

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-THIRD SESSION**

S.F. No. 5116

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| 03/20/2024 | 12449 | Introduction and first reading Referred to Environment, Climate, and Legacy |
| 04/02/2024 | 13076a | Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Finance |
| 04/18/2024 | 14235a | Comm report: To pass as amended |
| | 14375 | Second reading |
| 05/02/2024 | 15788a | Referred to for comparison with HF4124 Rule 45-amend, subst. General Orders HF4124, SF indefinitely postponed |

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to state government; appropriating money from outdoor heritage, clean

1.3 water, parks and trails, and arts and cultural heritage funds; modifying

1.4 appropriation; amending Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 3, sections 2, subdivision

1.5 1; 3; 4.

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

1.7 **ARTICLE 1**

1.8 **OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND**

1.9 Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

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

1.11 and for the purposes specified in this act. The appropriations are from the outdoor heritage

1.12 fund for the fiscal year indicated for each purpose. The figures "2024" and "2025" used in

1.13 this act mean that the appropriations listed under them are available for the fiscal year ending

1.14 June 30, 2024, or June 30, 2025, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2024. "The

1.15 second year" is fiscal year 2025. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2024 and 2025. The

1.16 appropriations in this act are onetime appropriations.

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| 1.17 | <u>APPROPRIATIONS</u> | |
| 1.18 | <u>Available for the Year</u> | |
| 1.19 | <u>Ending June 30</u> | |
| 1.20 | <u>2024</u> | <u>2025</u> |

1.21 Sec. 2. OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND

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| 1.22 | <u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u> | <u>\$</u> | <u>-0-</u> | <u>\$</u> | <u>192,711,000</u> |
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1.23 This appropriation is from the outdoor heritage

1.24 fund. The amounts that may be spent for each

2.1 purpose are specified in the following
 2.2 subdivisions.

2.3 Subd. 2. Prairies -0- 19,439,000

2.4 (a) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife
 2.5 Refuge, Phase 14

2.6 \$4,412,000 the second year is to the
 2.7 commissioner of natural resources for an
 2.8 agreement with The Nature Conservancy, in
 2.9 cooperation with the United States Fish and
 2.10 Wildlife Service, to acquire land in fee or
 2.11 permanent conservation easements and restore
 2.12 and enhance lands within the Northern
 2.13 Tallgrass Prairie Habitat Preservation Area in
 2.14 western Minnesota for addition to the Northern
 2.15 Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge.
 2.16 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota
 2.17 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given
 2.18 to acquiring lands that are eligible for the
 2.19 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,
 2.20 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected
 2.21 native prairie.

2.22 (b) Accelerating Wildlife Management Area
 2.23 Program, Phase 16

2.24 \$5,315,000 the second year is to the
 2.25 commissioner of natural resources for an
 2.26 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire
 2.27 in fee and restore and enhance lands for
 2.28 wildlife management area purposes under
 2.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 2.30 subdivision 8. Subject to evaluation criteria
 2.31 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
 2.32 must be given to acquiring lands that are
 2.33 eligible for the native prairie bank under
 2.34 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
 2.35 adjacent to protected native prairie.

3.1 **(c) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of**
 3.2 **Southern Red River Valley, Phase 10**

3.3 \$3,794,000 the second year is to the
 3.4 commissioner of natural resources for an
 3.5 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in
 3.6 cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie
 3.7 Chicken Society, to acquire land in fee and
 3.8 restore and enhance lands within the southern
 3.9 Red River Valley for wildlife management
 3.10 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
 3.11 86A.05, subdivision 8, or to be designated and
 3.12 managed as waterfowl production areas in
 3.13 Minnesota, in cooperation with the United
 3.14 States Fish and Wildlife Service. Subject to
 3.15 evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part
 3.16 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring
 3.17 lands that are eligible for the native prairie
 3.18 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96,
 3.19 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie.

3.20 **(d) Martin County DNR WMA Acquisition,**
 3.21 **Phase 8**

3.22 \$2,589,000 the second year is to the
 3.23 commissioner of natural resources for
 3.24 agreements to acquire land in fee and to
 3.25 restore and enhance strategic prairie grassland,
 3.26 wetland, and other wildlife habitat within
 3.27 Martin County for wildlife management area
 3.28 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
 3.29 86A.05, subdivision 8, as follows: \$1,921,000
 3.30 to Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc.;
 3.31 \$613,000 to Ducks Unlimited; and \$55,000 to
 3.32 the Conservation Fund.

3.33 **(e) DNR Grassland Enhancement, Phase 16**

3.34 \$1,427,000 the second year is to the
 3.35 commissioner of natural resources to

4.1 accelerate restoration and enhancement of
 4.2 prairies, grasslands, and savannas in wildlife
 4.3 management areas, in scientific and natural
 4.4 areas, in aquatic management areas, on lands
 4.5 in the native prairie bank, in bluff prairies on
 4.6 state forest land in southeastern Minnesota,
 4.7 and in waterfowl production areas and refuge
 4.8 lands of the United States Fish and Wildlife
 4.9 Service.

4.10 **(f) Enhanced Public Land - Grasslands, Phase**
 4.11 **7**

4.12 \$1,902,000 the second year is to the
 4.13 commissioner of natural resources for an
 4.14 agreement with Pheasants Forever to enhance
 4.15 and restore grassland and wetland habitat on
 4.16 public lands within the forest prairie transition,
 4.17 metro urban, and prairie ecoregions of
 4.18 Minnesota.

4.19 **Subd. 3. Forests** -0- 32,164,000

4.20 **(a) Minnesota Heritage Forest - Transition to**
 4.21 **Public Ownership Program**

4.22 \$22,647,000 the second year is to the
 4.23 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
 4.24 priority forest habitat lands in fee as wildlife
 4.25 management areas, scientific and natural areas,
 4.26 state forests, and county forests. Of this
 4.27 amount, \$11,737,000 is for an agreement with
 4.28 Northern Waters Land Trust.

4.29 **(b) Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape Protection**
 4.30 **Program ACUB, Phase 12**

4.31 \$2,068,000 the second year is to the Board of
 4.32 Water and Soil Resources, in cooperation with
 4.33 the Morrison County Soil and Water
 4.34 Conservation District, to acquire permanent
 4.35 conservation easements and restore and

5.1 enhance forest wildlife habitat within the
5.2 boundaries of the Minnesota National Guard
5.3 Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape and Army
5.4 Compatible Use Buffer. Up to \$110,000 to the
5.5 Board of Water and Soil Resources is to
5.6 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
5.7 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
5.8 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
5.9 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8,
5.10 paragraph (b), does not apply to this project.
5.11 A list of permanent conservation easements
5.12 must be provided as part of the final report.

5.13 **(c) Riparian Habitat Protection in Kettle and**
5.14 **Snake River Watersheds, Phase 2**

5.15 \$1,569,000 the second year is to the Board of
5.16 Water and Soil Resources, in cooperation with
5.17 the Pine County Soil and Water Conservation
5.18 District, to acquire permanent conservation
5.19 easements to protect high-quality forests,
5.20 wetlands, and shoreline within the Kettle and
5.21 Snake River watersheds. Up to \$150,000 to
5.22 the Board of Water and Soil Resources is to
5.23 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
5.24 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
5.25 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
5.26 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8,
5.27 paragraph (b), does not apply to this project.
5.28 A list of permanent conservation easements
5.29 must be provided as part of the final report.

5.30 **(d) DNR Forest Habitat Enhancement, Phase 4**

5.31 \$1,727,000 the second year is to the
5.32 commissioner of natural resources to restore
5.33 and enhance forest wildlife habitats on public
5.34 lands throughout Minnesota.

5.35 **(e) Young Forest Conservation, Phase 4**

6.1 \$2,229,000 the second year is to the
 6.2 commissioner of natural resources for an
 6.3 agreement with the American Bird
 6.4 Conservancy to enhance publicly owned,
 6.5 permanently protected forest lands for wildlife
 6.6 management.

6.7 **(f) Floodplain and Upland Forest Enhancement**
 6.8 **- Mississippi River, Phase 5**

6.9 \$1,924,000 the second year is to the
 6.10 commissioner of natural resources for an
 6.11 agreement with the National Audubon Society
 6.12 to restore and enhance floodplain and upland
 6.13 forest habitat for wildlife on public lands along
 6.14 the Mississippi River and Mississippi River
 6.15 tributaries.

