

1.1 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON H. F. No. 303

1.2 A bill for an act
1.3 relating to state government; appropriating money from the outdoor heritage
1.4 fund, clean water fund, parks and trails fund, and arts and cultural heritage
1.5 fund; establishing policy on milkweed; modifying provisions of Lessard-Sams
1.6 Outdoor Heritage Council and Clean Water Council; modifying Water Law;
1.7 modifying use of legacy funds; modifying previous appropriations; modifying
1.8 certain grant eligibility; requiring a report; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014,
1.9 sections 16B.24, by adding a subdivision; 85.53, subdivision 2; 97A.056,
1.10 subdivisions 2, 8, 11, by adding subdivisions; 103A.206; 103B.101, by adding
1.11 a subdivision; 103C.101, by adding a subdivision; 103C.401, subdivision 1;
1.12 103C.501, subdivision 5; 114D.30, subdivision 2; 114D.50, subdivision 4;
1.13 129D.17, subdivision 2; Laws 2012, chapter 264, article 1, section 2, subdivision
1.14 5; Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 2, section 6; article 3, section 4; Laws 2014,
1.15 chapter 256, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5; Laws 2014, chapter 295, section
1.16 10, subdivision 12; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters
1.17 84; 103B.

1.18 May 17, 2015
1.19 The Honorable Kurt L. Daudt
1.20 Speaker of the House of Representatives

1.21 The Honorable Sandra L. Pappas
1.22 President of the Senate

1.23 We, the undersigned conferees for H. F. No. 303 report that we have agreed upon the
1.24 items in dispute and recommend as follows:

1.25 That the Senate recede from its amendments and that H. F. No. 303 be further
1.26 amended as follows:

1.27 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.28 "ARTICLE 1

1.29 **OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND**

1.30 Section 1. **OUTDOOR HERITAGE APPROPRIATION.**

1.31 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the
1.32 agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the
1.33 outdoor heritage fund for the fiscal year indicated for each purpose. The figures "2016"

2.1 and "2017" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under the figure are
 2.2 available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017, respectively. The
 2.3 "first year" is fiscal year 2016. The "second year" is fiscal year 2017. The "biennium" is
 2.4 fiscal years 2016 and 2017, respectively. The appropriations in this article are onetime.

APPROPRIATIONS
Available for the Year
Ending June 30
2016 2017

2.9 **Sec. 2. OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND**

2.10 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** \$ **97,198,000** \$ **607,000**

2.11 This appropriation is from the outdoor
 2.12 heritage fund. The amounts that may be
 2.13 spent for each purpose are specified in the
 2.14 following subdivisions.

2.15 **Subd. 2. Prairies** 40,948,000 -0-

2.16 **(a) DNR Wildlife Management Area and**
 2.17 **Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition - Phase**
 2.18 **VII**

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

3.1 **(b) Accelerating Wildlife Management Area**
3.2 **Acquisition - Phase VII**

3.3 \$7,452,000 in the first year is to the
3.4 commissioner of natural resources for an
3.5 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire
3.6 land in fee for wildlife management area
3.7 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
3.8 86A.05, subdivision 8. Subject to evaluation
3.9 criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,
3.10 priority must be given to acquisition of
3.11 lands that are eligible for the native prairie
3.12 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section
3.13 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native
3.14 prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions
3.15 must be provided as part of the required
3.16 accomplishment plan.

3.17 **(c) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project - Phase**
3.18 **VI**

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

4.1 must be provided as part of the required
4.2 accomplishment plan and must be consistent
4.3 with the priorities identified in the Minnesota
4.4 Prairie Conservation Plan.

4.5 **(d) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National**
4.6 **Wildlife Refuge Land Acquisition - Phase V**

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

4.27 **(e) Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection**
4.28 **- Phase IV**

4.29 \$3,740,000 in the first year is to the
4.30 commissioner of natural resources
4.31 to implement the Minnesota Prairie
4.32 Conservation Plan through the acquisition
4.33 of permanent conservation easements to
4.34 protect native prairie and grasslands. Up
4.35 to \$165,000 is for establishing monitoring
4.36 and enforcement funds as approved in

5.1 the accomplishment plan and subject to
5.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
5.3 subdivision 17. Subject to evaluation criteria
5.4 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
5.5 must be given to acquisition of lands that
5.6 are eligible for the native prairie bank under
5.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
5.8 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of
5.9 permanent conservation easements must be
5.10 provided as part of the final report.

5.11 **(f) Minnesota Buffers for Wildlife and Water**
5.12 **- Phase V**

5.13 \$4,544,000 in the first year is to the Board
5.14 of Water and Soil Resources to acquire
5.15 permanent conservation easements to protect
5.16 and enhance habitat by expanding the clean
5.17 water fund riparian buffer program for at
5.18 least equal wildlife benefits from buffers
5.19 on private land. Up to \$72,500 is for
5.20 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
5.21 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
5.22 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
5.23 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
5.24 conservation easements must be provided as
5.25 part of the final report.

5.26 **(g) Cannon River Headwaters Habitat**
5.27 **Complex - Phase V**

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

6.1 are eligible for the native prairie bank under
6.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
6.3 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of
6.4 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
6.5 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

6.6 **(h) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the**
6.7 **Southern Red River Valley**

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

6.22 **(i) Protecting and Restoring Minnesota's**
6.23 **Important Bird Areas**

6.24 \$1,730,000 in the first year is to the
6.25 commissioner of natural resources for
6.26 agreements to acquire conservation
6.27 easements within important bird areas
6.28 identified in the Minnesota Prairie
6.29 Conservation Plan, to be used as follows:
6.30 \$408,000 is to Audubon Minnesota and
6.31 \$1,322,000 is to Minnesota Land Trust, of
6.32 which up to \$100,000 is for establishing
6.33 monitoring and enforcement funds as
6.34 approved in the accomplishment plan and
6.35 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
6.36 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent

7.1 conservation easements must be provided as
7.2 part of the final report.

7.3 **(j) Wild Rice River Corridor Habitat**
7.4 **Restoration**

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

7.14 **(k) Accelerated Prairie Restoration and**
7.15 **Enhancement on DNR Lands - Phase VII**

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

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

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

7.33 Subd. 3. Forests

12,634,000

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

8.1 \$1,500,000 in the first year is to the
8.2 Board of Water and Soil Resources in
8.3 cooperation with the Morrison County Soil
8.4 and Water Conservation District to acquire
8.5 permanent conservation easements within
8.6 the boundaries of the Minnesota National
8.7 Guard Compatible Use Buffer to protect
8.8 forest wildlife habitat. Up to \$55,000 is for
8.9 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
8.10 fund, as approved in the accomplishment
8.11 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
8.12 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of
8.13 permanent conservation easements must be
8.14 provided as part of the final report.

8.15 **(b) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**
8.16 **Restoration - Phase III**

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

8.31 **(c) Protecting Pinelands Sands Aquifer**
8.32 **Forestlands - Phase II**

8.33 \$2,180,000 in the first year is to the
8.34 commissioner of natural resources to
8.35 acquire forest lands in Cass and Wadena
8.36 Counties for wildlife management purposes

9.1 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
9.2 subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee
9.3 for state forests under Minnesota Statutes,
9.4 section 86A.05, subdivision 7. A list of
9.5 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
9.6 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

9.7 **(d) Protect Key Forest Lands in Cass County**
9.8 **- Phase VI**

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

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

9.17 **(e) Critical Shoreland Protection Program -**
9.18 **Phase III**

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

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

9.33 \$3,002,000 in the first year is to the
9.34 commissioner of natural resources to
9.35 acquire lands in fee and for permanent

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

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

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

10.19 **Subd. 4. Wetlands** 20,390,000 -0-

10.20 **(a) Accelerating the Waterfowl Production**
10.21 **Area Acquisition - Phase VII**

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

10.31 **(b) Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection**
10.32 **Program - Phase IV**

10.33 \$9,040,000 in the first year is to the
10.34 commissioner of natural resources for an
10.35 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire

11.1 land in fee for wildlife management purposes
11.2 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
11.3 subdivision 8. A list of proposed acquisitions
11.4 must be provided as part of the required
11.5 accomplishment plan.

11.6 **(c) Wild Rice Shoreland Protection Program**
11.7 **- Phase IV**

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

11.27 **(d) Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetlands**
11.28 **Enhancement - Phase VII**

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

11.35 **Subd. 5. Habitats**

22,368,000

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

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

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

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

13.1 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
13.2 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of
13.3 proposed land acquisitions and permanent
13.4 conservation easements must be provided as
13.5 part of the required accomplishment plan.

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

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

13.18 **(d) Lake Bemidji South Shore Restoration and**
13.19 **Enhancement**

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

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

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

14.1 **(f) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**
14.2 **Restoration Program - Phase IV**

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

14.12 **(g) Lake Nokomis Integrated Habitat**
14.13 **Enhancement**

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

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

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

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

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

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

16.24 **(a) Contract Management**

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

17.1 Outdoor Heritage Council's approval of the
17.2 accomplishment plan.

17.3 **(b) Legislative Coordinating Commission**

17.4 \$608,000 in the first year and \$607,000
17.5 in the second year are to the Legislative
17.6 Coordinating Commission for administrative
17.7 expenses of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
17.8 Heritage Council and for compensation and
17.9 expense reimbursement of council members.

17.10 This appropriation is available until June 30,
17.11 2017. Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.281,
17.12 applies to this appropriation.

17.13 **(c) Technical Evaluation Panel**

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

17.19 **(d) Land Acquisition Report**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18.28 The Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
18.29 must submit the report to the Legislative
18.30 Coordinating Commission, and the chairs
18.31 and ranking minority members of the house
18.32 of representatives and senate committees
18.33 and divisions with jurisdiction over the
18.34 environment and natural resources, the

19.1 outdoor heritage fund, and finance and the
19.2 house of representatives Committee on Ways
19.3 and Means by January 15, 2016. The report
19.4 must be posted on the Web site required
19.5 under Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303,
19.6 subdivision 10.

19.7 **Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation**

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

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

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

20.1 for fee title acquisition of land may be used to
20.2 restore, enhance, and provide for public use
20.3 of the land acquired with the appropriation.
20.4 Public use facilities must have a minimal
20.5 impact on habitat in acquired lands.

20.6 **Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital**
20.7 **Equipment Expenditures**

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

21.1 support future management of acquired
21.2 lands, or match a federal share. The
21.3 advances must be approved as part of the
21.4 accomplishment plan. Capital equipment
21.5 expenditures for specific items in excess of
21.6 \$10,000 must be itemized in and approved as
21.7 part of the accomplishment plan.

21.8 Subd. 9. **Mapping**

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

21.24 Subd. 10. **Disability Access**

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

22.1 Subd. 11. **Monarch Butterfly Habitat**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22.29 Subd. 20. **Donations.** A recipient shall not accept a monetary donation or payment
22.30 from an owner of land that is acquired in fee in whole or in part with an appropriation from
22.31 the outdoor heritage fund that exceeds the documented expenses that are directly related
22.32 to and necessary for activities specified in the accomplishment plan approved by the

23.1 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council, unless expressly approved by the Lessard-Sams
23.2 Outdoor Heritage Council in the accomplishment plan. This subdivision does not apply to
23.3 donations that are not connected with the acquisition transaction or bargain sales, as defined
23.4 by Code of Federal Regulations, title 26, section 1.1011-2, provided that the purchase
23.5 price reimbursed by the state does not exceed the purchase price paid by the recipient.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24.1 enforcement fund established, including
24.2 expenditures from the fund and a description
24.3 of annual monitoring and enforcement
24.4 activities.

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

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

24.33 **(c) Dakota County Riparian and Lakeshore**
24.34 **Protection and Management - Phase III**

25.1 \$480,000 in the second year is to the
25.2 commissioner of natural resources for an
25.3 agreement with Dakota County to acquire
25.4 permanent conservation easements and
25.5 restore and enhance habitats along the
25.6 Mississippi, Cannon, and Vermillion Rivers.
25.7 A list of proposed acquisitions, restorations,
25.8 and enhancements must be provided as
25.9 part of the required accomplishment plan.
25.10 The accomplishment plan must include
25.11 an easement stewardship plan. Up to
25.12 \$20,000 is for establishing a monitoring
25.13 and enforcement fund as approved in
25.14 the accomplishment plan and subject to
25.15 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
25.16 subdivision 17. An annual financial report is
25.17 required for any monitoring and enforcement
25.18 fund established, including expenditures
25.19 from the fund and a description of annual
25.20 monitoring and enforcement activities.

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

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

25.27 **(e) Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement -**
25.28 **Phase IV**

25.29 \$2,120,000 in the second year is to the
25.30 commissioner of natural resources for an
25.31 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited
25.32 to restore and enhance coldwater fish lake,
25.33 river, and stream habitats in Minnesota. A list
25.34 of proposed restorations and enhancements

26.1 must be provided as part of the required
26.2 accomplishment plan.

