

A bill for an act

relating to state government; appropriating money from outdoor heritage fund and clean water fund; modifying Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council provisions; modifying legacy funds provisions; modifying prior appropriations; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97A.056, subdivisions 2, 10, by adding a subdivision; Minnesota Statutes 2015 Supplement, sections 85.53, subdivision 2; 129D.17, subdivision 2; Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section 2, subdivisions 2, 3, 5; article 4, section 2, subdivision 3.

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

**ARTICLE 1**

**OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND**

**Section 1. OUTDOOR HERITAGE APPROPRIATION.**

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

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

**Sec. 2. OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND**

<b><u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>-0-</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>107,777,000</u></b>
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2.1 This appropriation is from the outdoor  
 2.2 heritage fund. The amounts that may be  
 2.3 spent for each purpose are specified in the  
 2.4 following subdivisions.

2.5 Subd. 2. Prairies -0- 31,000,000

2.6 **(a) DNR Wildlife Management Area and**  
 2.7 **Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition - Phase**  
 2.8 **VIII**

2.9 \$3,250,000 the second year is to the  
 2.10 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
 2.11 land in fee for wildlife management purposes  
 2.12 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
 2.13 subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee  
 2.14 for scientific and natural area purposes  
 2.15 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
 2.16 subdivision 5. Subject to evaluation criteria  
 2.17 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority  
 2.18 must be given to acquisition of lands that  
 2.19 are eligible for the native prairie bank under  
 2.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
 2.21 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of  
 2.22 proposed land acquisitions must be provided  
 2.23 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

2.24 **(b) Accelerating Wildlife Management Area**  
 2.25 **Acquisition - Phase VIII**

2.26 \$5,229,000 the second year is to the  
 2.27 commissioner of natural resources for  
 2.28 an agreement with Pheasants Forever to  
 2.29 acquire in fee and restore lands for wildlife  
 2.30 management area purposes under Minnesota  
 2.31 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8.  
 2.32 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota  
 2.33 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be  
 2.34 given to acquisition of lands that are eligible  
 2.35 for the native prairie bank under Minnesota  
 2.36 Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to

3.1 protected native prairie. A list of proposed  
3.2 land acquisitions must be provided as part of  
3.3 the required accomplishment plan.

3.4 **(c) Martin County/Fox Lake Wildlife**  
3.5 **Management Area Acquisition**

3.6 \$1,000,000 the second year is to the  
3.7 commissioner of natural resources for an  
3.8 agreement with Fox Lake Conservation  
3.9 League, Inc. to acquire land in fee and restore  
3.10 strategic prairie grassland, wetland, and other  
3.11 wildlife habitat for wildlife management area  
3.12 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section  
3.13 86A.05, subdivision 8. A list of proposed  
3.14 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
3.15 required accomplishment plan.

3.16 **(d) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National**  
3.17 **Wildlife Refuge Land Acquisition - Phase VII**

3.18 \$2,754,000 the second year is to the  
3.19 commissioner of natural resources for an  
3.20 agreement with The Nature Conservancy  
3.21 in cooperation with the United States Fish  
3.22 and Wildlife Service to acquire land in fee  
3.23 or permanent conservation easements and  
3.24 restore lands within the Northern Tallgrass  
3.25 Prairie Habitat Preservation Area in western  
3.26 Minnesota for addition to the Northern  
3.27 Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge.  
3.28 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota  
3.29 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be  
3.30 given to acquisition of lands that are eligible  
3.31 for the native prairie bank under Minnesota  
3.32 Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to  
3.33 protected native prairie. A list of proposed  
3.34 land acquisitions must be provided as part  
3.35 of the required accomplishment plan and

4.1 must be consistent with the priorities in the  
4.2 Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

4.3 **(e) Cannon River Headwaters Habitat**  
4.4 **Complex - Phase VI**

4.5 \$583,000 the second year is to the  
4.6 commissioner of natural resources for an  
4.7 agreement with The Trust for Public Land  
4.8 to acquire land in fee and restore lands in  
4.9 the Cannon River watershed for wildlife  
4.10 management purposes under Minnesota  
4.11 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8.  
4.12 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota  
4.13 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be  
4.14 given to acquisition of lands that are eligible  
4.15 for the native prairie bank under Minnesota  
4.16 Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to  
4.17 protected native prairie. A list of proposed  
4.18 land acquisitions must be provided as part of  
4.19 the required accomplishment plan.

4.20 **(f) Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection**  
4.21 **- Phase V**

4.22 \$2,541,000 the second year is to the  
4.23 commissioner of natural resources  
4.24 to implement the Minnesota Prairie  
4.25 Conservation Plan through the acquisition of  
4.26 permanent conservation easements to protect  
4.27 and restore native prairie. Of this amount, up  
4.28 to \$120,000 is for establishing monitoring  
4.29 and enforcement funds as approved in  
4.30 the accomplishment plan and subject to  
4.31 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
4.32 subdivision 17. Subject to evaluation criteria  
4.33 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority  
4.34 must be given to acquisition of lands that  
4.35 are eligible for the native prairie bank under  
4.36 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands

5.1 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of  
5.2 permanent conservation easements must be  
5.3 provided as part of the final report.

5.4 **(g) Reinvest In Minnesota (RIM) Buffers for**  
5.5 **Wildlife and Water - Phase VI**

5.6 \$6,708,000 the second year is to the Board  
5.7 of Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
5.8 permanent conservation easements and  
5.9 restore habitat under Minnesota Statutes,  
5.10 section 103F.515, to protect, restore, and  
5.11 enhance habitat by expanding the clean  
5.12 water fund riparian buffer program for at  
5.13 least equal wildlife benefits from buffers on  
5.14 private land. Of this amount, up to \$130,000  
5.15 is to establish a monitoring and enforcement  
5.16 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
5.17 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
5.18 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
5.19 conservation easements must be provided as  
5.20 part of the final report.

5.21 **(h) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the**  
5.22 **Southern Red River Valley - Phase II**

5.23 \$2,269,000 the second year is to the  
5.24 commissioner of natural resources for  
5.25 an agreement with Pheasants Forever, in  
5.26 cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie  
5.27 Chicken Society, to acquire land in fee and  
5.28 restore and enhance lands in the southern  
5.29 Red River Valley for wildlife management  
5.30 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section  
5.31 86A.05, subdivision 8, or for designation  
5.32 and management as waterfowl production  
5.33 areas in Minnesota, in cooperation with the  
5.34 United States Fish and Wildlife Service.  
5.35 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota  
5.36 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be

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

6.7 **(i) Grassland Conservation Partnership -**  
6.8 **Phase II**

6.9 \$1,475,000 the second year is to the  
6.10 commissioner of natural resources for an  
6.11 agreement with The Conservation Fund, in  
6.12 cooperation with Minnesota Land Trust, to  
6.13 acquire permanent conservation easements  
6.14 and restore high priority grassland, prairie,  
6.15 and wetland habitats as follows: \$64,000  
6.16 to The Conservation Fund; and \$1,411,000  
6.17 to Minnesota Land Trust, of which up to  
6.18 \$100,000 is for establishing a monitoring  
6.19 and enforcement fund, as approved in  
6.20 the accomplishment plan and subject to  
6.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
6.22 subdivision 17. Subject to evaluation criteria  
6.23 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority  
6.24 must be given to acquisition of lands that  
6.25 are eligible for the native prairie bank under  
6.26 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
6.27 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of  
6.28 proposed acquisitions must be provided as  
6.29 part of the required accomplishment plan and  
6.30 must be consistent with the priorities in the  
6.31 Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

6.32 **(j) Accelerated Prairie Restoration and**  
6.33 **Enhancement on DNR Lands - Phase VIII**

6.34 \$3,983,000 the second year is to the  
6.35 commissioner of natural resources to  
6.36 accelerate restoration and enhancement

7.1 of prairies, grasslands, and savannas on  
 7.2 wildlife management areas, scientific and  
 7.3 natural areas, native prairie bank land,  
 7.4 and bluff prairies on state forest land in  
 7.5 southeastern Minnesota. A list of proposed  
 7.6 land restorations and enhancements  
 7.7 must be provided as part of the required  
 7.8 accomplishment plan.

7.9 **(k) Anoka Sandplain Habitat Restoration and**  
 7.10 **Enhancement - Phase IV**

7.11 \$1,208,000 the second year is to the  
 7.12 commissioner of natural resources for  
 7.13 agreements to restore and enhance wildlife  
 7.14 habitat on public lands, excluding state  
 7.15 forests, in Anoka, Isanti, Morrison,  
 7.16 Sherburne, and Todd Counties as follows:  
 7.17 \$93,000 to Anoka Conservation District;  
 7.18 \$25,000 to Isanti County Parks and  
 7.19 Recreation Department; \$813,000 to Great  
 7.20 River Greening; and \$277,000 to the  
 7.21 National Wild Turkey Federation. A list of  
 7.22 proposed land restorations and enhancements  
 7.23 must be provided as part of the required  
 7.24 accomplishment plan.

