs and
86.20 projects operated or conducted by or through
86.21 local, county, regional, or other historical
86.22 or cultural organizations or for activities
86.23 to preserve significant historic and cultural
86.24 resources. Funds are to be distributed through
86.25 a competitive grant process. The Minnesota
86.26 Historical Society shall administer these
86.27 funds using established grant mechanisms,
86.28 with assistance from the advisory committee
86.29 created under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article
86.30 4, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (b),
86.31 item (ii).

86.32 **(2) Statewide History Programs**

86.33 \$5,525,000 the first year and \$6,000,000 the
86.34 second year are for programs and purposes
86.35 related to the historical and cultural heritage

87.1 of the state of Minnesota conducted by the
87.2 Minnesota Historical Society.

87.3 (3) History Partnerships

87.4 \$2,060,000 the first year and \$2,140,000 the
87.5 second year are for partnerships involving
87.6 multiple organizations, which may include
87.7 the Minnesota Historical Society, to preserve
87.8 and enhance access to Minnesota's history
87.9 and cultural heritage in all regions of the state.

87.10 (4) Statewide Survey of Historical and
87.11 Archaeological Sites

87.12 \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the
87.13 second year are for a contract or contracts
87.14 to be awarded on a competitive basis to
87.15 conduct statewide surveys of Minnesota's
87.16 sites of historical, archaeological, and
87.17 cultural significance. Results of the surveys
87.18 must be published in a searchable form
87.19 and available to the public on a cost-free
87.20 basis. The Minnesota Historical Society, the
87.21 Office of the State Archaeologist, and the
87.22 Indian Affairs Council shall each appoint a
87.23 representative to an oversight board to select
87.24 contractors and direct the conduct of the
87.25 surveys. The oversight board shall consult
87.26 with the Departments of Transportation and
87.27 Natural Resources.

87.28 (5) Digital Library

87.29 \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the
87.30 second year are for a digital library project
87.31 to preserve, digitize, and share Minnesota
87.32 images, documents, and historical materials.
87.33 The Minnesota Historical Society shall
87.34 cooperate with the Minitex interlibrary

88.1 loan system and shall jointly share this
 88.2 appropriation for these purposes.
 88.3 (6) Historic Recognition Grants Program
 88.4 \$275,000 the first year and \$275,000 the
 88.5 second year are for a competitive grants
 88.6 program to provide grants for projects carried
 88.7 out by nonprofit organizations or public
 88.8 entities that preserve, recognize, and promote
 88.9 the historic legacy of Minnesota, with a
 88.10 focus on commemoration of Minnesota's
 88.11 role in the American Civil War. The
 88.12 Minnesota Historical Society shall work
 88.13 collaboratively with the Governor's Civil War
 88.14 Commemorative Task Force to determine
 88.15 project priorities. Funds may be used for
 88.16 projects administered or delivered by the
 88.17 Minnesota Historical Society in cooperation
 88.18 with the task force.

88.19 Subd. 5. **Department of Education** 2,200,000 2,200,000

88.20 These amounts are appropriated to the
 88.21 commissioner of education for grants to
 88.22 the 12 Minnesota regional library systems
 88.23 to provide educational opportunities in
 88.24 the arts, history, literary arts, and cultural
 88.25 heritage of Minnesota. These funds must be
 88.26 allocated using the formulas in Minnesota
 88.27 Statutes, section 134.355, subdivisions 3,
 88.28 4, and 5, with the remaining 25 percent to
 88.29 be distributed to all qualifying systems in
 88.30 an amount proportionate to the number of
 88.31 qualifying system entities in each system.
 88.32 For purposes of this subdivision, "qualifying
 88.33 system entity" means a public library, a
 88.34 regional library system, a regional library
 88.35 system headquarters, a county, or an outreach

89.1 service program. These funds may be used
 89.2 to sponsor programs provided by regional
 89.3 libraries or to provide grants to local arts
 89.4 and cultural heritage programs for programs
 89.5 in partnership with regional libraries.
 89.6 These funds must be distributed in ten
 89.7 equal payments per year. Notwithstanding
 89.8 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the
 89.9 appropriations encumbered on or before
 89.10 June 30, 2017, as grants or contracts in this
 89.11 subdivision are available until June 30, 2019.