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

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

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

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

26.24 **(h) Protect Aquatic Habitat from Asian**
26.25 **Invasive Carp**

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

27.1 **(i) Outdoor Heritage Conservation Partners**
27.2 **Grant Program - Phase IV**

27.3 \$4,990,000 in the second year is to the
27.4 commissioner of natural resources for a
27.5 program to provide competitive, matching
27.6 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,
27.7 state, and national organizations for
27.8 enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests,
27.9 wetlands, prairies, and habitat for fish, game,
27.10 or wildlife in Minnesota. Grants shall not be
27.11 made for activities required to fulfill the duties
27.12 of owners of lands subject to conservation
27.13 easements. Grants shall not be made from
27.14 appropriations in this paragraph for projects
27.15 that have a total project cost exceeding
27.16 \$575,000. \$366,000 of this appropriation
27.17 may be spent for personnel costs and other
27.18 direct and necessary administrative costs.
27.19 Grantees may acquire land or interests in
27.20 land. Easements must be permanent. Land
27.21 acquired in fee must be open to hunting
27.22 and fishing during the open season unless
27.23 otherwise provided by state law. The
27.24 program shall require a match of at least ten
27.25 percent from nonstate sources for all grants.
27.26 The match may be cash or in-kind resources.
27.27 For grant applications of \$25,000 or less,
27.28 the commissioner shall provide a separate,
27.29 simplified application process. Subject to
27.30 Minnesota Statutes, the commissioner of
27.31 natural resources shall, when evaluating
27.32 projects of equal value, give priority to
27.33 organizations that have a history of receiving
27.34 or charter to receive private contributions
27.35 for local conservation or habitat projects. If
27.36 acquiring land or a conservation easement,

28.1 priority shall be given to projects associated
28.2 with existing wildlife management areas
28.3 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
28.4 subdivision 8; scientific and natural areas
28.5 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 84.033
28.6 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; and aquatic
28.7 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,
28.8 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02.
28.9 All restoration or enhancement projects
28.10 must be on land permanently protected by a
28.11 conservation easement or public ownership
28.12 or in public waters as defined in Minnesota
28.13 Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision
28.14 15. Priority shall be given to restoration
28.15 and enhancement projects on public lands.
28.16 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
28.17 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded
28.18 under this paragraph. This appropriation is
28.19 available until June 30, 2016. No less than
28.20 five percent of the amount of each grant
28.21 must be held back from reimbursement until
28.22 the grant recipient has completed a grant
28.23 accomplishment report by the deadline and
28.24 in the form prescribed by and satisfactory to
28.25 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
28.26 The commissioner shall provide notice of
28.27 the grant program in the game and fish law
28.28 summaries that are prepared under Minnesota
28.29 Statutes, section 97A.051, subdivision 2.

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

28.31 **Subd. 10. Appropriations Carryforward; Fee**
28.32 **Title Acquisition**

28.33 The availability of the appropriation for
28.34 the following project is extended to ~~July~~
28.35 September 1, 2015: Laws 2010, chapter

29.1 361, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5,
29.2 paragraph (h), Washington County St. Croix
29.3 River Land Protection, and the appropriation
29.4 may be spent on acquisition of land in fee
29.5 title to protect habitat associated with the
29.6 St. Croix River Valley. A list of proposed
29.7 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
29.8 accomplishment plan.

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

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

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

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

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

29.28 **(b) Fisheries Habitat Protection on**
29.29 **Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes**

29.30 \$2,130,000 in the second year is to the
29.31 commissioner of natural resources for
29.32 agreements with the Leech Lake Area
29.33 Watershed Foundation and Minnesota Land

30.1 Trust to acquire land in fee and permanent
30.2 conservation easements to sustain healthy
30.3 fish habitat on lakes in Aitkin, Cass, Crow
30.4 Wing, and Hubbard Counties as follows:
30.5 \$1,150,300 to Leech Lake Area Watershed
30.6 Foundation; and \$979,700 to Minnesota
30.7 Land Trust, of which up to \$120,000 to
30.8 Minnesota Land Trust is for establishing
30.9 a monitoring and enforcement fund as
30.10 approved in the accomplishment plan and
30.11 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
30.12 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
30.13 land acquisitions must be provided as part of
30.14 the required accomplishment plan.

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

30.16 **- Phase V**

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

31.1 be provided as part of the required
31.2 accomplishment plan.

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

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

31.31 **(e) Mustinka River Fish and Wildlife**
31.32 **Habitat Corridor Rehabilitation**

31.33 \$2,440,000 in the second year is to the
31.34 commissioner of natural resources for
31.35 an agreement with the Bois de Sioux

32.1 Watershed District to acquire land in fee
32.2 and to restore natural systems associated
32.3 with the Mustinka River located within the
32.4 Bois de Sioux Watershed. Lands acquired
32.5 with this appropriation may not be used for
32.6 emergency haying and grazing in response
32.7 to federal or state disaster declarations.
32.8 Conservation grazing under a management
32.9 plan that is already being implemented may
32.10 continue. A list of proposed land acquisitions
32.11 must be provided as part of the required
32.12 accomplishment plan.

32.13 **(f) Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater**
32.14 **Fish Habitat Enhancement and**
32.15 **Restoration - Phase VI**

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

32.25 **(g) St. Louis River Restoration Initiative -**
32.26 **Phase II**

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

32.34 **(h) Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation -**
32.35 **Phase II**

33.1 \$1,410,000 in the second year is to the
33.2 commissioner of natural resources for an
33.3 agreement with the Lake Superior Steelhead
33.4 Association to enhance trout habitat in the
33.5 Knife River watershed. A list of proposed
33.6 enhancements must be provided as part of
33.7 the required accomplishment plan.

33.8 **(i) Restoration and Enhancement of**
33.9 **Washington County Public Lands**

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

33.19 **(j) Wirth Park Enhancements**

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

33.29 **(k) Evaluate Effectiveness of Aquatic**
33.30 **Invasive Species Prevention Strategies**

33.31 \$4,040,000 in the second year is to the
33.32 commissioner of natural resources for an
33.33 agreement with the Central Minnesota
33.34 Initiative Fund to develop a series of pilot

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

34.20 **(l) Albert Lea Lake Management and**
34.21 **Invasive Species Control Structure -**
34.22 **Supplement**

34.23 \$700,000 in the second year is added to
34.24 the appropriation contained in Laws 2013,
34.25 chapter 137, article 1, section 2, subdivision
34.26 5, paragraph (h), to the commissioner of
34.27 natural resources for an agreement with
34.28 the Shell Rock River Watershed District to
34.29 construct structural deterrents and lake level
34.30 controls.

34.31 **(m) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**
34.32 **Program - Phase VI**

34.33 \$4,550,000 in the second year is to the
34.34 commissioner of natural resources for a
34.35 program to provide competitive, matching

35.1 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,
35.2 state, and national organizations for
35.3 enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests,
35.4 wetlands, prairies, or habitat for fish, game,
35.5 or wildlife in Minnesota. Grants shall not
35.6 be made for activities required to fulfill
35.7 the duties of owners of lands subject to
35.8 conservation easements. Grants shall not
35.9 be made from the appropriation in this
35.10 paragraph for projects that have a total
35.11 project cost exceeding \$575,000. Of this
35.12 appropriation, ~~\$460,000~~ \$265,000 may be
35.13 spent for personnel costs and other direct and
35.14 necessary administrative costs. Grantees may
35.15 acquire land or interests in land. Easements
35.16 must be permanent. Grants may not be used
35.17 to establish easement stewardship accounts.
35.18 Land acquired in fee must be open to hunting
35.19 and fishing during the open season unless
35.20 otherwise provided by law. Lands acquired
35.21 or lands with easements acquired with this
35.22 appropriation may not be used for emergency
35.23 haying and grazing in response to federal
35.24 or state disaster declarations. Conservation
35.25 grazing under a management plan that is
35.26 already being implemented may continue.
35.27 The program shall require a match of at
35.28 least ten percent from nonstate sources
35.29 for all grants. The match may be cash or
35.30 in-kind resources. For grant applications
35.31 of \$25,000 or less, the commissioner shall
35.32 provide a separate, simplified application
35.33 process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the
35.34 commissioner of natural resources shall,
35.35 when evaluating projects of equal value,
35.36 give priority to organizations that have a

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

37.1 **(n) Conservation Partners Legacy Metro**
37.2 **Grant Program**

37.3 \$4,000,000 in the second year is to the
37.4 commissioner of natural resources for a
37.5 program to provide competitive, matching
37.6 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,
37.7 state, and national organizations for
37.8 enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests,
37.9 wetlands, prairies, or habitat for fish, game,
37.10 or wildlife in the seven-county metropolitan
37.11 area and cities with a population of 50,000
37.12 or greater. Grants shall not be made for
37.13 activities required to fulfill the duties of
37.14 owners of lands subject to conservation
37.15 easements. Grants shall not be made from the
37.16 appropriation in this paragraph for projects
37.17 that have a total project cost exceeding
37.18 \$575,000. Of this appropriation, ~~\$70,000~~
37.19 \$250,000 may be spent for personnel costs
37.20 and other direct and necessary administrative
37.21 costs. Grantees may acquire land or interests
37.22 in land. Easements must be permanent.
37.23 Grants may not be used to establish easement
37.24 stewardship accounts. Land acquired in fee
37.25 must be open to hunting and fishing during
37.26 the open season unless otherwise provided
37.27 by law. Lands acquired or lands with
37.28 easements acquired with this appropriation
37.29 may not be used for emergency haying and
37.30 grazing in response to federal or state disaster
37.31 declarations. Conservation grazing under
37.32 a management plan that is already being
37.33 implemented may continue. The program
37.34 shall require a match of at least ten percent
37.35 from nonstate sources for all grants. The
37.36 match may be cash or in-kind resources.

38.1 For grant applications of \$25,000 or less,
38.2 the commissioner shall provide a separate,
38.3 simplified application process. Subject to
38.4 Minnesota Statutes, the commissioner of
38.5 natural resources shall, when evaluating
38.6 projects of equal value, give priority to
38.7 organizations that have a history of receiving
38.8 or charter to receive private contributions
38.9 for local conservation or habitat projects. If
38.10 acquiring land or a conservation easement,
38.11 priority shall be given to projects associated
38.12 with or within one mile of existing wildlife
38.13 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,
38.14 section 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific
38.15 and natural areas under Minnesota Statutes,
38.16 sections 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision
38.17 5; or aquatic management areas under
38.18 Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05,
38.19 subdivision 14, and 97C.02. All restoration
38.20 or enhancement projects must be on land
38.21 permanently protected by a permanent
38.22 covenant ensuring perpetual maintenance
38.23 and protection of restored and enhanced
38.24 habitat, by a conservation easement, or
38.25 by public ownership or in public waters
38.26 as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section
38.27 103G.005, subdivision 15. Priority shall
38.28 be given to restoration and enhancement
38.29 projects on public lands. Minnesota Statutes,
38.30 section 97A.056, subdivision 13, applies
38.31 to grants awarded under this paragraph.
38.32 This appropriation is available until June
38.33 30, 2018. No less than five percent of the
38.34 amount of each grant must be held back from
38.35 reimbursement until the grant recipient has
38.36 completed a grant accomplishment report by

39.1 the deadline and in the form prescribed by
39.2 and satisfactory to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
39.3 Heritage Council. The commissioner shall
39.4 provide notice of the grant program in
39.5 the game and fish law summary prepared
39.6 under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.051,
39.7 subdivision 2.

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

39.9 Sec. 10. **PAYMENT-IN-LIEU OF TAX ALTERNATIVES;**
39.10 **RECOMMENDATIONS.**

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

39.22 **ARTICLE 2**

39.23 **CLEAN WATER FUND**

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

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

41.1 and digital media for people with disabilities
41.2 related to the programs the recipient funds
41.3 using appropriations made in this article.

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

41.5 (a) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the
41.6 second year are to increase monitoring for
41.7 pesticides and pesticide degradates in surface
41.8 water and groundwater and to use data
41.9 collected to assess pesticide use practices.

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

41.25 (c) \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the
41.26 second year are for administering clean water
41.27 funds managed through the agriculture best
41.28 management practices loan program. Any
41.29 unencumbered balance at the end of the
41.30 second year shall be added to the corpus of
41.31 the loan fund.

41.32 (d) \$1,125,000 the first year and \$1,125,000
41.33 the second year are for technical assistance,
41.34 research, and demonstration projects on

42.1 proper implementation of best management
42.2 practices and more precise information on
42.3 nonpoint contributions to impaired waters.
42.4 This appropriation is available until June 30,
42.5 2020.