7.25 **Subd. 3. Forests** -0- 16,309,000

7.26 **(a) Young Forest Conservation - Phase II**

7.27 \$1,369,000 the second year is to the  
 7.28 commissioner of natural resources for  
 7.29 an agreement with the American Bird  
 7.30 Conservancy to restore publicly owned,  
 7.31 permanently protected forest lands for  
 7.32 wildlife management purposes. A list  
 7.33 of proposed forest land restorations  
 7.34 must be provided as part of the required  
 7.35 accomplishment plan.

8.1 **(b) Jack Pine Forest/Crow Wing River**  
8.2 **Watershed Habitat Acquisition**

8.3 \$1,500,000 the second year is to the  
8.4 commissioner of natural resources for an  
8.5 agreement with the Minnesota Deer Hunters  
8.6 Association to acquire in fee and restore  
8.7 and enhance forest habitat lands in Cass  
8.8 and Hubbard Counties for county forest  
8.9 purposes. A list of proposed land acquisitions  
8.10 must be provided as part of the required  
8.11 accomplishment plan.

8.12 **(c) Camp Ripley Partnership - Phase VI**

8.13 \$1,500,000 the second year is to the Board  
8.14 of Water and Soil Resources, in cooperation  
8.15 with the Morrison County Soil and Water  
8.16 Conservation District, to acquire permanent  
8.17 conservation easements and restore forest  
8.18 wildlife habitat within the boundaries  
8.19 of the Minnesota National Guard Camp  
8.20 Ripley Compatible Use Buffer. Of this  
8.21 amount, up to \$72,000 is to establish  
8.22 a monitoring and enforcement fund, as  
8.23 approved in the accomplishment plan and  
8.24 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
8.25 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
8.26 conservation easements must be provided as  
8.27 part of the final report.

8.28 **(d) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**  
8.29 **Restoration - Phase IV**

8.30 \$5,000,000 the second year is to the  
8.31 commissioner of natural resources for an  
8.32 agreement with The Nature Conservancy, in  
8.33 cooperation with The Trust for Public Land  
8.34 and Minnesota Land Trust, to acquire land  
8.35 in fee for wildlife management purposes

9.1 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
9.2 subdivision 8, to acquire land in fee for  
9.3 scientific and natural areas under Minnesota  
9.4 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision  
9.5 5, to acquire land in fee for state forest  
9.6 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section  
9.7 86A.05, subdivision 7, to acquire permanent  
9.8 conservation easements, and to restore  
9.9 and enhance prairie, grasslands, forest,  
9.10 and savanna as follows: \$1,506,000 to  
9.11 The Nature Conservancy; \$2,930,000 to  
9.12 The Trust for Public Land; and \$564,000  
9.13 to Minnesota Land Trust, of which up to  
9.14 \$80,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to  
9.15 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund,  
9.16 as approved in the accomplishment plan  
9.17 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
9.18 97A.056, subdivision 17. Annual income  
9.19 statements and balance sheets for income  
9.20 and expenses from land acquired in fee with  
9.21 this appropriation and not transferred to  
9.22 state or local government ownership must  
9.23 be submitted to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor  
9.24 Heritage Council. A list of proposed land  
9.25 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
9.26 required accomplishment plan.

9.27 **(e) Minnesota Forests for the Future - Phase IV**

9.28 \$1,840,000 the second year is to the  
9.29 commissioner of natural resources to  
9.30 acquire forest, wetland, and shoreline  
9.31 habitat through working forest permanent  
9.32 conservation easements under the Minnesota  
9.33 forests for the future program pursuant  
9.34 to Minnesota Statutes, section 84.66.  
9.35 A conservation easement acquired with  
9.36 money appropriated under this paragraph

10.1 must comply with Minnesota Statutes,  
10.2 section 97A.056, subdivision 13. The  
10.3 accomplishment plan must include an  
10.4 easement monitoring and enforcement  
10.5 plan. Of this amount, up to \$25,000 is to  
10.6 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund  
10.7 as approved in the accomplishment plan  
10.8 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
10.9 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
10.10 conservation easements must be provided as  
10.11 part of the final report.

10.12 **(f) Protect Key Forest Lands in Cass County -**  
10.13 **Phase VII**

10.14 \$500,000 the second year is to the  
10.15 commissioner of natural resources for an  
10.16 agreement with Cass County to acquire land  
10.17 in fee in Cass County for forest wildlife  
10.18 habitat or to prevent forest fragmentation.  
10.19 A list of proposed land acquisitions  
10.20 must be provided as part of the required  
10.21 accomplishment plan.

10.22 **(g) State Forest Acquisitions - Phase III**

10.23 \$1,000,000 the second year is to the  
10.24 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
10.25 lands in fee for wildlife habitat purposes  
10.26 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
10.27 subdivision 7. A list of proposed land  
10.28 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
10.29 required accomplishment plan.

10.30 **(h) Forest Habitat Protection Revolving**  
10.31 **Account**

10.32 \$1,000,000 the second year is to the  
10.33 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
10.34 lands in fee and permanent conservation  
10.35 easements for wildlife habitat purposes,

11.1 for forest consolidation and connective  
11.2 corridor purposes, or to prevent forest  
11.3 fragmentation under Minnesota Statutes,  
11.4 section 86A.05, subdivision 7. Proceeds  
11.5 from any subsequent sale of lands acquired  
11.6 with this appropriation must be used for the  
11.7 purposes of this appropriation. Any sale  
11.8 proceeds remaining unused upon close of the  
11.9 appropriation availability must be returned to  
11.10 the outdoor heritage fund. A list of proposed  
11.11 land acquisitions must be provided as part of  
11.12 the required accomplishment plan. Unless  
11.13 otherwise provided, this appropriation is  
11.14 available until June 30, 2022. For acquisition  
11.15 of real property, this appropriation is  
11.16 available until June 30, 2023, if a binding  
11.17 agreement with a landowner or purchase  
11.18 agreement is entered into by June 30,  
11.19 2022, and closed no later than June 30,  
11.20 2023. Of this amount, up to \$50,000 is to  
11.21 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund  
11.22 as approved in the accomplishment plan  
11.23 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
11.24 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
11.25 conservation easements must be provided as  
11.26 part of the final report.

11.27 **(i) Mississippi River Floodplain Forest**  
11.28 **Enhancement - Phase II**

11.29 \$412,000 the second year is to the  
11.30 commissioner of natural resources for an  
11.31 agreement with the National Audubon  
11.32 Society to restore and enhance floodplain  
11.33 forest habitat for wildlife on public  
11.34 lands along the Mississippi River. A  
11.35 list of restorations and enhancements

12.1 must be provided as part of the required  
 12.2 accomplishment plan.

12.3 **(j) Protecting Forest Wildlife Habitat in the**  
 12.4 **Wild Rice River Watershed**

12.5 \$2,188,000 the second year is to the  
 12.6 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
 12.7 lands in fee in Clearwater County to be  
 12.8 managed as a unit of the outdoor recreation  
 12.9 system under Minnesota Statutes, chapter  
 12.10 86A. A list of proposed land acquisitions  
 12.11 must be provided as part of the required  
 12.12 accomplishment plan.

12.13 **Subd. 4. Wetlands** -0- 31,055,000

12.14 **(a) Accelerating the Waterfowl Production**  
 12.15 **Area Acquisition - Phase VIII**

12.16 \$5,650,000 the second year is to the  
 12.17 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 12.18 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire  
 12.19 in fee and restore and enhance wetlands and  
 12.20 grasslands to be designated and managed as  
 12.21 waterfowl production areas in Minnesota,  
 12.22 in cooperation with the United States Fish  
 12.23 and Wildlife Service. A list of proposed land  
 12.24 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
 12.25 required accomplishment plan.

12.26 **(b) Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection**  
 12.27 **Program - Phase V**

12.28 \$5,801,000 the second year is to the  
 12.29 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 12.30 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire  
 12.31 in fee and restore prairie lands, wetlands,  
 12.32 and land buffering shallow lakes for wildlife  
 12.33 management purposes under Minnesota  
 12.34 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8. A list

13.1 of proposed acquisitions must be provided as  
13.2 part of the required accomplishment plan.

13.3 **(c) RIM Wetlands Partnership - Phase VII**

13.4 \$13,808,000 the second year is to the Board  
13.5 of Water and Soil Resources to acquire lands  
13.6 in permanent conservation easements and  
13.7 to restore wetlands and native grassland  
13.8 habitat under Minnesota Statutes, section  
13.9 103F.515. Of this amount, up to \$195,000 is  
13.10 to establish a monitoring and enforcement  
13.11 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
13.12 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
13.13 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
13.14 conservation easements must be provided as  
13.15 part of the final report.

13.16 **(d) Wetland Habitat Protection Program -**  
13.17 **Phase II**

13.18 \$1,629,000 the second year is to the  
13.19 commissioner of natural resources for an  
13.20 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to  
13.21 acquire permanent conservation easements  
13.22 in high-priority wetland habitat complexes  
13.23 in the prairie and forest/prairie transition  
13.24 regions. Of this amount, up to \$180,000 is to  
13.25 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund,  
13.26 as approved in the accomplishment plan  
13.27 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
13.28 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
13.29 easement acquisitions must be provided as  
13.30 part of the final report.

