



Outdoor Heritage Fund

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

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Note: This first report covers two years, ML 2009/FY2010 and ML 2010/FY2011, from the time period of January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2010.

Constitutional Amendment

Outdoor heritage, clean water, parks and trails, and arts and cultural heritage; sales tax dedicated funds.

Underlined for emphasis.

“Beginning July 1, 2009, until June 30, 2034, the sales and use tax rate shall be increased by three-eighths of one percent on sales and uses taxable under the general state sales and use tax law. Receipts from the increase, plus penalties and interest and reduced by any refunds, are dedicated, for the benefit of Minnesotans, to the following funds: 33 percent of the receipts shall be deposited in the outdoor heritage fund and may be spent only to restore, protect, and enhance wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife; 33 percent of the receipts shall be deposited in the clean water fund and may be spent only to protect, enhance, and restore water quality in lakes, rivers, and streams and to protect groundwater from degradation, and at least five percent of the clean water fund must be spent only to protect drinking water sources; 14.25 percent of the receipts shall be deposited in the parks and trails fund and may be spent only to support parks and trails of regional or statewide significance; and 19.75 percent shall be deposited in the arts and cultural heritage fund and may be spent only for arts, arts education, and arts access and to preserve Minnesota’s history and cultural heritage. An outdoor heritage fund; a parks and trails fund; a clean water fund and a sustainable drinking water account; and an arts and cultural heritage fund are created in the state treasury. The money dedicated under this section shall be appropriated by law. The dedicated money under this section must supplement traditional sources of funding for these purposes and may not be used as a substitute. Land acquired by fee with money deposited in the outdoor heritage fund under this section must be open to the public taking of fish and game during the open season unless otherwise provided by law. If the base of the sales and use tax is changed, the sales and use tax rate in this section may be proportionally adjusted by law to within one-thousandth of one percent in order to provide as close to the same amount of revenue as practicable for each fund as existed before the change to the sales and use tax.”

[Adopted, November 4, 2008]

-- Minnesota Constitution, Article XI, Section 15

Introduction

This report is produced annually as a summary of funding appropriations from the Outdoor Heritage Fund and legislation passed affecting the Fund and the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

Background

Article XI, Section 15 of the Minnesota Constitution creates the Outdoor Heritage Fund; it is one of four funds created when the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment was passed by the voters on November 4, 2008. The Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC) was established with the responsibility for providing annual Outdoor Heritage Fund (OHF) appropriation recommendations to the legislature. The Council recommendations must take into consideration the Minnesota Conservation and Preservation Plan findings “directly relating to restoration, protection, and enhancement of wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife, and that prevent forest fragmentation, encourage forest consolidation, and expand restored native prairie. “

The Council and Outdoor Heritage Fund statutes are in found in MS 97A.056.

LSOHC Projects

The LSOHC seeks requests annually for use of the fund consistent with constitutional intent and Council vision and priorities. Based on a Call for Request, the Council recommends appropriations to the legislature. The core of the Council recommendations focuses on funding programs, rather than individual projects. By funding programs with goals consistent with Council priorities, the Council seeks to have a measurable long-lasting impact on the environment, and fish and wildlife habitat. The types of programs funded to date include land acquisition additions for Wildlife Management Areas (WMA), Aquatic Management Areas (AMA), Scientific and Natural Areas (SNA), Waterfowl Production Areas (WPA). Restorations and enhancements have been funded in shallow lakes, prairie, trout streams, and state forests.

These acquisitions, restorations and enhancements provide nesting areas for waterfowl, upland birds and fish, both game and non-game. In addition, they provide resting and feeding areas for migratory species which reduce mortality due to stress. They also provide cover for species to use year round, resulting in healthier populations of fauna.

Recipients include state agencies, private non-profits, local government units, and the federal government. In many of the programs partnerships of multiple government units and non-profits have formed working together for the betterment of the environment and wildlife habitat. Use of a variety of recipients increases conservation capacity.