89.12 <u>Subd. 6. Department of Administration</u>	<u>12,398,000</u>	<u>8,785,000</u>
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89.13 (a) These amounts are appropriated to
 89.14 the commissioner of administration for
 89.15 grants to the named organizations for the
 89.16 purposes specified in this subdivision. The
 89.17 commissioner of administration may use a
 89.18 portion of this appropriation for costs that
 89.19 are directly related to and necessary to the
 89.20 administration of grants in this section.

89.21 (b) Grant agreements entered into by
 89.22 the commissioner and recipients of
 89.23 appropriations under this subdivision must
 89.24 ensure that money appropriated in this
 89.25 subdivision is used to supplement and not
 89.26 substitute for traditional sources of funding.

89.27 (c) **Veterans Rest Camp**
 89.28 \$113,000 the first year is for the Disabled
 89.29 Veterans Rest Camp Association for the
 89.30 veterans rest camp on Big Marine Lake for
 89.31 parks, trails, and recreation areas.

89.32 (d) **Minnesota Public Radio**
 89.33 \$1,600,000 each year is for Minnesota Public
 89.34 Radio to create programming and expand

90.1 news service on Minnesota's cultural heritage
 90.2 and history.

90.3 **(e) Association of Minnesota Public**
 90.4 **Educational Radio Stations**

90.5 \$1,600,000 each year is appropriated for a
 90.6 grant to the Association of Minnesota Public
 90.7 Educational Radio Stations for production
 90.8 and acquisition grants in accordance with
 90.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 129D.19.

90.10 **(f) Public Television**

90.11 \$3,700,000 the first year and \$3,700,000
 90.12 the second year are for grants to the
 90.13 Minnesota Public Television Association for
 90.14 production and acquisition grants according
 90.15 to Minnesota Statutes, section 129D.18.

90.16 **(g) Wilderness Inquiry**

90.17 \$200,000 each year is for grants to Wilderness
 90.18 Inquiry to preserve Minnesota's outdoor
 90.19 history, culture, and heritage by connecting
 90.20 Minnesota youth to natural resources.

90.21 **(h) Como Park Zoo**

90.22 \$1,000,000 each year is for the Como
 90.23 Park Zoo for program development that
 90.24 features education programs and habitat
 90.25 enhancement, special exhibits, music
 90.26 appreciation programs, and historical garden
 90.27 access and preservation.

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

90.29 \$600,000 each year is for arts, arts education,
 90.30 and arts access and to preserve Minnesota's
 90.31 history and cultural heritage, including
 90.32 student and teacher outreach and expansion
 90.33 of the museum's American Indian initiatives
 90.34 programs.

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

91.2 \$250,000 the first year is for development,
 91.3 preparation, and construction of an exhibit
 91.4 on the unsalted seas to preserve Minnesota's
 91.5 history and cultural heritage related to fresh
 91.6 water lakes.

91.7 **(k) Capitol Art Preservation**

91.8 \$3,250,000 the first year is for restoration
 91.9 and preservation of the fine art located in the
 91.10 State Capitol complex.

91.11 **(l) Lake Superior Zoo**

91.12 \$75,000 each year is for development of
 91.13 educational exhibits using animals and the
 91.14 environment.

91.15 **(m) Minnesota State Band**

91.16 \$10,000 each year is for a grant to the
 91.17 Minnesota State Band to promote and
 91.18 increase public performances across
 91.19 Minnesota.

91.20 **Subd. 7. Minnesota Zoo** 1,750,000 1,750,000

91.21 These amounts are appropriated to the
 91.22 Minnesota Zoological Board for programs
 91.23 and development of the Minnesota
 91.24 Zoological Garden and to provide access and
 91.25 education related to programs on the cultural
 91.26 heritage of Minnesota.

91.27 **Subd. 8. Minnesota Humanities Center** 2,465,000 2,075,000

91.28 (a) These amounts are appropriated to
 91.29 the Board of Directors of the Minnesota
 91.30 Humanities Center for the purposes
 91.31 specified in this subdivision. The Minnesota
 91.32 Humanities Center may use up to 4.5 percent
 91.33 of the following grants to cover the cost

92.1 of administering, planning, evaluating,
 92.2 and reporting these grants. The Minnesota
 92.3 Humanities Center must develop a written
 92.4 plan to issue the grants in this subdivision and
 92.5 shall submit the plan for review and approval
 92.6 by the Department of Administration. The
 92.7 written plan must require the Humanities
 92.8 Center to create and adhere to grant policies
 92.9 that are similar to those established pursuant
 92.10 to Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.97,
 92.11 subdivision (4), paragraph (a), clause (1).