13.31 **(e) Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetlands**  
13.32 **Enhancement - Phase VIII**

13.33 \$2,167,000 the second year is to the  
13.34 commissioner of natural resources to enhance  
13.35 and restore shallow lakes and wetland habitat

14.1 statewide. A list of proposed land restorations  
 14.2 and enhancements must be provided as part  
 14.3 of the required accomplishment plan.

14.4 **(f) Marsh Lake - Phase II**

14.5 \$2,000,000 the second year is to the  
 14.6 commissioner of natural resources to modify  
 14.7 the dam at Marsh Lake for improved habitat  
 14.8 management and to return the historic outlet  
 14.9 of the Pomme de Terre River to Lac Qui Parle.

14.10 Subd. 5. Habitats -0- 29,138,000

14.11 **(a) DNR Aquatic Habitat Protection - Phase**  
 14.12 **VIII**

14.13 \$1,578,000 the second year is to the  
 14.14 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
 14.15 land in fee and permanent conservation  
 14.16 easements for aquatic management purposes  
 14.17 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05,  
 14.18 subdivision 14, and 97C.02, to acquire  
 14.19 permanent conservation easements under  
 14.20 the Minnesota forests for the future  
 14.21 program pursuant to Minnesota Statutes,  
 14.22 section 84.66, and to restore and enhance  
 14.23 aquatic and adjacent upland habitat.

14.24 Of this amount, up to \$153,000 is to  
 14.25 establish a monitoring and enforcement  
 14.26 fund as approved in the accomplishment  
 14.27 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,  
 14.28 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of  
 14.29 proposed land acquisitions, conservation  
 14.30 easements, restorations, and enhancements  
 14.31 must be provided as part of the required  
 14.32 accomplishment plan.

14.33 **(b) Metro Big Rivers Habitat - Phase VII**

14.34 \$4,000,000 the second year is to the  
 14.35 commissioner of natural resources for

15.1 agreements to acquire land in fee and  
15.2 permanent conservation easements and  
15.3 to restore and enhance natural systems  
15.4 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,  
15.5 and St. Croix Rivers within the metropolitan  
15.6 area as follows: \$500,000 to Minnesota  
15.7 Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust,  
15.8 Inc.; \$430,000 to Friends of the Mississippi  
15.9 River; \$1,170,000 to Great River Greening;  
15.10 \$800,000 to The Trust for Public Land; and  
15.11 \$1,100,000 to Minnesota Land Trust, of  
15.12 which up to \$60,000 to Minnesota Land Trust  
15.13 is to establish a monitoring and enforcement  
15.14 fund as approved in the accomplishment  
15.15 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,  
15.16 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of  
15.17 proposed land acquisitions and permanent  
15.18 conservation easements must be provided as  
15.19 part of the required accomplishment plan.

15.20 **(c) Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor**  
15.21 **Partnership - Phase II**

15.22 \$2,105,000 the second year is to the  
15.23 commissioner of natural resources for  
15.24 agreements to acquire lands in fee in the  
15.25 Mississippi Headwaters and for agreements  
15.26 as follows: \$76,000 to the Mississippi  
15.27 Headwaters Board; and \$2,029,000 to  
15.28 The Trust for Public Land. \$1,045,000  
15.29 the second year is to the Board of Water  
15.30 and Soil Resources to acquire permanent  
15.31 conservation easements and to restore  
15.32 wildlife habitat, of which up to \$78,000 is  
15.33 to establish a monitoring and enforcement  
15.34 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
15.35 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
15.36 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed

16.1 acquisitions must be included as part of the  
16.2 required accomplishment plan.

16.3 **(d) Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic**  
16.4 **North Central Minnesota Lakes - Phase II**

16.5 \$1,425,000 the second year is to the  
16.6 commissioner of natural resources for  
16.7 agreements with the Leech Lake Area  
16.8 Watershed Foundation and Minnesota Land  
16.9 Trust to acquire land in fee and permanent  
16.10 conservation easements to sustain healthy  
16.11 fish habitat on cold water lakes in Aitkin,  
16.12 Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard Counties  
16.13 as follows: \$480,000 to Leech Lake Area  
16.14 Watershed Foundation; and \$945,000 to  
16.15 Minnesota Land Trust, of which up to  
16.16 \$180,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to  
16.17 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund  
16.18 as approved in the accomplishment plan  
16.19 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
16.20 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
16.21 land acquisitions must be provided as part of  
16.22 the required accomplishment plan.

16.23 **(e) Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish**  
16.24 **Habitat Enhancement and Restoration - Phase**  
16.25 **VIII**

16.26 \$1,975,000 the second year is to the  
16.27 commissioner of natural resources for an  
16.28 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited  
16.29 to restore or enhance habitat for trout and  
16.30 other species in and along cold water rivers,  
16.31 lakes, and streams in Minnesota. A list of  
16.32 proposed restorations and enhancements  
16.33 must be provided as part of the required  
16.34 accomplishment plan.

16.35 **(f) DNR Stream Habitat**

17.1 \$2,074,000 the second year is to the  
17.2 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
17.3 and enhance habitat to facilitate fish passage,  
17.4 degraded streams, and critical aquatic species  
17.5 habitat. A list of proposed land restorations  
17.6 and enhancements must be provided as part  
17.7 of the required accomplishment plan.

17.8 **(g) St. Louis River Restoration Initiative -**  
17.9 **Phase III**

17.10 \$2,707,000 the second year is to the  
17.11 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
17.12 aquatic habitats in the St. Louis River  
17.13 estuary. A list of proposed restorations  
17.14 must be provided as part of the required  
17.15 accomplishment plan.

17.16 **(h) Sand Hill River Fish Passage - Phase II**

17.17 \$828,000 the second year is to the  
17.18 commissioner of natural resources for  
17.19 an agreement with the Sand Hill River  
17.20 Watershed District, in cooperation with  
17.21 the Department of Natural Resources and  
17.22 Army Corps of Engineers, to restore and  
17.23 enhance fish passage and habitat in the Sand  
17.24 Hill River watershed. A list of proposed  
17.25 restorations must be provided as part of the  
17.26 required accomplishment plan.

17.27 **(i) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**  
17.28 **Restoration Program - Phase V**

17.29 \$1,200,000 the second year is to the  
17.30 commissioner of natural resources for  
17.31 an agreement with the Shell Rock River  
17.32 Watershed District to acquire in fee, restore,  
17.33 and enhance aquatic habitat in the Shell  
17.34 Rock River watershed. A list of proposed  
17.35 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements

18.1 must be provided as part of the required  
18.2 accomplishment plan.

18.3 **(j) Roseau Lake Rehabilitation**

18.4 \$2,763,000 the second year is to the  
18.5 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
18.6 land in fee and permanent conservation  
18.7 easements for wildlife management purposes  
18.8 in Roseau County under Minnesota Statutes,  
18.9 section 86A.05, subdivision 8, to restore  
18.10 and enhance wildlife habitat. A list of  
18.11 proposed land acquisitions and restorations  
18.12 and enhancements must be provided as part  
18.13 of the required accomplishment plan.

18.14 **(k) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**  
18.15 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat -**  
18.16 **Phase VIII**

18.17 \$7,438,000 the second year is to the  
18.18 commissioner of natural resources for a  
18.19 program to provide competitive, matching  
18.20 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,  
18.21 state, and national organizations for  
18.22 enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests,  
18.23 wetlands, prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or  
18.24 wildlife in Minnesota. Of this amount, up to  
18.25 \$2,500,000 is for grants in the seven-county  
18.26 metropolitan area and cities with a population  
18.27 of 50,000 or greater. Grants shall not be made  
18.28 for activities required to fulfill the duties  
18.29 of owners of lands subject to conservation  
18.30 easements. Grants shall not be made from the  
18.31 appropriation in this paragraph for projects  
18.32 that have a total project cost exceeding  
18.33 \$575,000. Of the total appropriation,  
18.34 \$588,000 may be spent for personnel costs  
18.35 and other direct and necessary administrative  
18.36 costs. Grantees may acquire land or interests

19.1 in land. Easements must be permanent.  
19.2 Grants may not be used to establish easement  
19.3 stewardship accounts. Land acquired in fee  
19.4 must be open to hunting and fishing during  
19.5 the open season unless otherwise provided  
19.6 by law. The program must require a match  
19.7 of at least ten percent from nonstate sources  
19.8 for all grants. The match may be cash or  
19.9 in-kind resources. For grant applications  
19.10 of \$25,000 or less, the commissioner shall  
19.11 provide a separate, simplified application  
19.12 process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the  
19.13 commissioner of natural resources shall,  
19.14 when evaluating projects of equal value,  
19.15 give priority to organizations that have a  
19.16 history of receiving or a charter to receive  
19.17 private contributions for local conservation  
19.18 or habitat projects. If acquiring land in fee  
19.19 or a conservation easement, priority must be  
19.20 given to projects associated with or within  
19.21 one mile of existing wildlife management  
19.22 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section  
19.23 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific and natural  
19.24 areas under Minnesota Statutes, sections  
19.25 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; or aquatic  
19.26 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,  
19.27 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02.  
19.28 All restoration or enhancement projects  
19.29 must be on land permanently protected by  
19.30 a permanent covenant ensuring perpetual  
19.31 maintenance and protection of restored  
19.32 and enhanced habitat, by a conservation  
19.33 easement, by public ownership, or in public  
19.34 waters as defined in Minnesota Statutes,  
19.35 section 103G.005, subdivision 15. Priority  
19.36 must be given to restoration and enhancement

20.1 projects on public lands. Minnesota Statutes,  
 20.2 section 97A.056, subdivision 13, applies  
 20.3 to grants awarded under this paragraph.  
 20.4 This appropriation is available until June  
 20.5 30, 2020. No less than five percent of the  
 20.6 amount of each grant must be held back from  
 20.7 reimbursement until the grant recipient has  
 20.8 completed a grant accomplishment report by  
 20.9 the deadline and in the form prescribed by  
 20.10 and satisfactory to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor  
 20.11 Heritage Council. The commissioner shall  
 20.12 provide notice of the grant program in  
 20.13 the game and fish law summary prepared  
 20.14 under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.051,  
 20.15 subdivision 2.