6.16 **Subd. 4. Wetlands**

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38,412,000

6.17 **(a) Wild-Rice Shoreland Protection, Phase 9**

6.18 \$2,042,000 the second year is to the Board of
 6.19 Water and Soil Resources to acquire
 6.20 permanent conservation easements on
 6.21 wild-rice lake shoreland habitat for native
 6.22 wild-rice bed protection. Of this amount, up
 6.23 to \$110,000 is for establishing a monitoring
 6.24 and enforcement fund as approved in the
 6.25 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
 6.26 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.
 6.27 Subdivision 8, paragraph (b), does not apply
 6.28 to this project. A list of permanent
 6.29 conservation easements must be provided as
 6.30 part of the final report.

6.31 **(b) Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection and**
 6.32 **Restoration Program, Phase 13**

6.33 \$7,670,000 the second year is to the
 6.34 commissioner of natural resources for an
 6.35 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire

7.1 land in fee for wildlife management purposes
 7.2 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 7.3 subdivision 8, or to be designated and
 7.4 managed as waterfowl production areas or
 7.5 national wildlife refuges in Minnesota, in
 7.6 cooperation with the United States Fish and
 7.7 Wildlife Service, and to restore and enhance
 7.8 prairie lands, wetlands, and land buffering
 7.9 shallow lakes.

7.10 **(c) RIM Wetlands - Restoring Most Productive**
 7.11 **Habitat in Minnesota, Phase 13**

7.12 \$3,202,000 the second year is to the Board of
 7.13 Water and Soil Resources to acquire
 7.14 permanent conservation easements and to
 7.15 restore wetlands and native grassland habitat
 7.16 under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515.
 7.17 Of this amount, up to \$50,000 is for
 7.18 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
 7.19 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
 7.20 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 7.21 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8,
 7.22 paragraph (b), does not apply to this project.
 7.23 A list of permanent conservation easements
 7.24 must be provided as part of the final report.

7.25 **(d) Accelerating Waterfowl Production Area**
 7.26 **Acquisition Program, Phase 16**

7.27 \$7,020,000 the second year is to the
 7.28 commissioner of natural resources for an
 7.29 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in
 7.30 cooperation with the United States Fish and
 7.31 Wildlife Service, to acquire land in fee and
 7.32 restore and enhance wetlands and grasslands
 7.33 to be designated and managed as waterfowl
 7.34 production areas in Minnesota.

7.35 **(e) DNR Accelerated Shallow Lakes and**
 7.36 **Wetland Enhancement, Phase 16**

8.1 \$3,809,000 the second year is to the
8.2 commissioner of natural resources to enhance
8.3 and restore shallow lakes and wetland habitat
8.4 statewide.

8.5 **(f) Nelson Slough - East Park Wildlife**
8.6 **Management Area**

8.7 \$4,174,000 the second year is to the
8.8 commissioner of natural resources for an
8.9 agreement with the Middle-Snake-Tamarac
8.10 Rivers Watershed District to restore and
8.11 enhance wetland and upland wildlife habitat
8.12 on Nelson Slough and East Park Wildlife
8.13 Management Area in Marshall County,
8.14 Minnesota.

8.15 **(g) Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration**
8.16 **Program, Phase 9**

8.17 \$2,128,000 the second year is to the
8.18 commissioner of natural resources for an
8.19 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
8.20 restore and enhance prairie, wetland, and other
8.21 habitat on permanently protected conservation
8.22 easements in high-priority wetland habitat
8.23 complexes within the prairie, forest/prairie
8.24 transition, and forest ecoregions.

8.25 **(h) Living Shallow Lakes and Wetlands**
8.26 **Enhancement and Restoration Initiative, Phase**
8.27 **10**

8.28 \$7,867,000 the second year is to the
8.29 commissioner of natural resources for an
8.30 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to restore
8.31 and enhance shallow lakes and wetlands on
8.32 public lands and wetlands under permanent
8.33 conservation easement for wildlife
8.34 management.

8.35 **(i) Lake Alice Enhancement, Fergus Falls**

9.1 \$500,000 the second year is to the
 9.2 commissioner of natural resources for an
 9.3 agreement with the city of Fergus Falls to
 9.4 enhance Lake Alice in Fergus Falls.

9.5 **Subd. 5. Habitats** -0- 101,294,000

9.6 **(a) St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and**
 9.7 **Restoration, Phase 5**

9.8 \$4,711,000 the second year is to the
 9.9 commissioner of natural resources for
 9.10 agreements to acquire land in fee and acquire
 9.11 permanent conservation easements and to
 9.12 restore and enhance natural habitat systems in
 9.13 the St. Croix River watershed as follows:
 9.14 \$1,905,000 to Trust for Public Land; \$110,000
 9.15 to Wild Rivers Conservancy; and \$2,696,000
 9.16 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$224,000 to
 9.17 Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a
 9.18 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
 9.19 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
 9.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
 9.21 subdivision 17.

9.22 **(b) Pine and Leech Watershed Targeted RIM**
 9.23 **Easement Permanent Land Protection, Phase 3**

9.24 \$2,242,000 the second year is to the Board of
 9.25 Water and Soil Resources, in cooperation with
 9.26 the Crow Wing County Soil and Water
 9.27 Conservation District, to acquire permanent
 9.28 conservation easements of high-quality forest,
 9.29 wetland, and shoreline habitat. Up to \$120,000
 9.30 of the total amount is for establishing a
 9.31 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
 9.32 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
 9.33 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
 9.34 subdivision 17. Subdivision 8, paragraph (b),
 9.35 does not apply to this project. A list of

10.1 permanent conservation easements must be
 10.2 provided as part of the final report.

10.3 **(c) Protecting Minnesota's Lakes of Outstanding**
 10.4 **Biological Significance, Phase 3**

10.5 \$3,321,000 the second year is to the
 10.6 commissioner of natural resources for
 10.7 agreements to acquire land in fee and
 10.8 permanent conservation easements and to
 10.9 restore and enhance lakes of outstanding
 10.10 biological significance in northeast and
 10.11 north-central Minnesota. Of this amount,
 10.12 \$1,083,000 is to the Northern Waters Land
 10.13 Trust and \$2,238,000 is to Minnesota Land
 10.14 Trust. Up to \$224,000 to Minnesota Land
 10.15 Trust is for establishing a monitoring and
 10.16 enforcement fund as approved in the
 10.17 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
 10.18 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

10.19 **(d) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**
 10.20 **Restoration Program, Phase 13**

10.21 \$2,060,000 the second year is to the
 10.22 commissioner of natural resources for an
 10.23 agreement with the Shell Rock River
 10.24 Watershed District to acquire land in fee and
 10.25 restore and enhance habitat in the Shell Rock
 10.26 River watershed.

10.27 **(e) Cannon River Watershed Habitat**
 10.28 **Restoration and Protection Program, Phase 13**

10.29 \$2,555,000 the second year is to the
 10.30 commissioner of natural resources for
 10.31 agreements to acquire lands in fee and restore
 10.32 and enhance wildlife habitat in the Cannon
 10.33 River watershed as follows: \$54,000 to Clean
 10.34 River Partners; \$888,000 to Great River

11.1 Greening; and \$1,613,000 to Trust for Public

11.2 Land.

11.3 **(f) Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor**
 11.4 **Project, Phase 8**

11.5 \$2,706,000 the second year is to acquire lands

11.6 in fee and permanent conservation easements

11.7 and to restore wildlife habitat in the

11.8 Mississippi headwaters. Of this amount:

11.9 (1) \$1,706,000 is to the commissioner of

11.10 natural resources for agreements as follows:

11.11 \$57,000 to the Mississippi Headwaters Board

11.12 and \$1,649,000 to Trust for Public Land; and

11.13 (2) \$1,000,000 is to the Board of Water and

11.14 Soil Resources, of which up to \$100,000 is to

11.15 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund

11.16 as approved in the accomplishment plan and

11.17 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section

11.18 97A.056, subdivision 17.

