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		APPROPRIATIONS Available for the Year Ending June 30	
		2024	**2025**
Sec. 2. **POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY**			
Subdivision 1. **Total Appropriation**	**$**	**275,479,000**	**$ 212,636,000**

Appropriations by Fund	2024	2025
General	150,934,000	81,712,000
State Government Special Revenue	85,000	90,000
Environmental	104,789,000	110,587,000
Remediation	19,671,000	20,247,000

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		APPROPRIATIONS Available for the Year Ending June 30	
		2024	**2025**
Sec. 2. **POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY**			
Subdivision 1. **Total Appropriation**	**$**	**310,237,000**	**$ 258,986,000**

Appropriations by Fund	2024	2025
General	185,420,000	130,816,000
State Government Special Revenue	85,000	90,000
Environmental	105,187,000	107,833,000
Remediation	19,545,000	20,247,000

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Subd. 2. **Environmental Analysis and Outcomes** 46,983,000 41,231,000

Appropriations by Fund

	2024	2025
General	28,970,000	20,714,000
Environmental	17,764,000	20,312,000
Remediation	249,000	205,000

(a) $122,000 the first year and $125,000 the second year are from the general fund for:

(1) a municipal liaison to assist municipalities in implementing and participating in the rulemaking process for water quality standards and navigating the NPDES/SDS permitting process;

(2) enhanced economic analysis in the rulemaking process for water quality standards, including more-specific analysis and identification of cost-effective permitting;

(3) developing statewide economic analyses and templates to reduce the amount of information and time required for municipalities to apply for variances from water quality standards; and

(4) coordinating with the Public Facilities Authority to identify and advocate for the resources needed for urban, suburban, and Greater Minnesota municipalities to achieve permit requirements.

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The commissioner must present the agency's biennial budget for fiscal years 2026 and 2027 to the legislature in a transparent way by agency division, including the proposed budget bill and presentations of the budget to committees and divisions with jurisdiction over the agency's budget.

Subd. 2. **Environmental Analysis and Outcomes** 108,726,000 106,910,000

Appropriations by Fund

	2024	2025
General	89,353,000	87,472,000
Environmental	19,174,000	19,233,000
Remediation	199,000	205,000

(a) $122,000 the first year and $125,000 the second year are from the general fund for:

(1) a municipal liaison to assist municipalities in implementing and participating in the rulemaking process for water quality standards and navigating the NPDES/SDS permitting process;

(2) enhanced economic analysis in the rulemaking process for water quality standards, including more-specific analysis and identification of cost-effective permitting;

(3) developing statewide economic analyses and templates to reduce the amount of information and time required for municipalities to apply for variances from water quality standards; and

(4) coordinating with the Public Facilities Authority to identify and advocate for the resources needed for municipalities to achieve permit requirements.

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(b) $216,000 the first year and $219,000 the second year are from the environmental fund for a monitoring program under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.454.	(b) $216,000 the first year and $219,000 the second year are from the environmental fund for a monitoring program under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.454.
(c) $132,000 the first year and $137,000 the second year are for monitoring water quality and operating assistance programs.	(c) $132,000 the first year and $137,000 the second year are for monitoring water quality and operating assistance programs.
(d) $390,000 the first year and $399,000 the second year are from the environmental fund for monitoring ambient air for hazardous pollutants.	(d) $390,000 the first year and $399,000 the second year are from the environmental fund for monitoring ambient air for hazardous pollutants.
(e) $106,000 the first year and $109,000 the second year are from the environmental fund for duties related to harmful chemicals in children's products under Minnesota Statutes, sections 116.9401 to 116.9407. Of this amount, $68,000 the first year and $70,000 the second year are transferred to the commissioner of health.	(e) $106,000 the first year and $109,000 the second year are from the environmental fund for duties related to harmful chemicals in children's products under Minnesota Statutes, sections 116.9401 to 116.9407. Of this amount, $68,000 the first year and $70,000 the second year are transferred to the commissioner of health.
(f) $128,000 the first year and $132,000 the second year are from the environmental fund for registering wastewater laboratories.	(f) $128,000 the first year and $132,000 the second year are from the environmental fund for registering wastewater laboratories.
(g) $1,492,000 the first year and $1,519,000 the second year are from the environmental fund to continue perfluorochemical biomonitoring in eastern metropolitan communities, as recommended by the Environmental Health Tracking and Biomonitoring Advisory Panel, and to address other environmental health risks, including air quality. The communities must include Hmong and other immigrant farming communities. Of this amount, up to $1,226,000 the first year and $1,248,000 the second year are for transfer to the commissioner of health.	(g) $1,492,000 the first year and $1,519,000 the second year are from the environmental fund to continue perfluorochemical biomonitoring in eastern metropolitan communities, as recommended by the Environmental Health Tracking and Biomonitoring Advisory Panel, and to address other environmental health risks, including air quality. The communities must include Hmong and other immigrant farming communities. Of this amount, up to $1,226,000 the first year and $1,248,000 the second year are for transfer to the commissioner of health.
(h) $61,000 the first year and $62,000 the second year are from the environmental fund for the listing procedures for impaired waters required under this act.	(h) $61,000 the first year and $62,000 the second year are from the environmental fund for the listing procedures for impaired waters required under this act.

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(i) $72,000 the first year and $74,000 the second year are from the remediation fund for the leaking underground storage tank program to investigate, clean up, and prevent future releases from underground petroleum storage tanks and for the petroleum remediation program for vapor assessment and remediation. These same annual amounts are transferred from the petroleum tank fund to the remediation fund.	(i) $72,000 the first year and $74,000 the second year are from the remediation fund for the leaking underground storage tank program to investigate, clean up, and prevent future releases from underground petroleum storage tanks and for the petroleum remediation program for vapor assessment and remediation. These same annual amounts are transferred from the petroleum tank fund to the remediation fund.
(j) $500,000 the first year is to facilitate the collaboration and modeling of greenhouse gas impacts, costs, and benefits of strategies to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions. This is a onetime appropriation.	(j) $500,000 the first year is to facilitate the collaboration and modeling of greenhouse gas impacts, costs, and benefits of strategies to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions. This is a onetime appropriation.
(k) $20,266,000 the first year and $20,270,000 the second year are to establish and implement a local government water infrastructure grant program for local governmental units and Tribal governments. Of this amount, $19,720,000 each year is for grants to support communities in planning and implementing projects that will allow for adaptation for a changing climate. At least 50 percent of the money granted under this paragraph must be for projects in the seven-county metropolitan area. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2027. The base for this appropriation in fiscal year 2026 and beyond is $270,000.	(k) $87,206,000 the first year and $87,210,000 the second year are to establish and implement a local government water infrastructure grant program for local governmental units and Tribal governments. Of this amount, $81,305,000 the first year and $86,380,000 the second year are for grants to support communities in planning and implementing projects that will allow for adaptation for a changing climate; $5,000,000 the first year is for a grant to St. Louis County to plan, design, and construct one or more facilities, structures, or other solutions to protect Lake Superior and other waters in the Great Lakes watershed from PFAS contamination from landfill runoff; and $75,000 the first year is for a grant to the city of Fergus Falls for a two-year water improvement pilot project to address water quality concerns at Lake Alice. The grant may be used to contract for water quality improvement services, testing, necessary infrastructure, training, and maintenance. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2027. The base amount for fiscal year 2026 and later is $270,000.
(l) $2,070,000 the first year and $2,070,000 the second year are from the environmental	(m) $907,000 the first year and $955,000 the second year are from the environmental fund

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fund to develop and implement a drinking water protection and PFAS response program related to emerging issues, including *Minnesota's PFAS Blueprint*.	to develop and implement a program related to emerging issues, including *Minnesota's PFAS Blueprint*.
(m) $1,820,000 the second year is from the environmental fund to support improved management of data collected by the agency and its partners and regulated parties to facilitate decision-making and public access.	(n) $1,320,000 the first year and $1,320,000 the second year are from the environmental fund to support improved management of data collected by the agency and its partners and regulated parties.
(n) $500,000 the first year is for developing and implementing firefighter biomonitoring protocols required under this act. Of this amount, up to $250,000 may be transferred to the commissioner of health for biomonitoring of firefighters. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2025.	(p) $500,000 the first year is from the general fund for a report on requirements and options for eliminating or reducing PFAS in firefighter turnout gear. The report must include recommendations for future disposal of turnout gear and protocols for PFAS biomonitoring in firefighters. This is a onetime appropriation.
(o) $2,000,000 the first year is to develop protocols to be used by agencies and departments for sampling and testing groundwater, surface water, public drinking water, and private wells for microplastics and nanoplastics and to begin implementation. The commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency may transfer money appropriated under this paragraph to the commissioners of agriculture, natural resources, and health to implement the protocols developed. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2025.	(q) $500,000 the first year is from the general fund to develop protocols to be used by agencies and departments for sampling and testing groundwater, surface water, public drinking water, and private wells for microplastics and nanoplastics and to begin implementation. The commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency may transfer money appropriated under this paragraph to the commissioners of agriculture, natural resources, and health to implement the protocols developed under this paragraph. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2025.
(p) $50,000 the first year is from the remediation fund for the work group on PFAS manufacturer fees and report required under this act.	
(q) $387,000 the first year and $90,000 the second year are to develop and implement the requirements for fish kills under Minnesota Statutes, sections 103G.216 and 103G.2165. Of this amount, up to $331,000 the first year and $90,000 the second year may be	(o) $393,000 the first year is from the general fund to develop and implement the protocol for the state response to fish kills under Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.2165. The commissioner may transfer money under this paragraph to other agencies participating in

transferred to the commissioners of health, natural resources, agriculture, and public safety and to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota as necessary to implement those sections. The base for this appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and beyond is $7,000.

(r) $63,000 the first year and $92,000 the second year are for transfer to the commissioner of health for amending the health risk limit for PFOS. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2026.

(s) $5,000,000 the first year is for community air-monitoring grants as provided in this act. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2025.

(t) $625,000 the first year and $779,000 the second year are from the environmental fund to adopt rules and implement air toxics emissions requirements under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.062. The base for this appropriation is $669,000 in fiscal year 2026 and $1,400,000 in fiscal year 2027 and beyond.

Subd. 3. **Industrial** 54,056,000 34,308,000

Appropriations by Fund

	2024	2025
General	34,980,000	14,577,000
Environmental	17,355,000	17,958,000
Remediation	1,721,000	1,773,000

(a) $1,621,000 the first year and $1,670,000 the second year are from the remediation fund for the leaking underground storage tank program to investigate, clean up, and prevent

developing the protocol. This is a onetime appropriation.

Subd. 3. **Industrial** 41,953,000 22,908,000

Appropriations by Fund

	2024	2025
General	23,664,000	3,964,000
Environmental	16,568,000	17,171,000
Remediation	1,721,000	1,773,000

(a) $1,621,000 the first year and $1,670,000 the second year are from the remediation fund for the leaking underground storage tank program to investigate, clean up, and prevent future releases from underground petroleum storage tanks and for the petroleum remediation program for vapor assessment and remediation. These same annual amounts are transferred from the petroleum tank fund to the remediation fund.

(b) $448,000 the first year and $457,000 the second year are from the environmental fund to further evaluate the use and reduction of trichloroethylene around Minnesota and identify its potential health effects on communities. Of this amount, $145,000 the first year and $149,000 the second year are transferred to the commissioner of health.

(c) $4,000 the first year and $4,000 the second year are from the environmental fund to purchase air emissions monitoring equipment to support compliance and enforcement activities.

(d) $3,200,000 the first year and $3,200,000 the second year are to provide air emission reduction grants. Of this amount, $2,800,000 each year is for grants to reduce air pollution at regulated facilities within environmental justice areas of concern. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2027, and is a onetime appropriation.

(e) $40,000 the first year and $40,000 the second year are for air compliance equipment maintenance. This is a onetime appropriation.

(f) $20,000,000 the first year and $300,000 the second year are to support research on innovative technologies to treat difficult-to-manage pollutants and for implementation grants based on this research at taconite facilities. Of this amount, $2,100,000 is for the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for academic and applied research through the MnDRIVE program at the Natural Resources Research Institute for research to foster economic

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(e) $40,000 the first year and $40,000 the second year are for air compliance equipment maintenance. This is a onetime appropriation.

(f) $19,100,000 the first year and $300,000 the second year are to support research on innovative technologies to treat difficult-to-manage pollutants and for implementation grants based on this research at taconite facilities. Of this amount the first year, $2,100,000 is for research and $16,700,000 is for grants. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2027. This is a onetime appropriation.

development of the state's natural resources in an environmentally sound manner and $17,600,000 is for grants. Of the $2,100,000, at least $900,000 is to develop and demonstrate technologies that enhance the long-term health and management of Minnesota's water and mineral resources. This appropriation is for continued characterization of Minnesota's iron resources and development of next-generation process technologies for iron products and reduced effluent. This research must be conducted in consultation with the Mineral Coordinating Committee established under Minnesota Statutes, section 93.0015. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.

(g) $500,000 the first year and $500,000 the second year are for the purposes of biofuel wastewater monitoring requirements under Minnesota Statutes, section 115.03, subdivision 12.

