



2.12 \$2,313,000 the first year is to the  
 2.13 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
 2.14 in fee and restore lands for wildlife  
 2.15 management purposes under Minnesota  
 2.16 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8, and  
 2.17 to acquire land in fee for scientific and natural  
 2.18 area purposes under Minnesota Statutes,  
 2.19 section 86A.05, subdivision 5. Subject to  
 2.20 evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part  
 2.21 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring  
 2.22 lands that are eligible for the native prairie  
 2.23 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96,  
 2.24 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie.  
 2.25 A list of proposed land acquisitions must be  
 2.26 provided as part of the required  
 2.27 accomplishment plan.

2.28 **(b) Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area**  
 2.29 **Acquisition - Phase IX**

2.30 \$3,479,000 the first year is to the  
 2.31 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 2.32 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire  
 2.33 in fee and restore lands for wildlife  
 2.34 management area purposes under Minnesota  
 2.35 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8.  
 2.36 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota  
 3.1 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given  
 3.2 to acquiring lands that are eligible for the  
 3.3 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,  
 3.4 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected  
 3.5 native prairie. A list of proposed land  
 3.6 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
 3.7 required accomplishment plan.

3.8 **(c) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project - Phase**  
 3.9 **VII**

3.10 \$1,901,000 the first year is to the  
 3.11 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 3.12 agreement with The Nature Conservancy to

2.10 \$4,437,000 the first year is to the  
 2.11 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
 2.12 in fee and restore lands for wildlife  
 2.13 management purposes under Minnesota  
 2.14 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8, and  
 2.15 to acquire land in fee for scientific and natural  
 2.16 area purposes under Minnesota Statutes,  
 2.17 section 86A.05, subdivision 5. Subject to  
 2.18 evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part  
 2.19 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring  
 2.20 lands that are eligible for the native prairie  
 2.21 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96,  
 2.22 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie.  
 2.23 A list of proposed land acquisitions must be  
 2.24 provided as part of the required  
 2.25 accomplishment plan.

2.26 **(b) Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area**  
 2.27 **Acquisition - Phase IX**

2.28 \$5,603,000 the first year is to the  
 2.29 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 2.30 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire  
 2.31 in fee and restore lands for wildlife  
 2.32 management area purposes under Minnesota  
 2.33 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8.  
 2.34 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota  
 2.35 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given  
 2.36 to acquiring lands that are eligible for the  
 2.37 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,  
 3.1 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected  
 3.2 native prairie. A list of proposed land  
 3.3 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
 3.4 required accomplishment plan.

3.5 **(c) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project - Phase**  
 3.6 **VII**

3.7 \$1,901,000 the first year is to the  
 3.8 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 3.9 agreement with The Nature Conservancy to

3.13 acquire land in fee for native prairie, wetland,  
3.14 and savanna and to restore and enhance  
3.15 grasslands, wetlands, and savanna. Subject to  
3.16 evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part  
3.17 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring  
3.18 lands that are eligible for the native prairie  
3.19 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96,  
3.20 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie.  
3.21 No later than 180 days after The Nature  
3.22 Conservancy's fiscal year ends, The Nature  
3.23 Conservancy must submit to the Lessard-Sams  
3.24 Outdoor Heritage Council annual income  
3.25 statements and balance sheets for income and  
3.26 expenses from land acquired with this  
3.27 appropriation. A list of proposed land  
3.28 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
3.29 required accomplishment plan and must be  
3.30 consistent with the priorities identified in  
3.31 Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

3.32 **(d) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife**  
3.33 **Refuge Land Acquisition - Phase VIII**

3.34 \$2,683,000 the first year is to the  
3.35 commissioner of natural resources for an  
3.36 agreement with The Nature Conservancy in  
4.1 cooperation with the United States Fish and  
4.2 Wildlife Service to acquire land in fee or  
4.3 permanent conservation easements and restore  
4.4 lands in the Northern Tallgrass Prairie Habitat  
4.5 Preservation Area in western Minnesota for  
4.6 addition to the Northern Tallgrass Prairie  
4.7 National Wildlife Refuge. Subject to  
4.8 evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part  
4.9 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring  
4.10 lands that are eligible for the native prairie  
4.11 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96,  
4.12 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie.  
4.13 A list of proposed land acquisitions must be  
4.14 provided as part of the required  
4.15 accomplishment plan, and the acquisitions

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3.11 and savanna and to restore and enhance  
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3.13 evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part  
3.14 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring  
3.15 lands that are eligible for the native prairie  
3.16 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96,  
3.17 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie.  
3.18 No later than 180 days after The Nature  
3.19 Conservancy's fiscal year ends, The Nature  
3.20 Conservancy must submit to the Lessard-Sams  
3.21 Outdoor Heritage Council annual income  
3.22 statements and balance sheets for income and  
3.23 expenses from land acquired with this  
3.24 appropriation. A list of proposed land  
3.25 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
3.26 required accomplishment plan and must be  
3.27 consistent with the priorities identified in  
3.28 Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

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3.32 commissioner of natural resources for an  
3.33 agreement with The Nature Conservancy in  
3.34 cooperation with the United States Fish and  
3.35 Wildlife Service to acquire land in fee or  
3.36 permanent conservation easements and restore  
4.1 lands in the Northern Tallgrass Prairie Habitat  
4.2 Preservation Area in western Minnesota for  
4.3 addition to the Northern Tallgrass Prairie  
4.4 National Wildlife Refuge. Subject to  
4.5 evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part  
4.6 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring  
4.7 lands that are eligible for the native prairie  
4.8 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96,  
4.9 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie.  
4.10 A list of proposed land acquisitions must be  
4.11 provided as part of the required  
4.12 accomplishment plan, and the acquisitions

4.16 must be consistent with the priorities in  
4.17 Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

4.18 **(e) Cannon River Headwaters Habitat Complex**  
4.19 **- Phase VII**

4.20 \$1,436,000 the first year is to the  
4.21 commissioner of natural resources for an  
4.22 agreement with The Trust for Public Land to  
4.23 acquire in fee and restore lands in the Cannon  
4.24 River watershed for wildlife management  
4.25 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section  
4.26 86A.05, subdivision 8. Subject to evaluation  
4.27 criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,  
4.28 priority must be given to acquiring lands that  
4.29 are eligible for the native prairie bank under  
4.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
4.31 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of  
4.32 proposed land acquisitions must be provided  
4.33 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

4.34 **(f) Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection**  
4.35 **- Phase VI**

5.1 \$2,481,000 the first year is to the  
5.2 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
5.3 permanent conservation easements to  
5.4 implement the strategies in Minnesota Prairie  
5.5 Conservation Plan to protect and restore native  
5.6 prairie. Of this amount, up to \$140,000 is for  
5.7 establishing monitoring and enforcement funds  
5.8 as approved in the accomplishment plan and  
5.9 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
5.10 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subject to evaluation  
5.11 criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,  
5.12 priority must be given to acquiring lands that  
5.13 are eligible for the native prairie bank under  
5.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
5.15 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of

4.13 must be consistent with the priorities in  
4.14 Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

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5.5 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
5.6 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subject to evaluation  
5.7 criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,  
5.8 priority must be given to acquiring lands that  
5.9 are eligible for the native prairie bank under  
5.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
5.11 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of

5.16 permanent conservation easements must be  
5.17 provided as part of the final report.

5.18 **(g) Reinvest In Minnesota (RIM) Buffers for**  
5.19 **Wildlife and Water - Phase VII**

5.20 \$5,333,000 the first year is to the Board of  
5.21 Water and Soil Resources to restore habitat  
5.22 and acquire permanent conservation easements  
5.23 under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515,  
5.24 to protect, restore, and enhance habitat by  
5.25 expanding the riparian-buffer program of the  
5.26 clean water fund for at least equal wildlife  
5.27 benefits from buffers on private land. Of this  
5.28 amount, up to \$858,000 is for establishing a  
5.29 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
5.30 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
5.31 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
5.32 subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
5.33 conservation easements must be provided as  
5.34 part of the final report.

5.35 **(h) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the**  
5.36 **Southern Red River Valley - Phase III**

6.1 \$1,908,000 the first year is to the  
6.2 commissioner of natural resources for an  
6.3 agreement with Pheasants Forever in  
6.4 cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie  
6.5 Chicken Society to acquire land in fee and  
6.6 restore and enhance lands in the southern Red  
6.7 River valley for wildlife management purposes  
6.8 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
6.9 subdivision 8, or to be designated and  
6.10 managed as waterfowl-production areas in  
6.11 Minnesota in cooperation with the United  
6.12 States Fish and Wildlife Service. Subject to  
6.13 evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part  
6.14 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring  
6.15 lands that are eligible for the native prairie  
6.16 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96,

5.12 permanent conservation easements must be  
5.13 provided as part of the final report.

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5.21 expanding the riparian-buffer program of the  
5.22 clean water fund for at least equal wildlife  
5.23 benefits from buffers on private land. Of this  
5.24 amount, up to \$858,000 is for establishing a  
5.25 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
5.26 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
5.27 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
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6.2 restore and enhance lands in the southern Red  
6.3 River valley for wildlife management purposes  
6.4 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
6.5 subdivision 8, or to be designated and  
6.6 managed as waterfowl-production areas in  
6.7 Minnesota in cooperation with the United  
6.8 States Fish and Wildlife Service. Subject to  
6.9 evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part  
6.10 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring  
6.11 lands that are eligible for the native prairie  
6.12 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96,

6.17 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie.  
6.18 A list of proposed land acquisitions must be  
6.19 provided as part of the required  
6.20 accomplishment plan.

6.21 **(i) Accelerated Prairie Restoration and**  
6.22 **Enhancement on DNR Lands - Phase IX**

6.23 \$3,950,000 the first year is to the  
6.24 commissioner of natural resources to  
6.25 accelerate restoration and enhancement of  
6.26 prairies, grasslands, and savannas on wildlife  
6.27 management areas, scientific and natural areas,  
6.28 native prairie bank land, bluff prairies on state  
6.29 forest land in southeastern Minnesota, and  
6.30 United States Fish and Wildlife Service  
6.31 waterfowl-production area and refuge lands.  
6.32 A list of proposed land restorations and  
6.33 enhancements must be provided as part of the  
6.34 required accomplishment plan.

6.35 **(j) Anoka Sandplain Habitat Restoration and**  
6.36 **Enhancement - Phase V**

7.1 \$1,130,000 the first year is to the  
7.2 commissioner of natural resources for  
7.3 agreements to acquire permanent conservation  
7.4 easements and to restore and enhance wildlife  
7.5 habitat on public lands in Anoka, Benton,  
7.6 Isanti, Morrison, and Stearns Counties as  
7.7 follows: \$41,000 is to the Anoka Conservation  
7.8 District, \$231,000 is to the Isanti County Soil  
7.9 and Water Conservation District, \$345,000 is  
7.10 to Great River Greening, \$163,000 is to the  
7.11 Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation  
7.12 District, and \$350,000 is to Minnesota Land  
7.13 Trust. Up to \$40,000 to Minnesota Land Trust  
7.14 is for establishing monitoring and enforcement  
7.15 funds as approved in the accomplishment plan  
7.16 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
7.17 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed

6.13 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie.  
6.14 A list of proposed land acquisitions must be  
6.15 provided as part of the required  
6.16 accomplishment plan.

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6.24 native prairie bank land, bluff prairies on state  
6.25 forest land in southeastern Minnesota, and  
6.26 United States Fish and Wildlife Service  
6.27 waterfowl-production area and refuge lands.  
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6.29 enhancements must be provided as part of the  
6.30 required accomplishment plan.