92.12 No grants awarded in this subdivision may be
 92.13 used for travel outside the state of Minnesota.

92.14 The grant agreement must specify the
 92.15 repercussions for failing to comply with the
 92.16 grant agreement.

92.17 **(b) Programs and Purposes**

92.18 \$850,000 each year is for programs and
 92.19 purposes of the Minnesota Humanities
 92.20 Center. Of this amount, \$100,000 each year
 92.21 may be used for the veterans' voices program.

92.22 The Minnesota Humanities Center may
 92.23 consider museums and organizations
 92.24 celebrating the identities of Minnesotans for
 92.25 grants from these funds.

92.26 **(c) Heritage Grants Program**

92.27 \$300,000 the first year is for a competitive
 92.28 grants program to provide grants to preserve
 92.29 and promote the cultural heritage of
 92.30 Minnesota.

92.31 Of this amount, \$50,000 in the first year
 92.32 is for a grant to the city of St. Paul to
 92.33 plan and design a garden to commemorate
 92.34 unrepresented cultural gardens in Phalen

93.1 Park in the city of St. Paul and \$150,000 in
 93.2 the first year is for a grant to Ramsey County
 93.3 to develop and install activity facilities in
 93.4 Ramsey County parks for culturally relevant
 93.5 games that are reflective of the current
 93.6 demographics in Ramsey County.

93.7 The Minnesota Humanities Center shall
 93.8 operate a competitive grants program to
 93.9 provide grants for programs, including but
 93.10 not limited to: music, film, television, radio,
 93.11 recreation, or the design and use of public
 93.12 spaces that preserves and honors the cultural
 93.13 heritage of Minnesota. Grants made under
 93.14 this paragraph must not be used for travel
 93.15 costs inside or outside of the state.

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

93.17 \$950,000 each year is for arts and cultural
 93.18 heritage grants to children's museums.

93.19 Of this amount, \$500,000 each year is for the
 93.20 Minnesota Children's Museum, including the
 93.21 Minnesota Children's Museum in Rochester;
 93.22 \$150,000 each year is for the Duluth
 93.23 Children's Museum; \$150,000 each year is
 93.24 for the Grand Rapids Children's Museum;
 93.25 and \$150,000 each year is for the Southern
 93.26 Minnesota Children's Museum.

93.27 **(e) Civics Programs**

93.28 \$150,000 each year is for grants to the
 93.29 Minnesota Civic Education Coalition:
 93.30 Kids Voting St. Paul, the Learning Law
 93.31 and Democracy Foundation, and YMCA
 93.32 Youth in Government to conduct civics
 93.33 education programs for the civic and cultural
 93.34 development of Minnesota youth. Civics
 93.35 education is the study of constitutional

94.1 principles and the democratic foundation
 94.2 of our national, state, and local institutions
 94.3 and the study of political processes and
 94.4 structures of government, grounded in the
 94.5 understanding of constitutional government
 94.6 under the rule of law.

94.7 **(f) Ka Joog Fanka Program**

94.8 \$125,000 each year is for a grant to Ka
 94.9 Joog for the Fanka Program to provide
 94.10 arts education and workshops, mentor
 94.11 programs, and community engagement
 94.12 events throughout Minnesota.

94.13 **(g) Council on Disability**

94.14 \$90,000 the first year is for a grant to the
 94.15 Minnesota State Council on Disability to
 94.16 produce and broadcast programs to preserve
 94.17 Minnesota's disability history and culture.
 94.18 These funds are available until June 30, 2018.

94.19 **Subd. 9. Perpich Center for Arts Education** 600,000 800,000

94.20 (a) These amounts are appropriated to the
 94.21 Board of Directors of the Perpich Center
 94.22 for Arts Education for the program under
 94.23 paragraph (c).

94.24 (b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
 94.25 section 16A.28, the appropriations
 94.26 encumbered on or before June 30, 2017, are
 94.27 available until June 30, 2019.

94.28 **(c) Turnaround Arts Program**

94.29 \$600,000 the first year and \$800,000 the
 94.30 second year are for the Turnaround Arts
 94.31 program to assist schools and programs
 94.32 throughout the state.