(h) $250,000 the first year is for a life cycle assessment of the presence of neonicotinoid pesticide in the production of ethanol, biodiesel, and advanced biofuel, including feedstocks, coproducts, air emissions, and the fuel itself. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2025. No later than December 15, 2024, the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency must submit the assessment, including recommendations, to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over agriculture and environment.

(i) $670,000 the first year and $522,000 the second year are from the general fund and $277,000 the first year and $277,000 the second year are from the environmental fund for the purposes of the nonexpiring state individual air quality permit requirements under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.07,

(g) $900,000 the first year is from the general fund for a grant to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for academic and applied research through the MnDRIVE program at the Natural Resources Research Institute to develop and demonstrate technologies that enhance the long-term health and management of Minnesota's water and mineral resources. This appropriation is for continued characterization of Minnesota's iron resources and development of next-generation process technologies for iron products and reduced effluent. This research must be conducted in consultation with the Mineral Coordinating Committee established under Minnesota Statutes, section 93.0015. This is a onetime appropriation.

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subdivision 4m. The base for this appropriation in fiscal year 2026 and beyond is $277,000 from the environmental fund.

(j) $250,000 the first year and $250,000 the second year are for rulemaking and implementation of the odor management requirements under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.064. The base for this appropriation is $250,000 in fiscal year 2026 and $500,000 in fiscal year 2027 and beyond.

(k) $9,526,000 the first year and $9,221,000 the second year are from the general fund for implementation of the environmental justice, cumulative impact analysis, and demographic analysis requirements under this act. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2028. The base for this appropriation in fiscal year 2026 and beyond is $9,021,000 from the environmental fund.

Subd. 4. **Municipal** 10,725,000 11,373,000

Appropriations by Fund

	2024	2025
General	761,000	767,000
State Government Special Revenue	85,000	90,000
Environmental	9,879,000	10,516,000

(a) $217,000 the first year and $223,000 the second year are for:

(1) a municipal liaison to assist municipalities in implementing and participating in the rulemaking process for water quality standards

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(l) $715,000 the first year and $200,000 the second year are from the environmental fund to implement Minnesota Statutes, section 116.065, relating to cumulative impacts. The base is $200,000 in fiscal year 2026 and beyond.

(h) The total general fund base budget for the industrial division for fiscal year 2026 and later is $0.

Subd. 4. **Municipal** 10,555,000 11,203,000

Appropriations by Fund

	2024	2025
General	641,000	647,000
State Government Special Revenue	85,000	90,000
Environmental	9,829,000	10,466,000

(a) $217,000 the first year and $223,000 the second year are for:

(1) a municipal liaison to assist municipalities in implementing and participating in the rulemaking process for water quality standards

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and navigating the NPDES/SDS permitting process;	and navigating the NPDES/SDS permitting process;
(2) enhanced economic analysis in the rulemaking process for water quality standards, including more-specific analysis and identification of cost-effective permitting;	(2) enhanced economic analysis in the rulemaking process for water quality standards, including more-specific analysis and identification of cost-effective permitting;
(3) developing statewide economic analyses and templates to reduce the amount of information and time required for municipalities to apply for variances from water quality standards; and	(3) developing statewide economic analyses and templates to reduce the amount of information and time required for municipalities to apply for variances from water quality standards; and
(4) coordinating with the Public Facilities Authority to identify and advocate for the resources needed for municipalities to achieve permit requirements.	(4) coordinating with the Public Facilities Authority to identify and advocate for the resources needed for municipalities to achieve permit requirements.
(b) $50,000 the first year and $50,000 the second year are from the environmental fund for transfer to the Office of Administrative Hearings to establish sanitary districts.	(b) $50,000 the first year and $50,000 the second year are from the environmental fund for transfer to the Office of Administrative Hearings to establish sanitary districts.
(c) $1,240,000 the first year and $1,338,000 the second year are from the environmental fund for subsurface sewage treatment system (SSTS) program administration and community technical assistance and education, including grants and technical assistance to communities for water-quality protection. Of this amount, $350,000 each year is for assistance to counties through grants for SSTS program administration. A county receiving a grant from this appropriation must submit the results achieved with the grant to the commissioner as part of its annual SSTS report. Any unexpended balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.	(c) $1,240,000 the first year and $1,338,000 the second year are from the environmental fund for subsurface sewage treatment system (SSTS) program administration and community technical assistance and education, including grants and technical assistance to communities for water-quality protection. Of this amount, $350,000 each year is for assistance to counties through grants for SSTS program administration. A county receiving a grant from this appropriation must submit the results achieved with the grant to the commissioner as part of its annual SSTS report. Any unexpended balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.
(d) $994,000 the first year and $1,094,000 the second year are from the environmental fund to address the need for continued increased activity in new technology review, technical assistance for local governments, and	(d) $944,000 the first year and $1,044,000 the second year are from the environmental fund to address the need for continued increased activity in new technology review, technical assistance for local governments, and

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enforcement under Minnesota Statutes, sections 115.55 to 115.58, and to complete the requirements of Laws 2003, chapter 128, article 1, section 165.

(e) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the appropriations encumbered on or before June 30, 2025, as grants or contracts for subsurface sewage treatment systems, surface water and groundwater assessments, storm water, and water-quality protection in this subdivision are available until June 30, 2028.

Subd. 5. **Operations** 33,798,000 32,503,000

Appropriations by Fund

	2024	2025
General	23,250,000	21,859,000
Environmental	7,931,000	8,153,000
Remediation	2,617,000	2,491,000

(a) $1,154,000 the first year and $1,124,000 the second year are from the remediation fund for the leaking underground storage tank program to investigate, clean up, and prevent future releases from underground petroleum storage tanks and for the petroleum remediation program for vapor assessment and remediation. These same annual amounts are transferred from the petroleum tank fund to the remediation fund.

(b) $3,000,000 the first year and $3,109,000 the second year are to support agency

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enforcement under Minnesota Statutes, sections 115.55 to 115.58, and to complete the requirements of Laws 2003, chapter 128, article 1, section 165.

(e) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the appropriations encumbered on or before June 30, 2025, as grants or contracts for subsurface sewage treatment systems, surface water and groundwater assessments, storm water, and water-quality protection in this subdivision are available until June 30, 2028.

(f) The total general fund base budget for the municipal division for fiscal year 2026 and later is $223,000.

Subd. 5. **Operations** 31,218,000 29,923,000

Appropriations by Fund

	2024	2025
General	20,750,000	19,359,000
Environmental	7,851,000	8,073,000
Remediation	2,617,000	2,491,000

(a) $1,154,000 the first year and $1,124,000 the second year are from the remediation fund for the leaking underground storage tank program to investigate, clean up, and prevent future releases from underground petroleum storage tanks and for the petroleum remediation program for vapor assessment and remediation. These same annual amounts are transferred from the petroleum tank fund to the remediation fund.

(b) $3,000,000 the first year and $3,109,000 the second year are to support agency

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information technology services provided at the enterprise and agency level to improve operations.

(c) $906,000 the first year and $919,000 the second year are from the environmental fund to develop and maintain systems to support agency permitting and regulatory business processes and data.

(d) $2,000,000 the first year and $2,000,000 the second year are to provide technical assistance to Tribal governments. This is a onetime appropriation.

(e) $18,250,000 the first year and $16,750,000 the second year are to support modernizing and automating agency environmental programs and data systems and how the agency provides services to regulated parties, partners, and the public. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2027. This is a onetime appropriation.

(f) $270,000 the first year and $270,000 the second year are from the environmental fund to support current and future career pathways for underrepresented students.

(g) $700,000 the first year and $700,000 the second year are from the environmental fund to improve the coordination, effectiveness, transparency, and accountability of the environmental review and permitting process.

Subd. 6. **Remediation** 40,318,000 16,022,000

Appropriations by Fund

	2024	2025
General	25,000,000	-0-

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information technology services provided at the enterprise and agency level.

(c) $906,000 the first year and $919,000 the second year are from the environmental fund to develop and maintain systems to support permitting and regulatory business processes and agency data.

(d) $2,000,000 the first year and $2,000,000 the second year are to provide technical assistance to Tribal governments. This is a onetime appropriation.

(e) $15,750,000 the first year and $14,250,000 the second year are to support modernizing and automating agency environmental programs and data systems and how the agency provides services to regulated parties, partners, and the public. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2027. This is a onetime appropriation.

(f) $1,100,000 the first year and $1,100,000 the second year are from the environmental fund for workforce innovation. Of this amount, $270,000 each year is for environmental career pathways for students.

Subd. 6. **Remediation** 40,242,000 16,022,000

Appropriations by Fund

	2024	2025
General	25,000,000	-0-

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Environmental	607,000	628,000	Environmental	607,000	628,000
Remediation	14,711,000	15,394,000	Remediation	14,635,000	15,394,000

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(a) All money for environmental response, compensation, and compliance in the remediation fund not otherwise appropriated is appropriated to the commissioners of the Pollution Control Agency and agriculture for purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section 115B.20, subdivision 2, clauses (1), (2), (3), (6), and (7). At the beginning of each fiscal year, the two commissioners must jointly submit to the commissioner of management and budget an annual spending plan that maximizes resource use and appropriately allocates the money between the two departments. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2025.	(a) All money for environmental response, compensation, and compliance in the remediation fund not otherwise appropriated is appropriated to the commissioners of the Pollution Control Agency and agriculture for purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section 115B.20, subdivision 2, clauses (1), (2), (3), (6), and (7). At the beginning of each fiscal year, the two commissioners must jointly submit to the commissioner of management and budget an annual spending plan that maximizes resource use and appropriately allocates the money between the two departments. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2025.
(b) $415,000 the first year and $426,000 the second year are from the environmental fund to manage contaminated sediment projects at multiple sites identified in the St. Louis River remedial action plan to restore water quality in the St. Louis River Area of Concern.	(b) $415,000 the first year and $426,000 the second year are from the environmental fund to manage contaminated sediment projects at multiple sites identified in the St. Louis River remedial action plan to restore water quality in the St. Louis River Area of Concern.
(c) $4,476,000 the first year and $4,622,000 the second year are from the remediation fund for the leaking underground storage tank program to investigate, clean up, and prevent future releases from underground petroleum storage tanks and for the petroleum remediation program for vapor assessment and remediation. These same annual amounts are transferred from the petroleum tank fund to the remediation fund.	(c) $4,476,000 the first year and $4,622,000 the second year are from the remediation fund for the leaking underground storage tank program to investigate, clean up, and prevent future releases from underground petroleum storage tanks and for the petroleum remediation program for vapor assessment and remediation. These same annual amounts are transferred from the petroleum tank fund to the remediation fund.
(d) $308,000 the first year and $316,000 the second year are from the remediation fund for transfer to the commissioner of health for private water-supply monitoring and health assessment costs in areas contaminated by unpermitted mixed municipal solid waste disposal facilities and drinking water	(d) $308,000 the first year and $316,000 the second year are from the remediation fund for transfer to the commissioner of health for private water-supply monitoring and health assessment costs in areas contaminated by unpermitted mixed municipal solid waste disposal facilities and drinking water

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advisories and public information activities for areas contaminated by hazardous releases.

(e) $25,000,000 the first year is for grants to support planning, designing, and preparing for solutions for public water treatment systems contaminated with PFAS. The grants are to reimburse local public water supply operators for source investigations, sampling and treating private drinking water wells, and evaluating solutions for treating private drinking water wells. At least 50 percent of the money appropriated under this paragraph must be for grants in the seven-county metropolitan area. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2027, and is a onetime appropriation.

(f) $76,000 the first year is from the remediation fund for the petroleum tank release cleanup program duties and report required under this act. This is a onetime appropriation.

Subd. 7. **Resource Management and Assistance** 75,025,000 63,467,000

Appropriations by Fund

	2024	2025
General	31,477,000	18,655,000
Environmental	43,548,000	44,812,000

(a) Up to $150,000 the first year and $150,000 the second year may be transferred from the environmental fund to the small business environmental improvement loan account under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.993.

(b) $1,000,000 the first year and $1,000,000 the second year are for competitive recycling grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.565. Of this amount, $300,000 the first year and $300,000 the second year are from

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advisories and public information activities for areas contaminated by hazardous releases.

(e) $25,000,000 the first year is for grants to support planning, designing, and preparing for solutions for public water treatment systems contaminated with PFAS. The grants are to reimburse local public water supply operators for source investigations, sampling and treating private drinking water wells, and evaluating solutions for treating private drinking water wells. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2027, and is a onetime appropriation.

Subd. 7. **Resource Management and Assistance** 64,500,000 58,904,000

Appropriations by Fund

	2024	2025
General	21,047,000	14,850,000
Environmental	43,453,000	44,054,000

(a) Up to $150,000 the first year and $150,000 the second year may be transferred from the environmental fund to the small business environmental improvement loan account under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.993.