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7.7 Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation  
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7.9 Trust. Up to \$40,000 to Minnesota Land Trust  
7.10 is for establishing monitoring and enforcement  
7.11 funds as approved in the accomplishment plan  
7.12 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
7.13 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed

7.18 permanent conservation easements,  
7.19 restorations, and enhancements must be  
7.20 provided as part of the required  
7.21 accomplishment plan.

7.22 Subd. 3. Forests 17,324,000 -0-

7.23 (a) Carnelian Creek Conservation Corridor

7.24 \$2,458,000 the first year is to the  
7.25 commissioner of natural resources for an  
7.26 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to  
7.27 acquire permanent conservation easements in  
7.28 Washington County. Of this amount, up to  
7.29 \$30,000 is for establishing a monitoring and  
7.30 enforcement fund as approved in the  
7.31 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
7.32 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A  
7.33 list of proposed permanent conservation  
7.34 easements must be provided as part of the  
7.35 required accomplishment plan.

8.1 (b) Laurentian Forest - St. Louis County Habitat  
8.2 Project

8.3 \$2,400,000 the first year is to the  
8.4 commissioner of natural resources for  
8.5 agreements with the Minnesota Deer Hunters  
8.6 Association in cooperation with The  
8.7 Conservation Fund and St. Louis County to  
8.8 acquire land in fee to be transferred to St.  
8.9 Louis County for wildlife habitat purposes.  
8.10 The amount is for agreements as follows:  
8.11 \$2,292,000 to the Minnesota Deer Hunter  
8.12 Association and \$108,000 to The Conservation  
8.13 Fund. A list of proposed land acquisitions  
8.14 must be provided as part of the required  
8.15 accomplishment plan.

7.14 permanent conservation easements,  
7.15 restorations, and enhancements must be  
7.16 provided as part of the required  
7.17 accomplishment plan.

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7.20 \$2,458,000 the first year is to the  
7.21 commissioner of natural resources for an  
7.22 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to  
7.23 acquire permanent conservation easements in  
7.24 Washington County. Of this amount, up to  
7.25 \$30,000 is for establishing a monitoring and  
7.26 enforcement fund as approved in the  
7.27 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
7.28 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A  
7.29 list of proposed permanent conservation  
7.30 easements and an annual public hunting and  
7.31 fishing plan must be provided as part of the  
7.32 required accomplishment plan.

7.33 (b) Laurentian Forest - St. Louis County Habitat  
7.34 Project

7.35 \$2,400,000 the first year is to the  
7.36 commissioner of natural resources for  
8.1 agreements with the Minnesota Deer Hunters  
8.2 Association in cooperation with The  
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8.4 acquire land in fee to be transferred to St.  
8.5 Louis County for wildlife habitat purposes.  
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8.7 \$2,292,000 to the Minnesota Deer Hunter  
8.8 Association and \$108,000 to The Conservation  
8.9 Fund. A list of proposed land acquisitions  
8.10 must be provided as part of the required  
8.11 accomplishment plan.

8.16 **(c) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**  
8.17 **Restoration - Phase V**

8.18 \$2,375,000 the first year is to the  
8.19 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
8.20 land in fee for wildlife management purposes  
8.21 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
8.22 subdivision 8; to acquire land in fee for  
8.23 scientific and natural areas under Minnesota  
8.24 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 5; to  
8.25 acquire land in fee for state forest purposes  
8.26 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
8.27 subdivision 7; to acquire permanent  
8.28 conservation easements; and to restore and  
8.29 enhance prairie, grassland, forest, and savanna.  
8.30 The amount is for agreements as follows:  
8.31 \$1,000,000 to The Nature Conservancy,  
8.32 \$675,000 to The Trust for Public Land, and  
8.33 \$700,000 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to  
8.34 \$80,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is for  
8.35 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
8.36 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
9.1 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
9.2 97A.056, subdivision 17. No later than 180  
9.3 days after the The Nature Conservancy's fiscal  
9.4 year ends, The Nature Conservancy must  
9.5 submit to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage  
9.6 Council annual income statements and balance  
9.7 sheets for income and expenses from land  
9.8 acquired in fee with this appropriation and not  
9.9 transferred to the state or a local governmental  
9.10 unit. A list of proposed land acquisitions must  
9.11 be provided as part of the required  
9.12 accomplishment plan.

9.13 **(d) Minnesota Forests for the Future - Phase V**

9.14 \$2,291,000 the first year is to the  
9.15 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
9.16 easements for forest, wetland, and shoreline  
9.17 habitat through working forest permanent

8.12 **(c) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**  
8.13 **Restoration - Phase V**

8.14 \$2,375,000 the first year is to the  
8.15 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
8.16 land in fee for wildlife management purposes  
8.17 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
8.18 subdivision 8; to acquire land in fee for  
8.19 scientific and natural areas under Minnesota  
8.20 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 5; to  
8.21 acquire land in fee for state forest purposes  
8.22 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
8.23 subdivision 7; to acquire permanent  
8.24 conservation easements; and to restore and  
8.25 enhance prairie, grassland, forest, and savanna.  
8.26 The amount is for agreements as follows:  
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8.28 \$675,000 to The Trust for Public Land, and  
8.29 \$700,000 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to  
8.30 \$80,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is for  
8.31 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
8.32 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
8.33 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
8.34 97A.056, subdivision 17. No later than 180  
8.35 days after the The Nature Conservancy's fiscal  
8.36 year ends, The Nature Conservancy must  
9.1 submit to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage  
9.2 Council annual income statements and balance  
9.3 sheets for income and expenses from land  
9.4 acquired in fee with this appropriation and not  
9.5 transferred to the state or a local governmental  
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9.7 be provided as part of the required  
9.8 accomplishment plan.

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9.11 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
9.12 easements for forest, wetland, and shoreline  
9.13 habitat through working forest permanent



9.18 conservation easements under the Minnesota  
 9.19 forests for the future program pursuant to  
 9.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.66. A  
 9.21 conservation easement acquired with money  
 9.22 appropriated under this paragraph must  
 9.23 comply with Minnesota Statutes, section  
 9.24 97A.056, subdivision 13. The accomplishment  
 9.25 plan must include an easement monitoring and  
 9.26 enforcement plan. Of this amount, up to  
 9.27 \$72,000 is for establishing a monitoring and  
 9.28 enforcement fund as approved in the  
 9.29 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
 9.30 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A  
 9.31 list of permanent conservation easements must  
 9.32 be provided as part of the final report.

9.33 **(e) State Forest Acquisitions - Phase IV**

9.34 \$1,000,000 the first year is to the  
 9.35 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
 10.1 lands in fee for wildlife habitat purposes in  
 10.2 the Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood  
 10.3 State Forest under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 10.4 86A.05, subdivision 7. A list of proposed land  
 10.5 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
 10.6 required accomplishment plan.

10.7 **(f) Critical Shoreland Protection Program -**  
 10.8 **Phase IV**

10.9 \$1,700,000 the first year is to the  
 10.10 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 10.11 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to  
 10.12 acquire permanent conservation easements  
 10.13 along rivers and lakes in the northern forest  
 10.14 region. Of this amount, up to \$120,000 is for  
 10.15 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
 10.16 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
 10.17 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
 10.18 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
 10.19 permanent conservation easements must be

9.14 conservation easements under the Minnesota  
 9.15 forests for the future program pursuant to  
 9.16 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.66. A  
 9.17 conservation easement acquired with money  
 9.18 appropriated under this paragraph must  
 9.19 comply with Minnesota Statutes, section  
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 9.21 plan must include an easement monitoring and  
 9.22 enforcement plan. Of this amount, up to  
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 9.24 enforcement fund as approved in the  
 9.25 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
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 9.34 State Forest under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 9.35 86A.05, subdivision 7. A list of proposed land  
 10.1 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
 10.2 required accomplishment plan.

10.3 **(f) Critical Shoreland Protection Program -**  
 10.4 **Phase IV**

10.5 \$1,700,000 the first year is to the  
 10.6 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 10.7 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to  
 10.8 acquire permanent conservation easements  
 10.9 along rivers and lakes in the northern forest  
 10.10 region. Of this amount, up to \$120,000 is for  
 10.11 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
 10.12 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
 10.13 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
 10.14 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
 10.15 permanent conservation easements must be

10.20 provided as part of the required  
 10.21 accomplishment plan.

10.22 **(g) Bushmen Lake**

10.23 \$4,600,000 the first year is to the  
 10.24 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 10.25 agreement with The Conservation Fund in  
 10.26 cooperation with the United States Forest  
 10.27 Service to acquire lands in fee adjacent to  
 10.28 Bushmen Lake in St. Louis County to be  
 10.29 managed for wildlife habitat purposes. A list  
 10.30 of proposed land acquisitions must be  
 10.31 provided as part of the required  
 10.32 accomplishment plan.

10.33 **(h) Forest Pest Response**

10.34 \$500,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
 10.35 of agriculture to identify, prevent, and, in  
 10.36 consultation with the Forest Resources  
 11.1 Council, protect Minnesota forests by rapidly  
 11.2 and effectively responding to the threat or  
 11.3 presence of plant pests, including emerald ash  
 11.4 borer. The commissioner of agriculture may  
 11.5 transfer all or part of this appropriation to the  
 11.6 commissioner of natural resources and shall  
 11.7 award grants to local units of government or  
 11.8 other entities.

11.9 **Subd. 4. Wetlands** 31,744,000 -0-

11.10 **(a) Accelerating Waterfowl-Production Area**  
 11.11 **Acquisition - Phase IX**

11.12 \$5,500,000 the first year is to the  
 11.13 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 11.14 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire

10.16 provided as part of the required  
 10.17 accomplishment plan.

10.18 **(g) Bushmen Lake**

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 10.20 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 10.21 agreement with The Conservation Fund in  
 10.22 cooperation with the United States Forest  
 10.23 Service to acquire lands in fee adjacent to  
 10.24 Bushmen Lake in St. Louis County to be  
 10.25 managed for wildlife habitat purposes. A list  
 10.26 of proposed land acquisitions must be  
 10.27 provided as part of the required  
 10.28 accomplishment plan.

10.29 **(h) Forest Pest Response**

10.30 \$500,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
 10.31 of agriculture to identify, prevent, and, in  
 10.32 consultation with the Forest Resources  
 10.33 Council, protect Minnesota forests by rapidly  
 10.34 and effectively responding to the threat or  
 10.35 presence of plant pests, including emerald ash  
 11.1 borer. The commissioner of agriculture may  
 11.2 transfer all or part of this appropriation to the  
 11.3 commissioner of natural resources and shall  
 11.4 award grants to local units of government or  
 11.5 other entities.

11.6 **Subd. 4. Wetlands** 28,869,000 -0-

11.7 **(a) Accelerating Waterfowl-Production Area**  
 11.8 **Acquisition - Phase IX**

11.9 \$5,500,000 the first year is to the  
 11.10 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 11.11 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire

11.15 land in fee and restore and enhance wetlands  
11.16 and grasslands to be designated and managed  
11.17 as waterfowl-production areas in Minnesota  
11.18 in cooperation with the United States Fish and  
11.19 Wildlife Service. A list of proposed land  
11.20 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
11.21 required accomplishment plan.