42.6 (e) \$788,000 the first year and \$787,000 the
42.7 second year are for research to quantify and
42.8 reduce agricultural contributions to impaired
42.9 waters and for development and evaluation
42.10 of best management practices to protect and
42.11 restore water resources. This appropriation
42.12 is available until June 30, 2020.

42.13 (f) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the
42.14 second year are for a research inventory
42.15 database containing water-related research
42.16 activities. Costs for information technology
42.17 development or support for this research
42.18 inventory database may be paid to the Office
42.19 of MN.IT Services. This appropriation is
42.20 available until June 30, 2018.

42.21 (g) \$2,500,000 the first year is to implement
42.22 the Minnesota agricultural water quality
42.23 certification program statewide. The
42.24 commissioner of agriculture shall consult
42.25 with the United States Department of
42.26 Agriculture to determine whether other
42.27 state spending would qualify as a match for
42.28 the agricultural water quality certification
42.29 program funds available from the federal
42.30 government. By January 1, 2016, the
42.31 commissioner shall submit a report on
42.32 funding recommendations to the Clean Water
42.33 Council and the chairs and ranking minority
42.34 members of the house of representatives
42.35 and senate committees and divisions with

43.1 jurisdiction over agriculture, the environment
43.2 and natural resources, and the clean water
43.3 fund. Funds appropriated in this article
43.4 are available until June 30, 2016, and the
43.5 commissioner may request additional funding
43.6 for this program for fiscal year 2017. This
43.7 appropriation is available until June 30, 2020.

43.8 (h) \$110,000 the first year and \$110,000 the
43.9 second year are to provide funding for a
43.10 regional irrigation water quality specialist
43.11 through University of Minnesota Extension.

43.12 (i) \$1,000,000 the first year is for grants
43.13 to the Board of Regents of the University
43.14 of Minnesota to fund the Forever Green
43.15 Agriculture Initiative and to protect the
43.16 state's natural resources while increasing
43.17 the efficiency, profitability, and productivity
43.18 of Minnesota farmers by incorporating
43.19 perennial and winter-annual crops into
43.20 existing agricultural practices.

43.21 (j) A portion of the funds in this section may
43.22 be used for programs to train state and local
43.23 outreach staff in the intersection between
43.24 agricultural economics and agricultural
43.25 conservation.

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

43.27 (a) \$9,000,000 the first year and \$9,000,000
43.28 the second year are for the point source
43.29 implementation grants program under
43.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.073. This
43.31 appropriation is available until June 30, 2020.

43.32 (b) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000
43.33 the second year are for small community
43.34 wastewater treatment grants and loans under

44.1 Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.075. This
44.2 appropriation is available until June 30, 2020.

44.3 (c) If there are any uncommitted funds at
44.4 the end of each fiscal year under paragraph
44.5 (a) or (b), the Public Facilities Authority
44.6 may transfer the remaining funds to eligible
44.7 projects under any of the programs listed
44.8 in this section based on their priority rank
44.9 on the Pollution Control Agency's project
44.10 priority list.

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

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

44.32 (b) \$9,795,000 the first year and \$9,795,000
44.33 the second year are to develop watershed
44.34 restoration and protection strategies

45.1 (WRAPS), which include total maximum
45.2 daily load (TMDL) studies and TMDL
45.3 implementation plans for waters listed on
45.4 the Unites States Environmental Protection
45.5 Agency approved impaired waters list in
45.6 accordance with Minnesota Statutes, chapter
45.7 114D. The agency shall complete an average
45.8 of ten percent of the TMDLs each year over
45.9 the biennium.

45.10 (c) \$1,182,000 the first year and \$1,181,000
45.11 the second year are for groundwater
45.12 assessment, including enhancing the
45.13 ambient monitoring network, modeling, and
45.14 evaluating trends, including the reassessment
45.15 of groundwater that was assessed ten to 15
45.16 years ago and found to be contaminated.

45.17 (d) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
45.18 second year are for implementation of the
45.19 St. Louis River System Area of Concern
45.20 Remedial Action Plan. This appropriation
45.21 must be matched at a rate of 65 percent
45.22 nonstate money to 35 percent state money.

45.23 (e) \$275,000 the first year and \$275,000 the
45.24 second year are for storm water research and
45.25 guidance.

45.26 (f) \$1,150,000 the first year and \$1,150,000
45.27 the second year are for TMDL research and
45.28 database development.

45.29 (g) \$900,000 the first year and \$900,000
45.30 the second year are for national pollutant
45.31 discharge elimination system wastewater and
45.32 storm water TMDL implementation efforts.

45.33 (h) \$3,623,000 the first year and \$3,622,000
45.34 the second year are for enhancing the

46.1 county-level delivery systems for subsurface
46.2 sewage treatment system (SSTS) activities
46.3 necessary to implement Minnesota Statutes,
46.4 sections 115.55 and 115.56, for protection
46.5 of groundwater, including base grants
46.6 for all counties with SSTS programs and
46.7 competitive grants to counties with specific
46.8 plans to significantly reduce water pollution
46.9 by reducing the number of systems that
46.10 are an imminent threat to public health or
46.11 safety or are otherwise failing. Counties that
46.12 receive base grants must report the number
46.13 of sewage noncompliant properties upgraded
46.14 through SSTS replacement, connection
46.15 to a centralized sewer system, or other
46.16 means, including property abandonment
46.17 or buy-out. Counties also must report
46.18 the number of existing SSTS compliance
46.19 inspections conducted in areas under county
46.20 jurisdiction. These required reports are to
46.21 be part of established annual reporting for
46.22 SSTS programs. Counties that conduct SSTS
46.23 inventories or those with an ordinance in
46.24 place that requires an SSTS to be inspected
46.25 as a condition of transferring property or as a
46.26 condition of obtaining a local permit must be
46.27 given priority for competitive grants under
46.28 this paragraph. Of this amount, \$750,000
46.29 each year is available to counties for grants to
46.30 low-income landowners to address systems
46.31 that pose an imminent threat to public health
46.32 or safety or fail to protect groundwater. A
46.33 grant awarded under this paragraph may not
46.34 exceed \$500,000 for the biennium. A county
46.35 receiving a grant under this paragraph must
46.36 submit a report to the agency listing the

- 47.1 projects funded, including an account of the
47.2 expenditures.
- 47.3 (i) \$275,000 the first year and \$275,000
47.4 the second year are for a storm water
47.5 best management practice performance
47.6 evaluation and technology transfer program
47.7 to enhance data and information management
47.8 of storm water best management practices;
47.9 evaluate best management performance
47.10 and effectiveness to support meeting total
47.11 maximum daily loads; develop standards
47.12 and incorporate state of the art guidance
47.13 using minimal impact design standards as
47.14 the model; and implement a knowledge
47.15 and technology transfer system across
47.16 local government, industry, and regulatory
47.17 sectors for pass-through to the University of
47.18 Minnesota. This appropriation is available
47.19 until June 30, 2018.
- 47.20 (j) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the
47.21 second year are to support activities of the
47.22 Clean Water Council according to Minnesota
47.23 Statutes, section 114D.30, subdivision 1.
- 47.24 (k) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
47.25 the second year are for a grant program for
47.26 sanitary sewer projects that are included in
47.27 the draft or any updated Voyageurs National
47.28 Park Clean Water Project Comprehensive
47.29 Plan to restore the water quality of waters
47.30 within Voyageurs National Park. Grants must
47.31 be awarded to local government units for
47.32 projects approved by the Voyageurs National
47.33 Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board and
47.34 must be matched by at least 25 percent from
47.35 sources other than the clean water fund.

48.1 (l) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
48.2 section 16A.28, the appropriations in this
48.3 section encumbered on or before June 30,
48.4 2017, as grants or contracts are available
48.5 until June 30, 2020.

48.6 **Sec. 6. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**
48.7 **RESOURCES**

\$ **9,000,000** **\$** **9,000,000**

48.8 (a) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000
48.9 the second year are for stream flow
48.10 monitoring.

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

48.14 (c) \$135,000 the first year and \$135,000
48.15 the second year are for assessing mercury
48.16 and other contaminants of fish, including
48.17 monitoring to track the status of impaired
48.18 waters over time.

48.19 (d) \$1,940,000 the first year and \$1,940,000
48.20 the second year are for developing targeted,
48.21 science-based watershed restoration and
48.22 protection strategies.

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

48.26 (f) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
48.27 the second year are for technical assistance
48.28 to support local implementation of nonpoint
48.29 source restoration and protection activities.

48.30 (g) \$675,000 the first year and \$675,000 the
48.31 second year are for applied research and tools,
48.32 including watershed hydrologic modeling;
48.33 maintaining and updating spatial data for

49.1 watershed boundaries, streams, and water
49.2 bodies and integrating high-resolution digital
49.3 elevation data; assessing effectiveness of
49.4 forestry best management practices for water
49.5 quality; and developing a biomonitoring
49.6 database.

49.7 (h) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000
49.8 the second year are for developing county
49.9 geologic atlases.

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

49.21 **Sec. 7. BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL**
49.22 **RESOURCES**

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

49.23 (a) \$4,875,000 the first year and \$4,875,000
49.24 the second year are for grants to local
49.25 government units organized for the
49.26 management of water in a watershed or
49.27 subwatershed that have multiyear plans
49.28 that will result in a significant reduction in
49.29 water pollution in a selected subwatershed.
49.30 The grants may be used for establishment
49.31 of riparian buffers; practices to store
49.32 water for natural treatment and infiltration,
49.33 including rain gardens; capturing storm
49.34 water for reuse; stream bank, shoreland, and
49.35 ravine stabilization; enforcement activities;

50.1 and implementation of best management
50.2 practices for feedlots within riparian areas
50.3 and other practices demonstrated to be
50.4 most effective in protecting, enhancing, and
50.5 restoring water quality in lakes, rivers, and
50.6 streams and protecting groundwater from
50.7 degradation. Grant recipients must identify
50.8 a nonstate match and may use other legacy
50.9 funds to supplement projects funded under
50.10 this paragraph. Grants awarded under this
50.11 paragraph are available for four years and
50.12 priority must be given to the best designed
50.13 plans each year.

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

51.1 (c) \$6,000,000 the first year and \$6,000,000
51.2 the second year are for targeted local
51.3 resource protection and enhancement grants
51.4 and statewide program enhancements for
51.5 technical assistance, citizen and community
51.6 outreach, and training and certification, as
51.7 well as projects, practices, and programs that
51.8 supplement or otherwise exceed current state
51.9 standards for protection, enhancement, and
51.10 restoration of water quality in lakes, rivers,
51.11 and streams or that protect groundwater from
51.12 degradation, including compliance.

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

51.27 (e) \$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,500,000
51.28 the second year are for grants to local units
51.29 of government to enhance compliance
51.30 with riparian buffer or alternate practice
51.31 requirements.

51.32 (f) \$4,875,000 the first year and \$4,875,000
51.33 the second year are to restore or preserve
51.34 permanent conservation on riparian buffers
51.35 adjacent to lakes, rivers, streams, and

52.1 tributaries, to keep water on the land in order
52.2 to decrease sediment, pollutant, and nutrient
52.3 transport; reduce hydrologic impacts to
52.4 surface waters; and increase infiltration for
52.5 groundwater recharge. This appropriation
52.6 may be used for restoration of riparian
52.7 buffers permanently protected by easements
52.8 purchased with this appropriation or contracts
52.9 to achieve permanent protection for riparian
52.10 buffers or stream bank restorations when the
52.11 riparian buffers have been restored. Up to
52.12 \$344,000 is for deposit in a monitoring and
52.13 enforcement account.