(b) $1,000,000 the first year and $1,000,000 the second year are for competitive recycling grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.565. Of this amount, $300,000 the first year and $300,000 the second year are from

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the general fund, and $700,000 the first year and $700,000 the second year are from the environmental fund. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.	the general fund, and $700,000 the first year and $700,000 the second year are from the environmental fund. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.
(c) $694,000 the first year and $694,000 the second year are from the environmental fund for emission-reduction activities and grants to small businesses and other nonpoint-emission-reduction efforts. Of this amount, $100,000 the first year and $100,000 the second year are to continue work with Clean Air Minnesota, and the commissioner may enter into an agreement with Environmental Initiative to support this effort.	(c) $694,000 the first year and $694,000 the second year are from the environmental fund for emission-reduction activities and grants to small businesses and other nonpoint-emission-reduction efforts. Of this amount, $100,000 the first year and $100,000 the second year are to continue work with Clean Air Minnesota, and the commissioner may enter into an agreement with Environmental Initiative to support this effort.
(d) $22,450,000 the first year and $22,450,000 the second year are for SCORE block grants to counties. Of this amount, $4,000,000 the first year and $4,000,000 the second year are from the general fund, and $18,450,000 the first year and $18,450,000 the second year are from the environmental fund. The base in fiscal year 2026 and beyond is $18,450,000 from the environmental fund. For fiscal years 2024 and 2025, each county's allocation is based on Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.557, and $2,000,000 must be used only for waste prevention and reuse activities.	(d) $20,450,000 the first year and $20,450,000 the second year are from the environmental fund for SCORE block grants to counties.
(e) $119,000 the first year and $119,000 the second year are from the environmental fund for environmental assistance grants or loans under Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.0716.	(e) $119,000 the first year and $119,000 the second year are from the environmental fund for environmental assistance grants or loans under Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.0716.
(f) $400,000 the first year and $400,000 the second year are from the environmental fund for grants to develop and expand recycling markets for Minnesota businesses.	(f) $400,000 the first year and $400,000 the second year are from the environmental fund for grants to develop and expand recycling markets for Minnesota businesses.
(g) $767,000 the first year and $770,000 the second year are from the environmental fund for reducing and diverting food waste, redirecting edible food for consumption, and removing barriers to collecting and recovering organic waste. Of this amount, $500,000 each	(g) $767,000 the first year and $770,000 the second year are from the environmental fund for reducing and diverting food waste, redirecting edible food for consumption, and removing barriers to collecting and recovering organic waste. Of this amount, $500,000 each

year is for grants to increase food rescue and waste prevention. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.

(h) $2,797,000 the first year and $2,811,000 the second year are from the environmental fund for the purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section 473.844.

(i) $318,000 the first year and $474,000 the second year are from the environmental fund to address chemicals in products, including to implement and enforce flame retardant provisions under Minnesota Statutes, section 325F.071, and perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances in food packaging provisions under Minnesota Statutes, section 325F.075. Of this amount, $78,000 the first year and $80,000 the second year are transferred to the commissioner of health.

(j) $180,000 the first year and $140,000 the second year are for quantifying climate-related impacts from projects for environmental review. This is a onetime appropriation.

(k) $1,790,000 the first year and $70,000 the second year are for accelerating pollution prevention at small businesses. Of this amount, $1,720,000 the first year is for zero-interest loans to phase out high-polluting equipment, products, and processes and replace with new options. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2027. This is a onetime appropriation.

(l) $190,000 the first year and $190,000 the second year are to support the Greenstep Cities program. This is a onetime appropriation.

(m) $420,000 the first year is to complete a study on the viability of recycling solar energy equipment. This is a onetime appropriation.

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(h) $2,797,000 the first year and $2,811,000 the second year are from the environmental fund for the purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section 473.844.

(i) $318,000 the first year and $324,000 the second year are from the environmental fund to address chemicals in products, including to implement and enforce flame retardant provisions under Minnesota Statutes, section 325F.071, and perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances in food packaging provisions under Minnesota Statutes, section 325F.075. Of this amount, $78,000 the first year and $80,000 the second year are transferred to the commissioner of health.

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(k) $1,790,000 the first year and $70,000 the second year are for accelerating pollution prevention at small businesses. Of this amount, $1,720,000 the first year is for zero-interest loans to phase out high-polluting equipment, products, and processes and replace with new options. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2027. This is a onetime appropriation.

(l) $190,000 the first year and $190,000 the second year are to support the Greenstep Cities program. This is a onetime appropriation.

(m) $420,000 the first year is to complete a study on the viability of recycling solar energy equipment. This is a onetime appropriation.

(n) $650,000 the first year and $650,000 the second year are from the environmental fund for Minnesota GreenCorps investment.	(o) $650,000 the first year and $650,000 the second year are from the environmental fund for Minnesota GreenCorps investment.
(o) $4,210,000 the first year and $210,000 the second year are for PFAS reduction grants. Of this amount, $4,000,000 the first year is for grants to industry and public entities to identify sources of PFAS entering facilities and to develop pollution prevention and reduction initiatives to reduce PFAS entering facilities, prevent releases, and monitor the effectiveness of these projects. Priority must be given to projects in underserved communities. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.	(p) $4,210,000 the first year and $210,000 the second year are for PFAS reduction grants. Of this amount, $4,000,000 the first year is for grants to industry and public entities to identify sources of PFAS entering facilities and to develop pollution prevention and reduction initiatives to reduce PFAS entering facilities, prevent releases, and monitor the effectiveness of these projects. This is a ontetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.
(p) $12,940,000 the first year and $12,940,000 the second year are for a waste prevention and reduction grants and loan program. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.	(q) $13,940,000 the first year and $13,940,000 the second year are for a waste prevention and reduction grants and loans program under Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.0716 and sections 115A.49 to 115A.51. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.
(q) $825,000 the first year and $1,453,000 the second year are from the environmental fund for rulemaking and implementation of the new PFAS requirements under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.943. Of this amount, $312,000 the first year and $468,000 the second year are for transfer to the commissioner of health. The base for this appropriation is $1,115,000 in fiscal year 2026 and beyond. The base for the transfer to the commissioner of health in fiscal year 2026 and beyond is $468,000.	(r) $1,163,000 the first year and $1,115,000 the second year are from the environmental fund for implementing Minnesota Statutes, section 116.943, relating to products containing PFAS.
(r) $680,000 the first year is for the zero-waste report required in this act. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2026.	
(s) $1,592,000 the first year and $805,000 the second year are for zero-waste grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.566.	

(t) $35,000 the second year is from the environmental fund for the compostable labeling requirements under Minnesota Statutes, section 325E.046. The base for this appropriation in fiscal year 2026 and beyond is $68,000.

(u) $175,000 the first year is for the rulemaking required under this act providing for the safe and lawful disposal of waste treated seed. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2025.

(v) $1,000,000 the first year is for a lead tackle reduction program that provides outreach, education, and opportunities to safely dispose of and exchange lead tackle throughout the state. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2025.

(w) $4,000,000 is for a grant to the owner of a biomass energy generation plant in Shakopee that uses waste heat from the generation of electricity in the malting process to purchase a wood dehydrator to facilitate disposal of wood that is infested by the emerald ash borer. By October 1, 2024, the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency must report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources on the use of money appropriated under this paragraph.

(n) $17,000 the first year is for rulemaking for the capital assistance program. This is a onetime appropriation.

(s) $150,000 the second year is from the environmental fund for the lead and cadmium in consumer products prohibition under Minnesota Statutes, section 325E.3892.

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(x) Any unencumbered grant and loan balances in the first year do not cancel but are available for grants and loans in the second year. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the appropriations encumbered on or before June 30, 2025, as contracts or grants for environmental assistance awarded under Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.0716; technical and research assistance under Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.152; technical assistance under Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.52; and pollution prevention assistance under Minnesota Statutes, section 115D.04, are available until June 30, 2027.

Subd. 8. **Watershed** 12,499,000 12,093,000

Appropriations by Fund

	2024	2025
General	4,642,000	3,727,000
Environmental	7,484,000	7,982,000
Remediation	373,000	384,000

(a) $3,000,000 the first year and $3,000,000 the second year are for grants to delegated counties to administer the county feedlot program under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.0711, subdivisions 2 and 3. Money remaining after the first year is available for the second year. The base for this appropriation in fiscal year 2026 and beyond is $1,959,000.

(b) $236,000 the first year and $241,000 the second year are from the environmental fund for the costs of implementing general

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(r) Any unencumbered grant and loan balances in the first year do not cancel but are available for grants and loans in the second year. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the appropriations encumbered on or before June 30, 2025, as contracts or grants for environmental assistance awarded under Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.0716; technical and research assistance under Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.152; technical assistance under Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.52; and pollution prevention assistance under Minnesota Statutes, section 115D.04, are available until June 30, 2027.

Subd. 8. **Watershed** 10,968,000 11,477,000

Appropriations by Fund

	2024	2025
General	3,111,000	3,111,000
Environmental	7,484,000	7,982,000
Remediation	373,000	384,000

(a) $2,959,000 the first year and $2,959,000 the second year are for grants to delegated counties to administer the county feedlot program under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.0711, subdivisions 2 and 3. Money remaining after the first year is available for the second year.

(d) The total general fund base budget for the watershed division for fiscal year 2026 and later is $1,959,000.

(b) $236,000 the first year and $241,000 the second year are from the environmental fund for the costs of implementing general operating permits for feedlots over 1,000 animal units.

(c) $125,000 the first year and $129,000 the second year are from the remediation fund for the leaking underground storage tank program to investigate, clean up, and prevent future releases from underground petroleum storage tanks and for the petroleum remediation program for vapor assessment and remediation. These same annual amounts are transferred from the petroleum tank fund to the remediation fund.

(d) $280,000 the first year and $315,000 the second year are for compiling the annual abandoned manure storage areas lists required under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.07, subdivision 7f.

(e) $700,000 the first year is for distribution to delegated counties based on registered feedlots and manure storage areas for inspections of manure storage areas and the abandoned manure storage area reports required under this act. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2025.

(f) $250,000 the first year is for a grant to the Minnesota Association of County Feedlot Officers to provide training on state feedlot requirements, working efficiently and effectively with producers, and reducing the incidence of manure or nutrients entering surface water or groundwater.

(g) $140,000 the first year and $140,000 the second year are for the Pig's Eye Landfill Task Force.

Subd. 9. **Environmental Quality Board**	2,075,000	1,639,000

operating permits for feedlots over 1,000 animal units.

(c) $125,000 the first year and $129,000 the second year are from the remediation fund for the leaking underground storage tank program to investigate, clean up, and prevent future releases from underground petroleum storage tanks and for the petroleum remediation program for vapor assessment and remediation. These same annual amounts are transferred from the petroleum tank fund to the remediation fund.

Subd. 9. **Environmental Quality Board**	2,075,000	1,639,000

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Appropriations by Fund	2024	2025
General	1,854,000	1,413,000
Environmental	221,000	226,000

$620,000 the first year and $140,000 the second year are to develop a Minnesota-based greenhouse gas sector and source-specific guidance, including climate information, a greenhouse gas calculator, and technical assistance for users. This is a onetime appropriation.

Subd. 10. **Transfers**

(a) The commissioner must transfer up to $23,000,000 the first year and $24,000,000 the second year from the environmental fund to the remediation fund for purposes of the remediation fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.155, subdivision 2. The base for this transfer is $24,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and beyond.

(b) By June 30, 2024, the commissioner of management and budget must transfer $29,055,000 from the general fund to the metropolitan landfill contingency action trust account in the remediation fund to restore the money transferred from the account as intended under Laws 2003, chapter 128, article 1, section 10, paragraph (e), and Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 1, article 3, section 17, and to compensate the account for the estimated lost investment income.

Sec. 3. **NATURAL RESOURCES**

Subdivision 1. **Total Appropriation**	**$ 569,950,000**	**$ 424,403,000**

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Appropriations by Fund	2024	2025
General	1,854,000	1,413,000
Environmental	221,000	226,000

$620,000 the first year and $140,000 the second year are to develop a Minnesota-based greenhouse gas sector and source-specific guidance, including climate information, a greenhouse gas calculator, and technical assistance for users. This is a onetime appropriation.

Subd. 10. **Transfers**

(a) The commissioner must transfer up to $24,000,000 the first year and each fiscal year thereafter from the environmental fund to the remediation fund for purposes of the remediation fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 116.155, subdivision 2.

(b) By June 30, 2024, the commissioner of management and budget must transfer $12,000,000 from the general fund to the metropolitan landfill contingency action trust account in the remediation fund.

Sec. 3. **NATURAL RESOURCES**

Subdivision 1. **Total Appropriation**	**$ 517,592,000**	**$ 389,535,000**

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Appropriations by Fund

	2024	2025
General	307,778,000	165,064,000
Natural Resources	125,611,000	124,456,000
Game and Fish	129,903,000	131,814,000
Remediation	117,000	117,000
Permanent School	791,000	702,000
Reinvest in Minnesota Resources	5,750,000	2,250,000

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

Subd. 2. **Land and Mineral Resources Management** 9,095,000 8,828,000

Appropriations by Fund

	2024	2025
General	4,095,000	3,828,000
Natural Resources	4,438,000	4,438,000
Game and Fish	344,000	344,000
Permanent School	218,000	218,000

(a) $319,000 the first year and $319,000 the second year are for environmental research relating to mine permitting, of which $200,000 each year is from the minerals management account in the natural resources fund and $119,000 each year is from the general fund.