Overall an estimated \$85-\$90 million annually is available for appropriation from this fund. In fiscal year 2009 and 2010, the Council has recommended and the Legislature has funded over 40 requests, totaling approximately \$143 million.

Appropriations and Impact Summary by Charts

Appropriation Amounts and Number of Awards

	Funded MN Laws 2009	Funded MN Laws 2010
Total Appropriation	*\$85,532,000	\$58,939,000
# Programs Funded**	19	23
Conservation Partners Legacy (CPL) grants awarded – details on page 5	34	35

** does not include administrative budget or grant contract management

Recipients of Appropriations

	Funded MN Laws 2009	Funded MN Laws 2010
Total Programs Funded	19	23
Non-Government Organizations	8	11
Local/Regional Government	3	4
Federal	1	0
State Government	7	8

Acres Impacted by Activity Type

	Funded MN Laws 2009	Funded MN Laws 2010
Protect Acres		
Fee	9,450	8,756
Easement	* 197,241	7,715
Restore Acres	7,149	4,709
Enhance Acres	11,862	42,635

*Includes a \$36M appropriation to Forest for the Future appropriated in ML 2009 for FY 2010 and FY 2011.

Other Impacts and Leverage

	Funded MN Laws 2009	Funded ML 2010
Shoreline miles affected	342	100+
Counties impacted	57	82
Leveraged of other dollars per \$1 of OHF (state and non-state)	\$0.50	\$0.63

Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT)

PILT has been brought forward as an issue as the Outdoor Heritage Fund acquires land in fee for the state to hold and in turn creates a long-term liability of PILT payments that are paid from the General Fund. The current annual PILT liability from the General Fund is approximately \$22 million. If acquisition of land in fee from the Outdoor Heritage Fund continues at similar rates over the life of the fund, after 25 years it is anticipated a total liability created of approximately \$3-5 million dollars.

	Funded MN Laws 2009	Funded MN Laws 2010
Annual PILT +Liability Dollars	\$ 128,000	\$ 167,511
Percentage of total PILT Tax obligation created by the acquisition dollars appropriated	.0014 %	.0028 %

Conservation Partners Program

As directed in MS 97A.056, Subd. 3 (b): "To encourage and support local conservation efforts, the council shall establish a conservation partners program. Local, regional, state, or national organizations may apply for matching grants for restoration, protection, and enhancement of wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife, prevention of forest fragmentation, encouragement of forest consolidation, and expansion of restored native prairie." The Council annually recommends an appropriation for the Conservation Partners Program.

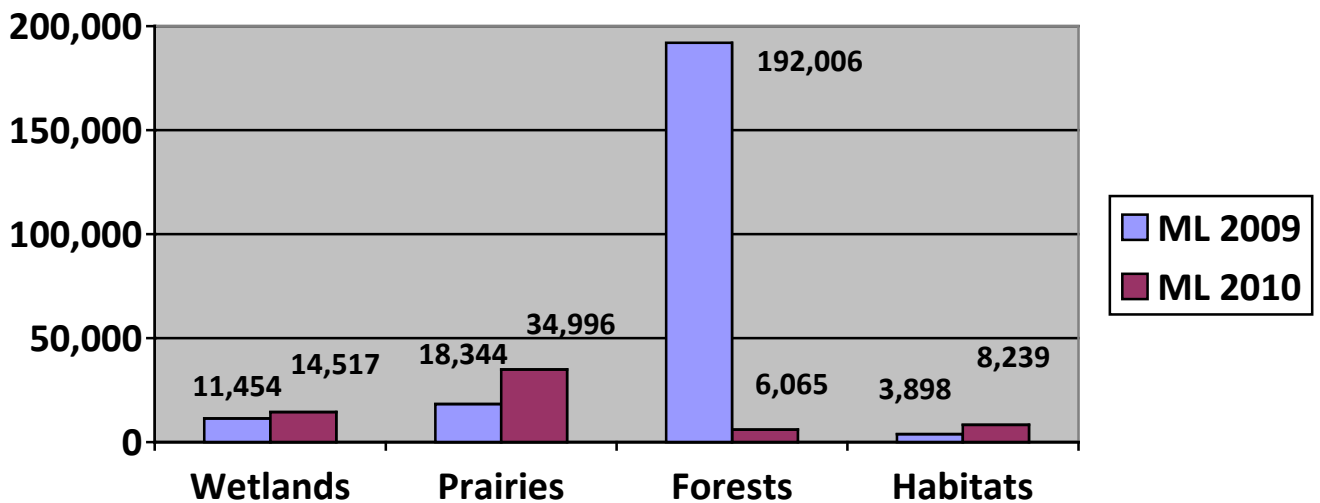
This program is open to all conservation organizations working in Minnesota. This appropriation is distributed to successfully applying organizations through an open competitive grant process operated by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Grants from \$5,000 to \$400,000 are awarded to local, regional, state, and national nonprofit organizations, including government entities. Below is a summary of the grants awarded.