11.19 **(g) Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic**
 11.20 **North Central Minnesota Lakes, Phase 10**

11.21 \$2,687,000 the second year is to the

11.22 commissioner of natural resources for

11.23 agreements to acquire land in fee and in

11.24 permanent conservation easements and to

11.25 restore and enhance wildlife habitat to sustain

11.26 healthy fish habitat on coldwater lakes in

11.27 Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard

11.28 Counties as follows: \$2,252,000 to Northern

11.29 Waters Land Trust and \$435,000 to Minnesota

11.30 Land Trust. Up to \$56,000 to Minnesota Land

11.31 Trust is to establish a monitoring and

11.32 enforcement fund as approved in the

11.33 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota

11.34 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

11.35 **(h) Red River Basin Riparian Habitat Program**

- 12.1 \$5,119,000 the second year is to acquire
 12.2 permanent conservation easements to protect,
 12.3 restore, and enhance stream and riparian
 12.4 habitat throughout the Red River watershed.
 12.5 Of this amount, \$169,000 is to the
 12.6 commissioner of natural resources for an
 12.7 agreement with the Red River Watershed
 12.8 Management Board and \$4,950,000 is to the
 12.9 Board of Water and Soil Resources. Up to
 12.10 \$380,000 of the total amount is for
 12.11 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
 12.12 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
 12.13 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 12.14 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8,
 12.15 paragraph (b), does not apply to this project.
 12.16 A list of permanent conservation easements
 12.17 must be provided as part of the final report.
- 12.18 **(i) Resilient Habitat for Heritage Brook Trout,**
 12.19 **Phase 2**
- 12.20 \$2,486,000 the second year is to the
 12.21 commissioner of natural resources for
 12.22 agreements to acquire permanent conservation
 12.23 easements and to restore and enhance habitat
 12.24 in targeted watersheds of southeast Minnesota
 12.25 to improve heritage brook trout and coldwater
 12.26 aquatic communities. Of this amount,
 12.27 \$400,000 is to The Nature Conservancy,
 12.28 \$612,000 is to Trout Unlimited, and
 12.29 \$1,474,000 is to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to
 12.30 \$168,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to
 12.31 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
 12.32 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
 12.33 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 12.34 97A.056, subdivision 17.
- 12.35 **(j) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**
 12.36 **Restoration, Phase 12**

13.1 \$3,052,000 the second year is to the
13.2 commissioner of natural resources for
13.3 agreements to acquire lands in fee and
13.4 permanent conservation easements and to
13.5 restore and enhance wildlife habitat on public
13.6 lands and permanent conservation easements
13.7 in southeast Minnesota as follows: \$970,000
13.8 to The Nature Conservancy, \$964,000 to Trust
13.9 for Public Land, and \$1,118,000 to Minnesota
13.10 Land Trust. Up to \$112,000 to Minnesota
13.11 Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and
13.12 enforcement fund as approved in the
13.13 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
13.14 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

13.15 **(k) Lower Wild Rice River Corridor Habitat**
13.16 **Restoration, Phase 4**

13.17 \$2,345,000 the second year is to acquire land
13.18 in permanent conservation easement and to
13.19 restore river and related habitat in the Wild
13.20 Rice River corridor. Of this amount, \$30,000
13.21 is to the commissioner of natural resources for
13.22 an agreement with the Wild Rice Watershed
13.23 District and \$2,315,000 is to the Board of
13.24 Water and Soil Resources. The Board of Water
13.25 and Soil Resources may use up to \$60,000 for
13.26 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
13.27 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
13.28 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
13.29 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8,
13.30 paragraph (b), does not apply to this project.
13.31 A list of permanent conservation easements
13.32 must be provided as part of the final report.

13.33 **(l) DNR Wildlife Management Area and**
13.34 **Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition, Phase**
13.35 **16**

14.1 \$1,359,000 the second year is to the
 14.2 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
 14.3 in fee and restore and enhance lands for
 14.4 wildlife management purposes under
 14.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 14.6 subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee for
 14.7 scientific and natural area purposes under
 14.8 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 14.9 subdivision 5. Subject to evaluation criteria
 14.10 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
 14.11 must be given to acquiring lands that are
 14.12 eligible for the native prairie bank under
 14.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
 14.14 adjacent to protected native prairie.

14.15 **(m) Accelerating Habitat Conservation in**
 14.16 **Southwest Minnesota, Phase 3**

14.17 \$2,872,000 the second year is to the
 14.18 commissioner of natural resources for an
 14.19 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
 14.20 acquire permanent conservation easements
 14.21 and to restore and enhance high-quality
 14.22 wildlife habitat in southwest Minnesota. Of
 14.23 this amount, up to \$168,000 is to establish a
 14.24 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
 14.25 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
 14.26 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
 14.27 subdivision 17.

14.28 **(n) Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection**
 14.29 **and Restoration, Phase 5**

14.30 \$3,965,000 the second year is to the
 14.31 commissioner of natural resources for
 14.32 agreements to acquire lands in fee and
 14.33 permanent conservation easements and restore
 14.34 and enhance wildlife habitat in the Sauk River
 14.35 watershed as follows: \$375,000 to Great River
 14.36 Greening; \$1,199,000 to Sauk River

15.1 Watershed District; \$1,192,000 to Pheasants
 15.2 Forever; and \$1,199,000 to Minnesota Land
 15.3 Trust. Up to \$168,000 to Minnesota Land
 15.4 Trust is to establish a monitoring and
 15.5 enforcement fund as approved in the
 15.6 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
 15.7 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

15.8 **(o) Metro Big Rivers, Phase 14**

15.9 \$8,123,000 the second year is to the
 15.10 commissioner of natural resources for
 15.11 agreements to acquire land in fee and
 15.12 permanent conservation easements and to
 15.13 restore and enhance natural habitat systems
 15.14 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,
 15.15 and St. Croix Rivers and their tributaries
 15.16 within the metropolitan area as follows:
 15.17 \$1,250,000 to Minnesota Valley National
 15.18 Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc.; \$420,000 to
 15.19 Friends of the Mississippi River; \$803,000 to
 15.20 Great River Greening; \$2,750,000 to Trust for
 15.21 Public Land; and \$2,900,000 to Minnesota
 15.22 Land Trust. Up to \$224,000 to Minnesota
 15.23 Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and
 15.24 enforcement fund as approved in the
 15.25 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
 15.26 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

15.27 **(p) Anoka Sand Plain Habitat Conservation,**
 15.28 **Phase 9**

15.29 \$1,802,000 the second year is to the
 15.30 commissioner of natural resources for
 15.31 agreements to restore and enhance wildlife
 15.32 habitat on public lands and easements in the
 15.33 Anoka Sand Plain ecoregion and intersecting
 15.34 minor watersheds as follows: \$1,508,000 to

16.1 Great River Greening and \$294,000 to
16.2 Sherburne County.

16.3 **(q) DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and**
16.4 **Enhancement, Phase 7**

16.5 \$4,206,000 the second year is to the
16.6 commissioner of natural resources to restore
16.7 and enhance aquatic habitat in degraded
16.8 streams and aquatic management areas and to
16.9 facilitate fish passage.

16.10 **(r) Minnesota Statewide Trout Habitat**
16.11 **Enhancement**

16.12 \$2,308,000 the second year is to the
16.13 commissioner of natural resources for an
16.14 agreement with Trout Unlimited to restore and
16.15 enhance habitat for trout and other species in
16.16 and along coldwater rivers, lakes, and streams
16.17 throughout Minnesota.

16.18 **(s) Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation, Phase 7**

16.19 \$1,572,000 the second year is to the
16.20 commissioner of natural resources for an
16.21 agreement with the Arrowhead Regional
16.22 Development Commission, in cooperation
16.23 with the Lake Superior Steelhead Association,
16.24 to restore and enhance trout habitat in the
16.25 Knife River watershed.

16.26 **(t) DNR St. Louis River Restoration Initiative,**
16.27 **Phase 11**

16.28 \$2,163,000 the second year is to the
16.29 commissioner of natural resources to restore
16.30 and enhance priority aquatic, riparian, and
16.31 forest habitats in the St. Louis River estuary.
16.32 Of this amount, \$716,000 is for an agreement
16.33 with Minnesota Land Trust.