(b) $3,383,000 the first year and $3,383,000 the second year are from the minerals management account in the natural resources

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Appropriations by Fund

	2024	2025
General	274,789,000	149,796,000
Natural Resources	115,396,000	114,516,000
Game and Fish	126,499,000	124,404,000
Remediation	117,000	117,000
Permanent School	791,000	702,000

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

Subd. 2. **Land and Mineral Resources Management** 14,983,000 9,328,000

Appropriations by Fund

	2024	2025
General	10,083,000	4,428,000
Natural Resources	4,338,000	4,338,000
Game and Fish	344,000	344,000
Permanent School	218,000	218,000

(a) $319,000 the first year and $319,000 the second year are for environmental research relating to mine permitting, of which $200,000 each year is from the minerals management account in the natural resources fund and $119,000 each year is from the general fund.

(b) $3,383,000 the first year and $3,383,000 the second year are from the minerals management account in the natural resources

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fund for use as provided under Minnesota Statutes, section 93.2236, paragraph (c), for mineral resource management, projects to enhance future mineral income, and projects to promote new mineral-resource opportunities.	fund for use as provided under Minnesota Statutes, section 93.2236, paragraph (c), for mineral resource management, projects to enhance future mineral income, and projects to promote new mineral-resource opportunities.
(c) $218,000 the first year and $218,000 the second year are transferred from the forest suspense account to the permanent school fund and are appropriated from the permanent school fund to secure maximum long-term economic return from the school trust lands consistent with fiduciary responsibilities and sound natural resources conservation and management principles.	(c) $218,000 the first year and $218,000 the second year are transferred from the forest suspense account to the permanent school fund and are appropriated from the permanent school fund to secure maximum long-term economic return from the school trust lands consistent with fiduciary responsibilities and sound natural resources conservation and management principles.
(d) $338,000 the first year and $338,000 the second year are from the water management account in the natural resources fund for mining hydrology.	(d) $338,000 the first year and $338,000 the second year are from the water management account in the natural resources fund for mining hydrology.
(e) $1,052,000 the first year and $242,000 the second year are for modernizing utility licensing for state lands and public waters. The first year appropriation is available through fiscal year 2026.	(e) $1,052,000 the first year and $242,000 the second year are for modernizing utility licensing for state lands and public waters. The first year appropriation is available through fiscal year 2026. This is a onetime appropriation.
(f) $125,000 the first year and $125,000 the second year are for conservation stewardship.	
	(h) The total general fund base budget for the land and mineral resources management division for fiscal year 2026 and later is $3,342,000.
Subd. 3. **Ecological and Water Resources** 58,394,000 46,763,000	Subd. 3. **Ecological and Water Resources** 45,315,000 44,413,000
Appropriations by Fund	Appropriations by Fund
2024 2025	2024 2025

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General	37,664,000	26,008,000	General	25,949,000	26,258,000
Natural Resources	15,006,000	15,031,000	Natural Resources	12,431,000	12,431,000
Game and Fish	5,724,000	5,724,000	Game and Fish	6,935,000	5,724,000

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(a) $5,397,000 the first year and $5,422,000 the second year are from the invasive species account in the natural resources fund and $2,831,000 the first year and $2,831,000 the second year are from the general fund for management, public awareness, assessment and monitoring research, and water access inspection to prevent the spread of invasive species; management of invasive plants in public waters; and management of terrestrial invasive species on state-administered lands.	(a) $4,222,000 the first year and $4,222,000 the second year are from the invasive species account in the natural resources fund and $2,831,000 the first year and $2,831,000 the second year are from the general fund for management, public awareness, assessment and monitoring research, and water access inspection to prevent the spread of invasive species; management of invasive plants in public waters; and management of terrestrial invasive species on state-administered lands.
(b) $6,056,000 the first year and $6,056,000 the second year are from the water management account in the natural resources fund for only the purposes specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.27, subdivision 2.	(b) $5,556,000 the first year and $5,556,000 the second year are from the water management account in the natural resources fund for only the purposes specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.27, subdivision 2.
(c) $124,000 the first year and $124,000 the second year are for a grant to the Mississippi Headwaters Board for up to 50 percent of the cost of implementing the comprehensive plan for the upper Mississippi within areas under the board's jurisdiction. By December 15, 2025, the board must submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources on the activities funded under this paragraph and the progress made in implementing the comprehensive plan.	(c) $124,000 the first year and $124,000 the second year are for a grant to the Mississippi Headwaters Board for up to 50 percent of the cost of implementing the comprehensive plan for the upper Mississippi within areas under the board's jurisdiction.
(d) $10,000 the first year and $10,000 the second year are for payment to the Leech Lake Band of Chippewa Indians to implement the band's portion of the comprehensive plan for the upper Mississippi River.	(d) $10,000 the first year and $10,000 the second year are for payment to the Leech Lake Band of Chippewa Indians to implement the band's portion of the comprehensive plan for the upper Mississippi River.

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(e) $300,000 the first year and $300,000 the second year are for grants for up to 50 percent of the cost of implementing the Red River mediation agreement. The base for this appropriation in fiscal year 2026 and beyond is $264,000.	(e) $300,000 the first year and $300,000 the second year are for grants for up to 50 percent of the cost of implementing the Red River mediation agreement. The base for fiscal year 2026 and later is $264,000.
(f) $2,498,000 the first year and $2,498,000 the second year are from the heritage enhancement account in the game and fish fund for only the purposes specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (h), clause (1).	(f) $2,498,000 the first year and $2,498,000 the second year are from the heritage enhancement account in the game and fish fund for only the purposes specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (h), clause (1).
(g) $1,150,000 the first year and $1,150,000 the second year are from the nongame wildlife management account in the natural resources fund for nongame wildlife management. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 290.431, $100,000 the first year and $100,000 the second year may be used for nongame wildlife information, education, and promotion.	(g) $1,150,000 the first year and $1,150,000 the second year are from the nongame wildlife management account in the natural resources fund for nongame wildlife management. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 290.431, $100,000 the first year and $100,000 the second year may be used for nongame wildlife information, education, and promotion.
(h) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 84.943, $48,000 the first year and $48,000 the second year from the critical habitat private sector matching account may be used to publicize the critical habitat license plate match program.	(h) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 84.943, $28,000 the first year and $28,000 the second year from the critical habitat private sector matching account may be used to publicize the critical habitat license plate match program.
(i) $5,700,000 the first year and $6,000,000 the second year are for the following activities:	(i) $6,000,000 the first year and $6,000,000 the second year are for the following activities:
(1) financial reimbursement and technical support to soil and water conservation districts or other local units of government for groundwater-level monitoring;	(1) financial reimbursement and technical support to soil and water conservation districts or other local units of government for groundwater-level monitoring;
(2) surface water monitoring and analysis, including installing monitoring gauges;	(2) surface water monitoring and analysis, including installing monitoring gauges;
(3) groundwater analysis to assist with water-appropriation permitting decisions;	(3) groundwater analysis to assist with water-appropriation permitting decisions;

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(4) permit application review incorporating surface water and groundwater technical analysis;	(4) permit application review incorporating surface water and groundwater technical analysis;
(5) precipitation data and analysis to improve irrigation use;	(5) precipitation data and analysis to improve irrigation use;
(6) information technology, including electronic permitting and integrated data systems; and	(6) information technology, including electronic permitting and integrated data systems; and
(7) compliance and monitoring.	(7) compliance and monitoring.
(j) $410,000 the first year and $410,000 the second year are from the heritage enhancement account in the game and fish fund and $500,000 the first year and $500,000 the second year are from the general fund for grants to the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center at the University of Minnesota to prioritize, support, and develop research-based solutions that can reduce the effects of aquatic invasive species in Minnesota by preventing spread, controlling populations, and managing ecosystems and to advance knowledge to inspire action by others.	(j) $410,000 the first year and $410,000 the second year are from the heritage enhancement account in the game and fish fund and $500,000 the first year and $500,000 the second year are from the general fund for grants to the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center at the University of Minnesota to prioritize, support, and develop research-based solutions that can reduce the effects of aquatic invasive species in Minnesota by preventing spread, controlling populations, and managing ecosystems and to advance knowledge to inspire action by others.
(k) $134,000 the first year and $134,000 the second year are for increased capacity for broadband utility licensing for state lands and public waters.	(k) $134,000 the first year and $134,000 the second year are for increased capacity for broadband utility licensing for state lands and public waters. This is a onetime appropriation.
(l) $998,000 the first year and $568,000 the second year are for protecting and restoring carbon storage in state-administered peatlands by reviewing and updating the state's peatland inventory, piloting a restoration project, and piloting trust fund buyouts. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2028.	(l) $998,000 the first year and $568,000 the second year are for protecting and restoring carbon storage in state-administered peatlands. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.
(m) $900,000 the first year is for a grant to the Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates to work with civic leaders to purchase, install, and operate waterless cleaning stations for watercraft; conduct aquatic invasive species	

education; and implement education upgrades at public accesses to prevent invasive starry stonewort spread beyond the lakes already infested. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2025.

(n) $300,000 the first year is to prepare an analysis of alternative sources of water to resolve the water-use conflict in the Little Rock Creek area and to protect the stream from negative impacts due to groundwater use. The analysis must be submitted to the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources by June 30, 2027, and include:

(1) a conceptual engineering plan;

(2) an estimate of implementation costs and funding needs;

(3) governance and operational considerations;

(4) a development schedule; and

(5) an economic evaluation of lost revenue if no action is taken.

(o) $6,000,000 the first year is for land acquisition and maintenance and restoration at Grey Cloud Dunes Scientific and Natural Area. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.

(p) $6,000,000 the first year is for improved maintenance at scientific and natural areas under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 5, including additional natural resource specialists and technicians, coordinators, seasonal crews, equipment, supplies, and administrative support. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.

(o) $395,000 the first year is to expand invasive carp surveys and carp removal from

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(q) The general fund base for the Ecological and Water Resources Division in fiscal year 2026 and beyond is $25,004,000.

Subd. 4. **Forest Management**			116,725,000	76,067,000

Appropriations by Fund

	2024	2025
General	99,072,000	58,389,000
Natural Resources	16,161,000	16,161,000
Game and Fish	1,492,000	1,517,000

(a) $7,521,000 the first year and $7,521,000 the second year are for prevention, presuppression, and suppression costs of emergency firefighting and other costs incurred under Minnesota Statutes, section 88.12. The amount necessary to pay for

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the Mississippi River, measure the efficacy of invasive carp management practices, and pay for related staffing costs. This is a onetime appropriation.

(p) $325,000 the first year is for a grant to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota to study the Mississippi River Lock and Dam 5 spillway gate to optimize management to reduce invasive carp passage. This is a onetime appropriation.

(r) $40,000 the first year is for a grant to the Stearns Coalition of Lake Associations to manage aquatic invasive species. The unencumbered balance of the general fund appropriation in Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 6, article 1, section 3, subdivision 3, paragraph (a), for the grant to the Stearns Coalition of Lake Associations, estimated to be $40,000, is canceled no later than June 29, 2023.

(s) The total general fund base budget for the ecological and water resources division for fiscal year 2026 and later is $25,120,000.

Subd. 4. **Forest Management**			70,325,000	71,667,000

Appropriations by Fund

	2024	2025
General	52,672,000	53,989,000
Natural Resources	16,161,000	16,161,000
Game and Fish	1,492,000	1,517,000

(a) $7,521,000 the first year and $7,521,000 the second year are for prevention, presuppression, and suppression costs of emergency firefighting and other costs incurred under Minnesota Statutes, section 88.12. The amount necessary to pay for presuppression and suppression costs during the biennium is appropriated from the general fund. By January 15 each year, the commissioner of natural resources must submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house and senate committees and divisions having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources finance that identifies all firefighting costs incurred and reimbursements received in the prior fiscal year. These appropriations may not be transferred. Any reimbursement of firefighting expenditures made to the commissioner from any source other than federal mobilizations must be deposited into the general fund.

(b) $15,386,000 the first year and $15,386,000 the second year are from the forest management investment account in the natural resources fund for only the purposes specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 89.039, subdivision 2.

(c) $1,492,000 the first year and $1,517,000 the second year are from the heritage enhancement account in the game and fish fund to advance ecological classification systems (ECS), forest habitat, and invasive species management.

(d) $906,000 the first year and $926,000 the second year are for the Forest Resources Council to implement the Sustainable Forest Resources Act.

(e) $1,143,000 the first year and $1,143,000 the second year are for the Next Generation Core Forestry data system. Of this appropriation, $868,000 each year is from the general fund and $275,000 each year is from the forest management investment account in the natural resources fund.

(f) $500,000 the first year and $500,000 the second year are from the forest management investment account in the natural resources

presuppression and suppression costs during the biennium is appropriated from the general fund. By January 15 each year, the commissioner of natural resources must submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house and senate committees and divisions having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources finance that identifies all firefighting costs incurred and reimbursements received in the prior fiscal year. These appropriations may not be transferred. Any reimbursement of firefighting expenditures made to the commissioner from any source other than federal mobilizations must be deposited into the general fund.