This program is administered by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. More information on the details of projects funded can be found at their web site: [://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/habitat/cpl/index](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/habitat/cpl/index).

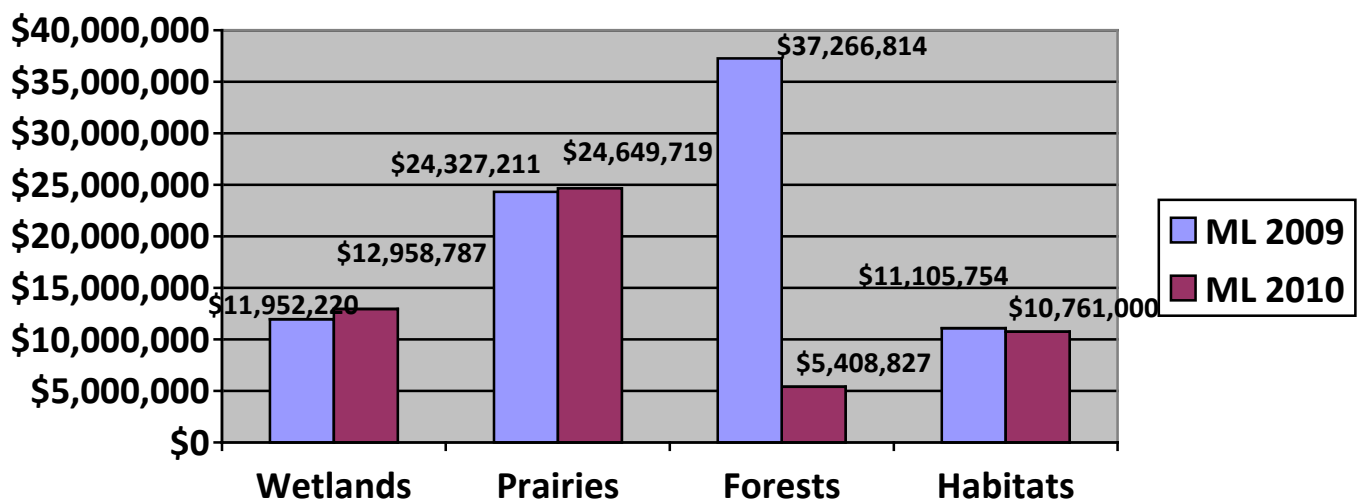
	Funded MN Laws 2009	Funded MN Laws 2010
Amount of Appropriation	\$4,000,000	\$4,386,000
% used for Administration of CPG Program	6.5%	4.0%
Administration Amount included in the appropriation above	\$260,000	\$175,440
Number of Grants Awarded	34	35 totaling \$3,615,121, leaving \$595,439 for a second round of grants
Number of Requests Received	127	56
Total Dollar amount of Grant Requests Received	\$ 16.5 million	\$5.936 million

Dollars Funded and Acres Impacted by Biome / Eco Type

Acres Impacted



Dollars Funded



Program Highlights

The Outdoor Heritage Fund appropriations reflect conservation activity to restore, enhance, and protect prairies, wetlands, forests and other habitat around Minnesota.