16.34 **(u) Roseau Lake Rehabilitation, Phase 2**

- 17.1 \$3,054,000 the second year is to the
17.2 commissioner of natural resources for an
17.3 agreement with the Roseau River Watershed
17.4 District to restore and enhance the Roseau
17.5 Lake and Roseau River habitat complex in
17.6 Roseau County, Minnesota.
- 17.7 **(v) Highbanks Ravine Bat Hibernaculum**
- 17.8 \$2,300,000 the second year is to the
17.9 commissioner of natural resources for an
17.10 agreement with the city of St. Cloud to
17.11 enhance the Highbanks Ravine Bat
17.12 Hibernaculum in St. Cloud.
- 17.13 **(w) Owámmiyomni Native Landscape and River**
17.14 **Restoration, St. Anthony Falls**
- 17.15 \$1,918,000 the second year is to the
17.16 commissioner of natural resources for an
17.17 agreement with Friends of the Falls to restore
17.18 and enhance wildlife habitat at Upper St.
17.19 Anthony Falls. This appropriation may only
17.20 be spent for site grading, oak savanna, and
17.21 aquatic habitat portions of the project.
- 17.22 **(x) Silver Lake Dam Fish Passage Modification**
- 17.23 \$2,368,000 the second year is to the
17.24 commissioner of natural resources for an
17.25 agreement with the city of Rochester to restore
17.26 and enhance aquatic habitat in Silver Lake and
17.27 the south fork of the Zumbro River by
17.28 modifying the existing low-head dam in
17.29 Rochester.
- 17.30 **(y) Little Devil Track River Restoration**
- 17.31 \$3,000,000 the second year is to the
17.32 commissioner of natural resources for an
17.33 agreement with Cook County to restore and

18.1 enhance stream habitat in the Little Devil
18.2 Track River.

18.3 **(z) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**
18.4 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat, Phase**
18.5 **16**

18.6 \$15,000,000 the second year is to the
18.7 commissioner of natural resources for a
18.8 program to provide competitive matching
18.9 grants of up to \$500,000 to local, regional,
18.10 state, and national organizations for enhancing,
18.11 restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands,
18.12 prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife
18.13 in Minnesota. Unless there are not enough
18.14 eligible grant applications received, of this
18.15 amount, at least \$4,000,000 is for grants in the
18.16 seven-county metropolitan area and cities with
18.17 a population of 50,000 or more and at least
18.18 \$4,000,000 is for grants to applicants that have
18.19 not previously applied for money from the
18.20 outdoor heritage fund. Grants must not be
18.21 made for activities required to fulfill the duties
18.22 of owners of lands subject to conservation
18.23 easements. Grants must not be made from the
18.24 appropriation in this paragraph for projects
18.25 that have a total project cost exceeding
18.26 \$1,000,000. Of the total appropriation,
18.27 \$600,000 may be spent for personnel costs,
18.28 outreach, and support to first-time applicants
18.29 and other direct and necessary administrative
18.30 costs. Grantees may acquire land or interests
18.31 in land. Easements must be permanent. Grants
18.32 may not be used to establish easement
18.33 stewardship accounts. The program must
18.34 require a match of at least ten percent from
18.35 nonstate sources for all grants. The match may
18.36 be cash or in-kind. For grant applications of

19.1 \$25,000 or less, the commissioner must
19.2 provide a separate, simplified application
19.3 process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the
19.4 commissioner of natural resources must, when
19.5 evaluating projects of equal value, give
19.6 priority to organizations that have a history of
19.7 receiving, or a charter to receive, private
19.8 contributions for local conservation or habitat
19.9 projects. All restoration or enhancement
19.10 projects must be on land permanently
19.11 protected by a permanent covenant ensuring
19.12 perpetual maintenance and protection of
19.13 restored and enhanced habitat, by a
19.14 conservation easement, or by public ownership
19.15 or in public waters as defined in Minnesota
19.16 Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision 15.
19.17 Priority must be given to restoration and
19.18 enhancement projects on public lands.
19.19 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
19.20 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded
19.21 under this paragraph. This appropriation is
19.22 available until June 30, 2027. No less than five
19.23 percent of the amount of each grant must be
19.24 held back from reimbursement until the grant
19.25 recipient completes a grant accomplishment
19.26 report by the deadline and in the form
19.27 prescribed by and satisfactory to the
19.28 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The
19.29 commissioner must provide notice of the grant
19.30 program in the summary of game and fish law
19.31 prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section
19.32 97A.051, subdivision 2.

19.33 **(aa) Protecting Upper Mississippi River from**
19.34 **Invasive Carp**

19.35 \$12,000,000 the second year is to the
19.36 commissioner of natural resources to fund

20.1 activities to protect the Upper Mississippi
 20.2 River from invasive carp. Activities within
 20.3 this appropriation include agreements with
 20.4 federal partners, such as the United States Fish
 20.5 and Wildlife Service, to design, construct, and
 20.6 begin the operation and maintenance of a
 20.7 structural deterrent for invasive carp at Lock
 20.8 and Dam No. 5 on the Mississippi River to
 20.9 protect Minnesota's aquatic habitat through an
 20.10 adaptive management approach. Deterrent
 20.11 design must be fully completed within two
 20.12 years of the date of this appropriation.
 20.13 Deterrent installation must be completed by
 20.14 June 30, 2029. Funds not spent or obligated
 20.15 for design installation and operation of the
 20.16 deterrent may be used for testing technologies
 20.17 to support the future effectiveness of the
 20.18 deterrent. A detailed accomplishment plan
 20.19 must be submitted to and approved by the
 20.20 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council prior
 20.21 to release of funds. This appropriation is
 20.22 available until June 30, 2029.

20.23 **Subd. 6. Administration**

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1,402,000

20.24 **(a) Contract Management**

20.25 \$350,000 the second year is to the
 20.26 commissioner of natural resources for contract
 20.27 management duties assigned in this section.
 20.28 The commissioner must provide an
 20.29 accomplishment plan in the form specified by
 20.30 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
 20.31 on expending this appropriation. The
 20.32 accomplishment plan must include a copy of
 20.33 the grant contract template and reimbursement
 20.34 manual. No money may be expended before
 20.35 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

21.1 approves the accomplishment plan. Money
 21.2 appropriated in this paragraph is available until
 21.3 June 30, 2026.

21.4 **(b) Technical Evaluation Panel**

21.5 \$160,000 the second year is to the
 21.6 commissioner of natural resources for a
 21.7 technical evaluation panel to conduct up to 25
 21.8 restoration and enhancement evaluations under
 21.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
 21.10 subdivision 10. Money appropriated in this
 21.11 paragraph is available until June 30, 2026.

21.12 **(c) Core Functions in Partner-led OHF Land**
 21.13 **Acquisitions**

21.14 \$892,000 the second year is to the
 21.15 commissioner of natural resources for
 21.16 administering the initial development,
 21.17 restoration, and enhancement of land acquired
 21.18 in fee with money appropriated from the
 21.19 outdoor heritage fund. This appropriation may
 21.20 be used for land acquisition costs incurred by
 21.21 the department in conveying parcels to the
 21.22 department and for initial development
 21.23 activities on fee title acquisitions. Money
 21.24 appropriated in this paragraph is available until
 21.25 June 30, 2032.

21.26 **Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation**

21.27 (a) Money appropriated in this section may
 21.28 not be spent on activities unless they are
 21.29 directly related to and necessary for a specific
 21.30 appropriation and are specified in the
 21.31 accomplishment plan approved by the
 21.32 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
 21.33 Money appropriated in this section must not
 21.34 be spent on indirect costs or other institutional
 21.35 overhead charges that are not directly related

- 22.1 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.
- 22.2 Money appropriated for fee title acquisition
- 22.3 of land may be used to restore, enhance, and
- 22.4 provide for public use of the land acquired
- 22.5 with the appropriation. Public-use facilities
- 22.6 must have a minimal impact on habitat in
- 22.7 acquired lands.
- 22.8 (b) Money appropriated in this section is
- 22.9 available as follows:
- 22.10 (1) money appropriated for acquiring real
- 22.11 property is available until June 30, 2028;
- 22.12 (2) money appropriated for restoring and
- 22.13 enhancing land acquired with an appropriation
- 22.14 in this section is available for four years after
- 22.15 the acquisition date with a maximum end date
- 22.16 of June 30, 2032;
- 22.17 (3) money appropriated for restoring or
- 22.18 enhancing other land is available until June
- 22.19 30, 2029;
- 22.20 (4) notwithstanding clauses (1) to (3), money
- 22.21 appropriated for a project that receives at least
- 22.22 15 percent of its funding from federal funds
- 22.23 is available until a date sufficient to match the
- 22.24 availability of federal funding to a maximum
- 22.25 of six years if the federal funding was
- 22.26 confirmed and included in the original
- 22.27 approved draft accomplishment plan; and
- 22.28 (5) money appropriated for other projects is
- 22.29 available until the end of the fiscal year in
- 22.30 which it is appropriated.
- 22.31 **Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital**
- 22.32 **Equipment Expenditures**
- 22.33 (a) All agreements referred to in this section
- 22.34 must be administered on a reimbursement