52.14 (g) \$1,750,000 the first year and \$1,750,000
52.15 the second year are for permanent
52.16 conservation easements on wellhead
52.17 protection areas under Minnesota Statutes,
52.18 section 103F.515, subdivision 2, paragraph
52.19 (d), or for grants to local units of government
52.20 for fee title acquisition to permanently
52.21 protect groundwater supply sources on
52.22 wellhead protection areas or for otherwise
52.23 assuring long-term protection of groundwater
52.24 supply sources as described under alternative
52.25 management tools in the Department
52.26 of Agriculture's Nitrogen Fertilizer
52.27 Management Plan, including low nitrogen
52.28 cropping systems or implementing nitrogen
52.29 fertilizer best management practices. Priority
52.30 must be placed on land that is located where
52.31 the vulnerability of the drinking water supply
52.32 is designated as high or very high by the
52.33 commissioner of health, where drinking
52.34 water protection plans have identified
52.35 specific activities that will achieve long-term
52.36 protection, and on lands with expiring

- 53.1 Conservation Reserve Program contracts.
- 53.2 Up to \$52,500 is for deposit in a monitoring
- 53.3 and enforcement account.
- 53.4 (h) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000
- 53.5 the second year are for community partner
- 53.6 grants to local units of government for:
- 53.7 (1) structural or vegetative management
- 53.8 practices that reduce storm water runoff
- 53.9 from developed or disturbed lands to reduce
- 53.10 the movement of sediment, nutrients, and
- 53.11 pollutants for restoration, protection, or
- 53.12 enhancement of water quality in lakes, rivers,
- 53.13 and streams and to protect groundwater
- 53.14 and drinking water; and (2) installation
- 53.15 of proven and effective water retention
- 53.16 practices including, but not limited to, rain
- 53.17 gardens and other vegetated infiltration
- 53.18 basins and sediment control basins in order
- 53.19 to keep water on the land. The projects must
- 53.20 be of long-lasting public benefit, include a
- 53.21 local match, and be consistent with TMDL
- 53.22 implementation plans, watershed restoration
- 53.23 and protection strategies (WRAPS), or local
- 53.24 water management plans or their equivalents.
- 53.25 Local government unit costs may be used as
- 53.26 a match.
- 53.27 (i) \$84,000 the first year and \$84,000 the
- 53.28 second year are for a technical evaluation
- 53.29 panel to conduct ten restoration evaluations
- 53.30 under Minnesota Statutes, section 114D.50,
- 53.31 subdivision 6.
- 53.32 (j) \$2,100,000 the first year and \$2,100,000
- 53.33 the second year are for assistance, oversight,
- 53.34 and grants to local governments to transition
- 53.35 local water management plans to a watershed

- 54.1 approach as provided for in Minnesota
54.2 Statutes, chapters 103B, 103C, 103D, and
54.3 114D.
- 54.4 (k) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000
54.5 the second year are for technical assistance
54.6 and grants for the conservation drainage
54.7 program in consultation with the Drainage
54.8 Work Group, coordinated under Minnesota
54.9 Statutes, section 103B.101, subdivision
54.10 13, that includes projects to improve
54.11 multipurpose water management under
54.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 103E.015.
- 54.13 (l) \$9,000,000 the first year and \$9,000,000
54.14 the second year are to purchase and restore
54.15 permanent conservation sites via easements
54.16 or contracts to treat and store water on the
54.17 land for water quality improvement purposes
54.18 and related technical assistance. This work
54.19 may be done in cooperation with the United
54.20 States Department of Agriculture with a first
54.21 priority use to accomplish a conservation
54.22 reserve enhancement program, or equivalent,
54.23 in the state. Up to \$1,285,000 is for deposit
54.24 in a monitoring and enforcement account.
- 54.25 (m) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
54.26 the second year are to purchase permanent
54.27 conservation easements to protect lands
54.28 adjacent to public waters with good water
54.29 quality but threatened with degradation. Up
54.30 to \$190,000 is for deposit in a monitoring
54.31 and enforcement account.
- 54.32 (n) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000
54.33 the second year are for a program to
54.34 systematically collect data and produce
54.35 county, watershed, and statewide estimates

55.1 of soil erosion caused by water and wind
55.2 along with tracking adoption of conservation
55.3 measures to address erosion.

55.4 (o) \$11,000,000 the first year and
55.5 \$11,000,000 the second year are for
55.6 payments to soil and water conservation
55.7 districts for the purposes of Minnesota
55.8 Statutes, sections 103C.321 and 103C.331.
55.9 From this appropriation, each soil and water
55.10 conservation district shall receive an increase
55.11 in its base funding of \$100,000 per year.
55.12 Money remaining after the base increase
55.13 is available for matching grants to soil and
55.14 water conservation districts based on county
55.15 allocations to soil and water conservation
55.16 districts. The board and other agencies may
55.17 reduce the amount of grants to a county by an
55.18 amount equal to any reduction in the county's
55.19 allocation to a soil and water conservation
55.20 district from the county's previous-year
55.21 allocation when the board determines that
55.22 the reduction was disproportionate. The
55.23 second-year appropriation cancels if new
55.24 buffer requirements are not enacted in 2015.

55.25 (p) \$520,000 the first year is for a grant
55.26 to Washington County for a water quality
55.27 improvement project that will improve water
55.28 quality and restore an essential backwater
55.29 aquatic area by reconnecting Grey Cloud
55.30 Slough to the main channel of the Mississippi
55.31 River Area. This appropriation is not
55.32 available until at least an equal amount is
55.33 committed from nonstate sources.

55.34 (q) The Board of Water and Soil
55.35 Resources must consider the inclusion

56.1 of environmentally suitable annuals the
56.2 next time the board establishes or revises
56.3 vegetation establishment and enhancement
56.4 guidelines for the purposes of riparian
56.5 buffers.

56.6 (r) The board shall contract for delivery of
56.7 services with Conservation Corps Minnesota
56.8 for restoration, maintenance, and other
56.9 activities under this section for up to
56.10 \$500,000 the first year and up to \$500,000
56.11 the second year.

56.12 (s) The board may shift grant or cost-share
56.13 funds in this section and may adjust the
56.14 technical and administrative assistance
56.15 portion of the funds to leverage federal or
56.16 other nonstate funds or to address oversight
56.17 responsibilities or high-priority needs
56.18 identified in local water management plans.

56.19 (t) The board shall require grantees to specify
56.20 the outcomes that will be achieved by the
56.21 grants prior to any grant awards.

56.22 (u) The appropriations in this section are
56.23 available until June 30, 2020. Returned grant
56.24 funds are available until expended and shall
56.25 be regranted consistent with the purposes of
56.26 this section.

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

56.28 (a) \$1,100,000 the first year and \$1,100,000
56.29 the second year are for addressing public
56.30 health concerns related to contaminants
56.31 found in Minnesota drinking water for which
56.32 no health-based drinking water standards
56.33 exist, including accelerating the development
56.34 of health risk limits and improving the

57.1 capacity of the department's laboratory to
57.2 analyze unregulated contaminants. The
57.3 commissioner shall contract with the Board
57.4 of Regents of the University of Minnesota
57.5 to provide an independent review of the
57.6 department's drinking water contaminants
57.7 of emerging concern program. The review
57.8 must include an assessment of the process
57.9 used by the department to rank contaminants
57.10 that are threats to drinking water supplies
57.11 and include a comparison of efforts at the
57.12 department with efforts by other states and
57.13 the United States Environmental Protection
57.14 Agency. The review must be submitted to
57.15 the Clean Water Council and the chairs and
57.16 ranking minority members of the house of
57.17 representatives and senate committees and
57.18 divisions with jurisdiction over environment
57.19 and natural resources by June 1, 2016.

57.20 (b) \$1,900,000 the first year and \$1,900,000
57.21 the second year are for protection of drinking
57.22 water sources.

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

57.27 (d) \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000
57.28 the second year are to develop and deliver
57.29 groundwater restoration and protection
57.30 strategies for use on a watershed scale for use
57.31 in local water planning efforts and to provide
57.32 resources to local governments for drinking
57.33 water source protection activities.

57.34 (e) \$325,000 the first year and \$325,000 the
57.35 second year are for studying the occurrence

58.1 and magnitude of contaminants in private
58.2 wells and developing guidance to ensure
58.3 that new well placement minimizes the
58.4 potential for risks, in cooperation with the
58.5 commissioner of agriculture.

58.6 (f) \$275,000 the first year and \$75,000
58.7 the second year are for development
58.8 and implementation of a groundwater
58.9 virus monitoring plan, including an
58.10 epidemiological study to determine the
58.11 association between groundwater virus
58.12 concentration and community illness rates.

58.13 (g) \$175,000 the first year and \$175,000 the
58.14 second year are to prepare a comprehensive
58.15 study of and recommendations for regulatory
58.16 and nonregulatory approaches to water reuse
58.17 for use in the development of state policy for
58.18 water reuse in Minnesota.

58.19 (h) Unless otherwise specified, the
58.20 appropriations in this section are available
58.21 until June 30, 2019.

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

58.23 (a) \$975,000 the first year and \$975,000
58.24 the second year are to implement projects
58.25 that address emerging drinking water supply
58.26 threats, provide cost-effective regional
58.27 solutions, leverage interjurisdictional
58.28 coordination, support local implementation
58.29 of water supply reliability projects, and
58.30 prevent degradation of groundwater
58.31 resources in the metropolitan area. These
58.32 projects will provide to communities:

- 59.1 (1) potential solutions to leverage regional
59.2 water use through utilization of surface water,
59.3 storm water, wastewater, and groundwater;
- 59.4 (2) an analysis of infrastructure requirements
59.5 for different alternatives;
- 59.6 (3) development of planning level cost
59.7 estimates, including capital cost and
59.8 operation cost;
- 59.9 (4) identification of funding mechanisms
59.10 and an equitable cost-sharing structure
59.11 for regionally beneficial water supply
59.12 development projects; and
- 59.13 (5) development of subregional groundwater
59.14 models.
- 59.15 (b) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000
59.16 the second year are for the water demand
59.17 reduction grant program to encourage
59.18 implementation of water demand reduction
59.19 measures by municipalities in the
59.20 metropolitan area to ensure the reliability and
59.21 protection of drinking water supplies.

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

59.23 **103A.206 SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION POLICY.**

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

- 60.1 (1) control or prevent erosion, sedimentation, siltation, and related pollution in
60.2 order to preserve natural resources;
- 60.3 (2) ensure continued soil health, as defined under section 103C.101, subdivision
60.4 10a, and soil productivity;
- 60.5 (3) protect water quality;
- 60.6 (4) prevent impairment of dams and reservoirs;
- 60.7 (5) reduce damages caused by floods;
- 60.8 (6) preserve wildlife;
- 60.9 (7) protect the tax base; and
- 60.10 (8) protect public lands and waters.

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

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

60.19 Sec. 12. **[103B.801] COMPREHENSIVE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT**
60.20 **PLANNING PROGRAM.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

61.18 (3) requirements for consistency with state agency-adopted water and natural
61.19 resources-related plans and documents required by chapters 103A, 103B, 103C, 103D,
61.20 103E, 103F, 103G, and 114D; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 62.1 (iii) restoration, protection, and improvement of surface water and groundwater
62.2 quality;
- 62.3 (iv) establishment of more uniform local policies and official controls for surface
62.4 water and groundwater management;
- 62.5 (v) identification of priority areas for wetland enhancement, restoration, and
62.6 establishment;
- 62.7 (vi) identification of priority areas for riparian zone management and buffers;
62.8 (vii) prevention of erosion and soil transport into surface water systems;
62.9 (viii) promotion of groundwater recharge;
- 62.10 (ix) protection and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat and water recreational
62.11 facilities; and
- 62.12 (x) securing other benefits associated with the proper management of surface water
62.13 and groundwater;
- 62.14 (3) a targeted implementation schedule describing at a minimum the actions,
62.15 locations, timeline, estimated costs, method of measurement, and identification of roles
62.16 and responsible government units;
- 62.17 (4) a description of implementation programs, including how the implementation
62.18 schedule will be achieved and how the plan will be administered and coordinated between
62.19 local water management responsibilities; and
- 62.20 (5) a land and water resource inventory.
- 62.21 Subd. 5. **Timelines; administration.** (a) The board shall develop and adopt, by
62.22 June 30, 2016, a transition plan for development, approval, adoption, and coordination
62.23 of plans consistent with section 103A.212. The transition plan must include a goal of
62.24 completing statewide transition to comprehensive watershed management plans by 2025.
62.25 The metropolitan area may be considered for inclusion in the transition plan.
- 62.26 (b) The board may use the authority under section 103B.3369, subdivision 9, to
62.27 support development or implementation of a comprehensive watershed management
62.28 plan under this section.
- 62.29 Subd. 6. **Authority.** Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, the authorities
62.30 granted to local government through chapters 103B, 103C, and 103D are retained when
62.31 a comprehensive watershed management plan is adopted as a substitute for a watershed
62.32 management plan required under section 103B.231, a county groundwater plan authorized
62.33 under section 103B.255, a county water plan authorized under section 103B.311, a
62.34 comprehensive plan authorized under section 103C.331, or a watershed management plan
62.35 required under section 103D.401 or 103D.405.

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

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

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

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

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

63.13 (2) keep the district boards of the state informed of the activities and experience of
63.14 other districts and facilitate cooperation and an interchange of advice and experience
63.15 among the districts;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

65.2 Subd. 2. **Membership; appointment.** (a) The commissioners of natural resources,
65.3 agriculture, health, and the Pollution Control Agency, ~~and~~ the executive director of the
65.4 Board of Water and Soil Resources, the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota,
65.5 and the Metropolitan Council shall each appoint one person from their respective ~~agency~~
65.6 entity to serve as a nonvoting member of the council. Two members of the house of
65.7 representatives, including one member from the majority party and one member from the
65.8 minority party, appointed by the speaker and two senators, including one member from
65.9 the majority party and one member from the minority party, appointed according to the
65.10 rules of the senate shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority as nonvoting
65.11 members of the council. ~~Agency and legislative~~ Members appointed under this paragraph
65.12 serve as nonvoting members of the council.