11.22 **(b) Shallow Lakes and Wetland Protection**  
11.23 **Program - Phase VI**

11.24 \$3,625,000 the first year is to the  
11.25 commissioner of natural resources for an  
11.26 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire  
11.27 land in fee and restore prairie lands, wetlands,  
11.28 and land-buffering shallow lakes for wildlife  
11.29 management purposes under Minnesota  
11.30 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8. A list  
11.31 of proposed acquisitions must be provided as  
11.32 part of the required accomplishment plan.

11.33 **(c) RIM Wetlands Partnership - Phase VIII**

11.34 \$15,398,000 the first year is to the Board of  
11.35 Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
11.36 permanent conservation easements and to  
12.1 restore wetlands and native grassland habitat  
12.2 under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515.  
12.3 Of this amount, up to \$306,000 is for  
12.4 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
12.5 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
12.6 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
12.7 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
12.8 conservation easements must be provided as  
12.9 part of the final report.

12.10 **(d) Wild-Rice Shoreland Protection Program -**  
12.11 **Phase V**

11.12 land in fee and restore and enhance wetlands  
11.13 and grasslands to be designated and managed  
11.14 as waterfowl-production areas in Minnesota  
11.15 in cooperation with the United States Fish and  
11.16 Wildlife Service. A list of proposed land  
11.17 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
11.18 required accomplishment plan.

11.19 **(b) Shallow Lakes and Wetland Protection**  
11.20 **Program - Phase VI**

11.21 \$5,750,000 the first year is to the  
11.22 commissioner of natural resources for an  
11.23 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire  
11.24 land in fee and restore prairie lands, wetlands,  
11.25 and land-buffering shallow lakes for wildlife  
11.26 management purposes under Minnesota  
11.27 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8. A list  
11.28 of proposed acquisitions must be provided as  
11.29 part of the required accomplishment plan.

11.30 **(c) RIM Wetlands Partnership - Phase VIII**

11.31 \$10,398,000 the first year is to the Board of  
11.32 Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
11.33 permanent conservation easements and to  
11.34 restore wetlands and native grassland habitat  
11.35 under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515.  
11.36 Of this amount, up to \$306,000 is for  
12.1 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
12.2 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
12.3 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
12.4 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
12.5 conservation easements must be provided as  
12.6 part of the final report.

12.7 **(d) Wild-Rice Shoreland Protection Program -**  
12.8 **Phase V**

12.12 \$750,000 the first year is to the Board of  
 12.13 Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
 12.14 permanent conservation easements on  
 12.15 wild-rice lake shoreland habitat for native  
 12.16 wild-rice bed protection. Of this amount, up  
 12.17 to \$59,000 is for establishing a monitoring and  
 12.18 enforcement fund as approved in the  
 12.19 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
 12.20 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A  
 12.21 list of permanent conservation easements must  
 12.22 be provided as part of the final report by the  
 12.23 Board of Water and Soil Resources.

12.24 **(e) Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetlands**  
 12.25 **Enhancement - Phase IX**

12.26 \$1,755,000 the first year is to the  
 12.27 commissioner of natural resources to enhance  
 12.28 and restore shallow lakes and wetland habitat  
 12.29 statewide. A list of proposed land restorations  
 12.30 and enhancements must be provided as part  
 12.31 of the required accomplishment plan.

12.32 **(f) Living Shallow Lakes and Wetland Initiative**  
 12.33 **- Phase VI**

12.34 \$4,716,000 the first year is to the  
 12.35 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 12.36 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to restore  
 13.1 and enhance shallow lakes and wetlands on  
 13.2 public lands and wetlands under permanent  
 13.3 conservation easement for wildlife  
 13.4 management purposes. A list of proposed  
 13.5 shallow-lake enhancements and wetland  
 13.6 restorations must be provided as part of the  
 13.7 required accomplishment plan.

12.9 \$750,000 the first year is to the Board of  
 12.10 Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
 12.11 permanent conservation easements on  
 12.12 wild-rice lake shoreland habitat for native  
 12.13 wild-rice bed protection. Of this amount, up  
 12.14 to \$59,000 is for establishing a monitoring and  
 12.15 enforcement fund as approved in the  
 12.16 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
 12.17 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A  
 12.18 list of permanent conservation easements must  
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 13.2 shallow-lake enhancements and wetland  
 13.3 restorations must be provided as part of the  
 13.4 required accomplishment plan.

13.8 Subd. 5. Habitats 26,544,000 -0-

13.9 **(a) Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor**  
13.10 **Partnership - Phase III**

13.11 \$1,617,000 the first year is to the  
13.12 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
13.13 lands in fee and restore wildlife habitat in the  
13.14 Mississippi headwaters and for agreements as  
13.15 follows: \$60,000 to the Mississippi  
13.16 Headwaters Board and \$1,557,000 to The  
13.17 Trust for Public Land. \$779,000 the first year  
13.18 is to the Board of Water and Soil Resources  
13.19 to acquire lands in permanent conservation  
13.20 easements and to restore wildlife habitat. Up  
13.21 to \$59,000 to the Board of Water and Soil  
13.22 Resources is for establishing a monitoring and  
13.23 enforcement fund as approved in the  
13.24 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
13.25 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A  
13.26 list of proposed acquisitions must be included  
13.27 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

13.28 **(b) Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic**  
13.29 **North-Central Minnesota Lakes - Phase III**

13.30 \$1,716,000 the first year is to the  
13.31 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
13.32 land in permanent conservation easements to  
13.33 sustain healthy fish habitat on coldwater lakes  
13.34 in Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard  
13.35 Counties for agreements as follows: \$113,000  
13.36 to the Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation  
14.1 and \$1,603,000 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up  
14.2 to \$120,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is for  
14.3 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
14.4 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
14.5 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
14.6 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent

13.5 Subd. 5. Habitats 26,554,000 -0-

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13.18 to \$59,000 to the Board of Water and Soil  
13.19 Resources is for establishing a monitoring and  
13.20 enforcement fund as approved in the  
13.21 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
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13.23 list of proposed acquisitions must be included  
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14.1 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
14.2 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
14.3 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent

14.7 conservation easements must be provided as  
14.8 part of the required accomplishment plan.

14.9 **(c) Goose Prairie**

14.10 \$600,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
14.11 of natural resources for an agreement with the  
14.12 Wild Rice Watershed District, in cooperation  
14.13 with the Department of Natural Resources, to  
14.14 enhance aquatic and upland habitat in and  
14.15 adjacent to the Goose Prairie Marsh Wildlife  
14.16 Management Area in Clay County. A list of  
14.17 proposed land enhancements must be provided  
14.18 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

14.19 **(d) Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish**  
14.20 **Habitat Enhancement and Restoration - Phase**  
14.21 **IX**

14.22 \$2,403,000 the first year is to the  
14.23 commissioner of natural resources for an  
14.24 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited  
14.25 to restore or enhance habitat for trout and other  
14.26 species in and along coldwater rivers, lakes,  
14.27 and streams in Minnesota. A list of proposed  
14.28 restorations and enhancements must be  
14.29 provided as part of the required  
14.30 accomplishment plan.

14.31 **(e) DNR Stream Habitat - Phase II**

14.32 \$2,166,000 the first year is to the  
14.33 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
14.34 and enhance habitat in degraded streams and  
14.35 critical aquatic-species habitat and to facilitate  
14.36 fish passage. A list of proposed land  
15.1 restorations and enhancements must be  
15.2 provided as part of the required  
15.3 accomplishment plan.

14.4 conservation easements must be provided as  
14.5 part of the required accomplishment plan.

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14.7 \$600,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
14.8 of natural resources for an agreement with the  
14.9 Wild Rice Watershed District, in cooperation  
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14.11 enhance aquatic and upland habitat in and  
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14.13 Management Area in Clay County. A list of  
14.14 proposed land enhancements must be provided  
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14.33 fish passage. A list of proposed land  
14.34 restorations and enhancements must be  
14.35 provided as part of the required  
14.36 accomplishment plan.

15.4 **(f) St. Louis River Restoration Initiative - Phase**  
 15.5 **IV**

15.6 \$3,392,000 the first year is to the  
 15.7 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
 15.8 aquatic habitats in the St. Louis River estuary.  
 15.9 Of this appropriation, up to \$226,000 is for an  
 15.10 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust. A list  
 15.11 of proposed restorations must be provided as  
 15.12 part of the required accomplishment plan.

15.13 **(g) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**  
 15.14 **Restoration Program - Phase VI**

15.15 \$1,779,000 the first year is to the  
 15.16 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 15.17 agreement with the Shell Rock River  
 15.18 Watershed District to acquire land in fee and  
 15.19 restore and enhance aquatic habitat in the Shell  
 15.20 Rock River watershed. A list of proposed  
 15.21 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements  
 15.22 must be provided as part of the required  
 15.23 accomplishment plan.

15.24 **(h) Lake Wakanda Enhancement Project**

15.25 \$921,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
 15.26 of natural resources for an agreement with  
 15.27 Kandiyohi County to enhance aquatic habitat  
 15.28 in and adjacent to Lake Wakanda in Kandiyohi  
 15.29 County. A list of proposed land enhancements  
 15.30 must be provided as part of the required  
 15.31 accomplishment plan.

15.32 **(i) Wolverton Creek Habitat Restoration**

15.33 \$1,877,000 the first year is to the  
 15.34 commissioner of natural resources for an

15.1 **(f) St. Louis River Restoration Initiative - Phase**  
 15.2 **IV**

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 15.4 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
 15.5 aquatic habitats in the St. Louis River estuary.  
 15.6 Of this appropriation, up to \$226,000 is for an  
 15.7 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust. A list  
 15.8 of proposed restorations must be provided as  
 15.9 part of the required accomplishment plan.

15.10 **(g) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**  
 15.11 **Restoration Program - Phase VI**

15.12 \$1,779,000 the first year is to the  
 15.13 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 15.14 agreement with the Shell Rock River  
 15.15 Watershed District to acquire land in fee and  
 15.16 restore and enhance aquatic habitat in the Shell  
 15.17 Rock River watershed. A list of proposed  
 15.18 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements  
 15.19 must be provided as part of the required  
 15.20 accomplishment plan.

15.21 **(h) Lake Wakanda Enhancement Project**

15.22 \$921,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
 15.23 of natural resources for an agreement with  
 15.24 Kandiyohi County to enhance aquatic habitat  
 15.25 in and adjacent to Lake Wakanda in Kandiyohi  
 15.26 County. A list of proposed land enhancements  
 15.27 must be provided as part of the required  
 15.28 accomplishment plan.

15.29 **(i) Wolverton Creek Habitat Restoration**

15.30 \$1,877,000 the first year is to the  
 15.31 commissioner of natural resources for an

15.35 agreement with the Buffalo-Red River  
 15.36 Watershed District to acquire permanent  
 16.1 conservation easements and restore and  
 16.2 enhance aquatic and upland habitat associated  
 16.3 with Wolverton Creek in the Buffalo-Red  
 16.4 River watershed. A list of proposed  
 16.5 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements  
 16.6 must be provided as part of the required  
 16.7 accomplishment plan.