23.1 basis unless otherwise provided in this section.
23.2 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
23.3 16A.41, expenditures directly related to each
23.4 appropriation's purpose made on or after July
23.5 1, 2024, or the date of accomplishment plan
23.6 approval, whichever is later, are eligible for
23.7 reimbursement unless otherwise provided in
23.8 this section. For the purposes of administering
23.9 appropriations and legislatively authorized
23.10 agreements paid out of the outdoor heritage
23.11 fund, an expense must be considered
23.12 reimbursable by the administering agency
23.13 when the recipient presents the agency with
23.14 an invoice or binding agreement with a
23.15 landowner and the recipient attests that the
23.16 goods have been received or the landowner
23.17 agreement is binding. Periodic reimbursement
23.18 must be made upon receiving documentation
23.19 that the items articulated in the
23.20 accomplishment plan approved by the
23.21 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council have
23.22 been achieved, including partial achievements
23.23 as evidenced by progress reports approved by
23.24 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
23.25 Reasonable amounts may be advanced to
23.26 projects to accommodate cash-flow needs,
23.27 support future management of acquired lands,
23.28 or match a federal share. The advances must
23.29 be approved as part of the accomplishment
23.30 plan. Capital equipment expenditures for
23.31 specific items in excess of \$10,000 must be
23.32 itemized in and approved as part of the
23.33 accomplishment plan.
23.34 (b) Unless otherwise provided, no money
23.35 appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund
23.36 in this act may be used to acquire, restore, or

24.1 enhance any real property unless the specific
24.2 acquisition, restoration, or enhancement is
24.3 approved as part of the accomplishment plan
24.4 on the parcel list.

24.5 **Subd. 9. Mapping**

24.6 Each direct recipient of money appropriated
24.7 in this section, as well as each recipient of a
24.8 grant awarded pursuant to this section, must
24.9 provide geographic information to the
24.10 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council for
24.11 mapping of any lands acquired in fee with
24.12 funds appropriated in this section and open to
24.13 public taking of fish and game. The
24.14 commissioner of natural resources must
24.15 include the lands acquired in fee with money
24.16 appropriated in this section on maps showing
24.17 public recreation opportunities. Maps must
24.18 include information on and acknowledgment
24.19 of the outdoor heritage fund, including a
24.20 notation of any restrictions.

24.21 **Subd. 10. Carryforward**

24.22 (a) The availability of the following
24.23 appropriations is extended to June 30, 2025:
24.24 (1) Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter
24.25 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, paragraph
24.26 (f), Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat
24.27 Enhancement and Restoration - Phase XI; and
24.28 (2) Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter
24.29 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, paragraph
24.30 (j), Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat
24.31 Restoration Program - Phase VIII.
24.32 (b) The availability of the appropriation in
24.33 Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 2,
24.34 article 1, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph

26.1 Minnesota Management and Budget MMB
 26.2 Guidance to Agencies on Legacy Fund
 26.3 Expenditure. Notwithstanding Minnesota
 26.4 Statutes, section 16A.28, and unless otherwise
 26.5 specified in this article, fiscal year 2024
 26.6 appropriations are available until June 30,
 26.7 2025, and fiscal year 2025 appropriations are
 26.8 available until June 30, 2026. If a project
 26.9 receives federal funds, the period of the
 26.10 appropriation is extended to equal the
 26.11 availability of federal funding.

26.12 **Subd. 3. Disability Access**

26.13 Where appropriate, grant recipients of clean
 26.14 water funds, in consultation with the Council
 26.15 on Disability and other appropriate
 26.16 governor-appointed disability councils, boards,
 26.17 committees, and commissions, should make
 26.18 progress toward providing people with
 26.19 disabilities greater access to programs, print
 26.20 publications, and digital media related to the
 26.21 programs the recipient funds using
 26.22 appropriations made in this article.

26.23 **Subd. 4. Increasing Diversity in Environmental**
 26.24 **Careers**

26.25 Agencies should work to provide opportunities
 26.26 that encourage a diversity of students to pursue
 26.27 careers in environment and natural resources
 26.28 when implementing appropriations in this
 26.29 article.

26.30 **Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE** **\$** **-0-** **\$** **4,000,000**

26.31 (a) \$1,000,000 the second year is for
 26.32 monitoring and evaluating trends in the
 26.33 concentration of nitrate in groundwater;
 26.34 promoting, developing, and evaluating
 26.35 regional and crop-specific nutrient best

27.1 management practices, cover crops, and other
 27.2 vegetative cover; assessing adoption of best
 27.3 management practices and other recommended
 27.4 practices; education and technical support
 27.5 from University of Minnesota Extension;
 27.6 grants to support agricultural demonstration
 27.7 and implementation activities, including
 27.8 research activities at the Rosholt Research
 27.9 Farm; and other actions to protect groundwater
 27.10 from degradation from nitrate. This
 27.11 appropriation is added to the appropriation in
 27.12 Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 2, section 3,
 27.13 paragraph (b), and is available until June 30,
 27.14 2028.

27.15 (b) \$3,000,000 the second year is for the
 27.16 agriculture best management practices loan
 27.17 program for loans for water quality-related
 27.18 projects in southeast Minnesota. Any
 27.19 unencumbered balance at the end of the second
 27.20 year must be added to the corpus of the loan
 27.21 fund. This appropriation is added to the
 27.22 appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 40, article
 27.23 2, section 3, paragraph (c).

27.24 **Sec. 4. POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY \$ -0- \$ 4,650,000**

27.25 (a) \$1,000,000 the second year is for
 27.26 enhancing the county-level delivery systems
 27.27 for subsurface sewage treatment system
 27.28 (SSTS) activities necessary to implement
 27.29 Minnesota Statutes, sections 115.55 and
 27.30 115.56, for protecting groundwater. This
 27.31 appropriation is added to the appropriation in
 27.32 Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 2, section 4,
 27.33 paragraph (f). Notwithstanding Minnesota
 27.34 Statutes, section 16A.28, the appropriations

28.1 in this paragraph are available until June 30,
28.2 2028.

28.3 (b) \$1,000,000 the second year is for activities
28.4 and grants that reduce chloride pollution. This
28.5 appropriation is added to the appropriation in
28.6 Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 2, section 4,
28.7 paragraph (g).

28.8 (c) \$2,000,000 the second year is to purchase
28.9 and install nitrate sensors to develop a
28.10 continuous nitrate-monitoring network to
28.11 monitor watershed and basin pour points
28.12 where elevated loads of nitrate have been
28.13 measured historically.

28.14 (d) \$500,000 the second year is for grants to
28.15 assist local units of government that own and
28.16 operate wastewater treatment facilities to test
28.17 for and monitor perfluoroalkyl and
28.18 polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in influent,
28.19 biosolids, and effluent. The commissioner
28.20 must issue the grants consistent with
28.21 Minnesota's PFAS Blueprint and to further the
28.22 monitoring goals developed in the 2022 PFAS
28.23 Monitoring Plan.

28.24 (e) \$150,000 the second year is for a grant to
28.25 the Friends of the Minnesota Valley to
28.26 continue and expand the existing water quality
28.27 and watershed monitoring river watch
28.28 activities in schools in the Minnesota River
28.29 Valley. By February 15, 2027, Friends of the
28.30 Minnesota Valley must provide a report to the
28.31 commissioner and to the chairs and ranking
28.32 minority members of the legislative
28.33 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
28.34 over environment and natural resources
28.35 finance and policy and the clean water fund

29.1 on the outcomes achieved with the money
 29.2 received under this appropriation.

29.3 **Sec. 5. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**
 29.4 **RESOURCES**

\$ **-0-** **\$** **90,000**

29.5 \$90,000 the second year is for assessing
 29.6 mercury and other fish contaminants,
 29.7 including PFAS compounds, and monitoring
 29.8 to track the status of impaired waters over
 29.9 time. This appropriation is added to the
 29.10 appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 40, article
 29.11 2, section 5, paragraph (c).