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

65.15 (1) two members representing statewide farm organizations;

65.16 (2) two members representing business organizations;

65.17 (3) two members representing environmental organizations;

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

65.19 (5) one member representing watershed districts;

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

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

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

65.26 ~~(9) one member representing the Metropolitan Council established under section~~
65.27 ~~473.123;~~

65.28 ~~(10)~~ (9) one member representing township officers;

65.29 ~~(11)~~ (10) one member representing the interests of tribal governments;

65.30 ~~(12)~~ (11) one member representing statewide hunting organizations; and

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

65.33 ~~(14)~~ (12) one member representing statewide fishing organizations.

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

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

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

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

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

66.6 (a) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000
 66.7 the second year are for stream flow
 66.8 monitoring, including the installation of
 66.9 additional monitoring gauges, and monitoring
 66.10 necessary to determine the relationship
 66.11 between stream flow and groundwater.

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

66.15 (c) \$135,000 the first year and \$135,000
 66.16 the second year are for assessing mercury
 66.17 contamination and other contaminants of
 66.18 fish, including monitoring to track the status
 66.19 of waters impaired by mercury and mercury
 66.20 reduction efforts over time.

66.21 (d) \$1,850,000 the first year and \$1,850,000
 66.22 the second year are for developing targeted,
 66.23 science-based watershed restoration and
 66.24 protection strategies, including regional
 66.25 technical assistance for TMDL plans and
 66.26 development of a watershed assessment tool,
 66.27 in cooperation with the commissioner of the
 66.28 Pollution Control Agency. By January 15,
 66.29 2016, the commissioner shall submit a report
 66.30 to the chairs and ranking minority members
 66.31 of the senate and house of representatives
 66.32 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
 66.33 over environment and natural resources
 66.34 policy and finance providing the outcomes

- 67.1 to lakes, rivers, streams, and groundwater
67.2 achieved with this appropriation and
67.3 recommendations.
- 67.4 (e) \$1,375,000 the first year and \$1,375,000
67.5 the second year are for water supply planning,
67.6 aquifer protection, and monitoring activities.
- 67.7 (f) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
67.8 the second year are for technical assistance
67.9 to support local implementation of nonpoint
67.10 source restoration and protection activities,
67.11 including water quality protection in forested
67.12 watersheds.
- 67.13 (g) \$675,000 the first year and \$675,000
67.14 the second year are for applied research
67.15 and tools, including watershed hydrologic
67.16 modeling; maintaining and updating spatial
67.17 data for watershed boundaries, streams, and
67.18 water bodies and integrating high-resolution
67.19 digital elevation data; assessing effectiveness
67.20 of forestry best management practices for
67.21 water quality; and developing an ecological
67.22 monitoring database.
- 67.23 (h) \$615,000 the first year and \$615,000
67.24 the second year are for developing county
67.25 geologic atlases.
- 67.26 (i) \$85,000 the first year is to develop design
67.27 standards and best management practices
67.28 for public water access sites to maintain and
67.29 improve water quality by avoiding shoreline
67.30 erosion and runoff.
- 67.31 (j) \$3,000,000 the first year is for beginning
67.32 to develop and designate groundwater
67.33 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,
67.34 section 103G.287, subdivision 4. The

68.1 commissioner, in consultation with the
68.2 commissioners of the Pollution Control
68.3 Agency, health, and agriculture, shall
68.4 establish a uniform statewide hydrogeologic
68.5 mapping system that will include designated
68.6 groundwater management areas. The
68.7 mapping system must include wellhead
68.8 protection areas, special well construction
68.9 areas, groundwater provinces, groundwater
68.10 recharge areas, and other designated or
68.11 geographical areas related to groundwater.
68.12 This mapping system shall be used to
68.13 implement all groundwater-related laws
68.14 and for reporting and evaluations. This
68.15 appropriation is available until June 30, 2017.

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

69.1 ~~(1) requires new sewage treatment systems~~
69.2 ~~to be set back at least 100 feet from the~~
69.3 ~~ordinary high water level for recreational~~
69.4 ~~development shorelands and 75 feet for~~
69.5 ~~general development lake shorelands;~~

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

69.10 ~~(3) requires mitigation when any variance to~~
69.11 ~~standards designed to protect lakes, rivers,~~
69.12 ~~and streams is granted;~~

69.13 ~~(4) requires best management practices to be~~
69.14 ~~used to control storm water and sediment as~~
69.15 ~~part of a land alteration;~~

69.16 ~~(5) includes other criteria developed by the~~
69.17 ~~commissioner; and~~

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

69.19 ~~An ordinance that does not exceed all the~~
69.20 ~~standards in clauses (1) to (5) is considered~~
69.21 ~~to meet the requirement if the commissioner~~
69.22 ~~determines that the ordinance provides~~
69.23 ~~significantly greater protection for both~~
69.24 ~~waters and shoreland than those standards.~~

69.25 ~~The commissioner of natural resources~~
69.26 ~~may develop additional criteria for the~~
69.27 ~~grants awarded under this paragraph. In~~
69.28 ~~developing the criteria, the commissioner~~
69.29 ~~shall consider the proposed changes to~~
69.30 ~~the department's shoreland rules discussed~~
69.31 ~~during the rulemaking process authorized~~
69.32 ~~under Laws 2007, chapter 57, article 1,~~
69.33 ~~section 4, subdivision 3. This appropriation~~
69.34 ~~is available until spent.~~

70.1 ~~(j)~~ (k) \$100,000 the first year is for the
70.2 commissioner of natural resources for
70.3 rulemaking under Minnesota Statutes,
70.4 section 116G.15, subdivision 7.

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

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

70.7 The remaining balance of the appropriation in Laws 2011, First Special Session
70.8 chapter 6, article 2, section 6, paragraph (g), to the commissioner of natural resources
70.9 for shoreland stewardship, TMDL implementation coordination, providing technical
70.10 assistance, and maintaining and updating data may be used for stream flow and
70.11 groundwater monitoring, including the installation of additional monitoring gauges, and
70.12 monitoring necessary to determine the relationship between stream flow and groundwater,
70.13 and is available until June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

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

70.15 (a) The unspent balance of the appropriation to the Public Facilities Authority for
70.16 the clean water legacy phosphorus reduction grant program under Minnesota Statutes
70.17 2012, section 446A.074, in Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 2, section 3, paragraph (b), is
70.18 canceled.

70.19 (b) The unspent balance of the appropriation to the Public Facilities Authority for
70.20 the clean water legacy phosphorus reduction grant program under Minnesota Statutes
70.21 2012, section 446A.074, in Laws 2011, First Special Session chapter 6, article 2, section 4,
70.22 paragraph (b), is canceled.

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

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

70.26 **ARTICLE 3**

70.27 **PARKS AND TRAILS FUND**

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

70.29 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the
70.30 agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the
70.31 parks and trails fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The
70.32 figures "2016" and "2017" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under
70.33 them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, or June 30, 2017, respectively.

71.1 "The first year" is fiscal year 2016. "The second year" is fiscal year 2017. "The biennium"
 71.2 is fiscal years 2016 and 2017. All appropriations in this article are onetime.

71.3		<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
71.4		<u>Available for the Year</u>	
71.5		<u>Ending June 30</u>	
71.6		<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>

71.7 **Sec. 2. PARKS AND TRAILS**

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

71.12 **Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation**

71.13 Money appropriated in this article may
 71.14 not be spent on activities unless they are
 71.15 directly related to and necessary for a
 71.16 specific appropriation. Money appropriated
 71.17 in this article must be spent in accordance
 71.18 with Minnesota Management and Budget's
 71.19 Guidance to Agencies on Legacy Fund
 71.20 Expenditure. Notwithstanding Minnesota
 71.21 Statutes, section 16A.28, and unless
 71.22 otherwise specified in this article, fiscal year
 71.23 2016 appropriations are available until June
 71.24 30, 2018, and fiscal year 2017 appropriations
 71.25 are available until June 30, 2019. If a project
 71.26 receives federal funds, the time period of
 71.27 the appropriation is extended to equal the
 71.28 availability of federal funding.

71.29 **Subd. 3. Disability Access**

71.30 Where appropriate, grant recipients of parks
 71.31 and trails funds, in consultation with the
 71.32 Council on Disability and other appropriate
 71.33 governor-appointed disability councils,
 71.34 boards, committees, and commissions,

73.1 up to \$400,000 for a grant to the city of
73.2 La Crescent to design, engineer, acquire
73.3 right-of-way, and construct a segment of the
73.4 Wagon Wheel Trail. Grants funded under
73.5 this paragraph must support parks and trails
73.6 of regional or statewide significance that
73.7 meet the applicable definitions and criteria
73.8 for regional parks and trails contained
73.9 in the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks
73.10 and Trails Strategic Plan adopted by the
73.11 Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and
73.12 Trails Commission on April 22, 2015. Grant
73.13 recipients identified under this paragraph
73.14 must submit a grant application to the
73.15 commissioner of natural resources. Up to
73.16 2.5 percent of the appropriation may be used
73.17 by the commissioner for the actual cost of
73.18 issuing and monitoring the grants for the
73.19 commission. Of the amount appropriated,
73.20 \$356,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$362,000 in
73.21 fiscal year 2017 are for the Greater Minnesota
73.22 Regional Parks and Trails Commission to
73.23 carry out its duties under Minnesota Statutes,
73.24 section 85.536, including the continued
73.25 development of a statewide system plan
73.26 for regional parks and trails outside the
73.27 seven-county metropolitan area.

73.28 (c) By January 15, 2016, the Greater
73.29 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails
73.30 Commission shall submit a list of projects,
73.31 ranked in priority order, that contains the
73.32 commission's recommendations for funding
73.33 from the parks and trails fund for fiscal year
73.34 2017 to the chairs and ranking minority
73.35 members of the house of representatives
73.36 and senate committees and divisions with

- 74.1 jurisdiction over the environment and natural
74.2 resources and the parks and trails fund.
- 74.3 (d) By January 15, 2016, the Greater
74.4 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails
74.5 Commission shall submit a report that
74.6 contains the commission's criteria for
74.7 funding from the parks and trails fund,
74.8 including the criteria used to determine if a
74.9 park or trail is of regional significance, to
74.10 the chairs and ranking minority members
74.11 of the house of representatives and senate
74.12 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
74.13 over the environment and natural resources
74.14 and the parks and trails fund.
- 74.15 (e) \$536,000 the first year and \$555,000 the
74.16 second year are for coordination and projects
74.17 between the department, the Metropolitan
74.18 Council, and the Greater Minnesota Regional
74.19 Parks and Trails Commission; enhanced
74.20 Web-based information for park and trail
74.21 users; and support of activities of the Parks
74.22 and Trails Legacy Advisory Committee. Of
74.23 this amount, \$260,000 the first year shall
74.24 be used for a grant to the University of
74.25 Minnesota Center for Changing Landscapes
74.26 to complete a legacy tracking project and
74.27 to implement a survey on use patterns, user
74.28 needs, and perceptions related to parks and
74.29 trails in Minnesota. The tracking project and
74.30 survey work must be done in collaboration
74.31 with the Department of Natural Resources,
74.32 Metropolitan Council, and Greater Minnesota
74.33 Regional Parks and Trails Commission.
- 74.34 (f) The commissioner shall contract for
74.35 services with Conservation Corps Minnesota

75.1 for restoration, maintenance, and other
75.2 activities under this section for at least
75.3 \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the
75.4 second year.

75.5 (g) The implementing agencies receiving
75.6 appropriations under this section shall
75.7 give consideration to contracting with
75.8 Conservation Corps Minnesota for
75.9 restoration, maintenance, and other activities.

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

75.11 (a) \$17,237,000 the first year and
75.12 \$18,067,000 the second year are for
75.13 distribution according to Minnesota Statutes,
75.14 section 85.53, subdivision 3.

75.15 (b) Money appropriated under this section
75.16 and distributed to implementing agencies
75.17 must be used to fund the list of recommended
75.18 projects in the report submitted pursuant to
75.19 Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 3, section
75.20 4, paragraph (o). Projects funded by the
75.21 money appropriated under this section must
75.22 be substantially consistent with the project
75.23 descriptions and dollar amounts in the report.
75.24 Any funds remaining after completion of
75.25 the listed projects may be spent by the
75.26 implementing agencies on projects to support
75.27 parks and trails.

75.28 (c) Grant agreements entered into by the
75.29 Metropolitan Council and recipients of
75.30 money appropriated under this section must
75.31 ensure that the funds are used to supplement
75.32 and not substitute for traditional sources of
75.33 funding.