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(c) $1,492,000 the first year and $1,517,000 the second year are from the heritage enhancement account in the game and fish fund to advance ecological classification systems (ECS), forest habitat, and invasive species management.

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(f) $500,000 the first year and $500,000 the second year are from the forest management investment account in the natural resources

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fund for forest road maintenance on state forest roads.	fund for forest road maintenance on state forest roads.
(g) $500,000 the first year and $500,000 the second year are for forest road maintenance on county forest roads.	(g) $500,000 the first year and $500,000 the second year are for forest road maintenance on county forest roads.
(h) $2,086,000 the first year and $2,086,000 the second year are to support forest management, cost-share assistance, and inventory on private woodlands. This is a onetime appropriation.	(h) $2,086,000 the first year and $2,086,000 the second year are to support forest management, cost-share assistance, and inventory on private woodlands. This is a onetime appropriation.
(i) $800,000 the first year and $800,000 the second year are to accelerate tree seed collection to support a growing demand for tree planting on public and private lands. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.	(i) $400,000 the first year and $400,000 the second year are to accelerate tree seed collection to support a growing demand for tree planting on public and private lands. This is a onetime appropriation.
(j) $10,400,000 the first year and $10,400,000 the second year are for grants to local and Tribal governments and nonprofit organizations to enhance community forest ecosystem health and sustainability under Minnesota Statutes, section 88.82, the Minnesota ReLeaf program. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2027. Money appropriated for grants under this paragraph may be used to pay reasonable costs incurred by the commissioner of natural resources to administer the grants. The base is $400,000 beginning in fiscal year 2026.	(j) $8,900,000 the first year and $8,900,000 the second year are for grants to local and Tribal governments and nonprofit organizations to enhance community forest ecosystem health and sustainability under Minnesota Statutes, section 88.82, the Minnesota ReLeaf program. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2027. Money appropriated for grants under this paragraph may be used to pay reasonable costs incurred by the commissioner of natural resources to administer the grants. The base is $400,000 beginning in fiscal year 2026.
(k) $3,000,000 the first year and $3,000,000 the second year are for forest stand improvement and to meet the reforestation requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 89.002, subdivision 2. This is a onetime appropriation.	(k) $1,500,000 the first year and $1,500,000 the second year are for forest stand improvement and to meet the reforestation requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 89.002, subdivision 2. This is a onetime appropriation.
(l) $5,000,000 is for purposes of the Lowland Conifer Carbon Reserve under Minnesota Statutes, section 88.85. This is a onetime	

appropriation and is available until June 30, 2026.

(m) $37,000,000 the first year is for emerald ash borer response grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 88.83. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2030. The commissioner may use up to two percent of this appropriation to administer the grants. Of this amount:

(1) $9,000,000 is for grants to local units of government responding or actively preparing to respond to an emerald ash borer infestation; and

(2) $28,000,000 is for grants to a Minnesota nonprofit corporation that owns a cogeneration facility that serves a St. Paul district heating and cooling system.

(n) $1,000,000 the first year is for grants to schools, including public and private schools, to plant trees on school grounds while providing hands-on learning opportunities for students. A grant application under this section must be prepared jointly with the parent-teacher organization or similar parent organization for the school. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2026.

Subd. 5. **Parks and Trails Management** 125,897,000 113,230,000

Appropriations by Fund

	2024	2025
General	50,094,000	38,707,000
Natural Resources	73,503,000	72,223,000
Game and Fish	2,300,000	2,300,000

(a) $7,985,000 the first year and $7,985,000 the second year are from the natural resources

Subd. 5. **Parks and Trails Management** 102,687,000 105,420,000

Appropriations by Fund

	2024	2025
General	32,794,000	36,507,000
Natural Resources	67,593,000	66,613,000
Game and Fish	2,300,000	2,300,000

(a) $8,985,000 the first year and $8,985,000 the second year are from the natural resources

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fund for state trail, park, and recreation area operations. This appropriation is from revenue deposited in the natural resources fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (h), clause (2).	fund for state trail, park, and recreation area operations. This appropriation is from revenue deposited in the natural resources fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (h), clause (2).
(b) $23,828,000 the first year and $23,828,000 the second year are from the state parks account in the natural resources fund to operate and maintain state parks and state recreation areas.	(b) $20,828,000 the first year and $20,828,000 the second year are from the state parks account in the natural resources fund to operate and maintain state parks and state recreation areas.
(c) $1,300,000 the first year and $1,300,000 the second year are from the natural resources fund for park and trail grants to local units of government on land to be maintained for at least 20 years for parks or trails. Priority must be given for projects that are in underserved communities or that increase access to persons with disabilities. This appropriation is from revenue deposited in the natural resources fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (h), clause (4). Any unencumbered balance does not cancel at the end of the first year and is available for the second year.	(c) $1,140,000 the first year and $1,140,000 the second year are from the natural resources fund for park and trail grants to local units of government on land to be maintained for at least 20 years for parks or trails. This appropriation is from revenue deposited in the natural resources fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (h), clause (4). Any unencumbered balance does not cancel at the end of the first year and is available for the second year.
(d) $9,624,000 the first year and $9,624,000 the second year are from the snowmobile trails and enforcement account in the natural resources fund for the snowmobile grants-in-aid program. Any unencumbered balance does not cancel at the end of the first year and is available for the second year.	(d) $9,624,000 the first year and $9,624,000 the second year are from the snowmobile trails and enforcement account in the natural resources fund for the snowmobile grants-in-aid program. Any unencumbered balance does not cancel at the end of the first year and is available for the second year.
(e) $2,435,000 the first year and $2,435,000 the second year are from the natural resources fund for the off-highway vehicle grants-in-aid program. Of this amount, $1,960,000 each year is from the all-terrain vehicle account; $150,000 each year is from the off-highway motorcycle account; and $325,000 each year is from the off-road vehicle account. Any unencumbered balance does not cancel at the	(e) $2,435,000 the first year and $2,435,000 the second year are from the natural resources fund for the off-highway vehicle grants-in-aid program. Of this amount, $1,960,000 each year is from the all-terrain vehicle account; $150,000 each year is from the off-highway motorcycle account; and $325,000 each year is from the off-road vehicle account. Any unencumbered balance does not cancel at the

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end of the first year and is available for the second year.	end of the first year and is available for the second year.
(f) $2,250,000 the first year and $2,250,000 the second year are from the state land and water conservation account in the natural resources fund for priorities established by the commissioner for eligible state projects and administrative and planning activities consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 84.0264, and the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Act. Any unencumbered balance does not cancel at the end of the first year and is available for the second year.	(f) $2,250,000 the first year and $2,250,000 the second year are from the state land and water conservation account in the natural resources fund for priorities established by the commissioner for eligible state projects and administrative and planning activities consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 84.0264, and the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Act. Any unencumbered balance does not cancel at the end of the first year and is available for the second year.
(g) $250,000 the first year and $250,000 the second year are for matching grants for local parks and outdoor recreation areas under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.019, subdivision 2.	(g) $250,000 the first year and $250,000 the second year are for matching grants for local parks and outdoor recreation areas under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.019, subdivision 2.
(h) $250,000 the first year and $250,000 the second year are for matching grants for local trail connections under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.019, subdivision 4c.	(h) $250,000 the first year and $250,000 the second year are for matching grants for local trail connections under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.019, subdivision 4c.
(i) $750,000 the first year is from the all-terrain vehicle account in the natural resources fund for a grant to St. Louis County to match other funding sources for design, right-of-way acquisition, permitting, and construction of trails within the Voyageur Country ATV trail system. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2026. This appropriation may be used as a local match to a 2023 state bonding award.	(k) $750,000 the first year is from the all-terrain vehicle account in the natural resources fund to the commissioner of natural resources for a grant to St. Louis County to match other funding sources for design, right-of-way acquisition, permitting, and construction of trails within the Voyageur Country ATV trail system. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2026. This appropriation may be used as a local match to a 2023 state bonding award.
(j) $700,000 the first year is from the all-terrain vehicle account in the natural resources fund for a grant to St. Louis County to match other funding sources for design, right-of-way acquisition, permitting, and construction of a new trail within the Prospector trail system. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30,	(l) $700,000 the first year is from the all-terrain vehicle account in the natural resources fund to the commissioner of natural resources for a grant to St. Louis County to match other funding sources for design, right-of-way acquisition, permitting, and construction of a new trail within the Prospector trail system. This is a onetime

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appropriation and is available until June 30, 2026. This appropriation may be used as a local match to a 2023 state bonding award.

(k) $5,000,000 the first year is to facilitate the transfer of land within Upper Sioux Agency State Park required under this act, including but not limited to the acquisition of any land necessary to facilitate the transfer. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2033.

(f) $5,388,000 the first year is for costs, including land acquisition, associated with the transfer of state-owned land within the boundaries of Upper Sioux Agency State Park to the Upper Sioux Community. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.

(l) $10,000,000 the first year is to remove hazardous trees and replace ash trees with more diverse, climate-adapted species within the state park system. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.

(m) $100,000 the first year is for the report on state trails required under this act.

(n) $1,075,000 the first year and $1,075,000 the second year are from the water recreation account in the natural resources fund for maintaining and enhancing public water-access facilities.

(i) $500,000 the first year and $750,000 the second year are from the natural resources fund for parks and trails of regional significance outside of the seven-county metropolitan area under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.535, based on the recommendations from the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission. This appropriation is from revenue deposited in the natural resources fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (i).

(j) $300,000 the first year and $350,000 the second year are from the natural resources fund for projects and activities that connect diverse and underserved Minnesotans through

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Subd. 6. **Fish and Wildlife Management** 116,489,000 99,230,000

Appropriations by Fund	2024	2025
General	20,936,000	3,616,000
Natural Resources	2,082,000	2,082,000
Game and Fish	87,721,000	91,282,000
Reinvest in Minnesota Resources	5,750,000	2,250,000

(a) $10,458,000 the first year and $10,658,000 the second year are from the heritage enhancement account in the game and fish fund only for activities specified under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (h), clause (1). Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, five percent of this appropriation may be used for

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expanding cultural environmental experiences, exploration of their environment, and outdoor recreational activities. This appropriation is from revenue deposited in the natural resources fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (j).

(m) $250,000 the first year and $250,000 the second year are from the all-terrain vehicle account in the natural resources fund to the commissioner of natural resources for a grant to Aitkin County, in cooperation with the Northwoods Regional ATV Trail Alliance, to maintain and repair the Northwoods Regional ATV trail system. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2026.

(n) The total general fund base budget for the parks and trails division for fiscal year 2026 and later is $35,507,000.

Subd. 6. **Fish and Wildlife Management** 96,212,000 90,186,000

Appropriations by Fund	2024	2025
General	11,124,000	4,332,000
Natural Resources	1,982,000	1,982,000
Game and Fish	83,106,000	83,872,000

(a) $11,477,000 the first year and $11,702,000 the second year are from the heritage enhancement account in the game and fish fund only for activities specified under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (h), clause (1). Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, five percent of this appropriation may be used for

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expanding hunter and angler recruitment and retention.	expanding hunter and angler recruitment and retention.
(b) $982,000 the first year and $982,000 the second year are from the general fund and $1,675,000 the first year and $1,675,000 the second year are from the game and fish fund for statewide response and management of chronic wasting disease. The commissioner and the Board of Animal Health must each submit annual reports on chronic wasting disease activities funded in this biennium to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources and agriculture. The general fund base for this appropriation in fiscal year 2026 and beyond is $282,000.	(b) $982,000 the first year and $982,000 the second year are from the general fund and $1,675,000 the first year and $1,675,000 the second year are from the game and fish fund for statewide response and management of chronic wasting disease. The commissioner and the Board of Animal Health must each submit annual reports on chronic wasting disease activities funded in this biennium to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources and agriculture. The base for the general fund portion of this appropriation in fiscal year 2026 and later is $282,000.
(c) $484,000 of the general fund appropriation for fiscal year 2023 in Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 6, article 1, section 3, subdivision 6, paragraph (b), for planning for and emergency response to disease outbreaks in wildlife is canceled no later than June 29, 2023.	
(d) $8,546,000 the first year and $8,546,000 the second year are from the deer management account for the purposes identified in Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.075, subdivision 1.	(c) $8,546,000 the first year and $8,546,000 the second year are from the deer management account for the purposes identified in Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.075, subdivision 1.
(e) $134,000 the first year and $134,000 the second year are for increased capacity for broadband utility licensing for state lands and public waters.	(d) $134,000 the first year and $134,000 the second year are for increased capacity for broadband utility licensing for state lands and public waters. This is a onetime appropriation.
(f) $15,000,000 the first year is for enhancing prairies and grasslands and restoring wetlands on state-owned wildlife management areas to sequester more carbon and enhance climate resiliency. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.	(e) $5,134,000 the first year is for enhancing grasslands and restoring wetlands on state-owned wildlife management areas to sequester more carbon and enhance climate resiliency. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.