16.8 **(j) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**  
 16.9 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat - Phase**  
 16.10 **IX**

16.11 \$9,294,000 the first year is to the  
 16.12 commissioner of natural resources for a  
 16.13 program to provide competitive matching  
 16.14 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,  
 16.15 state, and national organizations for enhancing,  
 16.16 restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands,  
 16.17 prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife  
 16.18 in Minnesota. Of this amount, up to  
 16.19 \$2,660,000 is for grants in the seven-county  
 16.20 metropolitan area and cities with a population  
 16.21 of 50,000 or greater. Grants must not be made  
 16.22 for activities required to fulfill the duties of  
 16.23 owners of lands subject to conservation  
 16.24 easements. Grants must not be for projects  
 16.25 that have a total project cost exceeding  
 16.26 \$575,000. Of the total appropriation, \$634,000  
 16.27 may be spent for personnel costs and other  
 16.28 direct and necessary administrative costs.  
 16.29 Grantees may acquire land or interests in land.  
 16.30 Easements must be permanent. Grants may  
 16.31 not be used to establish easement stewardship  
 16.32 accounts. The program must require a match  
 16.33 of at least ten percent from nonstate sources  
 16.34 for all grants. The match may be cash or  
 16.35 in-kind resources. For grant applications of  
 16.36 \$25,000 or less, the commissioner must  
 17.1 provide a separate, simplified application  
 17.2 process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the

15.32 agreement with the Buffalo-Red River  
 15.33 Watershed District to acquire permanent  
 15.34 conservation easements and restore and  
 15.35 enhance aquatic and upland habitat associated  
 15.36 with Wolverton Creek in the Buffalo-Red  
 16.1 River watershed. A list of proposed  
 16.2 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements  
 16.3 must be provided as part of the required  
 16.4 accomplishment plan.

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 16.9 commissioner of natural resources for a  
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 16.11 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,  
 16.12 state, and national organizations for enhancing,  
 16.13 restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands,  
 16.14 prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife  
 16.15 in Minnesota. Of this amount, up to  
 16.16 \$2,660,000 is for grants in the seven-county  
 16.17 metropolitan area and cities with a population  
 16.18 of 50,000 or greater. Grants must not be made  
 16.19 for activities required to fulfill the duties of  
 16.20 owners of lands subject to conservation  
 16.21 easements. Grants must not be for projects  
 16.22 that have a total project cost exceeding  
 16.23 \$575,000. Of the total appropriation, \$634,000  
 16.24 may be spent for personnel costs and other  
 16.25 direct and necessary administrative costs.  
 16.26 Grantees may acquire land or interests in land.  
 16.27 Easements must be permanent. Grants may  
 16.28 not be used to establish easement stewardship  
 16.29 accounts. Land acquired in fee must be open  
 16.30 to hunting and fishing during the open season  
 16.31 unless otherwise provided by law. The  
 16.32 program must require a match of at least ten  
 16.33 percent from nonstate sources for all grants.  
 16.34 The match may be cash or in-kind resources.  
 16.35 For grant applications of \$25,000 or less, the



17.3 commissioner must, when evaluating projects  
 17.4 of equal value, give priority to organizations  
 17.5 that have a history of receiving or a charter to  
 17.6 receive private contributions for local  
 17.7 conservation or habitat projects. If acquiring  
 17.8 land in fee or a conservation easement, priority  
 17.9 must be given to projects associated with or  
 17.10 within one mile of existing wildlife  
 17.11 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,  
 17.12 section 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific and  
 17.13 natural areas under Minnesota Statutes,  
 17.14 sections 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; or  
 17.15 aquatic management areas under Minnesota  
 17.16 Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and  
 17.17 97C.02. All restoration or enhancement  
 17.18 projects must be on land permanently  
 17.19 protected by a permanent covenant ensuring  
 17.20 perpetual maintenance and protection of  
 17.21 restored and enhanced habitat, by a  
 17.22 conservation easement, or by public  
 17.23 ownership, or must be in public waters as  
 17.24 defined in Minnesota Statutes, section  
 17.25 103G.005, subdivision 15. Priority must be  
 17.26 given to restoration and enhancement projects  
 17.27 on public lands. Minnesota Statutes, section  
 17.28 97A.056, subdivision 13, applies to grants  
 17.29 awarded under this paragraph. This  
 17.30 appropriation is available until June 30, 2021.  
 17.31 No less than five percent of the amount of each  
 17.32 grant must be held back from reimbursement  
 17.33 until the grant recipient has completed a grant  
 17.34 accomplishment report by the deadline and in  
 17.35 the form prescribed by and satisfactory to the  
 17.36 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The  
 18.1 commissioner must provide notice of the grant  
 18.2 program in the game and fish law summary  
 18.3 prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 18.4 97A.051, subdivision 2.

16.36 commissioner must provide a separate,  
 17.1 simplified application process. Subject to  
 17.2 Minnesota Statutes, the commissioner must,  
 17.3 when evaluating projects of equal value, give  
 17.4 priority to organizations that have a history of  
 17.5 receiving or a charter to receive private  
 17.6 contributions for local conservation or habitat  
 17.7 projects. If acquiring land in fee or a  
 17.8 conservation easement, priority must be given  
 17.9 to projects associated with or within one mile  
 17.10 of existing wildlife management areas under  
 17.11 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
 17.12 subdivision 8; scientific and natural areas  
 17.13 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 84.033 and  
 17.14 86A.05, subdivision 5; or aquatic management  
 17.15 areas under Minnesota Statutes, sections  
 17.16 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02. All  
 17.17 restoration or enhancement projects must be  
 17.18 on land permanently protected by a permanent  
 17.19 covenant ensuring perpetual maintenance and  
 17.20 protection of restored and enhanced habitat,  
 17.21 by a conservation easement, or by public  
 17.22 ownership, or must be in public waters as  
 17.23 defined in Minnesota Statutes, section  
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 17.34 the form prescribed by and satisfactory to the  
 17.35 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The  
 17.36 commissioner must provide notice of the grant  
 18.1 program in the game and fish law summary  
 18.2 prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 18.3 97A.051, subdivision 2.

18.5 Subd. 6. Administration 879,000 585,000

18.6 **(a) Contract Management**

18.7 \$150,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
18.8 of natural resources for contract management  
18.9 duties assigned in this section. The  
18.10 commissioner must provide an  
18.11 accomplishment plan in the form specified by  
18.12 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
18.13 for expending this appropriation. The  
18.14 accomplishment plan must include a copy of  
18.15 the grant contract template and reimbursement  
18.16 manual. No money may be expended before  
18.17 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
18.18 approves the accomplishment plan.

18.19 **(b) Legislative Coordinating Commission**

18.20 \$571,000 the first year and \$578,000 the  
18.21 second year is to the Legislative Coordinating  
18.22 Commission for Lessard-Sams Outdoor  
18.23 Heritage Council administrative expenses and  
18.24 for compensating and reimbursing expenses  
18.25 of council members. This appropriation is  
18.26 available until June 30, 2019. Minnesota  
18.27 Statutes, section 16A.281, applies to this  
18.28 appropriation.

18.29 **(c) Technical Evaluation Panel**

18.30 \$150,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
18.31 of natural resources for a technical evaluation  
18.32 panel to conduct up to 20 restoration and  
18.33 enhancement evaluations under Minnesota  
18.34 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 10.

18.4 Subd. 6. Administration 879,000 585,000

18.5 **(a) Contract Management**

18.6 \$150,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
18.7 of natural resources for contract management  
18.8 duties assigned in this section. The  
18.9 commissioner must provide an  
18.10 accomplishment plan in the form specified by  
18.11 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
18.12 for expending this appropriation. The  
18.13 accomplishment plan must include a copy of  
18.14 the grant contract template and reimbursement  
18.15 manual. No money may be expended before  
18.16 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
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18.32 enhancement evaluations under Minnesota  
18.33 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 10.

18.35 **(d) Legacy Web site**

19.1 \$8,000 the first year and \$7,000 the second  
19.2 year **is** to the Legislative Coordinating  
19.3 Commission for the **Web site** required in  
19.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision  
19.5 10.

19.6 **Subd. 7. Appropriation Availability**

19.7 Money appropriated in this section may not  
19.8 be spent on activities unless they are directly  
19.9 related to and necessary for a specific  
19.10 appropriation and are specified in the  
19.11 accomplishment plan approved by the  
19.12 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.  
19.13 Money appropriated in this section must not  
19.14 be spent on institutional overhead charges that  
19.15 are not directly related to and necessary for a  
19.16 specific appropriation. Unless otherwise  
19.17 provided, the amounts in this section are  
19.18 available until June 30, 2020. For acquiring  
19.19 real property, the amounts in this section are  
19.20 available until June 30, 2021, if a binding  
19.21 agreement with a landowner or purchase  
19.22 agreement is entered into by June 30, 2020,  
19.23 and closed no later than June 30, 2021.  
19.24 Appropriations for restoration or enhancement  
19.25 are available until June 30, 2022, or five years  
19.26 after acquisition, whichever is later, so that  
19.27 initial restoration or enhancement work can  
19.28 be completed. If a project receives at least 15  
19.29 percent of its funding from federal funds, the  
19.30 appropriation period may be extended to equal  
19.31 the availability of federal funding to a  
19.32 maximum of six years, provided the federal  
19.33 funding was confirmed and included in the  
19.34 first draft accomplishment plan. Money  
19.35 appropriated for fee title acquisition of land  
19.36 may be used to restore, enhance, and provide  
20.1 for public use of the land acquired with the

18.34 **(d) Legacy Website**

19.1 \$8,000 the first year and \$7,000 the second  
19.2 year **are** to the Legislative Coordinating  
19.3 Commission for the **website** required in  
19.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision  
19.5 10.

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19.9 related to and necessary for a specific  
19.10 appropriation and are specified in the  
19.11 accomplishment plan approved by the  
19.12 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.  
19.13 Money appropriated in this section must not  
19.14 be spent on **indirect costs or other** institutional  
19.15 overhead charges that are not directly related  
19.16 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.  
19.17 Unless otherwise provided, the amounts in  
19.18 this section are available until June 30, 2020.  
19.19 For acquiring real property, the amounts in  
19.20 this section are available until June 30, 2021,  
19.21 if a binding agreement with a landowner or  
19.22 purchase agreement is entered into by June  
19.23 30, 2020, and closed no later than June 30,  
19.24 2021. Appropriations for restoration or  
19.25 enhancement are available until June 30, 2022,  
19.26 or five years after acquisition, whichever is  
19.27 later, so that initial restoration or enhancement  
19.28 work can be completed. If a project receives  
19.29 at least 15 percent of its funding from federal  
19.30 funds, the appropriation period may be  
19.31 extended to equal the availability of federal  
19.32 funding to a maximum of six years, provided  
19.33 the federal funding was confirmed and  
19.34 included in the first draft accomplishment  
19.35 plan. Money appropriated for fee title  
19.36 acquisition of land may be used to restore,  
20.1 enhance, and provide for public use of the land

20.2 appropriation. Public use facilities must have  
20.3 no more than a minimal impact on habitat in  
20.4 acquired lands.

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

20.7 All agreements referred to in this section must  
20.8 be administered on a reimbursement basis  
20.9 unless otherwise provided in this section.  
20.10 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
20.11 16A.41, expenditures directly related to each  
20.12 appropriation's purpose made on or after July  
20.13 1, 2017, or the date of accomplishment plan  
20.14 approval, whichever is later, are eligible for  
20.15 reimbursement unless otherwise provided in  
20.16 this section. For the purposes of administering  
20.17 appropriations and legislatively authorized  
20.18 agreements paid out of the outdoor heritage  
20.19 fund, an expense must be considered  
20.20 reimbursable by the administering agency  
20.21 when the recipient presents the agency with  
20.22 an invoice or binding agreement with the  
20.23 landowner and the recipient attests that the  
20.24 goods have been received or the landowner  
20.25 agreement is binding. Periodic reimbursement  
20.26 must be made upon receiving documentation  
20.27 that the items articulated in the  
20.28 accomplishment plan approved by the  
20.29 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council have  
20.30 been achieved, including partial achievements  
20.31 as evidenced by progress reports approved by  
20.32 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.  
20.33 Reasonable amounts may be advanced to  
20.34 projects to accommodate cash-flow needs,  
20.35 support future management of acquired lands,  
20.36 or match a federal share. The advances must  
21.1 be approved as part of the accomplishment  
21.2 plan. Capital equipment expenditures for  
21.3 specific items over \$10,000 must be itemized

20.2 acquired with the appropriation. Public use  
20.3 facilities must have no more than a minimal  
20.4 impact on habitat in acquired lands.