94.33 **Subd. 10. Indian Affairs Council** 1,325,000 1,325,000

- 95.1 (a) \$990,000 each year is for the Indian
 95.2 Affairs Council to provide grants to preserve
 95.3 Dakota and Ojibwe Indian language and to
 95.4 foster education programs and immersion
 95.5 programs in Dakota and Ojibwe language.
- 95.6 (b) \$125,000 each year is to the Indian
 95.7 Affairs Council for a grant to the Niiganne
 95.8 Ojibwe Immersion School.
- 95.9 (c) \$125,000 each year is to the Indian
 95.10 Affairs Council for a grant to the Wicoie
 95.11 Nandagikendan Urban Immersion Project.
- 95.12 (d) \$10,000 each year is to the Indian Affairs
 95.13 Council for a Dakota and Ojibwe language
 95.14 working group coordinated by the Indian
 95.15 Affairs Council.
- 95.16 (e) \$75,000 each year is for the Indian
 95.17 Affairs Council to carry out responsibilities
 95.18 under Minnesota Statutes, section 307.08, to
 95.19 comply with Public Law 101-601, the Native
 95.20 American Graves Protection and Repatriation
 95.21 Act, and to develop an osteology laboratory
 95.22 and repository for American Indian human
 95.23 remains.
- 95.24 Subd. 11. **Disability Access**
- 95.25 Where appropriate, grant recipients
 95.26 of arts and cultural heritage funds, in
 95.27 consultation with the Council on Disability
 95.28 and other appropriate governor-appointed
 95.29 disability councils, boards, committees, and
 95.30 commissions, should make progress toward
 95.31 providing greater access to programs, print
 95.32 publications, and digital media for people
 95.33 with disabilities related to the programs the
 95.34 recipient funds using appropriations made in
 95.35 this section.

96.1 Sec. 3. Laws 2014, chapter 295, section 10, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

96.2	Subd. 12. St. Paul - Minnesota Children's	
96.3	Museum	7,485,000

96.4 For a grant to the city of St. Paul to predesign,
 96.5 design, construct, furnish, and equip an
 96.6 expansion and renovation of the Minnesota
 96.7 Children's Museum. The expansion and
 96.8 exhibit upgrades should incorporate the
 96.9 latest research on early learning, allow for
 96.10 new state-of-the art education facilities, and
 96.11 increase the capacity of visitors to galleries
 96.12 and programming areas. This appropriation
 96.13 is not available until the commissioner of
 96.14 management and budget has determined that
 96.15 at least ~~an equal amount~~ \$4,000,000 has been
 96.16 committed from nonstate sources. Amounts
 96.17 expended for this project by nonstate sources
 96.18 since October 1, 2010, shall count toward the
 96.19 nonstate match.

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

96.21 Sec. 4. Laws 2014, chapter 295, section 12, is amended to read:

96.22	Sec. 12. MINNESOTA HISTORICAL	
96.23	SOCIETY	\$ 1,400,000

96.24 To the Minnesota Historical Society to be
 96.25 allocated to county and local jurisdictions
 96.26 as matching money for historic preservation
 96.27 projects of a capital nature, as provided
 96.28 in Minnesota Statutes, section 138.0525.
 96.29 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
 96.30 138.0525, of this amount: (1) \$50,000 is for a
 96.31 grant to the Fulda Heritage Society to expand
 96.32 the display areas for historic materials;
 96.33 (2) \$250,000 is for a grant to the Gunflint
 96.34 Trail Historical Society to complete phase

97.1 two of the Chik-Wauk Museum and Nature
 97.2 Center. Work within the National Register of
 97.3 Historic Places property shall be approved
 97.4 by the Minnesota Historical Society; and (3)
 97.5 up to \$250,000 is for a grant to the Hibbing
 97.6 School District to plan, design, and engineer
 97.7 the preservation and reconstruction of the
 97.8 historic Hibbing High School Auditorium.

97.9 **ARTICLE 5**

97.10 **GENERAL PROVISIONS; ALL LEGACY FUNDS**

97.11 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 16B.24, is amended by adding a
 97.12 subdivision to read:

97.13 Subd. 12. **State band.** The commissioner must provide free rehearsal and storage
 97.14 space in the same building in the Capitol Area to an entity known as the Minnesota
 97.15 State Band, which is a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal
 97.16 Revenue Code.

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

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

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

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

97.29 (c) A state agency or other recipient of a direct appropriation from the parks and
 97.30 trails fund must compile and submit all information for funded projects or programs,
 97.31 including the proposed measurable outcomes and all other items required under section
 97.32 3.303, subdivision 10, to the Legislative Coordinating Commission as soon as practicable
 97.33 or by January 15 of the applicable fiscal year, whichever comes first. The Legislative

98.1 Coordinating Commission must post submitted information on the Web site required
98.2 under section 3.303, subdivision 10, as soon as it becomes available.