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(g) $500,000 the first year and $500,000 the second year are from the general fund and $500,000 the first year and $500,000 the second year are from the heritage enhancement account in the game and fish fund for grants for natural-resource-based education and recreation programs serving youth under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.976, and for grant administration. Priority must be given to projects benefiting underserved communities. The base for this appropriation in fiscal year 2026 and beyond is $500,000 from the heritage enhancement account in the game and fish fund. The general fund appropriation is onetime.	(f) $500,000 the first year and $500,000 the second year are from the general fund and $500,000 the first year and $500,000 the second year are from the heritage enhancement account in the game and fish fund for grants for natural-resource-based education and recreation programs serving youth under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.976, and for grant administration. The general fund amount is onetime.
(h) $400,000 the first year and $400,000 the second year are from the heritage enhancement account in the game and fish fund for the walk-in access program under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.126.	(g) $400,000 the first year and $400,000 the second year are for the walk-in access program under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.126.
(i) $1,000,000 the first year and $1,000,000 the second year are from the game and fish fund for investments in fish management activities.	
(j) $2,000,000 the first year and $2,000,000 the second year are for grants to the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa to expand Minnesota's wild elk population and range. Consideration must be given to moving elk from existing herds in northwest Minnesota to the area of the Fond du Lac State Forest and the Fond du Lac Reservation in Carlton and southern St. Louis Counties. The Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa's elk reintroduction efforts must undergo thorough planning with the Department of Natural Resources to develop necessary capture and handling protocols, including protocols related to cervid disease management, and to produce postrelease state and Tribal elk comanagement plans. This is a	

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onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2026.

(k) $773,000 the first year is to examine the impacts of neonicotinoid exposure on the reproduction and survival of Minnesota's game species, including deer and prairie chicken. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.

(l) $134,000 the first year and $134,000 the second year are from the heritage enhancement account in the game and fish fund for native fish conservation and classification.

(p) $82,000 the first year is for the native fish reports required under this act. This is a onetime appropriation.

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(n) $943,000 the first year is from the heritage enhancement account in the game and fish fund to examine the effects of neonicotinoid exposure on the reproduction and survival of Minnesota's game species, including deer and prairie chicken. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.

(q) $268,000 the first year is from the heritage enhancement account in the game and fish fund for native fish conservation and classification. By August 1, 2023, a written update on the progress of identifying necessary protection and conservation measures for native fish currently defined as rough fish under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.015, subdivision 43, including buffalo, sucker, sheepshead, bowfin, gar, goldeye, and bullhead, must be submitted to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources. By December 15, 2023, a written report with recommendations for statutory and rule changes to provide necessary protection and conservation measures and research needs for native fish currently designated as rough fish must be submitted to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources. The report must include recommendations for amending Minnesota Statutes to separately classify fish that are native to Minnesota and that are currently designated as rough fish and invasive fish that are currently designated as rough fish. For the purposes of this paragraph, native fish include but are not limited to bowfin (*Amia calva*), bigmouth buffalo (*Ictiobus cyprinellus*), smallmouth buffalo (*Ictiobus bubalus*), burbot (*Lota lota*), longnose gar (*Lepisosteus osseus*), shortnose gar (*Lepisosteus platostomus*), goldeye (*Hiodon alosoides*), mooneye (*Hiodon tergisus*), white sucker (*Catostomus commersonii*), and invasive fish include but are not limited to bighead carp (*Hypophthalmichthys nobilis*), grass carp (*Ctenopharyngodon idella*), and silver carp (*Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*). This is a onetime appropriation.

(m) $1,400,000 the first year is for designating swan protection areas under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.096, and to provide increased education and outreach promoting the protection of swans in the state, including education regarding the restrictions on taking swans. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2026.

(n) $65,000 the first year is for preparing the report on feral pigs and mink required under this act and holding at least one public meeting on the topic.

(o) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 84.943, subdivision 3, $5,750,000 the first year and $2,250,000 the second year are transferred from the Minnesota critical habitat private sector matching account to the reinvest in Minnesota resources fund and are appropriated from the reinvest in Minnesota resources fund for wildlife management area acquisition. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.

(q) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, $300,000 the first year and $300,000 the second year are from the heritage enhancement account in the game and fish fund for shooting sports facility grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 87A.10, including grants for archery facilities. Grants must be

(i) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, $300,000 the first year and $300,000 the second year are from the heritage enhancement account in the game and fish fund for shooting sports facility grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 87A.10, including grants for archery facilities. Grants must be

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matched with a nonstate match, which may include in-kind contributions. Priority must be given to facilities that prohibit the use of lead ammunition. Recipients of money appropriated under this paragraph must provide information on the toxic effects of lead. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2026. This appropriation must be allocated as follows:

(1) $200,000 each fiscal year is for grants of $25,000 or less; and

(2) $100,000 each fiscal year is for grants in excess of $25,000.

Subd. 7. **Enforcement** 64,672,000 67,712,000

Appropriations by Fund	2024	2025
General	18,322,000	22,937,000
Natural Resources	13,911,000	14,011,000
Game and Fish	32,322,000	30,647,000
Remediation	117,000	117,000

(a) $1,718,000 the first year and $1,718,000 the second year are from the general fund for enforcement efforts to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.

(b) $2,080,000 the first year and $1,892,000 the second year are from the heritage enhancement account in the game and fish fund for only the purposes specified under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (h), clause (1).

(c) $1,442,000 the first year and $1,442,000 the second year are from the water recreation account in the natural resources fund for grants to counties for boat and water safety. Any

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matched with a nonstate match, which may include in-kind contributions. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2026. This appropriation must be allocated as follows: (1) $200,000 each fiscal year is for grants of $25,000 or less; and (2) $100,000 each fiscal year is for grants in excess of $25,000.

Subd. 7. **Enforcement** 63,472,000 63,028,000

Appropriations by Fund	2024	2025
General	18,522,000	19,653,000
Natural Resources	12,511,000	12,611,000
Game and Fish	32,322,000	30,647,000
Remediation	117,000	117,000

(a) $1,718,000 the first year and $1,718,000 the second year are from the general fund for enforcement efforts to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.

(b) $2,080,000 the first year and $1,892,000 the second year are from the heritage enhancement account in the game and fish fund for only the purposes specified under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (h), clause (1).

(c) $1,082,000 the first year and $1,082,000 the second year are from the water recreation account in the natural resources fund for grants to counties for boat and water safety. Any unencumbered balance does not cancel at the end of the first year and is available for the second year.

(d) $315,000 the first year and $315,000 the second year are from the snowmobile trails and enforcement account in the natural resources fund for grants to local law enforcement agencies for snowmobile enforcement activities. Any unencumbered balance does not cancel at the end of the first year and is available for the second year.

(e) $250,000 the first year and $250,000 the second year are from the all-terrain vehicle account in the natural resources fund for grants to qualifying organizations to assist in safety and environmental education and monitoring trails on public lands under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.9011. Grants issued under this paragraph must be issued through a formal agreement with the organization. By December 15 each year, an organization receiving a grant under this paragraph must report to the commissioner with details on expenditures and outcomes from the grant. Of this appropriation, $25,000 each year is for administering these grants. Any unencumbered balance does not cancel at the end of the first year and is available for the second year.

(f) $510,000 the first year and $510,000 the second year are from the natural resources fund for grants to county law enforcement agencies for off-highway vehicle enforcement and public education activities based on off-highway vehicle use in the county. Of this amount, $498,000 each year is from the all-terrain vehicle account, $11,000 each year is from the off-highway motorcycle account, and $1,000 each year is from the off-road vehicle account. The county enforcement agencies may use money received under this appropriation to make grants to other local enforcement agencies within the county that

unencumbered balance does not cancel at the end of the first year and is available for the second year.

(d) $315,000 the first year and $315,000 the second year are from the snowmobile trails and enforcement account in the natural resources fund for grants to local law enforcement agencies for snowmobile enforcement activities. Any unencumbered balance does not cancel at the end of the first year and is available for the second year.

(e) $250,000 the first year and $250,000 the second year are from the all-terrain vehicle account in the natural resources fund for grants to qualifying organizations to assist in safety and environmental education and monitoring trails on public lands under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.9011. Grants issued under this paragraph must be issued through a formal agreement with the organization. By December 15 each year, an organization receiving a grant under this paragraph must report to the commissioner with details on expenditures and outcomes from the grant. Of this appropriation, $25,000 each year is for administering these grants. Any unencumbered balance does not cancel at the end of the first year and is available for the second year.

(f) $510,000 the first year and $510,000 the second year are from the natural resources fund for grants to county law enforcement agencies for off-highway vehicle enforcement and public education activities based on off-highway vehicle use in the county. Of this amount, $498,000 each year is from the all-terrain vehicle account, $11,000 each year is from the off-highway motorcycle account, and $1,000 each year is from the off-road vehicle account. The county enforcement agencies may use money received under this appropriation to make grants to other local enforcement agencies within the county that

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have a high concentration of off-highway vehicle use. Of this appropriation, $25,000 each year is for administering the grants. Any unencumbered balance does not cancel at the end of the first year and is available for the second year.	have a high concentration of off-highway vehicle use. Of this appropriation, $25,000 each year is for administering the grants. Any unencumbered balance does not cancel at the end of the first year and is available for the second year.
(g) $2,250,000 the first year and $5,734,000 the second year are appropriated for inspections, investigations, and enforcement activities taken in conjunction with the Board of Animal Health for the white-tailed deer farm program and for statewide response and management of chronic wasting disease. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2027. The base for fiscal year 2026 and beyond is $3,250,000.	(g) $2,250,000 the first year and $2,250,000 the second year are appropriated for inspections, investigations, and enforcement activities taken in conjunction with the Board of Animal Health for the white-tailed deer farm program and for statewide response and management of chronic wasting disease.
(h) $3,000,000 of the general fund appropriation for fiscal years 2022 and 2023 in Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 6, article 1, section 3, subdivision 7, paragraph (i), for inspections, investigations, and enforcement activities taken in conjunction with the Board of Animal Health for the white-tailed deer farm program is canceled no later than June 29, 2023.	
(i) $3,050,000 the first year is for modernizing the enforcement aviation fleet. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.	(h) $3,050,000 the first year is for modernizing the enforcement aviation fleet. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.
(j) $360,000 the first year and $360,000 the second year are for training department enforcement officers and for maintaining and storing equipment for conservation officer public safety responses. The training may not include training for duties unrelated to enforcement of game and fish laws. This is a onetime appropriation.	(i) $360,000 the first year and $360,000 the second year are for training department enforcement officers and for maintaining and storing equipment for conservation officer public safety responses. This is a onetime appropriation.
	(j) The commissioner of natural resources shall recruit and hire at least 2.5 full-time equivalent positions to engage in outreach to members of Southeast Asian communities in Minnesota about hunting and fishing opportunities and

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Subd. 8. **Operations Support**	2,434,000	1,408,000

(a) $1,684,000 the first year and $1,408,000 second year are for information technology security and modernization. This is a onetime appropriation.

(b) $750,000 the first year is for legal costs. The unencumbered amount of the general fund appropriation in Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 4, article 1, section 3, subdivision 8, for legal costs, estimated to be $750,000, is canceled no later than June 29, 2023.

Subd. 9. **Pass Through Funds**	11,244,000	11,165,000

Appropriations by Fund

	2024	2025
General	10,161,000	10,171,000
Natural Resources	510,000	510,000
Permanent School	573,000	484,000

(a) $510,000 the first year and $510,000 the second year are from the natural resources fund for grants to be divided equally between the city of St. Paul for the Como Park Zoo and Conservatory and the city of Duluth for the Lake Superior Zoo. This appropriation is from revenue deposited to the natural resources fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (h), clause (5).

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regulations in this state. No more than one full-time equivalent position may be a conservation officer and all positions filled with this appropriation must be fluent in the Hmong or Karen language.

Subd. 8. **Operations Support**	2,434,000	1,408,000

(a) $1,684,000 the first year and $1,408,000 second year are for information technology security and modernization. This is a onetime appropriation.

(b) $750,000 the first year is for legal costs. The unencumbered amount of the general fund appropriation in Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 4, article 1, section 3, subdivision 8, for legal costs, estimated to be $750,000, is canceled no later than June 29, 2023.

Subd. 9. **Pass Through Funds**	4,164,000	4,085,000

Appropriations by Fund

	2024	2025
General	3,211,000	3,221,000
Natural Resources	380,000	380,000
Permanent School	573,000	484,000

(a) $380,000 the first year and $380,000 the second year are from the natural resources fund for grants to be divided equally between the city of St. Paul for the Como Park Zoo and Conservatory and the city of Duluth for the Lake Superior Zoo. This appropriation is from revenue deposited to the natural resources fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (h), clause (5).