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20.29 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council have  
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21.1 be approved as part of the accomplishment  
21.2 plan. Capital equipment expenditures for  
21.3 specific items over \$10,000 must be itemized

21.4 in and approved as part of the accomplishment  
21.5 plan.

21.6 **Subd. 9. Mapping**

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

21.4 in and approved as part of the accomplishment  
21.5 plan.

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21.18 opportunities. Maps must include information  
21.19 on and acknowledgment of the outdoor  
21.20 heritage fund, including a notation of any  
21.21 restrictions.

21.22 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.056, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

21.23 Subdivision 1. **Outdoor heritage fund.** (a) An outdoor heritage fund, under article XI,  
21.24 section 15, of the Minnesota Constitution, is established as an account in the state treasury.  
21.25 All money earned by the outdoor heritage fund must be credited to the fund. At least 99  
21.26 percent of the money appropriated from the fund must be expended to restore, protect, and  
21.27 enhance wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife. Money  
21.28 appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund shall not be spent to acquire property by eminent  
21.29 domain unless the owner requests that the owner's property be acquired by eminent domain.

21.30 (b) Land and interests in land acquired with money from the outdoor heritage fund must  
21.31 comply in all respects with the Minnesota Constitution. All determinations for fee title land  
21.32 acquisition must be based on benefiting all Minnesotans as the outdoor heritage fund is  
21.33 dedicated for all Minnesotans. Lands acquired in fee with appropriations from the outdoor  
21.34 heritage fund must be open to the public taking of fish and game, unless otherwise provided  
22.1 by law, which is a valued part of our heritage that shall be forever preserved for the people  
22.2 and shall be managed by law and regulation for the public good in the same manner as lands  
22.3 owned by the state. On lands acquired in fee by appropriation from the outdoor heritage  
22.4 fund, the right of the people to take fish and game shall not be infringed or impaired by lack

21.22 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.056, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

21.23 Subd. 3. **Council recommendations.** (a) The council shall make recommendations to  
21.24 the legislature on appropriations of money from the outdoor heritage fund that are consistent  
21.25 with the Constitution and state law and that will achieve the outcomes of existing natural  
21.26 resource plans, including, but not limited to, the Minnesota Statewide Conservation and  
21.27 Preservation Plan, that directly relate to the restoration, protection, and enhancement of  
21.28 wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife, and that prevent forest  
21.29 fragmentation, encourage forest consolidation, and expand restored native prairie. In making  
21.30 recommendations, the council shall consider a range of options that would best restore,  
21.31 protect, and enhance wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife.  
21.32 The council's recommendations shall be submitted no later than January 15 each year. The  
21.33 council shall present its recommendations to the senate and house of representatives  
21.34 committees with jurisdiction over the environment and natural resources budget by February  
21.35 15 in odd-numbered years, and within the first four weeks of the legislative session in  
22.1 even-numbered years. The council's budget recommendations to the legislature shall be  
22.2 separate from the Department of Natural Resource's budget recommendations.

22.3 (b) To encourage and support local conservation efforts, the council shall establish a  
22.4 conservation partners program. Local, regional, state, or national organizations may apply  
22.5 for matching grants for restoration, protection, and enhancement of wetlands, prairies,  
22.6 forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife, prevention of forest fragmentation,  
22.7 encouragement of forest consolidation, and expansion of restored native prairie.

22.8 (c) The council may work with the Clean Water Council to identify projects that are  
22.9 consistent with both the purpose of the outdoor heritage fund and the purpose of the clean  
22.10 water fund.

22.11 (d) The council may make recommendations to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on  
22.12 Minnesota Resources on scientific research that will assist in restoring, protecting, and  
22.13 enhancing wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife, preventing  
22.14 forest fragmentation, encouraging forest consolidation, and expanding restored native prairie.

22.15 (e) Recommendations of the council, including approval of recommendations for the  
22.16 outdoor heritage fund, require an affirmative vote of at least nine members of the council.

22.17 (f) The council may work with the Clean Water Council, the Legislative-Citizen  
22.18 Commission on Minnesota Resources, the Board of Water and Soil Resources, soil and  
22.19 water conservation districts, and experts from Minnesota State Colleges and Universities  
22.20 and the University of Minnesota in developing the council's recommendations.

22.5 of access, lack of opportunity, diminished quality, or as a result of special or exclusive  
22.6 privilege that does not benefit all Minnesotans.

22.21 (g) The council shall develop and implement a process that ensures that citizens and  
22.22 potential recipients of funds are included throughout the process, including the development  
22.23 and finalization of the council's recommendations. The process must include a fair, equitable,  
22.24 and thorough process for reviewing requests for funding and a clear and easily understood  
22.25 process for ranking projects.

22.26 (h) The council shall use the regions of the state based upon the ecological sections and  
22.27 subsections developed by the Department of Natural Resources and establish objectives for  
22.28 each region and subregion to achieve the purposes of the fund outlined in the state  
22.29 constitution.

22.30 (i) The council shall develop and submit to the Legislative Coordinating Commission  
22.31 plans for the first ten years of funding, and a framework for 25 years of funding, consistent  
22.32 with statutory and constitutional requirements. The council may use existing plans from  
22.33 other legislative, state, and federal sources, as applicable.

23.1 (j) When making recommendations, the council must prioritize projects that restore and  
23.2 enhance wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife over projects  
23.3 that acquire land.

22.7 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.056, subdivision 15, is amended to read:

22.8 Subd. 15. **Land acquisition restrictions.** (a) An interest in real property, including, but  
22.9 not limited to, an easement or fee title, that is acquired with money appropriated from the  
22.10 outdoor heritage fund must be used in perpetuity or for the specific term of an easement  
22.11 interest for the purpose for which the appropriation was made, including the provisions of  
22.12 article XI, section 15; and article XIII, section 12, of the Minnesota Constitution to restore,  
22.13 protect, and enhance wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife for  
22.14 the benefit of all Minnesotans, and with regard to fee title acquisition to be open to the  
22.15 public taking of fish and game during the open season, unless otherwise provided by law,  
22.16 for the public good and the right of the public to take game and fish on these lands shall not  
22.17 be impaired or diminished in quality or experience directly or indirectly. The ownership of  
22.18 the interest in real property transfers to the state if: (1) the holder of the interest in real  
22.19 property fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the grant agreement or  
22.20 accomplishment plan; ~~or~~ (2) restrictions are placed on the land that preclude its use for the  
22.21 intended purpose as specified in the appropriation; or (3) the right of the people for the  
22.22 benefit of all Minnesotans on land acquired in fee to take fish and game during the open  
22.23 season as provided by law is impaired, restricted, or quality diminished by lack of access,  
22.24 or grant of special or exclusive privilege or franchise or otherwise.

22.25 (b) A recipient of funding that acquires an interest in real property subject to this  
22.26 subdivision may not alter the intended use of the interest in real property or convey any  
22.27 interest in the real property acquired with the appropriation without the prior review and  
22.28 approval of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council or its successor. The council shall  
22.29 notify the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions  
22.30 with jurisdiction over the outdoor heritage fund at least 15 business days before approval  
22.31 under this paragraph. The council shall establish procedures to review requests from  
22.32 recipients to alter the use of or convey an interest in real property. These procedures shall  
22.33 allow for the replacement of the interest in real property with another interest in real property  
22.34 meeting the following criteria:

23.1 (1) the interest must be at least equal in fair market value, as certified by the commissioner  
23.2 of natural resources, to the interest being replaced; and

23.3 (2) the interest must be in a reasonably equivalent location and have a reasonably  
23.4 equivalent useful conservation purpose compared to the interest being replaced, taking into  
23.5 consideration all effects from fragmentation of the whole habitat.

23.6 (c) A recipient of funding who acquires an interest in real property under paragraph (a)  
23.7 must separately record a notice of funding restrictions in the appropriate local government  
23.8 office where the conveyance of the interest in real property is filed. The notice of funding  
23.9 agreement must contain:

23.10 (1) a legal description of the interest in real property covered by the funding agreement;

23.11 (2) a reference to the underlying funding agreement;

23.12 (3) a reference to this section; and

23.13 (4) the following statement: "This interest in real property shall be administered in  
23.14 accordance with the terms, conditions, and purposes of the grant agreement controlling the  
23.15 acquisition of the property. The interest in real property, or any portion of the interest in  
23.16 real property, shall not be sold, transferred, pledged, or otherwise disposed of or further  
23.17 encumbered without obtaining the prior written approval of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor  
23.18 Heritage Council or its successor. The ownership of the interest in real property transfers  
23.19 to the state if: (1) the holder of the interest in real property fails to comply with the terms  
23.20 and conditions of the grant agreement or accomplishment plan; ~~or~~ (2) restrictions are placed  
23.21 on the land that preclude its use for the intended purpose as specified in the appropriation;  
23.22 or (3) the right to take fish and game during the open season as provided by law is impaired.  
23.23 restricted, or quality diminished by lack of access or grant of special or exclusive privilege  
23.24 or franchise or otherwise."



- 23.4 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.056, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
23.5 read:
- 23.6 Subd. 22. **Revenues.** (a) A recipient must disclose to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage  
23.7 Council and the commissioner all revenues that are received by the recipient before the  
23.8 availability of the appropriation ends and that are generated from activities on land acquired  
23.9 in fee title or easement, restored, or enhanced with money from the outdoor heritage fund.  
23.10 The revenues must be disclosed to the council and commissioner no later than 60 days after  
23.11 the availability of the appropriation ends.
- 23.12 (b) For all revenues disclosed under paragraph (a), a recipient must:
- 23.13 (1) use the revenues to protect, restore, or enhance wetlands, prairies, forests, or habitat  
23.14 for fish, game, or wildlife according to the appropriation purposes and the approved  
23.15 accomplishment plan;
- 23.16 (2) use the revenues for other purposes as approved in the accomplishment plan by the  
23.17 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council; or
- 23.18 (3) transfer the revenues to the outdoor heritage fund no later than 60 days after the  
23.19 availability of the appropriation ends, unless otherwise approved by the council.
- 23.20 (c) Paragraph (b), clause (3), does not apply to the state and its departments and agencies.
- 23.21 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.056, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
23.22 read:
- 23.23 Subd. 23. **Trails.** Forest lands acquired with money from the outdoor heritage fund must  
23.24 be open to all recreational trail uses unless the land does not support the recreational trail  
23.25 use or the constitutional requirements as determined by the commissioner of natural  
23.26 resources. A recipient of an appropriation from the outdoor heritage fund establishing or  
23.27 maintaining trails on forest lands acquired with that appropriation must provide equal  
23.28 opportunities for motorized and nonmotorized users on lands acquired in accordance with  
23.29 the Department of Natural Resources and county forest best management practices.
- 23.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2017, and applies to forest lands  
23.31 acquired with an appropriation enacted on or after that date.
- 24.1 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.056, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
24.2 read:

- 23.25 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.056, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
23.26 read:
- 23.27 Subd. 22. **Revenues.** (a) A recipient must disclose to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage  
23.28 Council and the commissioner all revenues that are received by the recipient before the  
23.29 availability of the appropriation ends and that are generated from activities on land acquired  
23.30 in fee title or easement, restored, or enhanced with money from the outdoor heritage fund.  
23.31 The revenues must be disclosed to the council and commissioner no later than 60 days after  
23.32 the availability of the appropriation ends.
- 23.33 (b) For all revenues disclosed under paragraph (a), a recipient must:
- 24.1 (1) use the revenues to protect, restore, or enhance wetlands, prairies, forests, or habitat  
24.2 for fish, game, or wildlife according to the appropriation purposes and the approved  
24.3 accomplishment plan;
- 24.4 (2) use the revenues for other purposes as approved in the accomplishment plan by the  
24.5 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council; or
- 24.6 (3) transfer the revenues to the outdoor heritage fund no later than 60 days after the  
24.7 availability of the appropriation ends, unless otherwise approved by the council.
- 24.8 (c) Paragraph (b), clause (3), does not apply to the state and its departments and agencies.
- 24.9 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.056, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
24.10 read:

24.3 Subd. 24. **Reserve requirement.** In any fiscal year, at least five percent of that year's  
24.4 projected tax receipts determined by the most recent forecast for the outdoor heritage fund  
24.5 must not be appropriated.