20.16 Subd. 6. Administration -0- 275,000

20.17 **(a) Contract Management**

20.18 \$150,000 the second year is to the  
 20.19 commissioner of natural resources for  
 20.20 contract management duties assigned in this  
 20.21 section. The commissioner shall provide an  
 20.22 accomplishment plan in the form specified by  
 20.23 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
 20.24 on the expenditure of this appropriation.  
 20.25 The accomplishment plan must include  
 20.26 a copy of the grant contract template  
 20.27 and reimbursement manual. No money  
 20.28 may be expended prior to Lessard-Sams  
 20.29 Outdoor Heritage Council approval of the  
 20.30 accomplishment plan.

20.31 **(b) Technical Evaluation Panel**

20.32 \$125,000 the second year is to the  
 20.33 commissioner of natural resources for a  
 20.34 technical evaluation panel to conduct up to  
 20.35 15 restoration and enhancement evaluations

21.1 under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
21.2 subdivision 10.

21.3 **Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation**

21.4 Money appropriated in this section may  
21.5 not be spent on activities unless they are  
21.6 directly related to and necessary for a  
21.7 specific appropriation and are specified in  
21.8 the accomplishment plan approved by the  
21.9 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

21.10 Money appropriated in this section must not  
21.11 be spent on indirect costs or other institutional  
21.12 overhead charges that are not directly related  
21.13 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.

21.14 Unless otherwise provided, the amounts  
21.15 in this section are available until June 30,  
21.16 2019. For acquisition of real property, the  
21.17 amounts in this section are available until  
21.18 June 30, 2020, if a binding agreement with a  
21.19 landowner or purchase agreement is entered  
21.20 into by June 30, 2019, and closed no later  
21.21 than June 30, 2020. Funds for restoration  
21.22 or enhancement are available until June  
21.23 30, 2021, or five years after acquisition,  
21.24 whichever is later, in order to complete initial  
21.25 restoration or enhancement work. If a project  
21.26 receives at least 15 percent of its funding  
21.27 from federal funds, the time period of the  
21.28 appropriation may be extended to equal the  
21.29 availability of federal funding to a maximum  
21.30 of six years, provided the federal funding  
21.31 was confirmed and included in the first draft  
21.32 accomplishment plan. Money appropriated  
21.33 for fee title acquisition of land may be used to  
21.34 restore, enhance, and provide for public use  
21.35 of the land acquired with the appropriation.

22.1 Public use facilities must have a minimal  
22.2 impact on habitat in acquired lands.

22.3 **Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital**  
22.4 **Equipment Expenditures**

22.5 All agreements referred to in this section must  
22.6 be administered on a reimbursement basis  
22.7 unless otherwise provided in this section.

22.8 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
22.9 16A.41, expenditures directly related  
22.10 to each appropriation's purpose made  
22.11 on or after July 1, 2016, or the date of  
22.12 accomplishment plan approval, whichever is  
22.13 later, are eligible for reimbursement unless  
22.14 otherwise provided in this section. For the  
22.15 purposes of administering appropriations  
22.16 and legislatively authorized agreements paid  
22.17 out of the outdoor heritage fund, an expense  
22.18 must be considered reimbursable by the  
22.19 administering agency when the recipient  
22.20 presents the agency with an invoice, or  
22.21 binding agreement with the landowner, and  
22.22 the recipient attests that the goods have  
22.23 been received or the landowner agreement  
22.24 is binding. Periodic reimbursement must  
22.25 be made upon receiving documentation that  
22.26 the items articulated in the accomplishment  
22.27 plan approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor  
22.28 Heritage Council have been achieved,  
22.29 including partial achievements as evidenced  
22.30 by progress reports approved by the  
22.31 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

22.32 Reasonable amounts may be advanced to  
22.33 projects to accommodate cash flow needs,  
22.34 support future management of acquired  
22.35 lands, or match a federal share. The  
22.36 advances must be approved as part of the

23.1 accomplishment plan. Capital equipment  
23.2 expenditures for specific items in excess of  
23.3 \$10,000 must be itemized in and approved as  
23.4 part of the accomplishment plan.

23.5 Subd. 9. **Mapping**

23.6 Each direct recipient of money appropriated  
23.7 in this section, as well as each recipient of  
23.8 a grant awarded pursuant to this section,  
23.9 must provide geographic information to the  
23.10 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
23.11 for mapping of any lands acquired in fee  
23.12 with funds appropriated in this section and  
23.13 open to public taking of fish and game. The  
23.14 commissioner of natural resources shall  
23.15 include the lands acquired in fee with money  
23.16 appropriated in this section on maps showing  
23.17 public recreation opportunities. Maps must  
23.18 include information on and acknowledgment  
23.19 of the outdoor heritage fund, including a  
23.20 notation of any restrictions.

23.21 Subd. 10. **RIM Buffers for Wildlife and Water**  
23.22 **Restorations**

23.23 The following appropriations to the Board  
23.24 of Water and Soil Resources for the RIM  
23.25 buffers for wildlife and water program  
23.26 may be used for restoration of lands  
23.27 acquired by conservation easement with the  
23.28 appropriations:

23.29 (1) Laws 2015, First Special Session  
23.30 chapter 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2,  
23.31 paragraph (f);

23.32 (2) Laws 2014, chapter 256, article 1, section  
23.33 2, subdivision 2, paragraph (f);

23.34 (3) Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 1, section  
23.35 2, subdivision 2, paragraph (e);

24.1 (4) Laws 2012, chapter 264, article 1, section  
24.2 2, subdivision 2, paragraph (a); and

24.3 (5) Laws 2011, First Special Session  
24.4 chapter 6, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2,  
24.5 paragraph (c).

24.6 **Subd. 11. Appropriations Contingent Upon**  
24.7 **Audit**

24.8 The appropriations in this section are not  
24.9 available until the Office of the Legislative  
24.10 Auditor completes its next financial audit  
24.11 of the outdoor heritage fund, anticipated to  
24.12 be completed in 2016, and the legislative  
24.13 auditor has submitted the report required  
24.14 under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
24.15 subdivision 11, paragraph (c), listing  
24.16 noncompliant recipients. A recipient  
24.17 listed in the report may not receive money  
24.18 appropriated in this section until the  
24.19 legislative auditor has removed the recipient  
24.20 from the list as provided under Minnesota  
24.21 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 11,  
24.22 paragraph (c).

24.23 **Subd. 12. Notice and Hearing Before Acquiring**  
24.24 **Land**

24.25 (a) Before the commissioner of natural  
24.26 resources signs a purchase agreement to  
24.27 purchase land in fee with money appropriated  
24.28 in this section, the commissioner must  
24.29 provide public notice that the commissioner  
24.30 intends to purchase the land. The notice must  
24.31 be made at least 30 days, but not more than 60  
24.32 days, before the hearing required in paragraph  
24.33 (b). The notice must be published in a  
24.34 newspaper of general circulation in the area  
24.35 and on the department's Web site. In addition,  
24.36 the commissioner must electronically notify

25.1 any person who has requested notice of land  
25.2 acquisition by the commissioner, and mail  
25.3 notice to the governing bodies of the towns,  
25.4 home rule charter and statutory cities, and  
25.5 county in which the land to be purchased  
25.6 is located, and all owners and residents of  
25.7 land adjacent to the land the commissioner  
25.8 intends to purchase.

25.9 (b) The commissioner must hold a public  
25.10 hearing at a convenient location in the county  
25.11 in which the land to be purchased is located  
25.12 or, if none is available, in an adjacent county.

25.13 Any interested person must be allowed  
25.14 reasonable time to present relevant testimony  
25.15 or ask questions at the public hearing. The  
25.16 proceedings of the hearing must be recorded  
25.17 and available to the public for review on the  
25.18 department's Web site. The commissioner  
25.19 must accept written comments and questions  
25.20 from the time the notice under paragraph (a)  
25.21 is given until ten days after the public hearing.  
25.22 Within 30 days after the public hearing, the  
25.23 commissioner must post written responses  
25.24 to the comments made and questions raised  
25.25 at the public hearing and those submitted in  
25.26 writing on the department's Web site.

25.27 (c) The commissioner must use existing  
25.28 resources to satisfy the requirements of this  
25.29 subdivision.