29.12 **Sec. 6. BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL**
 29.13 **RESOURCES**

\$ **-0-** **\$** **9,485,000**

29.14 (a) \$2,485,000 the second year is for a
 29.15 working lands floodplain program and to
 29.16 purchase, restore, or preserve riparian land
 29.17 and floodplains adjacent to lakes, rivers,
 29.18 streams, and tributaries, by conservation
 29.19 easements or contracts to keep water on the
 29.20 land, to decrease sediment, pollutant, and
 29.21 nutrient transport; reduce hydrologic impacts
 29.22 to surface waters; and increase protection and
 29.23 recharge for groundwater. Up to \$100,000 is
 29.24 for deposit in a conservation easement
 29.25 stewardship account established according to
 29.26 Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.103. This
 29.27 appropriation is added to the appropriation in
 29.28 Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 2, section 6,
 29.29 paragraph (f).

29.30 (b) \$4,000,000 the second year is to purchase
 29.31 permanent conservation easements to protect
 29.32 lands adjacent to public waters that have good
 29.33 water quality but that are threatened with
 29.34 degradation. Up to \$160,000 is for deposit in
 29.35 a conservation easement stewardship account

31.1 laboratory to analyze for these contaminants.

31.2 This appropriation is added to the

31.3 appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 40, article

31.4 2, section 7, paragraph (a).

31.5 (b) \$917,000 the second year is for supporting

31.6 the public health response to nitrates in private

31.7 wells in southeast Minnesota. Of this amount,

31.8 \$737,000 is for well inventory and \$180,000

31.9 is for private well testing.

31.10 (c) Unless otherwise specified, the

31.11 appropriations in this section are available

31.12 until June 30, 2027.

31.13 **Sec. 8. UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA \$ -0- \$ 5,900,000**

31.14 (a)(1) \$5,400,000 the second year is for the

31.15 University of Minnesota Water Council to

31.16 engage with partners and develop a 50-year

31.17 clean water plan, according to the scope of

31.18 work developed under Laws 2023, chapter 60,

31.19 article 9, section 12, that:

31.20 (i) provides a literature-based assessment of

31.21 the current status and trends regarding the

31.22 quality and quantity of Minnesota waters, both

31.23 surface and subsurface;

31.24 (ii) identifies gaps in data or understanding

31.25 and provides recommended steps to address

31.26 the gaps;

31.27 (iii) identifies existing and potential future

31.28 threats to Minnesota's waters; and

31.29 (iv) proposes a road map of scenarios and

31.30 policy recommendations designed to

31.31 proactively protect, remediate, and conserve

31.32 clean water for human use and biodiversity

31.33 for the next 50 years.

32.1 (2) The Board of Regents of the University of
32.2 Minnesota is requested to submit to the chairs
32.3 and ranking minority members of the house
32.4 of representatives and senate committees and
32.5 divisions with jurisdiction over environment
32.6 and natural resources:

32.7 (i) by June 30, 2025, a status report that
32.8 includes:

32.9 (A) a directory of existing data, databases, and
32.10 decision support tools; and

32.11 (B) an assessment of gaps in data and
32.12 understanding; and

32.13 (ii) by June 30, 2026, a status report that
32.14 includes:

32.15 (A) a list of steps to take to address gaps in
32.16 data and understanding; and

32.17 (B) a set of policy scenarios and forecasting
32.18 inputs.

32.19 (b) \$500,000 the second year is for a program
32.20 to evaluate performance and technology
32.21 transfer for stormwater best management
32.22 practices, to evaluate best management
32.23 performance and effectiveness to support
32.24 meeting total maximum daily loads, to develop
32.25 standards and incorporate state-of-the-art
32.26 guidance using minimal impact design
32.27 standards as the model, and to implement a
32.28 system to transfer knowledge and technology
32.29 across local government, industry, and
32.30 regulatory sectors. This appropriation is added
32.31 to the appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 40,
32.32 article 2, section 9, paragraph (b), and is
32.33 available until June 30, 2030.

33.1

ARTICLE 3

33.2

PARKS AND TRAILS FUND

33.3 Section 1. Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 3, section 2, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

| | | | | |
|------|---|----|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 33.4 | | | | 64,455,000 |
| 33.5 | Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation | \$ | 72,155,000 | \$ <u>73,563,000</u> |

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

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

33.9 Sec. 2. Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 3, section 3, is amended to read:

| | | | | |
|-------|--------------------------------------|----|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 33.10 | Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL | | | 38,931,000 |
| 33.11 | RESOURCES | \$ | 43,580,000 | \$ <u>44,396,000</u> |

33.12 (a) \$28,572,000 the first year and ~~\$25,524,000~~

33.13 \$29,167,000 the second year are for state

33.14 parks, recreation areas, and trails to:

33.15 (1) connect people to the outdoors;

33.16 (2) acquire land and create opportunities;

33.17 (3) maintain existing holdings; and

33.18 (4) improve cooperation by coordinating with

33.19 partners to implement the 25-year long-range

33.20 parks and trails legacy plan.

33.21 (b) The commissioner may spend money

33.22 appropriated under paragraph (a) on I Can!

33.23 programs, including but not limited to

33.24 programs designed to provide underserved

33.25 youth and youth who identify as lesbian, gay,

33.26 bisexual, transgender, and queer the

33.27 opportunity to experience the outdoors with

33.28 similar peers.

33.29 (c) \$14,286,000 the first year and ~~\$12,762,000~~

33.30 \$14,584,000 the second year are for grants for

33.31 parks and trails of regional significance

33.32 outside the seven-county metropolitan area

34.1 under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.535. The
34.2 grants awarded under this paragraph must be
34.3 based on the lists of recommended projects
34.4 submitted to the legislative committees under
34.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.536,
34.6 subdivision 10, from the Greater Minnesota
34.7 Regional Parks and Trails Commission
34.8 established under Minnesota Statutes, section
34.9 85.536. Grants funded under this paragraph
34.10 must support parks and trails of regional or
34.11 statewide significance that meet the applicable
34.12 definitions and criteria for regional parks and
34.13 trails contained in the *Greater Minnesota*
34.14 *Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan*
34.15 adopted by the Greater Minnesota Regional
34.16 Parks and Trails Commission on ~~April 22,~~
34.17 ~~2015~~ March 24, 2021. Grant recipients
34.18 identified under this paragraph must submit a
34.19 grant application to the commissioner of
34.20 natural resources. Up to 2.5 percent of the
34.21 appropriation may be used by the
34.22 commissioner for the actual cost of issuing
34.23 and monitoring the grants for the commission.
34.24 Of the amount appropriated, \$475,000 the first
34.25 year and \$475,000 the second year are for the
34.26 Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails
34.27 Commission to carry out its duties under
34.28 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.536, including
34.29 the continued development of a statewide
34.30 system plan for regional parks and trails
34.31 outside the seven-county metropolitan area.

34.32 (d) By January 15, 2024, the Greater
34.33 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails
34.34 Commission must submit a list of projects that
34.35 contains the commission's recommendations
34.36 for funding from the parks and trails fund for

- 35.1 fiscal year 2025 to the chairs and ranking
35.2 minority members of the legislative
35.3 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
35.4 over environment and natural resources and
35.5 the parks and trails fund.
- 35.6 (e) By January 15, 2024, the Greater
35.7 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails
35.8 Commission must submit a report that contains
35.9 the commission's criteria for funding from the
35.10 parks and trails fund, including the criteria
35.11 used to determine if a park or trail is of
35.12 regional significance, to the chairs and ranking
35.13 minority members of the legislative
35.14 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
35.15 over environment and natural resources and
35.16 the parks and trails fund.
- 35.17 (f) \$722,000 the first year and \$645,000 the
35.18 second year are for coordination and projects
35.19 between the department, the Metropolitan
35.20 Council, and the Greater Minnesota Regional
35.21 Parks and Trails Commission; enhanced
35.22 web-based information for park and trail users;
35.23 and support of activities of the Parks and
35.24 Trails Legacy Advisory Committee.
- 35.25 (g) The commissioner must contract for
35.26 services with Conservation Corps Minnesota
35.27 for restoration, maintenance, and other
35.28 activities under this section for at least
35.29 \$850,000 the first year and \$850,000 the
35.30 second year.
- 35.31 (h) Grant recipients of an appropriation under
35.32 this section must give consideration to
35.33 contracting with Conservation Corps
35.34 Minnesota for restoration, maintenance, and
35.35 other activities.