24.6 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.056, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
24.7 read:

24.8 Subd. 25. **Previous funding notification requirement.** Any state agency or organization  
24.9 requesting a direct appropriation from the outdoor heritage fund must inform the  
24.10 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council and the house of representatives and senate  
24.11 committees having jurisdiction over the outdoor heritage fund, at the time the request for  
24.12 funding is made, whether the request is supplanting or is a substitution for any previous  
24.13 funding that was not from a legacy fund and was used for the same purpose.

24.14 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.056, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
24.15 read:

24.16 Subd. 26. **Overhead costs.** Notwithstanding any law, policy, or guidance to the contrary,  
24.17 a recipient of money from the outdoor heritage fund must not use the money to pay for rent,  
24.18 lease payments, insurance, utilities, custodial services, building maintenance, or another  
24.19 overhead cost unless the recipient has documented the amount that specific overhead costs  
24.20 increased as a direct and necessary result of the recipient's responsibility to administer a  
24.21 program, project, or activity paid for with money from the outdoor heritage fund. The amount  
24.22 of money from the fund the recipient may use to pay for that specific overhead cost must  
24.23 not exceed the amount the recipient documented as the increase in the cost.

24.24 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.056, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
24.25 read:

24.26 Subd. 27. **No net gain; counties.** (a) A county may file a no net gain of state lands  
24.27 policy, adopted by the county board, with the commissioner of natural resources. The policy  
24.28 must express the county's policy against the acquisition of additional land by the state within  
24.29 the county.

24.30 (b) When the commissioner of natural resources acquires private land within a county  
24.31 that has filed a no net gain of state lands policy under this subdivision, and the land was  
24.32 acquired in fee with money appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund, the commissioner  
25.1 of natural resources must sell to a private individual or entity an equal number of acres of  
25.2 land within the county. The value of the land sold must be of at least substantially equal  
25.3 value of the lands acquired. Notwithstanding section 94.10, subdivision 2, if lands being  
25.4 offered for sale to comply with this subdivision remain unsold after a public sale offering,

24.11 Subd. 23. **Maximum appropriation.** No more than 95 percent of the projected balance  
24.12 in the outdoor heritage fund may be appropriated in a fiscal year.

25.5 the lands may be sold for less than the appraised value. Land sold under this paragraph must  
25.6 not be sold for less than 75 percent of the appraised value.

25.7 (c) For the purposes of this subdivision, "substantially equal value" has the meaning  
25.8 given under section 94.343, subdivision 3, paragraph (b).

25.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraph (a) is effective the day following final enactment.

25.10 Sec. 10. Laws 2012, chapter 264, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, as amended by Laws  
25.11 2015, First Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section 7, is amended to read:

25.12 Subd. 5. **Habitats** ~~-0-~~ 28,620,000

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

25.14 \$3,480,000 in the second year is to the  
25.15 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
25.16 interests in land in fee or permanent  
25.17 conservation easements for aquatic  
25.18 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,  
25.19 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02,  
25.20 and to restore and enhance aquatic habitat. A  
25.21 list of proposed land acquisitions must be  
25.22 provided as part of the required  
25.23 accomplishment plan. The accomplishment  
25.24 plan must include an easement stewardship  
25.25 plan. Up to \$25,000 is for establishing a  
25.26 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
25.27 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
25.28 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
25.29 subdivision 17. An annual financial report is  
25.30 required for any monitoring and enforcement  
25.31 fund established, including expenditures from  
25.32 the fund and a description of annual  
25.33 monitoring and enforcement activities.

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

26.1 \$3,680,000 in the second year is to the  
26.2 commissioner of natural resources for  
26.3 agreements to acquire interests in land in fee  
26.4 or permanent conservation easements and to  
26.5 restore and enhance natural systems associated  
26.6 with the Mississippi, Minnesota, and St. Croix  
26.7 Rivers as follows: \$1,000,000 to the  
26.8 Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge  
26.9 Trust, Inc.; \$375,000 to the Friends of the  
26.10 Mississippi; \$375,000 to Great River  
26.11 Greening; \$930,000 to The Minnesota Land  
26.12 Trust; and \$1,000,000 to The Trust for Public  
26.13 Land. A list of proposed acquisitions,  
26.14 restorations, and enhancements must be  
26.15 provided as part of the required  
26.16 accomplishment plan. The accomplishment  
26.17 plan must include an easement stewardship  
26.18 plan. Up to \$51,000 is for establishing a  
26.19 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
26.20 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
26.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
26.22 subdivision 17. An annual financial report is  
26.23 required for any monitoring and enforcement  
26.24 fund established, including expenditures from  
26.25 the fund and a description of annual  
26.26 monitoring and enforcement activities.

26.27 **(c) Dakota County Riparian and Lakeshore**  
26.28 **Protection and Management - Phase III**

26.29 \$480,000 in the second year is to the  
26.30 commissioner of natural resources for an  
26.31 agreement with Dakota County to acquire  
26.32 permanent conservation easements and restore  
26.33 and enhance habitats along the Mississippi,  
26.34 Cannon, and Vermillion Rivers. A list of  
26.35 proposed acquisitions, restorations, and  
26.36 enhancements must be provided as part of the  
26.37 required accomplishment plan. The  
26.38 accomplishment plan must include an  
26.39 easement stewardship plan. Up to \$20,000 is  
26.40 for establishing a monitoring and enforcement

27.5 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
27.6 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
27.7 97A.056, subdivision 17. An annual financial  
27.8 report is required for any monitoring and  
27.9 enforcement fund established, including  
27.10 expenditures from the fund and a description  
27.11 of annual monitoring and enforcement  
27.12 activities.

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

27.14 \$3,670,000 in the second year is to the  
27.15 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
27.16 habitat in the lower St. Louis River estuary.  
27.17 A list of proposed projects must be provided  
27.18 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

27.19 **(e) Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement - Phase**  
27.20 **IV**

27.21 \$2,120,000 in the second year is to the  
27.22 commissioner of natural resources for an  
27.23 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited  
27.24 to restore and enhance coldwater fish lake,  
27.25 river, and stream habitats in Minnesota. A list  
27.26 of proposed restorations and enhancements  
27.27 must be provided as part of the required  
27.28 accomplishment plan.

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

27.30 \$2,320,000 in the second year is to the  
27.31 commissioner of natural resources for an  
27.32 agreement with the Red Lake Watershed  
27.33 District to restore and enhance stream and  
27.34 related habitat in Grand Marais Creek. A list  
27.35 of proposed restorations and enhancements

28.1 must be provided as part of the required  
28.2 accomplishment plan.

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

28.4 \$380,000 in the second year is to the  
28.5 commissioner of natural resources for an  
28.6 agreement with the Lake Superior Steelhead  
28.7 Association to restore trout habitat in the  
28.8 Upper Knife River Watershed. A list of  
28.9 proposed restorations must be provided as part  
28.10 of the required accomplishment plan.  
28.11 Notwithstanding rules of the commissioner of  
28.12 natural resources, restorations conducted  
28.13 pursuant to this paragraph may be  
28.14 accomplished by excavation.

28.15 **(h) Protect Aquatic Habitat from Invasive Carp**

28.16 \$7,500,000 in the second year is to the  
28.17 commissioner of natural resources for design  
28.18 construction, including acquisition, operation,  
28.19 and evaluation of structural deterrents for  
28.20 invasive carp to protect Minnesota's aquatic  
28.21 habitat. Use of this money requires a  
28.22 one-to-one match for projects on state  
28.23 boundary waters. A match is not required for  
28.24 design or feasibility studies. This appropriation  
28.25 is available until June 30, 2019.

28.26 **(i) Outdoor Heritage Conservation Partners**  
28.27 **Grant Program - Phase IV**

28.28 \$4,990,000 in the second year is to the  
28.29 commissioner of natural resources for a  
28.30 program to provide competitive, matching  
28.31 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,  
28.32 state, and national organizations for enhancing,

28.33 restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands,  
28.34 prairies, and habitat for fish, game, or wildlife  
28.35 in Minnesota. Grants shall not be made for  
29.1 activities required to fulfill the duties of  
29.2 owners of lands subject to conservation  
29.3 easements. Grants shall not be made from  
29.4 appropriations in this paragraph for projects  
29.5 that have a total project cost exceeding  
29.6 \$575,000. \$366,000 of this appropriation may  
29.7 be spent for personnel costs and other direct  
29.8 and necessary administrative costs. Grantees  
29.9 may acquire land or interests in land.  
29.10 Easements must be permanent. Land acquired  
29.11 in fee must be open to hunting and fishing  
29.12 during the open season unless otherwise  
29.13 provided by state law. The program shall  
29.14 require a match of at least ten percent from  
29.15 nonstate sources for all grants. The match may  
29.16 be cash or in-kind resources. For grant  
29.17 applications of \$25,000 or less, the  
29.18 commissioner shall provide a separate,  
29.19 simplified application process. Subject to  
29.20 Minnesota Statutes, the commissioner of  
29.21 natural resources shall, when evaluating  
29.22 projects of equal value, give priority to  
29.23 organizations that have a history of receiving  
29.24 or charter to receive private contributions for  
29.25 local conservation or habitat projects. If  
29.26 acquiring land or a conservation easement,  
29.27 priority shall be given to projects associated  
29.28 with existing wildlife management areas under  
29.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
29.30 subdivision 8; scientific and natural areas  
29.31 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 84.033 and  
29.32 86A.05, subdivision 5; and aquatic  
29.33 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,  
29.34 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02.  
29.35 All restoration or enhancement projects must  
29.36 be on land permanently protected by a  
30.1 conservation easement or public ownership or  
30.2 in public waters as defined in Minnesota  
30.3 Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision 15.  
30.4 Priority shall be given to restoration and

30.5 enhancement projects on public lands.  
30.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
30.7 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded  
30.8 under this paragraph. This appropriation is  
30.9 available until June 30, 2016. No less than five  
30.10 percent of the amount of each grant must be  
30.11 held back from reimbursement until the grant  
30.12 recipient has completed a grant  
30.13 accomplishment report by the deadline and in  
30.14 the form prescribed by and satisfactory to the  
30.15 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The  
30.16 commissioner shall provide notice of the grant  
30.17 program in the game and fish law summaries  
30.18 that are prepared under Minnesota Statutes,  
30.19 section 97A.051, subdivision 2.