25.30 **Subd. 13. Reallocation of Appropriation**

25.31 (a) The unspent balance of the appropriation  
25.32 in Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 1, section  
25.33 2, subdivision 5, paragraph (b), for Habitat  
25.34 Protection in Dakota County - Phase IV is  
25.35 canceled June 30, 2016.

26.1 (b) An amount equal to the unspent balance  
26.2 from the appropriation canceled under  
26.3 paragraph (a) is appropriated in fiscal year  
26.4 2017 from the outdoor heritage fund to the  
26.5 Board of Water and Soil Resources for the  
26.6 purposes of the RIM Wetland Partnership  
26.7 under subdivision 4, paragraph (c).

26.8 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97A.056, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

26.9 Subd. 2. **Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.** (a) The Lessard-Sams  
26.10 Outdoor Heritage Council of 12 members is created in the legislative branch, consisting of:

26.11 (1) two public members appointed by the senate Subcommittee on Committees of  
26.12 the Committee on Rules and Administration;

26.13 (2) two public members appointed by the speaker of the house;

26.14 (3) four public members appointed by the governor;

26.15 (4) two members of the senate appointed by the senate Subcommittee on Committees  
26.16 of the Committee on Rules and Administration; and

26.17 (5) two members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the  
26.18 house.

26.19 (b) Members appointed under paragraph (a) must not be registered lobbyists. In  
26.20 making appointments, the governor, senate Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee  
26.21 on Rules and Administration, and the speaker of the house shall consider geographic  
26.22 balance, gender, age, ethnicity, and varying interests including hunting and fishing. The  
26.23 governor's appointments to the council are subject to the advice and consent of the senate.

26.24 (c) Public members appointed under paragraph (a) shall have practical experience  
26.25 or expertise or demonstrated knowledge in the science, policy, or practice of restoring,  
26.26 protecting, and enhancing wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and  
26.27 wildlife.

26.28 (d) Legislative members appointed under paragraph (a) shall include the chairs  
26.29 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources  
26.30 finance or their designee, one member from the minority party of the senate, and one  
26.31 member from the minority party of the house of representatives.

26.32 (e) Public members serve four-year terms. Appointed legislative members serve  
26.33 at the pleasure of the appointing authority. Public and legislative members continue to  
26.34 serve until their successors are appointed. Public members shall be initially appointed  
26.35 according to the following schedule of terms:

27.1 (1) two public members appointed by the governor for a term ending the first  
27.2 Monday in January 2011;

27.3 (2) one public member appointed by the senate Subcommittee on Committees of the  
27.4 Committee on Rules and Administration for a term ending the first Monday in January 2011;

27.5 (3) one public member appointed by the speaker of the house for a term ending  
27.6 the first Monday in January 2011;

27.7 (4) two public members appointed by the governor for a term ending the first  
27.8 Monday in January 2013;

27.9 (5) one public member appointed by the senate Subcommittee on Committees of the  
27.10 Committee on Rules and Administration for a term ending the first Monday in January  
27.11 2013; and

27.12 (6) one public member appointed by the speaker of the house for a term ending  
27.13 the first Monday in January 2013.

27.14 (f) Terms, compensation, and removal of public members are as provided in section  
27.15 15.0575. A vacancy on the council may be filled by the appointing authority for the  
27.16 remainder of the unexpired term.

27.17 (g) ~~The first meeting of the council shall be convened by the chair of the Legislative~~  
27.18 ~~Coordinating Commission no later than December 1, 2008.~~ Members shall elect a chair,  
27.19 vice-chair, secretary, and other officers as determined by the council. The chair may  
27.20 convene meetings as necessary to conduct the duties prescribed by this section.

27.21 (h) ~~Upon coordination with The Legislative Coordinating Commission, the council~~  
27.22 may appoint nonpartisan staff and contract with consultants as necessary to ~~carry out~~  
27.23 support the functions of the council. Up to one percent of the money appropriated from the  
27.24 fund may be used to pay for administrative expenses of the council and for compensation  
27.25 and expense reimbursement of council members.

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

27.27 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97A.056, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

27.28 Subd. 10. **Restoration and enhancements evaluations.** The commissioner of  
27.29 natural resources and the Board of Water and Soil Resources ~~may~~ must convene a technical  
27.30 evaluation panel comprised of five members, including one technical representative from  
27.31 the Board of Water and Soil Resources, one technical representative from the Department of  
27.32 Natural Resources, one technical expert from the University of Minnesota or the Minnesota  
27.33 State Colleges and Universities, and two representatives with expertise in the project  
27.34 being evaluated. The board and the commissioner may add a technical representative from  
27.35 a unit of federal or local government. The members of the technical evaluation panel

28.1 may not be associated with the restoration or enhancement, may vary depending upon  
 28.2 the projects being reviewed, and shall avoid any potential conflicts of interest. Each year,  
 28.3 the board and the commissioner may assign a coordinator to identify ~~a sample of up to~~  
 28.4 ~~ten~~ habitat restoration or enhancement projects completed with outdoor heritage funding.  
 28.5 The coordinator shall secure the ~~restoration~~ plans for the projects specified and direct  
 28.6 the technical evaluation panel to evaluate the restorations and enhancements relative to  
 28.7 the law, current science, and the stated goals and standards in the ~~restoration~~ project  
 28.8 plan and, when applicable, to the Board of Water and Soil Resources' native vegetation  
 28.9 establishment and enhancement guidelines. The coordinator shall summarize the findings  
 28.10 of the panel and provide a report to the chair of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage  
 28.11 Council and the chairs of the respective house of representatives and senate policy and  
 28.12 finance committees with jurisdiction over natural resources and spending from the outdoor  
 28.13 heritage fund. The report shall determine if the restorations and enhancements are meeting  
 28.14 planned goals, any problems with the implementation of restorations and enhancements,  
 28.15 and, if necessary, recommendations on improving restorations and enhancements. The  
 28.16 report shall be focused on improving future restorations and enhancements. At least  
 28.17 one-tenth of one percent of forecasted receipts from the outdoor heritage fund must be  
 28.18 used for restoration and enhancements evaluations under this section.

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

28.21 Subd. 22. **Local approval of land acquisitions.** A recipient of money appropriated  
 28.22 from the outdoor heritage fund that acquires land in fee title with the appropriation must  
 28.23 receive county approval prior to acquiring the land. The recipient must follow the process  
 28.24 for obtaining county approval under section 97A.145, subdivision 2, paragraph (b).

28.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2016, and applies to land  
 28.26 acquired with money appropriated on or after that date.

28.27 Sec. 6. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2,  
 28.28 is amended to read:

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

28.30 **(a) DNR Wildlife Management Area and**  
 28.31 **Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition - Phase**  
 28.32 **VII**

28.33 \$4,570,000 in the first year is to the  
 28.34 commissioner of natural resources to acquire

29.1 land in fee for wildlife management purposes  
29.2 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
29.3 subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee  
29.4 for scientific and natural area purposes  
29.5 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
29.6 subdivision 5. Subject to evaluation criteria  
29.7 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority  
29.8 must be given to acquisition of lands that  
29.9 are eligible for the native prairie bank under  
29.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
29.11 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of  
29.12 proposed land and permanent conservation  
29.13 easement acquisitions must be provided as  
29.14 part of the required accomplishment plan.

29.15 **(b) Accelerating Wildlife Management Area**  
29.16 **Acquisition - Phase VII**

29.17 \$7,452,000 in the first year is to the  
29.18 commissioner of natural resources for an  
29.19 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire  
29.20 land in fee for wildlife management area  
29.21 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section  
29.22 86A.05, subdivision 8. Subject to evaluation  
29.23 criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,  
29.24 priority must be given to acquisition of  
29.25 lands that are eligible for the native prairie  
29.26 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section  
29.27 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native  
29.28 prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions  
29.29 must be provided as part of the required  
29.30 accomplishment plan.

29.31 **(c) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project - Phase**  
29.32 **VI**

29.33 \$4,032,000 in the first year is to the  
29.34 commissioner of natural resources for an  
29.35 agreement with The Nature Conservancy  
29.36 to acquire native prairie, wetlands, and

30.1 savanna and restore and enhance grasslands,  
30.2 wetlands, and savanna. Subject to evaluation  
30.3 criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,  
30.4 priority must be given to acquisition of lands  
30.5 that are eligible for the native prairie bank  
30.6 under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or  
30.7 lands adjacent to protected native prairie.  
30.8 Annual income statements and balance sheets  
30.9 for income and expenses from land acquired  
30.10 with this appropriation must be submitted  
30.11 to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage  
30.12 Council no later than 180 days following  
30.13 the close of The Nature Conservancy's fiscal  
30.14 year. A list of proposed land acquisitions  
30.15 must be provided as part of the required  
30.16 accomplishment plan and must be consistent  
30.17 with the priorities identified in the Minnesota  
30.18 Prairie Conservation Plan.