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(b) $211,000 the first year and $221,000 the second year are for the Office of School Trust Lands.			(b) $211,000 the first year and $221,000 the second year are for the Office of School Trust Lands.		
(c) $250,000 the first year and $150,000 the second year are transferred from the forest suspense account to the permanent school fund and are appropriated from the permanent school fund for transaction and project management costs for divesting of school trust lands within Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.			(c) $250,000 the first year and $150,000 the second year are transferred from the forest suspense account to the permanent school fund and are appropriated from the permanent school fund for transaction and project management costs for divesting of school trust lands within Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.		
(d) $323,000 the first year and $334,000 the second year are transferred from the forest suspense account to the permanent school fund and are appropriated from the permanent school fund for the Office of School Trust Lands.			(d) $323,000 the first year and $334,000 the second year are transferred from the forest suspense account to the permanent school fund and are appropriated from the permanent school fund for the Office of School Trust Lands.		
(e) $9,950,000 the first year and $9,950,000 the second year are to be added as a supplement to the 1854 Treaty Area agreement payment under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.165. This is a onetime appropriation.			(e) $3,000,000 the first year and $3,000,000 the second year are for proportional payments to Tribes receiving payments under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.165.		
Subd. 10. **Get Out MORE (Modernizing Outdoor Recreation Experiences)**	65,000,000	-0-	Subd. 10. **Get Out MORE (Modernizing Outdoor Recreation Experiences)**	118,000,000	-0-
(a) $65,000,000 the first year is for modernizing Minnesota's state-managed outdoor recreation experiences. Of this amount:			$118,000,000 the first year is for modernizing Minnesota's state-managed outdoor recreation experiences. Of this amount:		
(1) $25,000,000 is for enhancing access and welcoming new users to public lands and outdoor recreation facilities, including improvements to improve climate resiliency;			(1) $28,000,000 is for enhancing access and welcoming new users to public lands and outdoor recreation facilities. Of this amount, $400,000 is for a grant to the city of Silver Bay for construction of the Silver Bay Trailhead, and $500,000 is for a grant to the city of Chisolm for trail development, maintenance, and related amenities at Redhead Mountain Bike Park;		

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(2) $4,000,000 is for modernizing camping and related infrastructure, including improvements to improve climate resiliency;	(2) $5,000,000 is for modernizing camping and related infrastructure;
(3) $25,000,000 is for modernizing fish hatcheries and fishing infrastructure; and	(4) $35,000,000 is for modernizing fish hatcheries and fishing infrastructure; and
(4) $11,000,000 is for restoring streams and modernizing water-related infrastructure with priority given to fish habitat improvements, dam removal, and improvements to improve climate resiliency.	(5) $15,000,000 is for restoring streams and modernizing water-related infrastructure.
	(3) $35,000,000 is for modernizing boating access. Of this amount, $1,900,000 is for the construction of the Crane Lake Voyageurs National Park Visitor Center and Campground and for improvements and maintenance for the state-operated boat ramp at Crane Lake;
(b) The commissioner may reallocate money appropriated in paragraph (a) across those purposes based on project readiness and priority. The appropriations in paragraph (a) are available until June 30, 2029.	The commissioner may reallocate across these purposes based on project readiness and priority. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2029.
Subd. 11. **Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriation**	
$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is from the general fund to address safety concerns at the drill core library. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2026.	(g) $1,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is from the general fund to address safety concerns at the drill core library. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2026.
	Subd. 11. **Transfer**
	By June 30, 2024, the commissioner of management and budget must transfer $58,000 from the water recreation account in the natural resources fund to the driver services operating account under Minnesota Statutes, section 299A.705.

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EFFECTIVE DATE. Subdivisions 6, 7, 8, and 11 are effective the day following final enactment.	**EFFECTIVE DATE.** Subdivisions 2, 3, and 8 are effective the day following final enactment.
Sec. 4. **BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES** **$ 52,265,000 $ 46,753,000**	Sec. 4. **BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES** **$ 58,766,000 $ 58,954,000**
(a) $3,116,000 the first year and $3,116,000 the second year are for grants and payments to soil and water conservation districts for accomplishing the purposes of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103C, and for other general purposes, nonpoint engineering, and implementation and stewardship of the reinvest in Minnesota reserve program. Expenditures may be made from this appropriation for supplies and services benefiting soil and water conservation districts. Any district receiving a payment under this paragraph must maintain a website that publishes, at a minimum, the district's annual report, annual audit, annual budget, and meeting notices.	(a) $3,116,000 the first year and $3,116,000 the second year are for grants and payments to soil and water conservation districts for accomplishing the purposes of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103C, and for other general purposes, nonpoint engineering, and implementation and stewardship of the reinvest in Minnesota reserve program. Expenditures may be made from this appropriation for supplies and services benefiting soil and water conservation districts. Any district receiving a payment under this paragraph must maintain a website that publishes, at a minimum, the district's annual report, annual audit, annual budget, and meeting notices.
(b) $761,000 the first year and $761,000 the second year are to implement, enforce, and provide oversight for the Wetland Conservation Act, including administering the wetland banking program and in-lieu fee mechanism.	(b) $761,000 the first year and $761,000 the second year are to implement, enforce, and provide oversight for the Wetland Conservation Act, including administering the wetland banking program and in-lieu fee mechanism.
(c) $1,560,000 the first year and $1,560,000 the second year are for the following:	(c) $1,560,000 the first year and $1,560,000 the second year are for the following:
(1) $1,460,000 each year is for cost-sharing programs of soil and water conservation districts for accomplishing projects and practices consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 103C.501, including perennially vegetated riparian buffers, erosion control, water retention and treatment, water quality cost-sharing for feedlots under 500 animal units and nutrient and manure management projects in watersheds where there are	(1) $1,460,000 each year is for cost-sharing programs of soil and water conservation districts for accomplishing projects and practices consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 103C.501, including perennially vegetated riparian buffers, erosion control, water retention and treatment, water quality cost-sharing for feedlots under 500 animal units and nutrient and manure management projects in watersheds where there are

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impaired waters, and other high-priority conservation practices; and	impaired waters, and other high-priority conservation practices; and
(2) $100,000 each year is for county cooperative weed management programs and to restore native plants at selected invasive species management sites.	(2) $100,000 each year is for county cooperative weed management programs and to restore native plants at selected invasive species management sites.
(d) $166,000 the first year and $166,000 the second year are to provide technical assistance to local drainage management officials and for the costs of the Drainage Work Group. The board must coordinate the activities of the Drainage Work Group according to Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.101, subdivision 13. The Drainage Work Group must review a drainage authority's power under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103E, to consider the abandonment or dismantling of drainage systems; to re-meander, restore, or reconstruct a natural waterway that has been modified by drainage; or to deconstruct dikes, dams, or other water-control structures.	(d) $166,000 the first year and $166,000 the second year are to provide technical assistance to local drainage management officials and for the costs of the Drainage Work Group. The board must coordinate the activities of the Drainage Work Group according to Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.101, subdivision 13.
(e) $100,000 the first year and $100,000 the second year are for a grant to the Red River Basin Commission for water quality and floodplain management, including program administration. This appropriation must be matched by nonstate funds.	(e) $100,000 the first year and $100,000 the second year are for a grant to the Red River Basin Commission for water quality and floodplain management, including program administration. This appropriation must be matched by nonstate funds.
(f) $140,000 the first year and $140,000 the second year are for grants to Area II Minnesota River Basin Projects for floodplain management.	(f) $190,000 the first year and $190,000 the second year are for grants to Area II Minnesota River Basin Projects for floodplain management. The base for fiscal year 2026 and later is $140,000.
(g) $125,000 the first year and $125,000 the second year are for conservation easement stewardship.	(g) $125,000 the first year and $125,000 the second year are for conservation easement stewardship.
(h) $240,000 the first year and $240,000 the second year are for a grant to the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District to defray the annual cost of operating and maintaining sites for dredge spoil to sustain the state,	(h) $240,000 the first year and $240,000 the second year are for a grant to the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District to defray the annual cost of operating and maintaining sites for dredge spoil to sustain the state,

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national, and international commercial and recreational navigation on the lower Minnesota River.	national, and international commercial and recreational navigation on the lower Minnesota River.
(i) $2,179,000 the first year and $2,179,000 the second year are for the lawns to legumes program under Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.104. The board may enter into agreements with local governments, Metro Blooms, and other organizations to support this effort. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2029. The base for fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter is $250,000.	(i) $2,000,000 the first year and $2,000,000 the second year are for the lawns to legumes program under Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.104. The board may enter into agreements with local governments, Metro Blooms, and other organizations to support this effort. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.
(j) $2,000,000 the first year and $2,000,000 the second year are for the habitat enhancement landscape program under Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.106. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2029.	(k) $2,000,000 the first year and $2,000,000 the second year are for the habitat enhancement landscape program under Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.106. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.
(k) $203,000 the first year and $203,000 the second year are for soil health practice adoption purposes consistent with the cost-sharing provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 103C.501, and for soil health program responsibilities in consultation with the University of Minnesota Office for Soil Health.	(l) $13,380,000 the first year and $13,380,000 the second year are for soil health activities to achieve water quality, soil productivity, climate change resiliency, or carbon sequestration benefits consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.06. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027. The board may use grants to local governments, including soil and water conservation districts, and agreements with the United States Department of Agriculture; the University of Minnesota, Office for Soil Health; AgCentric, Minnesota State Northern Center of Excellence; and other practitioners and partners to accomplish this work.
(l) $8,500,000 the first year and $8,500,000 the second year are for conservation easements and to restore and enhance grasslands and adjacent lands consistent with Minnesota Statutes, sections 103F.501 to 103F.531, for the purposes of climate resiliency, adaptation, carbon sequestration, and related benefits. Of this amount, up to $423,000 is for deposit in	(m) $8,000,000 the first year and $8,000,000 the second year are for conservation easements and to restore and enhance grasslands and adjacent lands consistent with Minnesota Statutes, sections 103F.501 to 103F.531, for the purposes of climate resiliency, adaptation, carbon sequestration, and related benefits. Of this amount, up to $422,500 is for deposit in

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the water and soil conservation easement stewardship account established under Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.103. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2029. The board must give priority to leveraging nonstate funding, including practices, programs, and projects funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture via the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, the Conservation Reserve Program, the Federal Inflation Reduction Act, the Federal Farm Bill, or the Climate-Smart Commodities Program.	the water and soil conservation easement stewardship account established under Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.103. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.
(m) $2,500,000 the first year and $5,000,000 the second year are to acquire conservation easements and to restore and enhance peatlands and adjacent lands consistent with Minnesota Statutes, sections 103F.501 to 103F.531, for the purposes of climate resiliency, adaptation, carbon sequestration, and related benefits. Of this amount, up to $299,000 is for deposit in the water and soil conservation easement stewardship account established under Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.103. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2029. The board must give priority to leveraging nonstate funding, including practices, programs, and projects funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture via the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, the Conservation Reserve Program, the Federal Inflation Reduction Act, the Federal Farm Bill, or the Climate-Smart Commodities Program.	(n) $7,500,000 the first year and $7,500,000 the second year are to acquire conservation easements and to restore and enhance peatlands and adjacent lands consistent with Minnesota Statutes, sections 103F.501 to 103F.531, for the purposes of climate resiliency, adaptation, carbon sequestration, and related benefits. Of this amount, up to $299,000 is for deposit in the water and soil conservation easement stewardship account established under Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.103. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.
(n) $3,550,000 the first year and $3,550,000 the second year are to enhance existing easements established under Minnesota Statutes, sections 103F.501 to 103F.531. Enhancements are for the purposes of climate resiliency, adaptation, and carbon sequestration and include but are not limited to increasing biodiversity and mitigating the	

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effects of rainfall and runoff events. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2029. The board must give priority to leveraging nonstate funding, including practices, programs, and projects funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture via the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, the Conservation Reserve Program, the Federal Inflation Reduction Act, the Federal Farm Bill, or the Climate-Smart Commodities Program.	
(o) $8,500,000 the first year and $8,500,000 the second year are for water quality and storage practices and projects to protect infrastructure, improve water quality and related public benefits, and mitigate climate change impacts consistent with Minnesota Statutes, sections 103F.05 and 103F.06. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2029. The board must give priority to leveraging nonstate funding, including practices, programs, and projects funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture via the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, the Conservation Reserve Program, the Federal Inflation Reduction Act, the Federal Farm Bill, or the Climate-Smart Commodities Program.	(o) $8,500,000 the first year and $8,500,000 the second year are for water quality and storage practices and projects to protect infrastructure, improve water quality and related public benefits, and mitigate climate change impacts consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.05. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.
(p) $4,673,000 the first year and $4,673,000 the second year are for natural resources block grants to local governments to implement the Wetland Conservation Act and shoreland management program under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103F, and local water management responsibilities under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103B. The board may reduce the amount of the natural resources block grant to a county by an amount equal to any reduction in the county's general services allocation to a soil and water conservation district from the county's previous year allocation when the board determines that the	(p) $4,673,000 the first year and $4,673,000 the second year are for natural resources block grants to local governments to implement the Wetland Conservation Act and shoreland management program under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103F, and local water management responsibilities under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103B. The board may reduce the amount of the natural resources block grant to a county by an amount equal to any reduction in the county's general services allocation to a soil and water conservation district from the county's previous year allocation when the board determines that the

reduction was disproportionate. The base for this appropriation in fiscal year 2026 and beyond is $3,423,000.

(q) $129,000 the first year and $136,000 the second year are to accomplish the objectives of Minnesota Statutes, section 10.65, and related Tribal government coordination. The base for fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter is $144,000.