- 77.1 (6) trail reconstruction under East River
- 77.2 Road on the Rice Creek West Regional Trail;
- 77.3 (7) contracts with Conservation Corps
- 77.4 Minnesota;
- 77.5 (8) a volunteer or resource coordinator
- 77.6 position;
- 77.7 (9) a landscape designer or architect;
- 77.8 (10) design, engineering, and construction of
- 77.9 the Central Anoka County Regional Trail;
- 77.10 (11) road rehabilitation at Lake George
- 77.11 Regional Park;
- 77.12 (12) reconstruction of a retaining wall on the
- 77.13 Mississippi River Regional Trail;
- 77.14 (13) a trail connection on the Mississippi
- 77.15 River Regional Trail to connect Mississippi
- 77.16 West Regional Park to the city of Ramsey;
- 77.17 (14) improvements of the Heritage
- 77.18 Laboratory/Day Camp at the Rice Creek
- 77.19 Chain of Lakes Park Reserve; and
- 77.20 (15) trail reconstruction on the Rice Creek
- 77.21 North Regional Trail from Lexington Avenue
- 77.22 to Golden Lake Elementary School.
- 77.23 (c) \$289,000 the first year and \$292,000
- 77.24 the second year are for grants to the city of
- 77.25 Bloomington to reconstruct parking lots at the
- 77.26 Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Park Reserve.
- 77.27 (d) \$294,000 the first year and \$297,000 the
- 77.28 second year are for grants to Carver County
- 77.29 to connect the Minnesota River Bluffs
- 77.30 Regional Trail and Southwest Regional Trail
- 77.31 and for trail and bridge construction on the
- 77.32 Minnesota River Bluff Regional Trail.

- 78.1 (e) \$1,174,000 the first year and \$1,183,000
78.2 the second year are for grants to Dakota
78.3 County for:
- 78.4 (1) engineering to extend the Mississippi
78.5 River Regional Trail and Big Rivers Regional
78.6 Trails, including extensions to St. Paul, and
78.7 to provide a connection to Lilydale Regional
78.8 Trail;
- 78.9 (2) a trail connection for the Mississippi
78.10 River Regional Trail to connect St. Paul and
78.11 to construct a bridge over railroad tracks;
- 78.12 (3) engineering and construction of regional
78.13 trail segments throughout the county;
- 78.14 (4) engineering and construction of a bridge
78.15 and trails through the Minnesota Zoological
78.16 Garden on the North Creek Regional
78.17 Greenway; and
- 78.18 (5) resource management of the county's
78.19 parks and trails system.
- 78.20 (f) \$3,221,000 the first year and \$3,246,000
78.21 the second are for grants to the Minneapolis
78.22 Park and Recreation Board for:
- 78.23 (1) design and construction of trail loops,
78.24 river access areas, landscapes, and storm
78.25 water management improvements at Above
78.26 the Falls Regional Park;
- 78.27 (2) land acquisition at Above the Falls
78.28 Regional Park;
- 78.29 (3) a master plan and trail design for Central
78.30 Mississippi Riverfront Regional Park;
- 78.31 (4) planning and design for the Central
78.32 Riverfront including the water works and the
78.33 Mississippi Whitewater Park sites;

- 79.1 (5) trail, path, and shoreline improvements
79.2 and play area rehabilitation at
79.3 Nokomis-Hiawatha Regional Park;
- 79.4 (6) trail, shoreline, water access,
79.5 picnic, sailboat facility, and concession
79.6 improvements at Minneapolis Chain of
79.7 Lakes Regional Park;
- 79.8 (7) a bird sanctuary, trail stabilization, habitat
79.9 restoration, accessibility improvements, and
79.10 construction of new entrances at Minneapolis
79.11 Chain of Lakes Regional Park;
- 79.12 (8) a trail connection for the Minnehaha
79.13 Parkway Regional Trail below Lyndale
79.14 Avenue; and
- 79.15 (9) trail work at Theodore Wirth Regional
79.16 Park.
- 79.17 (g) \$1,299,000 the first year and \$1,309,000
79.18 the second year are for grants to Ramsey
79.19 County for:
- 79.20 (1) wayfinding for cross-country ski trails
79.21 at Battle Creek Regional Park, Tamarack
79.22 Nature Center, and Grass-Vadnais-Snail
79.23 Lakes Regional Park;
- 79.24 (2) contracts with Conservation Corps
79.25 Minnesota;
- 79.26 (3) design and construction of an early
79.27 learning center at Tamarack Nature Center
79.28 and pedestrian connections, landscape
79.29 restoration, signage, and other site amenities
79.30 at Bald Eagle-Otter Lakes Regional Park;
- 79.31 (4) improvements to Tamarack Nature
79.32 Center;

- 80.1 (5) building and supporting a volunteer corps
80.2 for Tamarack Nature Center and Discovery
80.3 Hollow;
- 80.4 (6) trail development to connect Tamarack
80.5 Nature Center to the Otter Lake boat launch;
- 80.6 (7) a trail on Vadnais Lake, storm water
80.7 management improvements, and site
80.8 amenities at Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lakes
80.9 Regional Park;
- 80.10 (8) trail development and connection, storm
80.11 water management improvements, and site
80.12 amenities at Rice Creek North Regional
80.13 Trail; and
- 80.14 (9) the Bruce Vento Regional Trail.
- 80.15 (h) \$2,378,000 the first year and \$2,397,000
80.16 the second year are for grants to the city of
80.17 Saint Paul for:
- 80.18 (1) an education coordinator;
- 80.19 (2) a volunteer coordinator;
- 80.20 (3) Como Regional Park shuttle operation;
- 80.21 (4) a trail connection to connect Harriet
80.22 Island to the Mississippi Regional Trail;
- 80.23 (5) Estabrook Road reconstruction and
80.24 lighting upgrades at Como Regional Park;
80.25 and
- 80.26 (6) a trail connection and railroad bridge
80.27 reconstruction at Lilydale Regional Park.
- 80.28 (i) \$550,000 the first year and \$554,000 the
80.29 second year are for grants to Scott County for
80.30 construction at Cedar Lake Farm Regional
80.31 Park.

- 81.1 (j) \$3,669,000 the first year and \$3,697,000
81.2 the second year are for grants to Three Rivers
81.3 Park District for:
- 81.4 (1) a trail connection to connect Grand
81.5 Rounds to Nine Mile Creek Trail;
- 81.6 (2) a ~~trail bridge over~~ safe trail crossing of
81.7 County State-Aid Highway 19 for the Lake
81.8 Minnetonka LRT Regional Trail;
- 81.9 (3) trail construction on the Crystal Lake
81.10 Regional Trail;
- 81.11 (4) trail construction on the Bassett Creek
81.12 Regional Trail;
- 81.13 (5) trail construction on the Twin Lakes
81.14 Regional Trail; and
- 81.15 (6) trail construction on the Nine Mile Creek
81.16 Regional Trail.
- 81.17 (k) \$821,000 the first year and \$827,000 the
81.18 second year are for grants to Washington
81.19 County for:
- 81.20 (1) parking, buildings, and other
81.21 improvements at the Swim Pond in Lake
81.22 Elmo Park Reserve;
- 81.23 (2) design and construction of the Point
81.24 Douglas Regional Trail, which connects to
81.25 Wisconsin; and
- 81.26 (3) paving improvements to Hardwood Creek
81.27 Regional Trail, which may include new trail
81.28 sections toward Bald Eagle Regional Park.
- 81.29 (l) \$1,682,000 the first year and \$1,695,000
81.30 the second year are for grants to implementing
81.31 agencies for land acquisition within
81.32 Metropolitan Council approved regional
81.33 parks and trails master plan boundaries as

82.1 provided under Minnesota Statutes, section
82.2 85.53, subdivision 3, clause (4).

82.3 (m) A recipient of a grant awarded under
82.4 this section must give consideration to
82.5 Conservation Corps Minnesota for possible
82.6 use of corps services to contract for
82.7 restoration and enhancement services.

82.8 (n) For projects with the potential to need
82.9 historic preservation services, a recipient
82.10 of a grant awarded under this section must
82.11 give consideration to the Northern Bedrock
82.12 Conservation Corps for possible use of the
82.13 corps' services.

82.14 (o) By January 15, 2015, the council
82.15 shall submit a list of projects, ranked in
82.16 priority order, that contains the council's
82.17 recommendations for funding from the
82.18 parks and trails fund for the 2016 and
82.19 2017 biennium to the chairs and ranking
82.20 minority members of the senate and house
82.21 of representatives committees and divisions
82.22 with jurisdiction over the environment and
82.23 natural resources and the parks and trails
82.24 fund.

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

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

82.27 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, or other law to the contrary,
82.28 \$512,000 of the money appropriated in fiscal year 2013 under Laws 2011, First Special
82.29 Session chapter 6, article 3, section 3, paragraph (c), clause (1), for grants under Minnesota
82.30 Statutes, section 85.535, is available until June 30, 2017. The commissioner of natural
82.31 resources shall extend the \$512,000 grant to the St. Louis and Lake Counties Regional
82.32 Railroad Authority for extension of the Mesabi Trail to June 30, 2017.

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

ARTICLE 4

ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND

Section 1. ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND APPROPRIATIONS.

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

Sec. 2. ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE

<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>61,542,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>63,262,000</u>
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The amounts that may be spent for each purpose are specified in the following subdivisions.

Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation

Money appropriated in this article may not be spent on activities unless they are directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation. Money appropriated in this article must not be spent on indirect costs or other institutional overhead charges that are not directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation. Money appropriated in this article must be spent in accordance with the Minnesota Management and Budget's Guidance to Agencies on Legacy Fund Expenditures. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, and

84.1 unless otherwise specified in this article,
84.2 fiscal year 2016 appropriations are available
84.3 until June 30, 2017, and fiscal year 2017
84.4 appropriations are available until June 30,
84.5 2018. If a project receives federal funds, the
84.6 time period of the appropriation is extended
84.7 to equal the availability of federal funding.

84.8	<u>Subd. 3. Minnesota State Arts Board</u>	<u>26,819,000</u>	<u>31,312,000</u>
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84.9 (a) These amounts are appropriated to
84.10 the Minnesota State Arts Board for arts,
84.11 arts education, arts preservation, and arts
84.12 access. Grant agreements entered into
84.13 by the Minnesota State Arts Board and
84.14 other recipients of appropriations in this
84.15 subdivision must ensure that these funds are
84.16 used to supplement and not substitute for
84.17 traditional sources of funding. Each grant
84.18 program established within this appropriation
84.19 must be separately administered from other
84.20 state appropriations for program planning
84.21 and outcome measurements, but may take
84.22 into consideration other state resources
84.23 awarded in the selection of applicants and
84.24 grant award size.

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

84.26 \$21,155,000 the first year and \$25,350,000
84.27 the second year are to support Minnesota
84.28 artists and arts organizations in creating,
84.29 producing, and presenting high-quality arts
84.30 activities; to overcome barriers to accessing
84.31 high-quality arts activities; and to instill the
84.32 arts into the community and public life in
84.33 this state.

84.34 **(c) Arts Education**

85.1 \$4,248,000 the first year and \$4,472,000
85.2 the second year are for high-quality,
85.3 age-appropriate arts education for
85.4 Minnesotans of all ages to develop
85.5 knowledge, skills, and understanding of the
85.6 arts.

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

85.8 \$1,416,000 the first year and \$1,490,000 the
85.9 second year are for events and activities that
85.10 represent the diverse cultural arts traditions,
85.11 including folk and traditional artists and art
85.12 organizations, represented in this state.

85.13 (e) Up to 4.5 percent of the funds appropriated
85.14 in paragraphs (b) to (d) may be used by the
85.15 board for administering grant programs,
85.16 delivering technical services, providing
85.17 fiscal oversight for the statewide system, and
85.18 ensuring accountability.

85.19 (f) Up to thirty percent of the remaining total
85.20 appropriation to each of the categories listed
85.21 in paragraphs (b) to (d) is for grants to the
85.22 regional arts councils. Notwithstanding any
85.23 other provision of law, regional arts council
85.24 grants or other arts council grants for touring
85.25 programs, projects, or exhibits must ensure
85.26 the programs, projects, or exhibits are able to
85.27 tour in their own region as well as all other
85.28 regions of the state.

85.29 (g) Any unencumbered balance remaining
85.30 under this section in the first year does not
85.31 cancel, but is available for the second year
85.32 of the biennium.