Minnesota Forest for the Future Program – Phase 1 & 2

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

- Appropriations totaling \$36 million has provided for 190,000 acres in permanent conservation easement on industrial forest land
- Public benefit includes:
 - prevention of forest fragmentation,
 - sustainable working forest,
 - significant habitat value, and
 - remains in tax base

Aquatic Management Areas Acquisition

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources



- Two appropriations totaling \$9 million to restore, protect, and enhance 70 miles of shoreline on lakes, rivers, and streams around the state
- Public benefit includes:
 - protecting and restoring priority habitats,
 - angling opportunities,
 - water quality, and
 - improved aquatic systems through channel restoration, dam modification, and shoreline enhancement

Photo courtesy of MN DNR - shoreline enhancement along Keller Lake in Ramsey County

This restoration replaced a rip-rapped shoreline with native vegetation that will act as a filter of sediments coming from the public land and reintroduced deeply rooted plants preventing shoreline erosion into the lake, providing a more ecologically beneficial alternative

Prairie Heritage Fund: Acquire and Restore Prairie and Grasslands

Pheasants Forever

- Two appropriations totaling \$6 million to protect 3,400 acres of prairie grasslands, wetland habitat and native remnant prairie added to Wildlife Management Areas
- Public benefit includes:
 - high quality habitat complexes and corridors,
 - slow or reverse the loss of habitat,
 - water quality benefits,
 - public hunting and other recreation, and
 - aid declining non-game wildlife populations

Accelerated Shallow Lake Restoration & Enhancement

Ducks Unlimited coordinating with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources



- Two appropriations totaling \$9 million to restore, enhance, and protect over 8,000 acres of wetlands and wetland systems
- Public benefit includes:
 - migrating and nesting opportunities,
 - helps control invasive species such as carp,
 - keeps seasonal water on the land, and
 - assists with water quality and flood control

Photo courtesy of Ducks Unlimited – Smith Lake, Wright County

This photo shows ducks responding to the lower water level this spring. Ducks Unlimited engineered and installed a water control structure on the outlet of the lake that now gives the Minnesota DNR the ability to periodically conduct temporary 1-2 year water level draw-downs to rejuvenate the aquatic ecology of the lake. Smith Lake is one of Minnesota DNR's 45 legally designated wildlife management lakes, and is open to public use and recreation.

Cold Water River and Stream Restoration, Protection and Enhancement

Minnesota Trout Unlimited

- Two appropriations totaling \$3.3 million affecting 19 miles of cold water stream
- Public benefit includes:
 - reduced stream bank erosion,
 - reconnect streams to their floodplains,
 - increased natural reproduction of trout,
 - increased adult trout abundance, and
 - enhanced angling opportunities



Photo courtesy of Trout Unlimited – completed rock weir on the Sucker River in St. Louis County

Council's 25-year Funding Framework

As directed in MS 97A.056, Subd. 3 (i): "The council shall develop and submit to the Legislative Coordinating Commission plans for the first ten years of funding, and a framework for 25 years of funding, consistent with statutory and constitutional requirements. The council may use existing plans from other legislative, state, and federal sources, as applicable." This framework plan was submitted to the Legislative Coordinating Commission (LCC) in January, 2011.

The completed plan can be found at: [://www.lsohc.leg.mn/25yr_plan/FINAL_25_Year_Framework.pdf](http://www.lsohc.leg.mn/25yr_plan/FINAL_25_Year_Framework.pdf)

In January and February of 2009, the Council reviewed the statewide and species specific conservation plans. During the summer of 2009, the Council held regional planning sessions in each of the five ecosystem based planning regions. These were directed toward local conservation professional and the general public. At each session, attendees were asked to lay out twenty-five year conservation objectives in terms of restoring, protecting and enhancing prairies, wetlands, forests and habitat for fish, game and wildlife. They were also asked to enumerate local issues and desired action to address these issues.