(r) $5,000,000 the first year is to provide onetime state incentive payments to enrollees in the federal Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) during the continuous enrollment period and to enroll complementary areas in conservation easements consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515. The board may establish payment rates based on land valuation and on environmental benefit criteria, including but not limited to surface water or groundwater pollution reduction, drinking water protection, soil health, pollinator and wildlife habitat, and other conservation enhancements. The board may use state funds to implement the program and to provide technical assistance to landowners or their agents to fulfill enrollment and contract provisions. The board must consult with the commissioners of agriculture, health, natural resources, and the Pollution Control Agency and the United States Department of Agriculture in establishing program criteria. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.

(s) $3,000,000 the first year is to acquire conservation easements from landowners to preserve, restore, create, and enhance wetlands and associated uplands of prairie and grasslands and to restore and enhance rivers and streams, riparian lands, and associated uplands of prairie and grasslands, in order to protect soil and water quality, support fish and wildlife habitat, reduce flood damage, and

reduction was disproportionate. The base for fiscal year 2026 and later is $3,423,000.

(q) $129,000 the first year and $136,000 the second year are to accomplish the objectives of Minnesota Statutes, section 10.65, and related Tribal government coordination. The base for fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter is $144,000.

provide other public benefits. Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515, applies to this program. The board must give priority to leveraging federal money by enrolling targeted new lands or enrolling environmentally sensitive lands that have expiring federal conservation agreements. The board is authorized to enter into new agreements and amend past agreements with landowners as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515, subdivision 5, to allow for restoration. Up to five percent of this appropriation may be used for restoration and enhancement.

(t) $200,000 the first year is to establish the drainage registry information portal under Minnesota Statutes, section 103E.122.

(u) $5,623,000 the first year and $5,804,000 the second year are for agency administration and operation of the Board of Water and Soil Resources.

(j) $500,000 the first year and $500,000 the second year are for the habitat-friendly utilities program under Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.105. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.

(v) The board may shift money in this section and may adjust the technical and administrative assistance portion of the funds to leverage federal or other nonstate funds or to address accountability, oversight, local government performance, or high-priority needs.

(r) The board may shift money in this section and may adjust the technical and administrative assistance portion of the funds to leverage federal or other nonstate funds or to address accountability, oversight, local government performance, or high-priority needs.

(w) Returned grants and payments are available for two years after they are returned or regranted, whichever is later. Funds must be regranted consistent with the purposes of this section. If an appropriation for grants in

(s) Returned grants and payments are available for two years after they are returned or regranted, whichever is later. Funds must be regranted consistent with the purposes of this section. If an appropriation for grants in either

either year is insufficient, the appropriation in the other year is available for it.

(x) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.97, grants awarded from appropriations in this section are exempt from the Department of Administration, Office of Grants Management Policy 08-08 Grant Payments and 08-10 Grant Monitoring.

Sec. 5. **METROPOLITAN COUNCIL** **$ 47,490,000 $ 16,490,000**

Appropriations by Fund

	2024	2025
General	38,540,000	7,540,000
Natural Resources	8,950,000	8,950,000

(a) $7,540,000 the first year and $7,540,000 the second year are for metropolitan-area regional parks operation and maintenance according to Minnesota Statutes, section 473.351. The base for this appropriation in fiscal year 2026 and beyond is $2,540,000.

(b) $8,950,000 the first year and $8,950,000 the second year are from the natural resources fund for metropolitan-area regional parks and trails maintenance and operations. This appropriation is from revenue deposited in the natural resources fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (h), clause (3).

(c) $5,000,000 the first year is for developing a decision-making support tool set to help local partners quantify the risks of a changing climate and prioritize strategies that mitigate those risks. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.

(d) $9,000,000 the first year is to modernize regional parks and trails. This is a onetime

year is insufficient, the appropriation in the other year is available for it.

(t) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.97, grants awarded from appropriations in this section are exempt from the Department of Administration, Office of Grants Management Policy 08-08 Grant Payments and 08-10 Grant Monitoring.

Sec. 5. **METROPOLITAN COUNCIL** **$ 28,490,000 $ 10,990,000**

Appropriations by Fund

	2024	2025
General	20,040,000	2,540,000
Natural Resources	8,450,000	8,450,000

(a) $7,540,000 the first year and $2,540,000 the second year are for metropolitan-area regional parks operation and maintenance according to Minnesota Statutes, section 473.351.

(b) $8,450,000 the first year and $8,450,000 the second year are from the natural resources fund for metropolitan-area regional parks and trails maintenance and operations. This appropriation is from revenue deposited in the natural resources fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (h), clause (3).

(c) $2,500,000 the first year is for developing a decision-making support tool set to help local partners quantify the risks of a changing climate and prioritize strategies that mitigate those risks. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.

(d) $10,000,000 the first year is to modernize regional parks and trails. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.

(e) $5,000,000 the first year is for reducing the amount of inflow and infiltration to the Metropolitan Council's metropolitan sanitary sewer disposal system. Of this amount, $4,000,000 is for grants to cities for capital improvements in municipal wastewater collection systems under Minnesota Statutes, section 473.5491, and $1,000,000 is for grants and loans to inspect, repair, and replace privately owned sewer service lines. Priority for grants and loans for privately owned lines must be given to applicants with a household income at or below 80 percent of area median income. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2026.

(f) $9,000,000 the first year is for grants to implementing agencies to remove hazardous trees and replace ash trees with more diverse, climate-adapted species within the metropolitan regional park system. This is a onetime appropriation.

(g) $3,000,000 the first year is to develop a comprehensive plan to ensure communities in the White Bear Lake area have access to sufficient safe drinking water to allow for municipal growth while simultaneously ensuring the sustainability of surface water and groundwater resources to supply the needs of future generations. The Metropolitan Council must establish a work group consisting of the commissioners of natural resources, health, and the Pollution Control Agency or their designees and representatives from the Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee; the St. Paul Regional Water Services; the cities of Stillwater, Mahtomedi, Hugo, Lake Elmo, Lino Lakes, North St. Paul, Oakdale, Vadnais Heights, Shoreview, Woodbury, New Brighton, and White Bear Lake; and the town of White Bear

appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.

Sec. 76. **WHITE BEAR LAKE AREA WATER-USE STAKEHOLDER GROUP.**

The commissioner of natural resources must convene a group of stakeholders to advise the commissioner and the legislature on options for ensuring communities in the White Bear Lake area have access to sufficient safe drinking water to allow for municipal growth while simultaneously ensuring the sustainability of surface water and groundwater sources to supply the needs of future generations. By March 1, 2024, the commissioner must report any recommendations of the stakeholder group to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources.

to advise the council in developing the comprehensive plan. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027. The comprehensive plan must:

(1) evaluate methods for conserving and recharging groundwater in the area, including:

(i) converting water supplies that are groundwater dependent to total or partial supplies from surface water sources;

(ii) reusing water, including water discharged from contaminated wells;

(iii) projects designed to increase groundwater recharge; and

(iv) other methods for reducing groundwater use;

(2) based on the evaluation conducted under clause (1), determine which existing groundwater supply wells, if converted to surface water sources, would be most effective and efficient in ensuring future water sustainability in the area;

(3) identify a long-term plan for converting groundwater supply wells identified in clause (2) to surface water sources, including recommendations on water supply governance and concept-level engineering that addresses preliminary design considerations, including supply source, treatment, distribution, operation, and financing needed to complete any changes to water supply infrastructure;

(4) include any policy and funding recommendations for converting groundwater supply wells to surface water sources, recommendations for treating and reusing wastewater, and any other recommendations for additional measures that reduce groundwater use, promote water reuse, and increase groundwater recharge;

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(5) include any policy and funding recommendations for local wastewater treatment and recharge; and

(6) be submitted to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources finance and policy by June 30, 2027.

Sec. 6. **CONSERVATION CORPS MINNESOTA** **$** **1,195,000** **$** **1,195,000**

Appropriations by Fund

	2024	2025
General	705,000	705,000
Natural Resources	490,000	490,000

Conservation Corps Minnesota may receive money appropriated from the natural resources fund under this section only as provided in an agreement with the commissioner of natural resources.

Sec. 7. **ZOOLOGICAL BOARD** **$** **14,494,000** **$** **13,812,000**

Appropriations by Fund

	2024	2025
General	14,239,000	13,557,000
Natural Resources	255,000	255,000

(a) $255,000 the first year and $255,000 the second year are from the natural resources fund from revenue deposited under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (h), clause (5).

Senate Language UEH2310-2

Sec. 6. **CONSERVATION CORPS MINNESOTA** **$** **945,000** **$** **945,000**

Appropriations by Fund

	2024	2025
General	455,000	455,000
Natural Resources	490,000	490,000

Conservation Corps Minnesota may receive money appropriated from the natural resources fund under this section only as provided in an agreement with the commissioner of natural resources.

Sec. 7. **ZOOLOGICAL BOARD** **$** **12,807,000** **$** **11,957,000**

Appropriations by Fund

	2024	2025
General	12,617,000	11,767,000
Natural Resources	190,000	190,000

(a) $190,000 the first year and $190,000 the second year are from the natural resources fund from revenue deposited under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (h), clause (5).

House Language H2310-3	Senate Language UEH2310-2
(b) $850,000 the first year is to improve safety and security at the Minnesota Zoo. This is a onetime appropriation.	(b) $850,000 the first year is to improve safety and security at the Minnesota Zoo. This is a onetime appropriation.
(c) $250,000 the first year is for removing hazardous trees and replacing ash trees with more diverse, climate-adapted species. This is a onetime appropriation.	
Sec. 8. **SCIENCE MUSEUM** **$ 10,200,000 $ 1,710,000**	Sec. 8. **SCIENCE MUSEUM** **$ 1,200,000 $ 1,260,000**
$9,000,000 the first year and $450,000 the second year are for debt reduction, rehiring and retaining employees, and reducing entrance fees for fiscal years 2024 and 2025.	
Sec. 9. **LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COMMISSION** **$ 52,000 $ 52,000**	
$52,000 the first year and $52,000 the second year are for the Legislative Water Commission established in this act.	
Sec. 10. **UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA** **$ 8,433,000 $ 1,856,000**	
(a) $1,633,000 the first year and $1,856,000 the second year are for chronic wasting disease contingency plans developed by the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy. The center must develop, refine, and share with relevant experts and stakeholders contingency plans regarding the potential transmission of chronic wasting disease from Cervidae to humans, livestock, and other species. The contingency plans must provide a blueprint for preparedness and response planning documents, including authoritative risk communication, education, and outreach materials. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2026.	(h) $1,633,000 the first year is for a grant to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for chronic wasting disease contingency plans developed by the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy. This is a onetime appropriation.
(b) $200,000 the first year is for the University of Minnesota Water Council to develop a scope of work, timeline, and budget for the	(m) $200,000 the first year is from the general fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for the University of Minnesota

50-year clean water plan as required under this act.

(c) $6,600,000 the first year is for the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center to enhance and implement the center's aquatic invasive species research-based solutions through:

(1) implementation of a watershed-scale carp management plan and additional research

Water Council to develop a scope of work, timeline, and budget for a plan to promote and protect clean water in Minnesota for the next 50 years. The 50-year clean water plan must: (1) provide a literature-based assessment of the current status and trends regarding the quality and quantity of all Minnesota waters, both surface and subsurface; (2) identify gaps in the data or understanding and provide recommended action steps to address gaps; (3) identify existing and potential future threats to Minnesota's waters; and (4) propose a road map of scenarios and policy recommendations to allow the state to proactively protect, remediate, and conserve clean water for human use and biodiversity for the next 50 years. The scope of work must outline the steps and resources necessary to develop the plan, including but not limited to the data sets that are required and how the University of Minnesota will obtain access; the suite of proposed analysis methods; the roles and responsibilities of project leaders, key personnel, and stakeholders; the project timeline with milestones; and a budget with expected costs for tasks and milestones. By December 1, 2023, the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota must submit the scope of work to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources. This is a onetime appropriation.

focused on site-specific method refinement and evaluation;

(2) creation of a long-term monitoring program with state and local partners that evaluates the feasibility of whole-lake zebra mussel control projects and the development of criteria for selecting and managing lakes;

(3) refinement and implementation of large-scale surveillance and early detection methods for high-priority aquatic invasive species, including but not limited to zebra mussels, spiny water flea, and starry stonewort; and

(4) development and sharing, with relevant experts and stakeholders, contingency plans regarding the potential risks of aquatic invasive species. The contingency plans must provide a blueprint for preparedness and response planning documents, including authoritative risk communication, education, and outreach materials. The communication, education, and outreach materials must be prepared in multiple languages, including but not limited to Tribal languages.

(d) The board must ensure that the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center coordinates research activities funded under paragraph (c) with Tribal governments.

(e) The appropriation under paragraph (c) is onetime and available until June 30, 2027.

Sec. 11. **PUBLIC SAFETY**	**$**	**-0-**	**$**	**229,000**

$229,000 the second year is from the fire safety account in the special revenue fund for purposes of the class B firefighting foam requirements under Minnesota Statutes, section 325F.072.

Sec. 12. **APPROPRIATIONS GIVEN EFFECT ONCE.**

If an appropriation or transfer in this article is enacted more than once during the 2023 regular session, the appropriation or transfer must be given effect once.