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

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

98.9 (f) When practicable, a direct recipient of an appropriation from the parks and
98.10 trails fund shall prominently display on the recipient's Web site home page the legacy
98.11 logo required under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 5, section 10, as amended by Laws
98.12 2010, chapter 361, article 3, section 5, accompanied by the phrase "Click here for more
98.13 information." When a person clicks on the legacy logo image, the Web site must direct
98.14 the person to a Web page that includes both the contact information that a person may
98.15 use to obtain additional information, as well as a link to the Legislative Coordinating
98.16 Commission Web site required under section 3.303, subdivision 10.

98.17 (g) Future eligibility for money from the parks and trails fund is contingent upon a
98.18 state agency or other recipient satisfying all applicable requirements in this section, as
98.19 well as any additional requirements contained in applicable session law. If the Office of
98.20 the Legislative Auditor, in the course of an audit or investigation, publicly reports that a
98.21 recipient of money from the parks and trails fund has not complied with the laws, rules, or
98.22 regulations in this section or other laws applicable to the recipient, the recipient must be
98.23 listed in an annual report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the legacy
98.24 funds. The list must be publicly available. The legislative auditor shall remove a recipient
98.25 from the list upon determination that the recipient is in compliance. A recipient on the
98.26 list is not eligible for future funding from the parks and trails fund until the recipient
98.27 demonstrates compliance to the legislative auditor.

98.28 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97A.056, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

98.29 Subd. 11. **Recipient requirements.** (a) A state agency or other recipient of a direct
98.30 appropriation from the outdoor heritage fund must compile and submit all information
98.31 for funded projects or programs, including the proposed measurable outcomes and all
98.32 other items required under section 3.303, subdivision 10, to the Legislative Coordinating
98.33 Commission as soon as practicable or by January 15 of the applicable fiscal year, whichever
98.34 comes first. The Legislative Coordinating Commission must post submitted information on
98.35 the Web site required under section 3.303, subdivision 10, as soon as it becomes available.

99.1 (b) When practicable, a direct recipient of an appropriation from the outdoor
 99.2 heritage fund shall prominently display on the recipient's Web site home page the legacy
 99.3 logo required under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 5, section 10, as amended by Laws
 99.4 2010, chapter 361, article 3, section 5, accompanied by the phrase "Click here for more
 99.5 information." When a person clicks on the legacy logo image, the Web site must direct
 99.6 the person to a Web page that includes both the contact information that a person may
 99.7 use to obtain additional information, as well as a link to the Legislative Coordinating
 99.8 Commission Web site required under section 3.303, subdivision 10.

99.9 (c) Future eligibility for money from the outdoor heritage fund is contingent upon a
 99.10 state agency or other recipient satisfying all applicable requirements in this section, as
 99.11 well as any additional requirements contained in applicable session law. If the Office of
 99.12 the Legislative Auditor, in the course of an audit or investigation, publicly reports that a
 99.13 recipient of money from the outdoor heritage fund has not complied with the laws, rules,
 99.14 or regulations in this section or other laws applicable to the recipient, the recipient must be
 99.15 listed in an annual report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the legacy
 99.16 funds. The list must be publicly available. The legislative auditor shall remove a recipient
 99.17 from the list upon determination that the recipient is in compliance. A recipient on the
 99.18 list is not eligible for future funding from the outdoor heritage fund until the recipient
 99.19 demonstrates compliance to the legislative auditor.

99.20 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 114D.50, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

99.21 Subd. 4. **Expenditures; accountability.** (a) A project receiving funding from the
 99.22 clean water fund must meet or exceed the constitutional requirements to protect, enhance,
 99.23 and restore water quality in lakes, rivers, and streams and to protect groundwater and
 99.24 drinking water from degradation. Priority may be given to projects that meet more than
 99.25 one of these requirements. A project receiving funding from the clean water fund shall
 99.26 include measurable outcomes, as defined in section 3.303, subdivision 10, and a plan for
 99.27 measuring and evaluating the results. A project must be consistent with current science
 99.28 and incorporate state-of-the-art technology.

99.29 (b) Money from the clean water fund shall be expended to balance the benefits
 99.30 across all regions and residents of the state.