At the end of the summer of 2009, the Council met for two-days to review the results of the regional planning efforts and develop a plan to address the findings. This resulted in the Council visions and priorities, which were incorporated into the Council's Call for Funding Requests.

With the assistance from Management Analysis and Development of Minnesota Management and Budget, beginning in 2010, the LSOHC developed a methodology to build a plan and framework. That effort included input and review from conservation community leaders, an advisory group to set the specifics of the framework approach, and a working group to collect and analyze data and write a 25-year framework. Finally, the framework was reviewed by internal and external audiences, including the general public, before being submitted to the Legislative Coordinating Commission on December 31, 2010. The adopted framework looked at historic and contemporary protection, enhancement, and restoration activity in the state's conservation estate. This was a significant undertaking, since the data required to analyze historic conservation activity as laid out in the Minnesota Constitution, Article XI, Section 15 did not exist. The working group collected data from a variety of sources to quantify existing habitat. Conservation entities that annually spend \$1 million or more on habitat acquisition, restoration, and enhancement in Minnesota were surveyed to identify the distribution of past and current protection, restoration, and enhancement activities, opportunities, and constraints (challenges) perceived by the conservation community. Three scenarios were developed to frame the outcomes from investment of the Outdoor Heritage Fund (OHF) over 25 years.

Partners List

Partners funded by direct Outdoor Heritage Fund appropriations

Ducks Unlimited	MN Trout Unlimited
Friends of Mississippi River	Trust for Public Land
Great River Greening	Various County Governments and Watershed Districts
Hennepin County Park Reserve District	Minnesota BWSR
Minnesota Sharp-tailed Grouse Society	Minnesota DNR
MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust	Minnesota Department of Agriculture
MN Land Trust	US Fish and Wildlife Service
The Nature Conservancy	
Pheasants Forever	

Partners funded by the Conservation Partners Grant Program

Cities

City of Burnsville
City of Chaska
City of St. Paul, Parks and Recreation

Counties

Cass County, Land Department
Crow Wing County, Public Land Mgmt.
Lake County, Forestry
Rice County, Forestry Committee
Washington County

Soil Water Conservation District

Buffalo-Red River Watershed District
Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District
Koochiching SWCD
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District
Olmsted SWCD
Pelican River Watershed District
Redwood SWCD
Renville SWCD
Steele SWCD
Stevens SWCD
Waseca SWCD

Non-profit Organizations

Audubon Minnesota
Balaton Sportsman Club
Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc.
Friends of Detroit Lakes WMD
Friends of Morris Wetland Management District
Friends of the Mississippi River
Kabekona Lake Foundation
Pheasants Forever (8 various chapters)
Rainy Lake Sportfishing Club
Rollie Johnson Natural and Recreation Joint Powers Board
St. Paul Audubon Society
The Nature Conservancy
Trust for Public Land
MN Deer Hunters Association (4 various chapters)
MN Pheasants, Inc.
MN Prairie Chicken Society (3 various chapters)
MN Sharp-tailed Grouse Society
MN Waterfowl Association (11 various chapters)
MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust
Woodcock Minnesota

Open Appropriations

Since it's inception, the Council has recommended and the Legislature has appropriated funding for fiscal years 2010 and 2011. Listed below are the programs that have been funded. The Council has recommended money to on-going measurable programs rather than one time projects, and is reflected in the multi-phase recommendations from year to year. Full details on each program, as well as plans for each appropriation can be found on the web site at: <http://www.isoheg.mn/accomplishments.html>

M.L 2009, Chapter 172, Article 1, Section 2 - Spending to date

As of December 31, 2010, 67% of the first year appropriation was expended, with nearly 97% of the total appropriation legally committed.