36.1 (i) In addition to the requirements under
 36.2 paragraph (g), the commissioner should work
 36.3 to provide other opportunities that encourage
 36.4 a diversity of students to pursue careers in
 36.5 environment and natural resources when
 36.6 implementing appropriations in this section.

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

36.8 Sec. 3. Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 3, section 4, is amended to read:

| | | | | |
|-------|-------------------------------------|----|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 36.9 | | | | 25,524,000 |
| 36.10 | Sec. 4. METROPOLITAN COUNCIL | \$ | 28,572,000 | \$ <u>29,167,000</u> |

36.11 (a) \$28,572,000 the first year and ~~\$25,524,000~~
 36.12 \$29,167,000 the second year are for
 36.13 distribution according to Minnesota Statutes,
 36.14 section 85.53, subdivision 3.

36.15 (b) Money appropriated under this section and
 36.16 distributed to implementing agencies must be
 36.17 used only to fund the list of projects approved
 36.18 by the elected representatives of each of the
 36.19 metropolitan parks implementing agencies.
 36.20 Projects funded by the money appropriated
 36.21 under this section must be substantially
 36.22 consistent with the project descriptions and
 36.23 dollar amounts approved by each elected body.
 36.24 Any money remaining after completing the
 36.25 listed projects may be spent by the
 36.26 implementing agencies on projects to support
 36.27 parks and trails.

36.28 (c) Grant agreements entered into by the
 36.29 Metropolitan Council and recipients of money
 36.30 appropriated under this section must ensure
 36.31 that the money is used to supplement and not
 36.32 substitute for traditional sources of funding.

36.33 (d) The implementing agencies receiving
 36.34 appropriations under this section must give

37.1 consideration to contracting with Conservation
 37.2 Corps Minnesota for restoration, maintenance,
 37.3 and other activities.

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

37.5 **Sec. 4. PARKS AND TRAILS FUND APPROPRIATION EXTENSIONS.**

37.6 Subdivision 1. **Bluffs Traverse Trail; city of Winona.** The availability of the grant to
 37.7 the city of Winona for the Bluffs Traverse Trail project from the parks and trails fund
 37.8 appropriation under Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 1, article 3, section 3, paragraph
 37.9 (b), is extended to June 30, 2026.

37.10 Subd. 2. **Jay C. Hormel Nature Center; city of Austin.** The availability of the grant
 37.11 to the city of Austin for the Jay C. Hormel Nature Center project from the parks and trails
 37.12 fund appropriation under Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 1, article 3, section 3,
 37.13 paragraph (b), is extended to June 30, 2027.

37.14 Subd. 3. **Hole in the Mountain Park; Lincoln County.** The availability of the grant to
 37.15 Lincoln County for the Hole in the Mountain Park project from the parks and trails fund
 37.16 appropriation under Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 1, article 3, section 3, paragraph
 37.17 (b), is extended to June 30, 2027.

37.18 Subd. 4. **Alexander Ramsey Park; city of Redwood Falls.** The availability of the grant
 37.19 to the city of Redwood Falls for the Alexander Ramsey Park project from the parks and
 37.20 trails fund appropriation under Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 1, article 3, section
 37.21 3, paragraph (b), is extended to June 30, 2027.

37.22 Subd. 5. **Coordination among partners.** The appropriations from the parks and trails
 37.23 fund under Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 1, article 3, section 3, paragraph (e),
 37.24 are available until June 30, 2026.

37.25 **ARTICLE 4**

37.26 **ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND**

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

37.28 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the entities
 37.29 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the arts and cultural
 37.30 heritage fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for allowable activities under
 37.31 the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 15, except that any unencumbered balance
 37.32 remaining under this article from the first year does not cancel but is available in the second

39.1 appropriation. If a project receives federal
 39.2 funds, the period of the appropriation is
 39.3 extended to equal the availability of federal
 39.4 funding.

39.5 **Subd. 3. Minnesota State Arts Board** -0- 5,738,000

39.6 (a) The amounts in this subdivision are
 39.7 appropriated to the Minnesota State Arts
 39.8 Board for arts, arts education, arts
 39.9 preservation, and arts access. Grant
 39.10 agreements entered into by the Minnesota
 39.11 State Arts Board and other recipients of
 39.12 appropriations in this subdivision must ensure
 39.13 that these funds are used to supplement and
 39.14 not substitute for traditional sources of
 39.15 funding. Each grant program established in
 39.16 this appropriation must be separately
 39.17 administered from other state appropriations
 39.18 for program planning and outcome
 39.19 measurements, but may take into consideration
 39.20 other state resources awarded in the selection
 39.21 of applicants and grant award size.

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

39.23 \$4,590,000 the second year is to support
 39.24 Minnesota artists and arts organizations in
 39.25 creating, producing, and presenting
 39.26 high-quality arts activities; to preserve,
 39.27 maintain, and interpret art forms and works
 39.28 of art so that they are accessible to Minnesota
 39.29 audiences; to overcome barriers to accessing
 39.30 high-quality arts activities; and to instill the
 39.31 arts into the community and public life in this
 39.32 state. This appropriation is added to the
 39.33 appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 40, article
 39.34 4, section 2, subdivision 3, paragraph (b).

39.35 **(c) Arts Education**

40.1 \$861,000 the second year is for high-quality,
40.2 age-appropriate arts education for Minnesotans
40.3 of all ages to develop knowledge, skills, and
40.4 understanding of the arts. This appropriation
40.5 is added to the appropriation in Laws 2023,
40.6 chapter 40, article 4, section 2, subdivision 3,
40.7 paragraph (c).

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

40.9 \$287,000 the second year is for events and
40.10 activities that represent, preserve, and maintain
40.11 the diverse cultural arts traditions, including
40.12 folk and traditional artists and art
40.13 organizations, represented in this state. This
40.14 appropriation is added to the appropriation in
40.15 Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 4, section 2,
40.16 subdivision 3, paragraph (d).

40.17 **(e) Administrative Costs**

40.18 Up to five percent of the totals in paragraphs
40.19 (b) to (d) each year is for administering grant
40.20 programs, delivering technical services,
40.21 providing fiscal oversight for the statewide
40.22 system, and ensuring accountability in fiscal
40.23 year 2025.

40.24 **(f) Regional Arts Councils**

40.25 Thirty percent of the remaining total
40.26 appropriation to each of the categories listed
40.27 in paragraphs (b) to (d) is for grants to the
40.28 regional arts councils. Notwithstanding any
40.29 other provision of law, regional arts council
40.30 grants or other arts council grants for touring
40.31 programs, projects, or exhibits must ensure
40.32 the programs, projects, or exhibits are able to
40.33 tour in their own region as well as all other
40.34 regions of the state.

- 41.1 **Subd. 4. Department of Administration** -0- 1,895,000
- 41.2 (a) The amounts in this subdivision are
- 41.3 appropriated to the commissioner of
- 41.4 administration for grants to the named
- 41.5 organizations for the purposes specified in this
- 41.6 subdivision. The commissioner of
- 41.7 administration may use a portion of this
- 41.8 appropriation for costs that are directly related
- 41.9 to and necessary for the administration of
- 41.10 grants in this subdivision.
- 41.11 (b) Grant agreements entered into by the
- 41.12 commissioner and recipients of appropriations
- 41.13 under this subdivision must ensure that money
- 41.14 appropriated in this subdivision is used to
- 41.15 supplement and not substitute for traditional
- 41.16 sources of funding.
- 41.17 **(c) Berger Fountain Renovation**
- 41.18 \$250,000 the second year is for a grant to the
- 41.19 Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to
- 41.20 restore Berger Fountain at Loring Park and
- 41.21 for improvements to the surrounding plaza.
- 41.22 **(d) Capri Theater**
- 41.23 \$200,000 the second year is for a grant to
- 41.24 Capri Theater to enrich and expand youth and
- 41.25 adult arts programming and effective arts and
- 41.26 educational offerings for youth, families, and
- 41.27 emerging and accomplished artists.
- 41.28 **(e) Cannon Falls American Veterans Memorial**
- 41.29 **Park**
- 41.30 \$250,000 the second year is for a grant to the
- 41.31 American Veterans Memorial Park for the
- 41.32 regional destination veterans memorial park
- 41.33 outside the city of Cannon Falls for
- 41.34 celebrating, recognizing, and honoring the

42.1 sacrifices of the diverse allies who supported
42.2 America in wars and conflicts, including but
42.3 not limited to culturally specific events,
42.4 festivals, and gatherings.