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

30.21 Sec. 11. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, as  
30.22 amended by Laws 2016, chapter 172, article 1, section 5, is amended to read:

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

30.24 **(a) DNR Wildlife Management Area and**  
30.25 **Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition - Phase**  
30.26 **VII**

30.27 \$4,570,000 in the first year is to the  
30.28 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
30.29 land in fee for wildlife management purposes  
30.30 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
30.31 subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee for  
30.32 scientific and natural area purposes under  
30.33 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
30.34 subdivision 5. Subject to evaluation criteria  
30.35 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority  
31.1 must be given to acquisition of lands that are  
31.2 eligible for the native prairie bank under  
31.3 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
31.4 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of  
31.5 proposed land and permanent conservation

24.13 Sec. 7. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, as  
24.14 amended by Laws 2016, chapter 172, article 1, section 5, is amended to read:

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24.31 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of  
24.32 proposed land and permanent conservation



31.6 easement acquisitions must be provided as  
31.7 part of the required accomplishment plan.

31.8 **(b) Accelerating Wildlife Management Area**  
31.9 **Acquisition - Phase VII**

31.10 \$7,452,000 in the first year is to the  
31.11 commissioner of natural resources for an  
31.12 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire  
31.13 land in fee for wildlife management area  
31.14 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section  
31.15 86A.05, subdivision 8. Subject to evaluation  
31.16 criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,  
31.17 priority must be given to acquisition of lands  
31.18 that are eligible for the native prairie bank  
31.19 under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or  
31.20 lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A  
31.21 list of proposed land acquisitions must be  
31.22 provided as part of the required  
31.23 accomplishment plan.

31.24 **(c) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project - Phase**  
31.25 **VI**

31.26 \$4,032,000 in the first year is to the  
31.27 commissioner of natural resources for an  
31.28 agreement with The Nature Conservancy to  
31.29 acquire native prairie, wetlands, and savanna  
31.30 and restore and enhance grasslands, wetlands,  
31.31 and savanna. Subject to evaluation criteria in  
31.32 Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority  
31.33 must be given to acquisition of lands that are  
31.34 eligible for the native prairie bank under  
31.35 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
31.36 adjacent to protected native prairie. Annual  
32.1 income statements and balance sheets for  
32.2 income and expenses from land acquired with  
32.3 this appropriation must be submitted to the  
32.4 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council no  
32.5 later than 180 days following the close of The  
32.6 Nature Conservancy's fiscal year. A list of

25.1 easement acquisitions must be provided as  
25.2 part of the required accomplishment plan.

25.3 **(b) Accelerating Wildlife Management Area**  
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32.7 proposed land acquisitions must be provided  
32.8 as part of the required accomplishment plan  
32.9 and must be consistent with the priorities  
32.10 identified in the Minnesota Prairie  
32.11 Conservation Plan.

32.12 **(d) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife**  
32.13 **Refuge Land Acquisition - Phase VI**

32.14 \$3,430,000 in the first year is to the  
32.15 commissioner of natural resources for an  
32.16 agreement with The Nature Conservancy in  
32.17 cooperation with the United States Fish and  
32.18 Wildlife Service to acquire land in fee or  
32.19 permanent conservation easements within the  
32.20 Northern Tallgrass Prairie Habitat Preservation  
32.21 Area in western Minnesota for addition to the  
32.22 Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife  
32.23 Refuge. Subject to evaluation criteria in  
32.24 Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority  
32.25 must be given to acquisition of lands that are  
32.26 eligible for the native prairie bank under  
32.27 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
32.28 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of  
32.29 proposed land acquisitions must be provided  
32.30 as part of the required accomplishment plan  
32.31 and must be consistent with the priorities in  
32.32 the Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

32.33 **(e) Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection**  
32.34 **- Phase IV**

32.35 \$3,740,000 in the first year is to the  
32.36 commissioner of natural resources to  
33.1 implement the Minnesota Prairie Conservation  
33.2 Plan through the acquisition of permanent  
33.3 conservation easements to protect native  
33.4 prairie and grasslands. Up to \$165,000 is for  
33.5 establishing monitoring and enforcement funds  
33.6 as approved in the accomplishment plan and  
33.7 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section

26.2 proposed land acquisitions must be provided  
26.3 as part of the required accomplishment plan  
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33.8 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subject to evaluation  
 33.9 criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,  
 33.10 priority must be given to acquisition of lands  
 33.11 that are eligible for the native prairie bank  
 33.12 under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or  
 33.13 lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A  
 33.14 list of permanent conservation easements must  
 33.15 be provided as part of the final report.

33.16 **(f) Minnesota Buffers for Wildlife and Water -**  
 33.17 **Phase V**

33.18 \$4,544,000 in the first year is to the Board of  
 33.19 Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
 33.20 permanent conservation easements to protect  
 33.21 and enhance habitat by expanding the clean  
 33.22 water fund riparian buffer program for at least  
 33.23 equal wildlife benefits from buffers on private  
 33.24 land. Up to ~~\$72,500~~ \$728,000 is for  
 33.25 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
 33.26 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
 33.27 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
 33.28 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
 33.29 conservation easements must be provided as  
 33.30 part of the final report.

33.31 **(g) Cannon River Headwaters Habitat Complex**  
 33.32 **- Phase V**

33.33 \$1,380,000 in the first year is to the  
 33.34 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 33.35 agreement with The Trust for Public Land to  
 33.36 acquire and restore lands in the Cannon River  
 34.1 watershed for wildlife management purposes  
 34.2 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
 34.3 subdivision 8. Subject to evaluation criteria  
 34.4 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority  
 34.5 must be given to acquisition of lands that are  
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 34.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
 34.8 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of

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 27.4 criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,  
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 28.1 eligible for the native prairie bank under  
 28.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
 28.3 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of

34.9 proposed land acquisitions must be provided  
34.10 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

34.11 **(h) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the**  
34.12 **Southern Red River Valley**

34.13 \$1,800,000 in the first year is to the  
34.14 commissioner of natural resources for an  
34.15 agreement with Pheasants Forever in  
34.16 cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie  
34.17 Chicken Society to acquire and restore lands  
34.18 in the southern Red River Valley for wildlife  
34.19 management purposes under Minnesota  
34.20 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8, or for  
34.21 designation and management as waterfowl  
34.22 production areas in Minnesota, in cooperation  
34.23 with the United States Fish and Wildlife  
34.24 Service. A list of proposed land acquisitions  
34.25 must be provided as part of the required  
34.26 accomplishment plan.

34.27 **(i) Protecting and Restoring Minnesota's**  
34.28 **Important Bird Areas**

34.29 \$1,730,000 in the first year is to the  
34.30 commissioner of natural resources for  
34.31 agreements to acquire conservation easements  
34.32 within important bird areas identified in the  
34.33 Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan, to be  
34.34 used as follows: \$408,000 is to Audubon  
34.35 Minnesota and \$1,322,000 is to Minnesota  
34.36 Land Trust, of which up to \$100,000 is for  
35.1 establishing monitoring and enforcement funds  
35.2 as approved in the accomplishment plan and  
35.3 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
35.4 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
35.5 conservation easements must be provided as  
35.6 part of the final report.

28.4 proposed land acquisitions must be provided  
28.5 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

28.6 **(h) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the**  
28.7 **Southern Red River Valley**

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28.9 commissioner of natural resources for an  
28.10 agreement with Pheasants Forever in  
28.11 cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie  
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28.34 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
28.35 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
29.1 conservation easements must be provided as  
29.2 part of the final report.

35.7 **(j) Wild Rice River Corridor Habitat**  
35.8 **Restoration**

35.9 \$2,270,000 in the first year is to the  
35.10 commissioner of natural resources for an  
35.11 agreement with the Wild Rice Watershed  
35.12 District to acquire land in fee and permanent  
35.13 conservation easement and to restore river  
35.14 and related habitat in the Wild Rice River  
35.15 corridor. A list of proposed acquisitions and  
35.16 restorations must be provided as part of the  
35.17 required accomplishment plan.

35.18 **(k) Accelerated Prairie Restoration and**  
35.19 **Enhancement on DNR Lands - Phase VII**

35.20 \$4,880,000 in the first year is to the  
35.21 commissioner of natural resources to  
35.22 accelerate the restoration and enhancement of  
35.23 prairie communities on wildlife management  
35.24 areas, scientific and natural areas, state forest  
35.25 land, and land under native prairie bank  
35.26 easements. A list of proposed land restorations  
35.27 and enhancements must be provided as part  
35.28 of the required accomplishment plan.

35.29 **(l) Enhanced Public Land Grasslands - Phase**  
35.30 **II**

35.31 \$1,120,000 in the first year is to the  
35.32 commissioner of natural resources for an  
35.33 agreement with Pheasants Forever to enhance  
35.34 and restore habitat on public lands. A list of  
35.35 proposed land restorations and enhancements  
35.36 must be provided as part of the final report.

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

29.3 **(j) Wild Rice River Corridor Habitat**  
29.4 **Restoration**

29.5 \$2,270,000 in the first year is to the  
29.6 commissioner of natural resources for an  
29.7 agreement with the Wild Rice Watershed  
29.8 District to acquire land in fee and permanent  
29.9 conservation easement and to restore river  
29.10 and related habitat in the Wild Rice River  
29.11 corridor. A list of proposed acquisitions and  
29.12 restorations must be provided as part of the  
29.13 required accomplishment plan.

29.14 **(k) Accelerated Prairie Restoration and**  
29.15 **Enhancement on DNR Lands - Phase VII**

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29.19 prairie communities on wildlife management  
29.20 areas, scientific and natural areas, state forest  
29.21 land, and land under native prairie bank  
29.22 easements. A list of proposed land restorations  
29.23 and enhancements must be provided as part  
29.24 of the required accomplishment plan.

29.25 **(l) Enhanced Public Land Grasslands - Phase**  
29.26 **II**

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29.28 commissioner of natural resources for an  
29.29 agreement with Pheasants Forever to enhance  
29.30 and restore habitat on public lands. A list of  
29.31 proposed land restorations and enhancements  
29.32 must be provided as part of the final report.

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

36.2 Sec. 12. Laws 2016, chapter 172, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

36.3 Subd. 2. **Prairies** -0- 31,000,000

36.4 **(a) DNR Wildlife Management Area and**  
36.5 **Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition - Phase**  
36.6 **VIII**

36.7 \$3,250,000 the second year is to the  
36.8 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
36.9 land in fee for wildlife management purposes  
36.10 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
36.11 subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee for  
36.12 scientific and natural area purposes under  
36.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
36.14 subdivision 5. Subject to evaluation criteria  
36.15 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority  
36.16 must be given to acquisition of lands that are  
36.17 eligible for the native prairie bank under  
36.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
36.19 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of  
36.20 proposed land acquisitions must be provided  
36.21 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

36.22 **(b) Accelerating Wildlife Management Area**  
36.23 **Acquisition - Phase VIII**

36.24 \$5,229,000 the second year is to the  
36.25 commissioner of natural resources for an  
36.26 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire  
36.27 in fee and restore lands for wildlife  
36.28 management area purposes under Minnesota  
36.29 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8.  
36.30 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota  
36.31 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given  
36.32 to acquisition of lands that are eligible for the  
36.33 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,  
36.34 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected  
36.35 native prairie. A list of proposed land

29.34 Sec. 8. Laws 2016, chapter 172, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

29.35 Subd. 2. **Prairies** -0- 31,000,000

30.1 **(a) DNR Wildlife Management Area and**  
30.2 **Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition - Phase**  
30.3 **VIII**

30.4 \$3,250,000 the second year is to the  
30.5 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
30.6 land in fee for wildlife management purposes  
30.7 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
30.8 subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee for  
30.9 scientific and natural area purposes under  
30.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
30.11 subdivision 5. Subject to evaluation criteria  
30.12 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority  
30.13 must be given to acquisition of lands that are  
30.14 eligible for the native prairie bank under  
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30.26 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8.  
30.27 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota  
30.28 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given  
30.29 to acquisition of lands that are eligible for the  
30.30 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,  
30.31 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected  
30.32 native prairie. A list of proposed land

37.1 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
37.2 required accomplishment plan.