99.31 (c) A state agency or other recipient of a direct appropriation from the clean
 99.32 water fund must compile and submit all information for proposed and funded projects
 99.33 or programs, including the proposed measurable outcomes and all other items required
 99.34 under section 3.303, subdivision 10, to the Legislative Coordinating Commission as soon
 99.35 as practicable or by January 15 of the applicable fiscal year, whichever comes first. The

100.1 Legislative Coordinating Commission must post submitted information on the Web site
100.2 required under section 3.303, subdivision 10, as soon as it becomes available. Information
100.3 classified as not public under section 13D.05, subdivision 3, paragraph (d), is not required
100.4 to be placed on the Web site.

100.5 (d) Grants funded by the clean water fund must be implemented according to section
100.6 16B.98 and must account for all expenditures. Proposals must specify a process for any
100.7 regranting envisioned. Priority for grant proposals must be given to proposals involving
100.8 grants that will be competitively awarded.

100.9 (e) Money from the clean water fund may only be spent on projects that benefit
100.10 Minnesota waters.

100.11 (f) When practicable, a direct recipient of an appropriation from the clean water fund
100.12 shall prominently display on the recipient's Web site home page the legacy logo required
100.13 under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 5, section 10, as amended by Laws 2010, chapter
100.14 361, article 3, section 5, accompanied by the phrase "Click here for more information."
100.15 When a person clicks on the legacy logo image, the Web site must direct the person to
100.16 a Web page that includes both the contact information that a person may use to obtain
100.17 additional information, as well as a link to the Legislative Coordinating Commission Web
100.18 site required under section 3.303, subdivision 10.

100.19 (g) Future eligibility for money from the clean water fund is contingent upon a
100.20 state agency or other recipient satisfying all applicable requirements in this section, as
100.21 well as any additional requirements contained in applicable session law. If the Office of
100.22 the Legislative Auditor, in the course of an audit or investigation, publicly reports that a
100.23 recipient of money from the clean water fund has not complied with the laws, rules, or
100.24 regulations in this section or other laws applicable to the recipient, the recipient must be
100.25 listed in an annual report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the legacy
100.26 funds. The list must be publicly available. The legislative auditor shall remove a recipient
100.27 from the list upon determination that the recipient is in compliance. A recipient on the list
100.28 is not eligible for future funding from the clean water fund until the recipient demonstrates
100.29 compliance to the legislative auditor.

100.30 (h) Money from the clean water fund may be used to leverage federal funds through
100.31 execution of formal project partnership agreements with federal agencies consistent with
100.32 respective federal agency partnership agreement requirements.

100.33 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 129D.17, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

100.34 Subd. 2. **Expenditures; accountability.** (a) Funding from the arts and cultural
100.35 heritage fund may be spent only for arts, arts education, and arts access, and to preserve

101.1 Minnesota's history and cultural heritage. A project or program receiving funding from
101.2 the arts and cultural heritage fund must include measurable outcomes, and a plan for
101.3 measuring and evaluating the results. A project or program must be consistent with current
101.4 scholarship, or best practices, when appropriate and must incorporate state-of-the-art
101.5 technology when appropriate.

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

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

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

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

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

101.25 (g) When practicable, a direct recipient of an appropriation from the arts and cultural
101.26 heritage fund shall prominently display on the recipient's Web site home page the legacy
101.27 logo required under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 5, section 10, as amended by Laws
101.28 2010, chapter 361, article 3, section 5, accompanied by the phrase "Click here for more
101.29 information." When a person clicks on the legacy logo image, the Web site must direct
101.30 the person to a Web page that includes both the contact information that a person may
101.31 use to obtain additional information, as well as a link to the Legislative Coordinating
101.32 Commission Web site required under section 3.303, subdivision 10.

101.33 (h) Future eligibility for money from the arts and cultural heritage fund is contingent
101.34 upon a state agency or other recipient satisfying all applicable requirements in this section,
101.35 as well as any additional requirements contained in applicable session law. If the Office of
101.36 the Legislative Auditor, in the course of an audit or investigation, publicly reports that a

102.1 recipient of money from the arts and cultural heritage fund has not complied with the laws,
102.2 rules, or regulations in this section or other laws applicable to the recipient, the recipient
102.3 must be listed in an annual report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the
102.4 legacy funds. The list must be publicly available. The legislative auditor shall remove a
102.5 recipient from the list upon determination that the recipient is in compliance. A recipient
102.6 on the list is not eligible for future funding from the arts and cultural heritage fund until
102.7 the recipient demonstrates compliance to the legislative auditor.

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