2(a) Accelerated Prairie and Grassland Management, Phase 1	<i>DNR</i>	\$1,700,000
to accelerate the restoration and enhancement of native prairie vegetation on public lands, including roadsides		
2(b) Green Corridor Legacy Program, Phase 1	<i>Redwood Area Communities Foundation (RACF)</i>	\$1,617,000
to acquire land for purposes allowed under the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 15, in Redwood County to be added to the state outdoor recreation system as defined in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 86A		
2(c) Prairie Heritage Fund - Acquisition and Restoration, Phase 1	<i>Pheasants Forever</i>	\$3,000,000
to acquire and restore land to be added to the state wildlife management area (WMA) system		
2(d) Accelerated Prairie Grassland Wildlife Management Area Acquisition, Phase 1	<i>DNR</i>	\$3,913,000
to acquire land for wildlife management areas (WMA) with native prairie or grassland habitats		
2(e) Northern Tall Grass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge Protection, Phase 1	<i>US Fish and Wildlife Service</i>	\$1,583,000
to acquire land or permanent easements within the Northern Tall Grass Prairie Habitat Preservation Area in western Minnesota		
2(f) Bluffland Prairie Protection Initiative	<i>Minnesota Land Trust</i>	\$500,000
to acquire permanent easements protecting critical prairie and grassland habitats in the blufflands in southeastern Minnesota		
2(g) Rum River - Cedar Creek Initiative, Phase 1	<i>Anoka County Parks and Recreation</i>	\$1,900,000
to acquire land at the confluence of the Rum River and Cedar Creek in Anoka County		
3 MN Forests for the Future / Upper Mississippi Project, Phase 1 & 2	<i>DNR</i>	\$36,000,000
to acquire land or permanent working forest easements on private forests in areas identified through the Minnesota forests for the future program – FY10 and FY11		
4(a) Accelerated Wildlife Management Area Acquisition, Phase 1	<i>DNR</i>	\$2,900,000
to acquire land in fee title for wildlife management areas (WMA)		

4(b)	Accelerated Shallow Lake Restorations and Enhancements, Phase 1	<i>Ducks Unlimited</i>	\$2,528,000
	to restore and enhance shallow lake habitats, up to \$400,000 of this appropriation may be used for permanent easements related to shallow lake restorations and enhancements		
4(c)	Accelerate the Waterfowl Production Area Program in Minnesota, Phase 1	<i>Pheasants Forever in cooperation with US Fish and Wildlife Service and Ducks Unlimited</i>	\$5,600,000
	to acquire and restore wetland and related upland habitats to be managed as waterfowl production areas		
4(d)	Reinvest in Minnesota Wetlands Reserve Program Acquisition and Restoration, Phase 1	<i>BWSR</i>	\$9,058,000
	to acquire permanent easements and restore wetlands and associated uplands in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture Wetlands Reserve Program		
4(e)	Shallow Lake Critical Shoreland, Phase 1	<i>Ducks Unlimited</i>	\$450,000
	to protect habitat by acquiring land associated with shallow lakes		
5(a)	Outdoor Heritage Conservation Partners Grant Program - FY 2010	<i>DNR</i>	\$4,000,000
	for a pilot program to provide competitive, matching grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional, state, and national organizations, including government, for enhancement, restoration, or protection of forests, wetlands, prairies, and habitat for fish, game, or wildlife in Minnesota		
5(b)	Aquatic Management Area Acquisition, Phase 1	<i>DNR</i>	\$5,748,000
	to acquire land in fee title and easement to be added to the state aquatic management area (AMA) system		
5(c)	Cold Water River and Stream Restoration, Protection, and Enhancement, Phase 1	<i>Trout Unlimited</i>	\$2,050,000
	to restore, enhance, and protect cold water river and stream habitats in Minnesota		
5(d)	Dakota County Habitat Protection, Phase 1	<i>Dakota County</i>	\$1,000,000
	for acquisition of permanent easements		
5(e)	Lake Rebecca Water Quality Improvement Project	<i>Three Rivers Park District</i>	\$450,000.00
	to improve the water quality in Lake Rebecca in Lake Rebecca Park Reserve in Hennepin County		
5(f)	Fountain Lake Fish Barriers, Phase 1	<i>Shell Rock River Watershed District</i>	\$655,000
	to construct fish barriers at three locations on Fountain Lake, land acquisition necessary for fish barrier construction is permitted		
6(a)	Contract Management - FY2010	<i>DNR</i>	\$175,000
	for contract management of agreements		
6(b)	Legislative Coordinating Commission - FY 2010	<i>LCC</i>	\$705,000
	for administrative expenses of the Lessard Outdoor Heritage Council and for compensation and expense reimbursement of council members		

