88.82 MINNESOTA RELEAF PROGRAM.

(a) The Minnesota releaf program is established in the Department of Natural Resources to encourage, promote, and fund the inventory, planting, assessment, maintenance, improvement, protection, utilization, and restoration of trees and forest resources in this state to enhance community forest ecosystem health and sustainability as well as to reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide levels and promote energy conservation.

(b) Priority for grants awarded under this section must be given to projects located in whole or in part in an area identified using the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Justice Screening and Mapping Tool methodology provided in the United States Environmental Protection Agency's environmental justice screen technical documentation dated July 31, 2024.

History: *1991 c 254 art 2 s 20; 2007 c 57 art 1 s 47; 2024 c 116 art 3 s 16; 1Sp2025 c 1 art 4 s 6*