42.5 **(f) Indigenous Roots Cultural Arts Center and**
42.6 **Cypher Side**

42.7 \$200,000 the second year is for a grant to
42.8 Indigenous Roots Cultural Arts Center to
42.9 partner with Cypher Side to provide
42.10 integration of dance and other arts into a
42.11 creative economy-style retail and gastronomy
42.12 space in which youth can bring their arts and
42.13 cultural heritage into new spheres of activity.
42.14 This appropriation may not be used to hold
42.15 events.

42.16 **(g) Hrvatski Dom Croatian Hall**

42.17 \$195,000 the second year is for a grant to the
42.18 Hrvatski Dom Croatian Hall in South St. Paul
42.19 for restoring and operating the hall for
42.20 community gatherings and to preserve the
42.21 history and cultural heritage of Croatian
42.22 immigrants in Minnesota.

42.23 **(h) Justus Ramsey Stone House**

42.24 \$300,000 the second year is for a grant to the
42.25 Pullman Company for costs related to
42.26 preserving Minnesota's historic Justus Ramsey
42.27 Stone House and relocating it to the Jackson
42.28 Street Roundhouse property owned and
42.29 operated by the Minnesota Transportation
42.30 Museum.

42.31 **(i) Minnesota Military and Veterans Museum**

42.32 \$275,000 the second year is for a grant to the
42.33 Minnesota Military and Veterans Museum at
42.34 Camp Ripley for the restoration, relocation,

43.1 and interpretation of the USS Ward Number
 43.2 Three Gun and World War II display.

43.3 **(j) PROCEED**

43.4 \$150,000 the second year is for a grant to
 43.5 PROCEED, Inc., for arts, cultural, and
 43.6 environmental preservation work with youth.

43.7 **(k) Twin Cities Jazz Festival**

43.8 \$75,000 the second year is for arts and arts
 43.9 access at the Twin Cities Jazz Festival.

43.10 **Subd. 5. Minnesota Humanities Center**

43.11 (a) The amounts in this subdivision are
 43.12 appropriated to the Board of Directors of the
 43.13 Minnesota Humanities Center for the purposes
 43.14 specified in this subdivision. The Minnesota
 43.15 Humanities Center may use up to 5.5 percent
 43.16 of the appropriations for the administration of
 43.17 these funds and to cover the cost of
 43.18 administering, planning, evaluating, and
 43.19 reporting these grants. The Minnesota
 43.20 Humanities Center must develop a written
 43.21 plan to issue the grants under this subdivision
 43.22 and must submit the plan for review and
 43.23 approval by the commissioner of
 43.24 administration. The written plan must require
 43.25 the Minnesota Humanities Center to create
 43.26 and adhere to grant policies that are similar to
 43.27 those established according to Minnesota
 43.28 Statutes, section 16B.97, subdivision 4,
 43.29 paragraph (a), clause (1).

43.30 No grants awarded under this subdivision may
 43.31 be used for travel outside the state of
 43.32 Minnesota. The grant agreement must specify
 43.33 the repercussions for failing to comply with
 43.34 the grant agreement.

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44.1 **(b) Community Identity and Heritage Grant**
44.2 **Program; Administration and Capacity-Building**
44.3 **Grants**

44.4 \$2,500,000 the second year is for a
44.5 competitive grant program to provide grants
44.6 to organizations or individuals working to
44.7 create, celebrate, and teach the art, culture,
44.8 and heritage of diverse Minnesota
44.9 communities, including but not limited to
44.10 Asian and Pacific Island communities, the
44.11 Somali diaspora and other African immigrant
44.12 communities, Indigenous communities with
44.13 a focus on the 11 Tribes in Minnesota, the
44.14 African American community, the Latinx
44.15 community, the LGBTQIA+ community, and
44.16 other underrepresented cultural groups,
44.17 including communities of Black, Indigenous,
44.18 and people of color, to celebrate the cultural
44.19 diversity of Minnesota. Nothing in this
44.20 paragraph shall be construed to prevent a
44.21 named recipient of a grant under this article
44.22 or under Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 4, from
44.23 applying to receive additional grant money
44.24 under this paragraph. An individual or
44.25 organization that receives a grant under this
44.26 paragraph must do at least one of the
44.27 following:

44.28 (1) preserve and honor the cultural heritage of
44.29 Minnesota;

44.30 (2) provide education and student outreach on
44.31 cultural diversity;

44.32 (3) support the development of culturally
44.33 diverse humanities programming, including
44.34 arts programming, by individuals and
44.35 organizations; or

45.1 (4) empower communities in building identity
45.2 and culture, including preserving and honoring
45.3 communities whose Indigenous cultures are
45.4 endangered or disappearing.

45.5 **(c) Emergency Grants**

45.6 \$76,000 the second year is for emergency
45.7 grants to respond to urgent community needs
45.8 to organizations otherwise qualified to receive
45.9 grants under paragraph (b). Grants under this
45.10 paragraph should be designed to be awarded
45.11 on a rolling basis based on emerging needs to
45.12 assist communities responding to major events
45.13 and to facilitate the process of grieving,
45.14 encourage healing, create memorials, or assist
45.15 in recovery of the community.

45.16 **(d) Underrepresented Groups Cultural Studies**
45.17 **Materials**

45.18 \$1,000,000 the second year is for competitive
45.19 grants to develop high-quality academic
45.20 cultural and ethnic studies materials for
45.21 communities that do not have adequate
45.22 cultural and ethnic studies materials or who
45.23 are underrepresented in those materials,
45.24 including but not limited to the Hmong, Karen,
45.25 Somali, and Oromo cultures, and cultures
45.26 without a formal writing system that are
45.27 largely oral-based. In developing these
45.28 materials, a recipient of a grant under this
45.29 paragraph must work with school districts that
45.30 intend to use the materials.

45.31 **(e) Art From the Inside**

45.32 \$150,000 the second year is for a grant to Art
45.33 From the Inside to use the arts, including but
45.34 not limited to visual art, poetry, literature,
45.35 theater, dance, and music, to address the

46.1 supportive, therapeutic, and rehabilitative
 46.2 needs of incarcerated persons and persons on
 46.3 supervised release and promote a safer
 46.4 correctional facility and community
 46.5 environment.

46.6 **Subd. 6. Minnesota Historical Society** -0- 850,000

46.7 (a) The amounts in this subdivision are
 46.8 appropriated to the governing board of the
 46.9 Minnesota Historical Society to preserve and
 46.10 enhance access to Minnesota's history and its
 46.11 cultural and historical resources. Grant
 46.12 agreements entered into by the Minnesota
 46.13 Historical Society and other recipients of
 46.14 appropriations in this subdivision must ensure
 46.15 that these funds are used to supplement and
 46.16 not substitute for traditional sources of
 46.17 funding. Funds directly appropriated to the
 46.18 Minnesota Historical Society must be used to
 46.19 supplement and not substitute for traditional
 46.20 sources of funding. The appropriations in this
 46.21 subdivision are onetime.

46.22 **(b) Grants**

46.23 (1) \$200,000 the second year is to facilitate
 46.24 negotiations for the purchase by the state of
 46.25 the Wizard of Oz ruby slippers through a
 46.26 combination of available state funds and
 46.27 nonstate sources of funding;

46.28 (2) \$250,000 the second year is for
 46.29 competitive grants to Lao, Cambodian,
 46.30 Vietnamese, and Hmong cultural community
 46.31 organizations for activities to commemorate
 46.32 50 years of Southeast Asians in Minnesota;

46.33 (3) \$150,000 the second year is for activities
 46.34 to prepare and coordinate community

47.1 commemoration programs celebrating 50 years
47.2 of Hmong Americans in Minnesota. The
47.3 Minnesota Historical Society must form an
47.4 advisory task force consisting of members of
47.5 the Hmong community to advise the society
47.6 on the design and implementation of these
47.7 activities and programs; and

47.8 (4) \$250,000 the second year is for planning
47.9 and outreach, in collaboration with the
47.10 Minnesota Humanities Center, for Minnesota's
47.11 commemoration of the 250th anniversary of
47.12 the signing of the Declaration of
47.13 Independence. The Minnesota Historical
47.14 Society and Minnesota Humanities Center
47.15 must enter into an agreement between the
47.16 organizations on how best to maximize the
47.17 impact of this grant and of collaboration with
47.18 statewide partners.