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

86.1 (a) These amounts are appropriated to the
86.2 governing board of the Minnesota Historical
86.3 Society to preserve and enhance access to
86.4 Minnesota's history and its cultural and
86.5 historical resources. Grant agreements
86.6 entered into by the Minnesota Historical
86.7 Society and other recipients of appropriations
86.8 in this subdivision must ensure that
86.9 these funds are used to supplement and
86.10 not substitute for traditional sources of
86.11 funding. Funds directly appropriated to the
86.12 Minnesota Historical Society must be used to
86.13 supplement and not substitute for traditional
86.14 sources of funding. Notwithstanding
86.15 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, for
86.16 historic preservation projects that improve
86.17 historic structures, the amounts are available
86.18 until June 30, 2019. The Minnesota
86.19 Historical Society or grant recipients of
86.20 the Minnesota Historical Society using
86.21 arts and cultural heritage funds under this
86.22 subdivision must give consideration to
86.23 Conservation Corps Minnesota and Northern
86.24 Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps, or an
86.25 organization carrying out similar work, for
86.26 projects with the potential to need historic
86.27 preservation services.

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

86.29 (1) Statewide Historic and Cultural Grants

86.30 \$5,525,000 the first year and \$6,000,000 the
86.31 second year are for history programs and
86.32 projects operated or conducted by or through
86.33 local, county, regional, or other historical
86.34 or cultural organizations or for activities
86.35 to preserve significant historic and cultural

87.1 resources. Funds are to be distributed through
87.2 a competitive grant process. The Minnesota
87.3 Historical Society shall administer these
87.4 funds using established grant mechanisms,
87.5 with assistance from the advisory committee
87.6 created under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article
87.7 4, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (b),
87.8 item (ii).

87.9 (2) Statewide History Programs

87.10 \$5,525,000 the first year and \$6,000,000 the
87.11 second year are for programs and purposes
87.12 related to the historical and cultural heritage
87.13 of the state of Minnesota conducted by the
87.14 Minnesota Historical Society.

87.15 (3) History Partnerships

87.16 \$2,060,000 the first year and \$2,140,000 the
87.17 second year are for partnerships involving
87.18 multiple organizations, which may include
87.19 the Minnesota Historical Society, to preserve
87.20 and enhance access to Minnesota's history
87.21 and cultural heritage in all regions of the state.

87.22 (4) Statewide Survey of Historical and
87.23 Archaeological Sites

87.24 \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the
87.25 second year are for a contract or contracts
87.26 to be awarded on a competitive basis to
87.27 conduct statewide surveys of Minnesota's
87.28 sites of historical, archaeological, and
87.29 cultural significance. Results of the surveys
87.30 must be published in a searchable form
87.31 and available to the public on a cost-free
87.32 basis. The Minnesota Historical Society, the
87.33 Office of the State Archaeologist, and the
87.34 Indian Affairs Council shall each appoint a
87.35 representative to an oversight board to select

88.1 contractors and direct the conduct of the
88.2 surveys. The oversight board shall consult
88.3 with the Departments of Transportation and
88.4 Natural Resources.

88.5 (5) Digital Library

88.6 \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the
88.7 second year are for a digital library project
88.8 to preserve, digitize, and share Minnesota
88.9 images, documents, and historical materials.

88.10 The Minnesota Historical Society shall
88.11 cooperate with the Minitex interlibrary
88.12 loan system and shall jointly share this
88.13 appropriation for these purposes.

88.14 (6) Historic Recognition Grants Program

88.15 \$275,000 the first year and \$275,000 the
88.16 second year are for a competitive grants
88.17 program to provide grants for projects carried
88.18 out by nonprofit organizations or public
88.19 entities that preserve, recognize, and promote
88.20 the historic legacy of Minnesota, with a
88.21 focus on commemoration of Minnesota's
88.22 role in the American Civil War. The
88.23 Minnesota Historical Society shall work
88.24 collaboratively with the Governor's Civil War
88.25 Commemorative Task Force to determine
88.26 project priorities. Funds may be used for
88.27 projects administered or delivered by the
88.28 Minnesota Historical Society in cooperation
88.29 with the task force.

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

88.31 These amounts are appropriated to the
88.32 commissioner of education for grants to
88.33 the 12 Minnesota regional library systems
88.34 to provide educational opportunities in

89.1 the arts, history, literary arts, and cultural
89.2 heritage of Minnesota. These funds must be
89.3 allocated using the formulas in Minnesota
89.4 Statutes, section 134.355, subdivisions 3,
89.5 4, and 5, with the remaining 25 percent to
89.6 be distributed to all qualifying systems in
89.7 an amount proportionate to the number of
89.8 qualifying system entities in each system.
89.9 For purposes of this subdivision, "qualifying
89.10 system entity" means a public library, a
89.11 regional library system, a regional library
89.12 system headquarters, a county, or an outreach
89.13 service program. These funds may be used
89.14 to sponsor programs provided by regional
89.15 libraries or to provide grants to local arts
89.16 and cultural heritage programs for programs
89.17 in partnership with regional libraries.
89.18 These funds must be distributed in ten
89.19 equal payments per year. Notwithstanding
89.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the
89.21 appropriations encumbered on or before
89.22 June 30, 2017, as grants or contracts in this
89.23 subdivision are available until June 30, 2019.

89.24	<u>Subd. 6. Department of Administration</u>	<u>12,398,000</u>	<u>8,785,000</u>
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89.25 (a) These amounts are appropriated to
89.26 the commissioner of administration for
89.27 grants to the named organizations for the
89.28 purposes specified in this subdivision. The
89.29 commissioner of administration may use a
89.30 portion of this appropriation for costs that
89.31 are directly related to and necessary to the
89.32 administration of grants in this section.

89.33 (b) Grant agreements entered into by
89.34 the commissioner and recipients of
89.35 appropriations under this subdivision must

90.1 ensure that money appropriated in this
90.2 subdivision is used to supplement and not
90.3 substitute for traditional sources of funding.

90.4 **(c) Veterans Rest Camp**

90.5 \$113,000 the first year is for the Disabled
90.6 Veterans Rest Camp Association for the
90.7 veterans rest camp on Big Marine Lake for
90.8 parks, trails, and recreation areas.

90.9 **(d) Minnesota Public Radio**

90.10 \$1,600,000 each year is for Minnesota Public
90.11 Radio to create programming and expand
90.12 news service on Minnesota's cultural heritage
90.13 and history.

90.14 **(e) Association of Minnesota Public**
90.15 **Educational Radio Stations**

90.16 \$1,600,000 each year is appropriated for a
90.17 grant to the Association of Minnesota Public
90.18 Educational Radio Stations for production
90.19 and acquisition grants in accordance with
90.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 129D.19.

90.21 **(f) Public Television**

90.22 \$3,700,000 the first year and \$3,700,000
90.23 the second year are for grants to the
90.24 Minnesota Public Television Association for
90.25 production and acquisition grants according
90.26 to Minnesota Statutes, section 129D.18.

90.27 **(g) Wilderness Inquiry**

90.28 \$200,000 each year is for grants to Wilderness
90.29 Inquiry to preserve Minnesota's outdoor
90.30 history, culture, and heritage by connecting
90.31 Minnesota youth to natural resources.

90.32 **(h) Como Park Zoo**

- 91.1 \$1,000,000 each year is for the Como
91.2 Park Zoo for program development that
91.3 features education programs and habitat
91.4 enhancement, special exhibits, music
91.5 appreciation programs, and historical garden
91.6 access and preservation.
- 91.7 **(i) Science Museum of Minnesota**
- 91.8 \$600,000 each year is for arts, arts education,
91.9 and arts access and to preserve Minnesota's
91.10 history and cultural heritage, including
91.11 student and teacher outreach and expansion
91.12 of the museum's American Indian initiatives
91.13 programs.
- 91.14 **(j) Lake Superior Center Authority**
- 91.15 \$250,000 the first year is for development,
91.16 preparation, and construction of an exhibit
91.17 on the unsalted seas to preserve Minnesota's
91.18 history and cultural heritage related to fresh
91.19 water lakes.
- 91.20 **(k) Capitol Art Preservation**
- 91.21 \$3,250,000 the first year is for restoration
91.22 and preservation of the fine art located in the
91.23 State Capitol complex.
- 91.24 **(l) Lake Superior Zoo**
- 91.25 \$75,000 each year is for development of
91.26 educational exhibits using animals and the
91.27 environment.
- 91.28 **(m) Minnesota State Band**
- 91.29 \$10,000 each year is for a grant to the
91.30 Minnesota State Band to promote and
91.31 increase public performances across
91.32 Minnesota.
- 91.33 **Subd. 7. Minnesota Zoo** 1,750,000 1,750,000

92.1 These amounts are appropriated to the
92.2 Minnesota Zoological Board for programs
92.3 and development of the Minnesota
92.4 Zoological Garden and to provide access and
92.5 education related to programs on the cultural
92.6 heritage of Minnesota.

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

92.8 (a) These amounts are appropriated to
92.9 the Board of Directors of the Minnesota
92.10 Humanities Center for the purposes
92.11 specified in this subdivision. The Minnesota
92.12 Humanities Center may use up to 4.5 percent
92.13 of the following grants to cover the cost
92.14 of administering, planning, evaluating,
92.15 and reporting these grants. The Minnesota
92.16 Humanities Center must develop a written
92.17 plan to issue the grants in this subdivision and
92.18 shall submit the plan for review and approval
92.19 by the Department of Administration. The
92.20 written plan must require the Humanities
92.21 Center to create and adhere to grant policies
92.22 that are similar to those established pursuant
92.23 to Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.97,
92.24 subdivision (4), paragraph (a), clause (1).

92.25 No grants awarded in this subdivision may be
92.26 used for travel outside the state of Minnesota.
92.27 The grant agreement must specify the
92.28 repercussions for failing to comply with the
92.29 grant agreement.

92.30 (b) **Programs and Purposes**

92.31 \$850,000 each year is for programs and
92.32 purposes of the Minnesota Humanities
92.33 Center. Of this amount, \$100,000 each year
92.34 may be used for the veterans' voices program.

93.1 The Minnesota Humanities Center may
93.2 consider museums and organizations
93.3 celebrating the identities of Minnesotans for
93.4 grants from these funds.

93.5 **(c) Heritage Grants Program**

93.6 \$300,000 the first year is for a competitive
93.7 grants program to provide grants to preserve
93.8 and promote the cultural heritage of
93.9 Minnesota.

93.10 Of this amount, \$50,000 in the first year
93.11 is for a grant to the city of St. Paul to
93.12 plan and design a garden to commemorate
93.13 unrepresented cultural gardens in Phalen
93.14 Park in the city of St. Paul and \$150,000 in
93.15 the first year is for a grant to Ramsey County
93.16 to develop and install activity facilities in
93.17 Ramsey County parks for culturally relevant
93.18 games that are reflective of the current
93.19 demographics in Ramsey County.

93.20 The Minnesota Humanities Center shall
93.21 operate a competitive grants program to
93.22 provide grants for programs, including but
93.23 not limited to: music, film, television, radio,
93.24 recreation, or the design and use of public
93.25 spaces that preserves and honors the cultural
93.26 heritage of Minnesota. Grants made under
93.27 this paragraph must not be used for travel
93.28 costs inside or outside of the state.

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

93.30 \$950,000 each year is for arts and cultural
93.31 heritage grants to children's museums.

93.32 Of this amount, \$500,000 each year is for the
93.33 Minnesota Children's Museum, including the
93.34 Minnesota Children's Museum in Rochester;

94.1 \$150,000 each year is for the Duluth
94.2 Children's Museum; \$150,000 each year is
94.3 for the Grand Rapids Children's Museum;
94.4 and \$150,000 each year is for the Southern
94.5 Minnesota Children's Museum.

94.6 **(e) Civics Programs**

94.7 \$150,000 each year is for grants to the
94.8 Minnesota Civic Education Coalition:
94.9 Kids Voting St. Paul, the Learning Law
94.10 and Democracy Foundation, and YMCA
94.11 Youth in Government to conduct civics
94.12 education programs for the civic and cultural
94.13 development of Minnesota youth. Civics
94.14 education is the study of constitutional
94.15 principles and the democratic foundation
94.16 of our national, state, and local institutions
94.17 and the study of political processes and
94.18 structures of government, grounded in the
94.19 understanding of constitutional government
94.20 under the rule of law.

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

94.22 \$125,000 each year is for a grant to Ka
94.23 Joog for the Fanka Program to provide
94.24 arts education and workshops, mentor
94.25 programs, and community engagement
94.26 events throughout Minnesota.

94.27 **(g) Council on Disability**

94.28 \$90,000 the first year is for a grant to the
94.29 Minnesota State Council on Disability to
94.30 produce and broadcast programs to preserve
94.31 Minnesota's disability history and culture.
94.32 These funds are available until June 30, 2018.

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

95.1 (a) These amounts are appropriated to the
95.2 Board of Directors of the Perpich Center
95.3 for Arts Education for the program under
95.4 paragraph (c).

95.5 (b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
95.6 section 16A.28, the appropriations
95.7 encumbered on or before June 30, 2017, are
95.8 available until June 30, 2019.