M.L 2010, Chapter 361, Article 1, Section 2- Spending to date

As of December 31, 2010, 12% of the second year appropriation is spent to date, with a much greater percent encumbered ready for projects in the next working season.

2(a) Accelerated Prairie Grassland Restoration and Enhancement Program on DNR Lands, Phase 2	<i>DNR</i>	\$5,833,000
to accelerate the protection, restoration, and enhancement of native prairie vegetation		
2(b) The Green Corridor Legacy Program, Phase 2	<i>Redwood Area Communities Foundation (RACF)</i>	\$1,651,000
to acquire and restore land for purposes allowed under the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 15, in Redwood, Renville, Brown, Nicollet, Murray, Lyon, Yellow Medicine, Chippewa, and Cottonwood Counties to be added to the state outdoor recreation system as defined in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 86A		
2(c) Prairie Heritage Fund - Acquisition and Restoration, Phase 2	<i>Pheasants Forever</i>	\$3,015,000
to acquire and restore land to be added to the state wildlife management area (WMA) system		
2(d) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge Protection, Phase 2	<i>The Nature Conservancy</i>	\$2,041,000
to acquire land or permanent easements within the Northern Tallgrass Prairie Habitat Preservation Area in western Minnesota for addition to the Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge		
2(e) Rum River - Cedar Creek Initiative, Phase 2	<i>Anoka County Parks and Recreation</i>	\$1,900,000
to acquire fee title to land at the confluence of the Rum River and Cedar Creek in Anoka County		
2(f) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project, Phase 1	<i>The Nature Conservancy</i>	\$3,653,000
for a pilot project to acquire interests in land and restore and enhance prairie and prairie/wetland habitat in the prairie regions of western and southwestern Minnesota. The Nature Conservancy may acquire land in fee or through permanent conservation easements		
3(a) Critical Shoreline Habitat Protection Program, Phase 1	<i>Minnesota Land Trust</i>	\$816,000
to acquire permanent conservation easements protecting critical shoreline habitats in Koochiching, Cook, Lake, and St. Louis County portions of the northern forest area in northern Minnesota and provide stewardship for those easements		
3(b) Protect Key Industrial Forest Land Tracts in Central Minnesota, Phase 1	<i>Cass County</i>	\$594,000
to acquire lands that assist with gaining access for restoration and enhancement purposes to existing public land tracts		
3(c) Little Nokasippi River Wildlife Management Area	<i>BWSR and DNR</i>	\$843,000
to acquire interests in land within the boundaries of the Minnesota National Guard Army compatible use buffer (ACUB) program		
3(d) Accelerated Forest Wildlife Habitat Program, Phase 1	<i>DNR - Fish and Wildlife</i>	\$1,791,000
for acceleration of agency programs to acquire, in fee, land for state forests and restore and enhance state forest habitat		
3(e) Northeastern Minnesota Sharp-Tailed Grouse Habitat, Phase 1	<i>Pheasants Forever in cooperation with Minnesota Sharp-tailed Grouse Society</i>	\$1,559,000
to acquire interests in land, and to restore and enhance habitat for sharp-tailed grouse in Kanabec, Aitkin, and St. Louis Counties in cooperation with the Minnesota Sharp-Tailed Grouse Society		