30.19 **(d) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National**  
30.20 **Wildlife Refuge Land Acquisition - Phase ~~V~~ VI**

30.21 \$3,430,000 in the first year is to the  
30.22 commissioner of natural resources for an  
30.23 agreement with The Nature Conservancy  
30.24 in cooperation with the United States Fish  
30.25 and Wildlife Service to acquire land in  
30.26 fee or permanent conservation easements  
30.27 within the Northern Tallgrass Prairie Habitat  
30.28 Preservation Area in western Minnesota  
30.29 for addition to the Northern Tallgrass  
30.30 Prairie National Wildlife Refuge. Subject  
30.31 to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules,  
30.32 part 6136.0900, priority must be given to  
30.33 acquisition of lands that are eligible for  
30.34 the native prairie bank under Minnesota  
30.35 Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to  
30.36 protected native prairie. A list of proposed

31.1 land acquisitions must be provided as part  
31.2 of the required accomplishment plan and  
31.3 must be consistent with the priorities in the  
31.4 Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

31.5 **(e) Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection**  
31.6 **- Phase IV**

31.7 \$3,740,000 in the first year is to the  
31.8 commissioner of natural resources  
31.9 to implement the Minnesota Prairie  
31.10 Conservation Plan through the acquisition  
31.11 of permanent conservation easements to  
31.12 protect native prairie and grasslands. Up  
31.13 to \$165,000 is for establishing monitoring  
31.14 and enforcement funds as approved in  
31.15 the accomplishment plan and subject to  
31.16 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
31.17 subdivision 17. Subject to evaluation criteria  
31.18 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority  
31.19 must be given to acquisition of lands that  
31.20 are eligible for the native prairie bank under  
31.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
31.22 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of  
31.23 permanent conservation easements must be  
31.24 provided as part of the final report.

31.25 **(f) Minnesota Buffers for Wildlife and Water**  
31.26 **- Phase V**

31.27 \$4,544,000 in the first year is to the Board  
31.28 of Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
31.29 permanent conservation easements to protect  
31.30 and enhance habitat by expanding the clean  
31.31 water fund riparian buffer program for at  
31.32 least equal wildlife benefits from buffers  
31.33 on private land. Up to \$72,500 is for  
31.34 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
31.35 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
31.36 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section

32.1 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
32.2 conservation easements must be provided as  
32.3 part of the final report.

32.4 **(g) Cannon River Headwaters Habitat**  
32.5 **Complex - Phase V**

32.6 \$1,380,000 in the first year is to the  
32.7 commissioner of natural resources for an  
32.8 agreement with The Trust for Public Land to  
32.9 acquire and restore lands in the Cannon River  
32.10 watershed for wildlife management purposes  
32.11 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
32.12 subdivision 8. Subject to evaluation criteria  
32.13 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority  
32.14 must be given to acquisition of lands that  
32.15 are eligible for the native prairie bank under  
32.16 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
32.17 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of  
32.18 proposed land acquisitions must be provided  
32.19 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

32.20 **(h) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the**  
32.21 **Southern Red River Valley**

32.22 \$1,800,000 in the first year is to the  
32.23 commissioner of natural resources for  
32.24 an agreement with Pheasants Forever in  
32.25 cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie  
32.26 Chicken Society to acquire and restore lands  
32.27 in the southern Red River Valley for wildlife  
32.28 management purposes under Minnesota  
32.29 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8,  
32.30 or for designation and management as  
32.31 waterfowl production areas in Minnesota,  
32.32 in cooperation with the United States Fish  
32.33 and Wildlife Service. A list of proposed land  
32.34 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
32.35 required accomplishment plan.

33.1 **(i) Protecting and Restoring Minnesota's**  
33.2 **Important Bird Areas**

33.3 \$1,730,000 in the first year is to the  
33.4 commissioner of natural resources for  
33.5 agreements to acquire conservation  
33.6 easements within important bird areas  
33.7 identified in the Minnesota Prairie  
33.8 Conservation Plan, to be used as follows:  
33.9 \$408,000 is to Audubon Minnesota and  
33.10 \$1,322,000 is to Minnesota Land Trust, of  
33.11 which up to \$100,000 is for establishing  
33.12 monitoring and enforcement funds as  
33.13 approved in the accomplishment plan and  
33.14 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
33.15 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
33.16 conservation easements must be provided as  
33.17 part of the final report.

33.18 **(j) Wild Rice River Corridor Habitat**  
33.19 **Restoration**

33.20 \$2,270,000 in the first year is to the  
33.21 commissioner of natural resources for an  
33.22 agreement with the Wild Rice Watershed  
33.23 District to acquire land in fee and permanent  
33.24 conservation easement and to `restore river  
33.25 and related habitat in the Wild Rice River  
33.26 corridor. A list of proposed acquisitions and  
33.27 restorations must be provided as part of the  
33.28 required accomplishment plan.

33.29 **(k) Accelerated Prairie Restoration and**  
33.30 **Enhancement on DNR Lands - Phase VII**

33.31 \$4,880,000 in the first year is to the  
33.32 commissioner of natural resources to  
33.33 accelerate the restoration and enhancement  
33.34 of prairie communities on wildlife  
33.35 management areas, scientific and natural  
33.36 areas, state forest land, and land under

34.1 native prairie bank easements. A list of  
 34.2 proposed land restorations and enhancements  
 34.3 must be provided as part of the required  
 34.4 accomplishment plan.

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

34.6 \$1,120,000 in the first year is to the  
 34.7 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 34.8 agreement with Pheasants Forever to enhance  
 34.9 and restore habitat on public lands. A list of  
 34.10 proposed land restorations and enhancements  
 34.11 must be provided as part of the final report.

34.12 Sec. 7. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 3,  
 34.13 is amended to read:

34.14 Subd. 3. **Forests** 12,634,000 -0-

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

34.16 \$1,500,000 in the first year is to the  
 34.17 Board of Water and Soil Resources in  
 34.18 cooperation with the Morrison County Soil  
 34.19 and Water Conservation District to acquire  
 34.20 permanent conservation easements within  
 34.21 the boundaries of the Minnesota National  
 34.22 Guard Compatible Use Buffer to protect  
 34.23 forest wildlife habitat. Up to \$55,000 is for  
 34.24 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
 34.25 fund, as approved in the accomplishment  
 34.26 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,  
 34.27 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of  
 34.28 permanent conservation easements must be  
 34.29 provided as part of the final report.

34.30 **(b) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**  
 34.31 **Restoration - Phase III**

34.32 \$2,910,000 in the first year is to the  
 34.33 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 34.34 agreement with The Nature Conservancy to

35.1 acquire land in fee for wildlife management  
35.2 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section  
35.3 86A.05, subdivision 8; to acquire land  
35.4 in fee for scientific and natural areas  
35.5 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
35.6 subdivision 5; for state forest purposes  
35.7 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
35.8 subdivision 7; and to enhance grasslands,  
35.9 forest, and savanna. A list of proposed  
35.10 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
35.11 required accomplishment plan.

35.12 **(c) Protecting Pinelands Sands Aquifer**  
35.13 **Forestlands - Phase II**

35.14 \$2,180,000 in the first year is to the  
35.15 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
35.16 forest lands in Cass, Hubbard, and Wadena  
35.17 Counties for wildlife management purposes  
35.18 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
35.19 subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee  
35.20 for state forests under Minnesota Statutes,  
35.21 section 86A.05, subdivision 7. A list of  
35.22 proposed land acquisitions must be provided  
35.23 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

35.24 **(d) Protect Key Forest Lands in Cass County**  
35.25 **- Phase VI**

35.26 \$442,000 in the first year is to the  
35.27 commissioner of natural resources for an  
35.28 agreement with Cass County to acquire land  
35.29 in fee in Cass County for forest wildlife  
35.30 habitat or to prevent forest fragmentation.  
35.31 A list of proposed land acquisitions  
35.32 must be provided as part of the required  
35.33 accomplishment plan.

35.34 **(e) Critical Shoreland Protection Program -**  
35.35 **Phase III**

36.1 \$1,690,000 in the first year is to the  
36.2 commissioner of natural resources for an  
36.3 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to  
36.4 acquire permanent conservation easements  
36.5 along rivers and lakes in the northern  
36.6 forest region. Up to \$220,000 is for  
36.7 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
36.8 fund, as approved in the accomplishment  
36.9 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,  
36.10 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of  
36.11 proposed permanent conservation easements  
36.12 must be provided as part of the required  
36.13 accomplishment plan.

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

36.15 \$3,002,000 in the first year is to the  
36.16 commissioner of natural resources to  
36.17 acquire lands in fee and for permanent  
36.18 conservation easements in the Mississippi  
36.19 Headwaters and for agreements as follows:  
36.20 \$1,217,000 to The Trust for Public Land;  
36.21 and \$824,000 to Minnesota Land Trust,  
36.22 of which up to \$80,000 is for establishing  
36.23 a monitoring and enforcement fund as  
36.24 approved in the accomplishment plan and  
36.25 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
36.26 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
36.27 acquisitions must be included as part of the  
36.28 required accomplishment plan.

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

36.30 \$910,000 in the first year is to the  
36.31 commissioner of natural resources to  
36.32 enhance forests in southeastern Minnesota.  
36.33 A list of proposed land enhancements  
36.34 must be provided as part of the required  
36.35 accomplishment plan.

37.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2015.