95.9 **(c) Turnaround Arts Program**

95.10 \$600,000 the first year and \$800,000 the
95.11 second year are for the Turnaround Arts
95.12 program to assist schools and programs
95.13 throughout the state.

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

95.15 (a) \$990,000 each year is for the Indian
95.16 Affairs Council to provide grants to preserve
95.17 Dakota and Ojibwe Indian language and to
95.18 foster education programs and immersion
95.19 programs in Dakota and Ojibwe language.

95.20 (b) \$125,000 each year is to the Indian
95.21 Affairs Council for a grant to the Niiganne
95.22 Ojibwe Immersion School.

95.23 (c) \$125,000 each year is to the Indian
95.24 Affairs Council for a grant to the Wicoie
95.25 Nandagikendan Urban Immersion Project.

95.26 (d) \$10,000 each year is to the Indian Affairs
95.27 Council for a Dakota and Ojibwe language
95.28 working group coordinated by the Indian
95.29 Affairs Council.

95.30 (e) \$75,000 each year is for the Indian
95.31 Affairs Council to carry out responsibilities
95.32 under Minnesota Statutes, section 307.08, to
95.33 comply with Public Law 101-601, the Native

96.1 American Graves Protection and Repatriation
96.2 Act, and to develop an osteology laboratory
96.3 and repository for American Indian human
96.4 remains.

96.5 Subd. 11. **Disability Access**

96.6 Where appropriate, grant recipients
96.7 of arts and cultural heritage funds, in
96.8 consultation with the Council on Disability
96.9 and other appropriate governor-appointed
96.10 disability councils, boards, committees, and
96.11 commissions, should make progress toward
96.12 providing greater access to programs, print
96.13 publications, and digital media for people
96.14 with disabilities related to the programs the
96.15 recipient funds using appropriations made in
96.16 this section.

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

96.18 Subd. 12. **St. Paul - Minnesota Children's**
96.19 **Museum**

7,485,000

96.20 For a grant to the city of St. Paul to predesign,
96.21 design, construct, furnish, and equip an
96.22 expansion and renovation of the Minnesota
96.23 Children's Museum. The expansion and
96.24 exhibit upgrades should incorporate the
96.25 latest research on early learning, allow for
96.26 new state-of-the art education facilities, and
96.27 increase the capacity of visitors to galleries
96.28 and programming areas. This appropriation
96.29 is not available until the commissioner of
96.30 management and budget has determined that
96.31 at least ~~an equal amount~~ \$4,000,000 has been
96.32 committed from nonstate sources. Amounts
96.33 expended for this project by nonstate sources

97.1 since October 1, 2010, shall count toward the
97.2 nonstate match.

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

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

97.5 Sec. 12. **MINNESOTA HISTORICAL**
97.6 **SOCIETY** **\$ 1,400,000**

97.7 To the Minnesota Historical Society to be
97.8 allocated to county and local jurisdictions
97.9 as matching money for historic preservation
97.10 projects of a capital nature, as provided
97.11 in Minnesota Statutes, section 138.0525.

97.12 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
97.13 138.0525, of this amount: (1) \$50,000 is for a
97.14 grant to the Fulda Heritage Society to expand
97.15 the display areas for historic materials;
97.16 (2) \$250,000 is for a grant to the Gunflint
97.17 Trail Historical Society to complete phase
97.18 two of the Chik-Wauk Museum and Nature
97.19 Center. Work within the National Register of
97.20 Historic Places property shall be approved
97.21 by the Minnesota Historical Society; and (3)
97.22 up to \$250,000 is for a grant to the Hibbing
97.23 School District to plan, design, and engineer
97.24 the preservation and reconstruction of the
97.25 historic Hibbing High School Auditorium.

97.26 **ARTICLE 5**

97.27 **GENERAL PROVISIONS; ALL LEGACY FUNDS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

98.13 (c) A state agency or other recipient of a direct appropriation from the parks and
98.14 trails fund must compile and submit all information for funded projects or programs,
98.15 including the proposed measurable outcomes and all other items required under section
98.16 3.303, subdivision 10, to the Legislative Coordinating Commission as soon as practicable
98.17 or by January 15 of the applicable fiscal year, whichever comes first. The Legislative
98.18 Coordinating Commission must post submitted information on the Web site required
98.19 under section 3.303, subdivision 10, as soon as it becomes available.

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

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

98.26 (f) When practicable, a direct recipient of an appropriation from the parks and
98.27 trails fund shall prominently display on the recipient's Web site home page the legacy
98.28 logo required under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 5, section 10, as amended by Laws
98.29 2010, chapter 361, article 3, section 5, accompanied by the phrase "Click here for more
98.30 information." When a person clicks on the legacy logo image, the Web site must direct
98.31 the person to a Web page that includes both the contact information that a person may
98.32 use to obtain additional information, as well as a link to the Legislative Coordinating
98.33 Commission Web site required under section 3.303, subdivision 10.

98.34 (g) Future eligibility for money from the parks and trails fund is contingent upon a
98.35 state agency or other recipient satisfying all applicable requirements in this section, as

99.1 well as any additional requirements contained in applicable session law. If the Office of
99.2 the Legislative Auditor, in the course of an audit or investigation, publicly reports that a
99.3 recipient of money from the parks and trails fund has not complied with the laws, rules, or
99.4 regulations in this section or other laws applicable to the recipient, the recipient must be
99.5 listed in an annual report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the legacy
99.6 funds. The list must be publicly available. The legislative auditor shall remove a recipient
99.7 from the list upon determination that the recipient is in compliance. A recipient on the
99.8 list is not eligible for future funding from the parks and trails fund until the recipient
99.9 demonstrates compliance to the legislative auditor.

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

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

99.18 (b) When practicable, a direct recipient of an appropriation from the outdoor
99.19 heritage fund shall prominently display on the recipient's Web site home page the legacy
99.20 logo required under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 5, section 10, as amended by Laws
99.21 2010, chapter 361, article 3, section 5, accompanied by the phrase "Click here for more
99.22 information." When a person clicks on the legacy logo image, the Web site must direct
99.23 the person to a Web page that includes both the contact information that a person may
99.24 use to obtain additional information, as well as a link to the Legislative Coordinating
99.25 Commission Web site required under section 3.303, subdivision 10.

99.26 (c) Future eligibility for money from the outdoor heritage fund is contingent upon a
99.27 state agency or other recipient satisfying all applicable requirements in this section, as
99.28 well as any additional requirements contained in applicable session law. If the Office of
99.29 the Legislative Auditor, in the course of an audit or investigation, publicly reports that a
99.30 recipient of money from the outdoor heritage fund has not complied with the laws, rules,
99.31 or regulations in this section or other laws applicable to the recipient, the recipient must be
99.32 listed in an annual report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the legacy
99.33 funds. The list must be publicly available. The legislative auditor shall remove a recipient
99.34 from the list upon determination that the recipient is in compliance. A recipient on the

100.1 list is not eligible for future funding from the outdoor heritage fund until the recipient
100.2 demonstrates compliance to the legislative auditor.

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

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

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

100.14 (c) A state agency or other recipient of a direct appropriation from the clean
100.15 water fund must compile and submit all information for proposed and funded projects
100.16 or programs, including the proposed measurable outcomes and all other items required
100.17 under section 3.303, subdivision 10, to the Legislative Coordinating Commission as soon
100.18 as practicable or by January 15 of the applicable fiscal year, whichever comes first. The
100.19 Legislative Coordinating Commission must post submitted information on the Web site
100.20 required under section 3.303, subdivision 10, as soon as it becomes available. Information
100.21 classified as not public under section 13D.05, subdivision 3, paragraph (d), is not required
100.22 to be placed on the Web site.

100.23 (d) Grants funded by the clean water fund must be implemented according to section
100.24 16B.98 and must account for all expenditures. Proposals must specify a process for any
100.25 regranting envisioned. Priority for grant proposals must be given to proposals involving
100.26 grants that will be competitively awarded.

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

100.29 (f) When practicable, a direct recipient of an appropriation from the clean water fund
100.30 shall prominently display on the recipient's Web site home page the legacy logo required
100.31 under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 5, section 10, as amended by Laws 2010, chapter
100.32 361, article 3, section 5, accompanied by the phrase "Click here for more information."
100.33 When a person clicks on the legacy logo image, the Web site must direct the person to
100.34 a Web page that includes both the contact information that a person may use to obtain

101.1 additional information, as well as a link to the Legislative Coordinating Commission Web
101.2 site required under section 3.303, subdivision 10.

101.3 (g) Future eligibility for money from the clean water fund is contingent upon a
101.4 state agency or other recipient satisfying all applicable requirements in this section, as
101.5 well as any additional requirements contained in applicable session law. If the Office of
101.6 the Legislative Auditor, in the course of an audit or investigation, publicly reports that a
101.7 recipient of money from the clean water fund has not complied with the laws, rules, or
101.8 regulations in this section or other laws applicable to the recipient, the recipient must be
101.9 listed in an annual report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the legacy
101.10 funds. The list must be publicly available. The legislative auditor shall remove a recipient
101.11 from the list upon determination that the recipient is in compliance. A recipient on the list
101.12 is not eligible for future funding from the clean water fund until the recipient demonstrates
101.13 compliance to the legislative auditor.

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

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

101.18 Subd. 2. **Expenditures; accountability.** (a) Funding from the arts and cultural
101.19 heritage fund may be spent only for arts, arts education, and arts access, and to preserve
101.20 Minnesota's history and cultural heritage. A project or program receiving funding from
101.21 the arts and cultural heritage fund must include measurable outcomes, and a plan for
101.22 measuring and evaluating the results. A project or program must be consistent with current
101.23 scholarship, or best practices, when appropriate and must incorporate state-of-the-art
101.24 technology when appropriate.

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

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

101.31 (d) A state agency or other recipient of a direct appropriation from the arts and
101.32 cultural heritage fund must compile and submit all information for funded projects or
101.33 programs, including the proposed measurable outcomes and all other items required
101.34 under section 3.303, subdivision 10, to the Legislative Coordinating Commission as soon
101.35 as practicable or by January 15 of the applicable fiscal year, whichever comes first. The

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

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

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

102.9 (g) When practicable, a direct recipient of an appropriation from the arts and cultural
102.10 heritage fund shall prominently display on the recipient's Web site home page the legacy
102.11 logo required under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 5, section 10, as amended by Laws
102.12 2010, chapter 361, article 3, section 5, accompanied by the phrase "Click here for more
102.13 information." When a person clicks on the legacy logo image, the Web site must direct
102.14 the person to a Web page that includes both the contact information that a person may
102.15 use to obtain additional information, as well as a link to the Legislative Coordinating
102.16 Commission Web site required under section 3.303, subdivision 10.

102.17 (h) Future eligibility for money from the arts and cultural heritage fund is contingent
102.18 upon a state agency or other recipient satisfying all applicable requirements in this section,
102.19 as well as any additional requirements contained in applicable session law. If the Office of
102.20 the Legislative Auditor, in the course of an audit or investigation, publicly reports that a
102.21 recipient of money from the arts and cultural heritage fund has not complied with the laws,
102.22 rules, or regulations in this section or other laws applicable to the recipient, the recipient
102.23 must be listed in an annual report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the
102.24 legacy funds. The list must be publicly available. The legislative auditor shall remove a
102.25 recipient from the list upon determination that the recipient is in compliance. A recipient
102.26 on the list is not eligible for future funding from the arts and cultural heritage fund until
102.27 the recipient demonstrates compliance to the legislative auditor."

102.28 Delete the title and insert:

102.29 "A bill for an act
102.30 relating to state government; appropriating money from the outdoor heritage
102.31 fund, clean water fund, parks and trails fund, and arts and cultural heritage fund;
102.32 establishing policy on milkweed; providing for rehearsal and storage space for
102.33 state band; modifying provisions of Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
102.34 and the Clean Water Council; modifying Water Law; modifying requirements
102.35 for use of and eligibility for legacy funds; modifying previous appropriations;
102.36 requiring a report; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 16B.24, by
102.37 adding a subdivision; 85.53, subdivision 2; 97A.056, subdivisions 8, 11, by
102.38 adding subdivisions; 103A.206; 103B.101, by adding a subdivision; 103C.101,
102.39 by adding a subdivision; 103C.401, subdivision 1; 103C.501, subdivision 5;
102.40 114D.30, subdivision 2; 114D.50, subdivision 4; 129D.17, subdivision 2; Laws
102.41 2012, chapter 264, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5; Laws 2013, chapter 137,

103.1 article 1, section 2, subdivision 10; article 2, section 6; article 3, section 4; Laws
103.2 2014, chapter 256, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5; Laws 2014, chapter 295,
103.3 sections 10, subdivision 12; 12; Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 14, section 7;
103.4 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 84; 103B."

We request the adoption of this report and repassage of the bill.

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