4(a)	Accelerated Shallow Lake and Wetland Enhancement and Restoration Program, Phase 2	<i>DNR with Ducks Unlimited</i>	\$6,505,000
	to assess, enhance, and restore shallow lake and wetland habitats, to acquire land in fee or through permanent conservation easements for shallow lake program restoration, and to provide stewardship for acquired easements in cooperation with Ducks Unlimited, Inc. of this appropriation		
4(b)	Accelerate the Waterfowl Production Area Program in Minnesota, Phase 2	<i>Pheasants Forever, Inc. cooperation with the USFWS and Ducks Unlimited</i>	\$3,505,000
	to acquire and restore wetland and related upland habitats to be managed as waterfowl production areas		
4(c)	Reinvest in Minnesota Wetlands Reserve Program Acquisition and Restoration, Phase 2	<i>BWSR</i>	\$6,895,000
	to acquire permanent conservation easements and restore wetlands and associated uplands in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture Wetlands Reserve Program		
5(a)	Metro Big Rivers Habitat Program, Phase 1	<i>various partners, see below</i>	\$2,397,000
	for projects to protect, restore, and enhance natural systems of the Minnesota River, St. Croix River, Mississippi River, and their major tributaries as follows: \$500,000 with Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc. for fee title land acquisition; \$1,500,000 with the Trust for Public Land for fee title land acquisition; \$227,300 with the Friends of the Mississippi River for restoration, enhancement, and conservation easement acquisition; and \$169,700 with Great River Greening for restoration and enhancement		
5(b)	Accelerated Aquatic Management Area Acquisition, Phase 2	<i>DNR</i>	\$3,416,000
	to accelerate land acquisition by fee title and easements to be added to the state aquatic management area (AMA) system		
5(c)	Cold Water River and Stream Restoration, Protection, and Enhancement, Phase 2	<i>Minnesota Council of Trout Unlimited</i>	\$1,269,000
	to restore, enhance, and protect cold water river and stream habitats in Minnesota		
5(d)	Dakota County Riparian and Lakeshore Protection and Restoration, Phase 2	<i>Dakota County</i>	\$2,097,000
	for acquisition of permanent easements and enhancement and restoration of aquatic and associated upland habitat		
5(e)	Valley Creek Protection Partnership	<i>various partners, see below</i>	\$1,218,000
	for agreements on projects to protect, restore, and enhance natural systems of Valley Creek in Washington County as follows: \$838,000 with Minnesota Land Trust; \$218,000 with Washington County; \$100,000 with the Belwin Conservancy; \$50,000 with Trout Unlimited; and \$12,000 with the Valley Branch Watershed District		
5(f)	Anoka Sand Plain Restoration and Enhancement	<i>Great River Greening</i>	\$747,000
	to restore and enhance habitat on public property in the Anoka Sand Plain in Anoka, Chisago, Isanti, Benton, Washington, Morrison, and Sherburne Counties		
5(g)	Lower Mississippi River Habitat Restoration Acceleration, Phase 1	<i>DNR</i>	\$1,000,000
	to accelerate agency programs and for cooperative agreements to acquire land in the Root River watershed		
5(h)	Washington County St. Croix River Land Protection	<i>Washington County</i>	\$1,033,000
	to acquire permanent easements to protect habitat associated with the St. Croix River Valley		
5(i)	Outdoor Heritage Conservation Partners Grant Program - FY2011	<i>DNR</i>	\$4,386,000
	for a program to provide competitive, matching grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional, state, and national organizations, including government, for enhancement, restoration, or protection of forests, wetlands, prairies, and habitat for fish, game, or wildlife in Minnesota		

6(a) Contract Management - FY2011	<i>DNR</i>	\$175,000
for contract management of agreements		
6(b) Legislative Coordinating Commission - FY 2011		\$600,000
for administrative expenses of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council and for compensation and expense reimbursement of council members		