37.3 **(c) Martin County/Fox Lake Wildlife**  
37.4 **Management Area Acquisition**

37.5 \$1,000,000 the second year is to the  
37.6 commissioner of natural resources for an  
37.7 agreement with Fox Lake Conservation  
37.8 League, Inc. to acquire land in fee and restore  
37.9 strategic prairie grassland, wetland, and other  
37.10 wildlife habitat for wildlife management area  
37.11 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section  
37.12 86A.05, subdivision 8. A list of proposed  
37.13 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
37.14 required accomplishment plan.

37.15 **(d) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife**  
37.16 **Refuge Land Acquisition - Phase VII**

37.17 \$2,754,000 the second year is to the  
37.18 commissioner of natural resources for an  
37.19 agreement with The Nature Conservancy in  
37.20 cooperation with the United States Fish and  
37.21 Wildlife Service to acquire land in fee or  
37.22 permanent conservation easements and restore  
37.23 lands within the Northern Tallgrass Prairie  
37.24 Habitat Preservation Area in western  
37.25 Minnesota for addition to the Northern  
37.26 Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge.  
37.27 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota  
37.28 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given  
37.29 to acquisition of lands that are eligible for the  
37.30 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,  
37.31 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected  
37.32 native prairie. A list of proposed land  
37.33 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
37.34 required accomplishment plan and must be  
37.35 consistent with the priorities in the Minnesota  
37.36 Prairie Conservation Plan.

30.33 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
30.34 required accomplishment plan.

30.35 **(c) Martin County/Fox Lake Wildlife**  
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31.22 Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge.  
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31.28 native prairie. A list of proposed land  
31.29 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
31.30 required accomplishment plan and must be  
31.31 consistent with the priorities in the Minnesota  
31.32 Prairie Conservation Plan.

38.1 **(e) Cannon River Headwaters Habitat Complex**  
38.2 **- Phase VI**

38.3 \$583,000 the second year is to the  
38.4 commissioner of natural resources for an  
38.5 agreement with The Trust for Public Land to  
38.6 acquire land in fee and restore lands in the  
38.7 Cannon River watershed for wildlife  
38.8 management purposes under Minnesota  
38.9 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8.  
38.10 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota  
38.11 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given  
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38.13 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,  
38.14 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected  
38.15 native prairie. A list of proposed land  
38.16 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
38.17 required accomplishment plan.

38.18 **(f) Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection**  
38.19 **- Phase V**

38.20 \$2,541,000 the second year is to the  
38.21 commissioner of natural resources to  
38.22 implement the Minnesota Prairie Conservation  
38.23 Plan through the acquisition of permanent  
38.24 conservation easements to protect and restore  
38.25 native prairie. Of this amount, up to \$120,000  
38.26 is for establishing monitoring and enforcement  
38.27 funds as approved in the accomplishment plan  
38.28 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
38.29 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subject to evaluation  
38.30 criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,  
38.31 priority must be given to acquisition of lands  
38.32 that are eligible for the native prairie bank  
38.33 under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or  
38.34 lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A  
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32.30 lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A  
32.31 list of permanent conservation easements must  
32.32 be provided as part of the final report.



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

39.3 \$6,708,000 the second year is to the Board of  
39.4 Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
39.5 permanent conservation easements and restore  
39.6 habitat under Minnesota Statutes, section  
39.7 103F.515, to protect, restore, and enhance  
39.8 habitat by expanding the clean water fund  
39.9 riparian buffer program for at least equal  
39.10 wildlife benefits from buffers on private land.  
39.11 Of this amount, up to ~~\$130,000~~ \$1,079,000 is  
39.12 to establish a monitoring and enforcement  
39.13 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
39.14 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
39.15 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
39.16 conservation easements must be provided as  
39.17 part of the final report.

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

39.20 \$2,269,000 the second year is to the  
39.21 commissioner of natural resources for an  
39.22 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in  
39.23 cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie  
39.24 Chicken Society, to acquire land in fee and  
39.25 restore and enhance lands in the southern Red  
39.26 River Valley for wildlife management  
39.27 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section  
39.28 86A.05, subdivision 8, or for designation and  
39.29 management as waterfowl production areas  
39.30 in Minnesota, in cooperation with the United  
39.31 States Fish and Wildlife Service. Subject to  
39.32 evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part  
39.33 6136.0900, priority must be given to  
39.34 acquisition of lands that are eligible for the  
39.35 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,  
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33.31 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,  
33.32 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected  
33.33 native prairie. A list of proposed land

40.2 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
40.3 required accomplishment plan.

40.4 **(i) Grassland Conservation Partnership - Phase**  
40.5 **II**

40.6 \$1,475,000 the second year is to the  
40.7 commissioner of natural resources for an  
40.8 agreement with The Conservation Fund, in  
40.9 cooperation with Minnesota Land Trust, to  
40.10 acquire permanent conservation easements  
40.11 and restore high priority grassland, prairie,  
40.12 and wetland habitats as follows: \$64,000 to  
40.13 The Conservation Fund; and \$1,411,000 to  
40.14 Minnesota Land Trust, of which up to  
40.15 \$100,000 is for establishing a monitoring and  
40.16 enforcement fund, as approved in the  
40.17 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
40.18 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.  
40.19 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota  
40.20 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given  
40.21 to acquisition of lands that are eligible for the  
40.22 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,  
40.23 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected  
40.24 native prairie. A list of proposed acquisitions  
40.25 must be provided as part of the required  
40.26 accomplishment plan and must be consistent  
40.27 with the priorities in the Minnesota Prairie  
40.28 Conservation Plan.

40.29 **(j) Accelerated Prairie Restoration and**  
40.30 **Enhancement on DNR Lands - Phase VIII**

40.31 \$3,983,000 the second year is to the  
40.32 commissioner of natural resources to  
40.33 accelerate restoration and enhancement of  
40.34 prairies, grasslands, and savannas on wildlife  
40.35 management areas, scientific and natural areas,  
40.36 native prairie bank land, and bluff prairies on  
41.1 state forest land in southeastern Minnesota. A  
41.2 list of proposed land restorations and

33.34 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
33.35 required accomplishment plan.

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34.32 state forest land in southeastern Minnesota. A  
34.33 list of proposed land restorations and

41.3 enhancements must be provided as part of the  
41.4 required accomplishment plan.

41.5 **(k) Anoka Sandplain Habitat Restoration and**  
41.6 **Enhancement - Phase IV**

41.7 \$1,208,000 the second year is to the  
41.8 commissioner of natural resources for  
41.9 agreements to restore and enhance wildlife  
41.10 habitat on public lands in Anoka, Isanti,  
41.11 Morrison, Sherburne, and Todd Counties as  
41.12 follows: \$93,000 to Anoka Conservation  
41.13 District; \$25,000 to Isanti County Parks and  
41.14 Recreation Department; \$813,000 to Great  
41.15 River Greening; and \$277,000 to the National  
41.16 Wild Turkey Federation. A list of proposed  
41.17 land restorations and enhancements must be  
41.18 provided as part of the required  
41.19 accomplishment plan.

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

41.21 Sec. 13. Laws 2016, chapter 172, article 1, section 2, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

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

41.23 **(a) Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area**  
41.24 **Acquisition - Phase VIII**

41.25 \$5,650,000 the second year is to the  
41.26 commissioner of natural resources for an  
41.27 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire  
41.28 in fee and restore and enhance wetlands and  
41.29 grasslands to be designated and managed as  
41.30 waterfowl production areas in Minnesota, in  
41.31 cooperation with the United States Fish and  
41.32 Wildlife Service. A list of proposed land  
41.33 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
41.34 required accomplishment plan.

34.34 enhancements must be provided as part of the  
34.35 required accomplishment plan.

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34.37 **Enhancement - Phase IV**

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

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35.24 waterfowl production areas in Minnesota, in  
35.25 cooperation with the United States Fish and  
35.26 Wildlife Service. A list of proposed land  
35.27 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
35.28 required accomplishment plan.

42.1 **(b) Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection**  
42.2 **Program - Phase V**

42.3 \$5,801,000 the second year is to the  
42.4 commissioner of natural resources for an  
42.5 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire  
42.6 in fee and restore prairie lands, wetlands, and  
42.7 land buffering shallow lakes for wildlife  
42.8 management purposes under Minnesota  
42.9 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8. A list  
42.10 of proposed acquisitions must be provided as  
42.11 part of the required accomplishment plan.

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

42.13 \$13,808,000 the second year is to the Board  
42.14 of Water and Soil Resources to acquire lands  
42.15 in permanent conservation easements and to  
42.16 restore wetlands and native grassland habitat  
42.17 under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515.  
42.18 Of this amount, up to ~~\$195,000~~ \$410,000 is  
42.19 to establish a monitoring and enforcement  
42.20 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
42.21 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
42.22 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
42.23 conservation easements must be provided as  
42.24 part of the final report.

42.25 **(d) Wetland Habitat Protection Program - Phase**  
42.26 **II**

42.27 \$1,629,000 the second year is to the  
42.28 commissioner of natural resources for an  
42.29 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to  
42.30 acquire permanent conservation easements in  
42.31 high-priority wetland habitat complexes in the  
42.32 prairie and forest/prairie transition regions. Of  
42.33 this amount, up to \$180,000 is to establish a  
42.34 monitoring and enforcement fund, as approved  
42.35 in the accomplishment plan and subject to

35.29 **(b) Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection**  
35.30 **Program - Phase V**

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36.4 part of the required accomplishment plan.

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36.17 part of the final report.

36.18 **(d) Wetland Habitat Protection Program - Phase**  
36.19 **II**

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36.28 in the accomplishment plan and subject to

42.36 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
43.1 subdivision 17. A list of proposed easement  
43.2 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
43.3 final report.

43.4 **(e) Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetlands**  
43.5 **Enhancement - Phase VIII**

43.6 \$2,167,000 the second year is to the  
43.7 commissioner of natural resources to enhance  
43.8 and restore shallow lakes and wetland habitat  
43.9 statewide. A list of proposed land restorations  
43.10 and enhancements must be provided as part  
43.11 of the required accomplishment plan.

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

43.13 \$2,000,000 the second year is to the  
43.14 commissioner of natural resources to modify  
43.15 the dam at Marsh Lake for improved habitat  
43.16 management and to return the historic outlet  
43.17 of the Pomme de Terre River to Lac Qui Parle.

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

43.19 Sec. 14. **REPEALER.**

43.20 Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.056, subdivision 8, is repealed.

36.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
36.30 subdivision 17. A list of proposed easement  
36.31 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
36.32 final report.

36.33 **(e) Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetlands**  
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37.9 management and to return the historic outlet  
37.10 of the Pomme de Terre River to Lac Qui Parle.

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

37.12 Sec. 10. **REPEALER.**

37.13 Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.056, subdivision 8, is repealed.