37.2 Sec. 8. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5,  
37.3 is amended to read:

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

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

37.6 \$4,540,000 in the first year is to the  
37.7 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
37.8 interests in land in fee and permanent  
37.9 conservation easements for aquatic  
37.10 management purposes under Minnesota  
37.11 Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 14,  
37.12 and 97C.02, to acquire interests in land in  
37.13 permanent conservation easements for fish  
37.14 and wildlife habitat under Minnesota Statutes,  
37.15 section 84.66, and to restore and enhance  
37.16 aquatic habitat. Up to \$130,000 is for  
37.17 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
37.18 fund as approved in the accomplishment  
37.19 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,  
37.20 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of  
37.21 proposed land acquisitions and restorations  
37.22 and enhancements must be provided as part  
37.23 of the required accomplishment plan.

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

37.25 \$2,000,000 in the first year is to the  
37.26 commissioner of natural resources for  
37.27 agreements to acquire land in fee and in  
37.28 permanent conservation easements and  
37.29 to restore and enhance natural systems  
37.30 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,  
37.31 and St. Croix Rivers as follows: \$475,000 to  
37.32 Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge  
37.33 Trust, Inc.; \$275,000 to Friends of the  
37.34 Mississippi River; \$400,000 to Great River

38.1 Greening; \$375,000 to Minnesota Land Trust;  
38.2 and \$475,000 to The Trust for Public Land.  
38.3 Up to \$60,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is for  
38.4 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
38.5 fund as approved in the accomplishment  
38.6 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,  
38.7 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of  
38.8 proposed land acquisitions and permanent  
38.9 conservation easements must be provided as  
38.10 part of the required accomplishment plan.

38.11 **(c) Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish**  
38.12 **Habitat Enhancement and Restoration - Phase**  
38.13 **VII**

38.14 \$1,890,000 in the first year is to the  
38.15 commissioner of natural resources for an  
38.16 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited  
38.17 to restore and enhance habitat for trout  
38.18 and other species in and along coldwater  
38.19 rivers and streams in Minnesota. A list of  
38.20 proposed restorations and enhancements  
38.21 must be provided as part of the required  
38.22 accomplishment plan.

38.23 **(d) Lake Bemidji South Shore Restoration and**  
38.24 **Enhancement**

38.25 \$1,650,000 in the first year is to the  
38.26 commissioner of natural resources for  
38.27 an agreement with the city of Bemidji to  
38.28 restore and enhance fish habitat on Lake  
38.29 Bemidji. A list of proposed restorations and  
38.30 enhancements must be provided as part of  
38.31 the required accomplishment plan.

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

38.33 \$990,000 in the first year is to the  
38.34 commissioner of natural resources for  
38.35 an agreement with the Sand Hill River  
38.36 Watershed District to restore fish habitat

39.1 in the Sand Hill River watershed. A list of  
39.2 proposed restorations must be provided as  
39.3 part of the required accomplishment plan.

39.4 **(f) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**  
39.5 **Restoration Program - Phase IV**

39.6 \$2,414,000 in the first year is to the  
39.7 commissioner of natural resources for  
39.8 an agreement with the Shell Rock River  
39.9 Watershed District to protect, restore,  
39.10 and enhance aquatic habitat in the Shell  
39.11 Rock River watershed. A list of proposed  
39.12 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements  
39.13 must be provided as part of the required  
39.14 accomplishment plan.

39.15 **(g) Lake Nokomis Integrated Habitat**  
39.16 **Enhancement**

39.17 \$444,000 in the first year is to the  
39.18 commissioner of natural resources for an  
39.19 agreement with the Minneapolis Park and  
39.20 Recreation Board to enhance aquatic habitat  
39.21 on Lake Nokomis. A list of proposed  
39.22 enhancements must be provided as part of  
39.23 the required accomplishment plan.

39.24 **(h) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**  
39.25 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat -**  
39.26 **Phase VII**

39.27 \$8,440,000 in the first year is to the  
39.28 commissioner of natural resources for a  
39.29 program to provide competitive, matching  
39.30 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,  
39.31 state, and national organizations for  
39.32 enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests,  
39.33 wetlands, prairies, or habitat for fish, game,  
39.34 or wildlife in Minnesota. Of this amount,  
39.35 \$3,692,000 is for grants in the seven-county  
39.36 metropolitan area and cities with a population

40.1 of 50,000 or greater. Grants shall not be made  
40.2 for activities required to fulfill the duties  
40.3 of owners of lands subject to conservation  
40.4 easements. Grants shall not be made from the  
40.5 appropriation in this paragraph for projects  
40.6 that have a total project cost exceeding  
40.7 \$575,000. Of this appropriation, \$596,000  
40.8 may be spent for personnel costs and other  
40.9 direct and necessary administrative costs.  
40.10 Grantees may acquire land or interests in  
40.11 land. Easements must be permanent. Grants  
40.12 may not be used to establish easement  
40.13 stewardship accounts. Land acquired in fee  
40.14 must be open to hunting and fishing during  
40.15 the open season unless otherwise provided  
40.16 by law. The program must require a match  
40.17 of at least ten percent from nonstate sources  
40.18 for all grants. The match may be cash or  
40.19 in-kind resources. For grant applications  
40.20 of \$25,000 or less, the commissioner shall  
40.21 provide a separate, simplified application  
40.22 process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the  
40.23 commissioner of natural resources shall,  
40.24 when evaluating projects of equal value,  
40.25 give priority to organizations that have a  
40.26 history of receiving or a charter to receive  
40.27 private contributions for local conservation  
40.28 or habitat projects. If acquiring land or a  
40.29 conservation easement, priority must be  
40.30 given to projects associated with or within  
40.31 one mile of existing wildlife management  
40.32 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section  
40.33 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific and natural  
40.34 areas under Minnesota Statutes, sections  
40.35 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; or aquatic  
40.36 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,

41.1 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02.

41.2 All restoration or enhancement projects  
41.3 must be on land permanently protected by  
41.4 a permanent covenant ensuring perpetual  
41.5 maintenance and protection of restored  
41.6 and enhanced habitat, by a conservation  
41.7 easement, or by public ownership or in  
41.8 public waters as defined in Minnesota  
41.9 Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision  
41.10 15. Priority must be given to restoration  
41.11 and enhancement projects on public lands.  
41.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
41.13 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded  
41.14 under this paragraph. This appropriation is  
41.15 available until June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019. No less  
41.16 than five percent of the amount of each grant  
41.17 must be held back from reimbursement until  
41.18 the grant recipient has completed a grant  
41.19 accomplishment report by the deadline and  
41.20 in the form prescribed by and satisfactory to  
41.21 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.  
41.22 The commissioner shall provide notice of  
41.23 the grant program in the game and fish law  
41.24 summary prepared under Minnesota Statutes,  
41.25 section 97A.051, subdivision 2.

41.26 **Sec. 9. EVALUATION RECOMMENDATIONS.**

41.27 By January 15, 2017, the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council must submit  
41.28 recommendations to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of  
41.29 representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over the environment  
41.30 and natural resources and the outdoor heritage fund on methods to evaluate the outcomes  
41.31 and effectiveness of projects funded by the outdoor heritage fund in achieving the purposes  
41.32 under article XI, section 15, of the Minnesota Constitution, including recommendations on  
41.33 the amount of funds that should be spent annually on evaluation.

42.1 **ARTICLE 2**

42.2 **CLEAN WATER FUND**

42.3 Section 1. **EVALUATION RECOMMENDATIONS.**

42.4 By January 15, 2017, the Clean Water Council must submit recommendations to  
42.5 the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate  
42.6 committees and divisions with jurisdiction over the environment and natural resources and  
42.7 the clean water fund on methods to evaluate the outcomes and effectiveness of projects  
42.8 funded by the clean water fund in achieving the purposes under article XI, section 15, of  
42.9 the Minnesota Constitution, including recommendations on the amount of funds that  
42.10 should be spent annually on evaluation.

42.11 Sec. 2. **WHITE BEAR LAKE AUGMENTATION.**

42.12 \$150,000 in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the clean water fund to the  
42.13 commissioner of natural resources for development of three design-build proposals. The  
42.14 commissioner shall request design-build qualifications and select three qualified entities to  
42.15 develop design-build proposals. The proposals must address increasing the water level in  
42.16 White Bear Lake by piping water from Vadnais Lake to White Bear Lake. The design work  
42.17 must ensure that the water in White Bear Lake and Vadnais Lake will remain at least as  
42.18 clean and clear as before the augmentation project is implemented. Among any other issues  
42.19 to be addressed, the design work must ensure that the project does not allow the spread of  
42.20 any invasive species or increase phosphorus levels. The commissioner must develop the  
42.21 design-build request for proposals in consultation with the commissioner of administration  
42.22 with regard to procedures, and in consultation with the Metropolitan Council and its water  
42.23 supply policy and technical advisory committees and the Minnesota Pollution Control  
42.24 Agency with regard to water quality and environmental issues. Any limitations in law on  
42.25 the number or value of design-build contracts do not apply to this project.

42.26 **ARTICLE 3**

42.27 **PARKS AND TRAILS FUND**

42.28 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2015 Supplement, section 85.53, subdivision 2, is  
42.29 amended to read:

42.30 Subd. 2. **Expenditures; accountability.** (a) A project or program receiving funding  
42.31 from the parks and trails fund must meet or exceed the constitutional requirement to  
42.32 support parks and trails of regional or statewide significance. A project or program

43.1 receiving funding from the parks and trails fund must include measurable outcomes, as  
43.2 defined in section 3.303, subdivision 10, and a plan for measuring and evaluating the  
43.3 results. A project or program must be consistent with current science and incorporate  
43.4 state-of-the-art technology, except when the project or program is a portrayal or restoration  
43.5 of historical significance.

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

43.8 (c) A state agency or other recipient of a direct appropriation from the parks and  
43.9 trails fund must compile and submit all information for funded projects or programs,  
43.10 including the proposed measurable outcomes and all other items required under section  
43.11 3.303, subdivision 10, to the Legislative Coordinating Commission as soon as practicable  
43.12 or by January 15 of the applicable fiscal year, whichever comes first. The Legislative  
43.13 Coordinating Commission must post submitted information on the Web site required  
43.14 under section 3.303, subdivision 10, as soon as it becomes available.

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

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

43.21 (f) When practicable, a direct recipient of an appropriation from the parks and  
43.22 trails fund shall prominently display on the recipient's Web site home page the legacy  
43.23 logo required under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 5, section 10, as amended by Laws  
43.24 2010, chapter 361, article 3, section 5, accompanied by the phrase "Click here for more  
43.25 information." When a person clicks on the legacy logo image, the Web site must direct  
43.26 the person to a Web page that includes both the contact information that a person may  
43.27 use to obtain additional information, as well as a link to the Legislative Coordinating  
43.28 Commission Web site required under section 3.303, subdivision 10.

43.29 (g) Future eligibility for money from the parks and trails fund is contingent upon a  
43.30 state agency or other recipient satisfying all applicable requirements in this section, as  
43.31 well as any additional requirements contained in applicable session law. If the Office of  
43.32 the Legislative Auditor, in the course of an audit or investigation, publicly reports that a  
43.33 recipient of money from the parks and trails fund has not complied with the laws, rules, or  
43.34 regulations in this section or other laws applicable to the recipient, the recipient must be  
43.35 listed in an annual report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the legacy  
43.36 funds. The list must be publicly available. The legislative auditor shall remove a recipient

44.1 from the list upon determination that the recipient is in compliance. A recipient on the  
44.2 list is not eligible for future funding from the parks and trails fund until the recipient  
44.3 demonstrates compliance to the legislative auditor.

44.4 (h) Any state agency or organization requesting a direct appropriation from the  
44.5 parks and trails fund must inform the house and senate committees having jurisdiction  
44.6 over the parks and trails fund at the time the request for funding is made, if the same  
44.7 project or program has been previously funded by a state appropriation, and how the  
44.8 project or program was funded.

44.9 **Sec. 2. EVALUATION RECOMMENDATIONS.**

44.10 By January 15, 2017, the commissioner of natural resources, in cooperation with the  
44.11 Metropolitan Council and the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission,  
44.12 must submit recommendations to the chairs and ranking minority members of the  
44.13 house of representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over the  
44.14 environment and natural resources and the parks and trails fund on methods to evaluate  
44.15 the outcomes and effectiveness of projects funded by the parks and trails fund in achieving  
44.16 the purposes under article XI, section 15, of the Minnesota Constitution, including  
44.17 recommendations on the amount of funds that should be spent annually on evaluation.

44.18 **ARTICLE 4**

44.19 **ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND**

44.20 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2015 Supplement, section 129D.17, subdivision 2,  
44.21 is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

45.14 (g) When practicable, a direct recipient of an appropriation from the arts and cultural  
45.15 heritage fund shall prominently display on the recipient's Web site home page the legacy  
45.16 logo required under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 5, section 10, as amended by Laws  
45.17 2010, chapter 361, article 3, section 5, accompanied by the phrase "Click here for more  
45.18 information." When a person clicks on the legacy logo image, the Web site must direct  
45.19 the person to a Web page that includes both the contact information that a person may  
45.20 use to obtain additional information, as well as a link to the Legislative Coordinating  
45.21 Commission Web site required under section 3.303, subdivision 10.

45.22 (h) Future eligibility for money from the arts and cultural heritage fund is contingent  
45.23 upon a state agency or other recipient satisfying all applicable requirements in this section,  
45.24 as well as any additional requirements contained in applicable session law. If the Office of  
45.25 the Legislative Auditor, in the course of an audit or investigation, publicly reports that a  
45.26 recipient of money from the arts and cultural heritage fund has not complied with the laws,  
45.27 rules, or regulations in this section or other laws applicable to the recipient, the recipient  
45.28 must be listed in an annual report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the  
45.29 legacy funds. The list must be publicly available. The legislative auditor shall remove a  
45.30 recipient from the list upon determination that the recipient is in compliance. A recipient  
45.31 on the list is not eligible for future funding from the arts and cultural heritage fund until  
45.32 the recipient demonstrates compliance to the legislative auditor.

45.33 (i) Any state agency or organization requesting a direct appropriation from the  
45.34 arts and cultural heritage fund must inform the house and senate committees having  
45.35 jurisdiction over the arts and cultural fund at the time the request for funding is made,

46.1 if the same project or program has been previously funded by a state appropriation, and  
 46.2 how the project or program was funded.

46.3 Sec. 2. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 2, article 4, section 2, subdivision 3,  
 46.4 is amended to read:

46.5 Subd. 3. **Minnesota State Arts Board** 26,819,000 31,312,000

46.6 (a) These amounts are appropriated to  
 46.7 the Minnesota State Arts Board for arts,  
 46.8 arts education, arts preservation, and arts  
 46.9 access. Grant agreements entered into  
 46.10 by the Minnesota State Arts Board and  
 46.11 other recipients of appropriations in this  
 46.12 subdivision must ensure that these funds are  
 46.13 used to supplement and not substitute for  
 46.14 traditional sources of funding. Each grant  
 46.15 program established within this appropriation  
 46.16 must be separately administered from other  
 46.17 state appropriations for program planning  
 46.18 and outcome measurements, but may take  
 46.19 into consideration other state resources  
 46.20 awarded in the selection of applicants and  
 46.21 grant award size.

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

46.23 \$21,155,000 the first year and \$25,350,000  
 46.24 the second year are to support Minnesota  
 46.25 artists and arts organizations in creating,  
 46.26 producing, preserving, and presenting  
 46.27 high-quality arts activities; to overcome  
 46.28 barriers to accessing high-quality arts  
 46.29 activities; for the preservation and  
 46.30 conservation of art and artifacts; and to instill  
 46.31 the arts into the community and public life  
 46.32 in this state.

46.33 (c) **Arts Education**

47.1 \$4,248,000 the first year and \$4,472,000  
47.2 the second year are for high-quality,  
47.3 age-appropriate arts education for  
47.4 Minnesotans of all ages to develop  
47.5 knowledge, skills, and understanding of the  
47.6 arts.

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

47.8 \$1,416,000 the first year and \$1,490,000 the  
47.9 second year are for events and activities that  
47.10 represent the diverse cultural arts traditions,  
47.11 including folk and traditional artists and art  
47.12 organizations, represented in this state.

47.13 (e) Up to 4.5 percent of the funds appropriated  
47.14 in paragraphs (b) to (d) may be used by the  
47.15 board for administering grant programs,  
47.16 delivering technical services, providing  
47.17 fiscal oversight for the statewide system, and  
47.18 ensuring accountability.

47.19 (f) Up to thirty percent of the remaining total  
47.20 appropriation to each of the categories listed  
47.21 in paragraphs (b) to (d) is for grants to the  
47.22 regional arts councils. Notwithstanding any  
47.23 other provision of law, regional arts council  
47.24 grants or other arts council grants for touring  
47.25 programs, projects, or exhibits must ensure  
47.26 the programs, projects, or exhibits are able to  
47.27 tour in their own region as well as all other  
47.28 regions of the state.

47.29 (g) Any unencumbered balance remaining  
47.30 under this section in the first year does not  
47.31 cancel, but is available for the second year  
47.32 of the biennium.

47.33 (h) When making grants under this  
47.34 appropriation, the Minnesota State Arts  
47.35 Board and the regional arts council must

48.1 consider grants to organizations who  
48.2 preserve and maintain art and artifacts, or  
48.3 who provide support, education, or training  
48.4 for the preservation and conservation of art  
48.5 and artifacts, including grants to the Midwest  
48.6 Art Conservation Center.

48.7 Sec. 3. **EVALUATION RECOMMENDATIONS.**

48.8 By January 15, 2017, the Minnesota State Arts Board, in cooperation with the  
48.9 Minnesota Historical Society, regional arts councils, and other recipients of money from  
48.10 the arts and cultural heritage fund, must submit recommendations to the chairs and ranking  
48.11 minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees and divisions with  
48.12 jurisdiction over the arts and cultural heritage fund on methods to evaluate the outcomes  
48.13 and effectiveness of projects funded by the arts and cultural heritage fund in achieving  
48.14 the purposes under article XI, section 15, of the Minnesota Constitution, including  
48.15 recommendations on the amount of funds that should be spent annually on evaluation.