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H. F. No. 634

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; appropriating money from outdoor heritage fund.

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

1.4 Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

1.5 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies
1.6 and for the purposes specified in this act. The appropriations are from the outdoor heritage
1.7 fund for the fiscal year indicated for each purpose. The figures "2022" and "2023" used in
1.8 this act mean that the appropriations listed under the figure are available for the fiscal year
1.9 ending June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023, respectively. The "first year" is fiscal year 2022.
1.10 The "second year" is fiscal year 2023. The "biennium" is fiscal years 2022 and 2023. The
1.11 appropriations in this act are onetime appropriations.

Table with 2 columns: Year (2022, 2023) and Appropriations Available for the Year Ending June 30.

1.16 Sec. 2. OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND

1.17 Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation \$ 127,247,000 \$ 557,000

1.18 This appropriation is from the outdoor heritage
1.19 fund. The amounts that may be spent for each
1.20 purpose are specified in the following
1.21 subdivisions.

2.1 Subd. 2. **Prairies** 42,784,000 -0-

2.2 **(a) DNR Wildlife Management Area and**

2.3 **Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition, Phase**

2.4 **XIII**

2.5 \$1,948,000 the first year is to the

2.6 commissioner of natural resources to acquire

2.7 in fee and restore and enhance lands for

2.8 wildlife management under Minnesota

2.9 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8, and

2.10 to acquire land in fee for scientific and natural

2.11 area purposes under Minnesota Statutes,

2.12 section 86A.05, subdivision 5. Subject to

2.13 evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part

2.14 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring

2.15 lands that are eligible for the native prairie

2.16 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96,

2.17 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie.

2.18 A list of proposed land acquisitions must be

2.19 provided as part of the required

2.20 accomplishment plan.

2.21 **(b) Accelerating Wildlife Management Area**

2.22 **Program, Phase XIII**

2.23 \$4,715,000 the first year is to the

2.24 commissioner of natural resources for an

2.25 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire

2.26 in fee and restore and enhance lands for

2.27 wildlife management under Minnesota

2.28 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8.

2.29 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota

2.30 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given

2.31 to acquiring lands that are eligible for the

2.32 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,

2.33 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected

2.34 native prairie. A list of proposed land

2.35 acquisitions must be provided as part of the

2.36 required accomplishment plan.

3.1 **(c) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project, Phase**  
3.2 **XI**

3.3 \$2,794,000 the first year is to the  
3.4 commissioner of natural resources for an  
3.5 agreement with The Nature Conservancy to  
3.6 acquire land in fee and restore and enhance  
3.7 native prairie, grasslands, wetlands, and  
3.8 savanna. Subject to evaluation criteria in  
3.9 Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority  
3.10 must be given to acquiring lands that are  
3.11 eligible for the native prairie bank under  
3.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
3.13 adjacent to protected native prairie. Annual  
3.14 income statements and balance sheets for  
3.15 income and expenses from land acquired with  
3.16 this appropriation must be submitted to the  
3.17 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council no  
3.18 later than 180 days after The Nature  
3.19 Conservancy's fiscal year closes. A list of  
3.20 proposed land acquisitions must be provided  
3.21 as part of the required accomplishment plan.  
3.22 Land acquisitions must be consistent with the  
3.23 priorities identified in the Minnesota Prairie  
3.24 Conservation Plan.

3.25 **(d) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife**  
3.26 **Refuge Land Acquisition, Phase XII**

3.27 \$3,280,000 the first year is to the  
3.28 commissioner of natural resources for an  
3.29 agreement with The Nature Conservancy, in  
3.30 cooperation with the United States Fish and  
3.31 Wildlife Service, to acquire land in fee or  
3.32 permanent conservation easements and restore  
3.33 and enhance lands in the Northern Tallgrass  
3.34 Prairie Habitat Preservation Area in western  
3.35 Minnesota for addition to the Northern  
3.36 Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge.

4.1 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota  
4.2 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given  
4.3 to acquiring lands that are eligible for the  
4.4 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,  
4.5 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected  
4.6 native prairie. A list of proposed land  
4.7 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
4.8 required accomplishment plan. Land  
4.9 acquisitions must be consistent with the  
4.10 priorities in the Minnesota Prairie  
4.11 Conservation Plan.

4.12 **(e) Cannon River Watershed Habitat Complex,**  
4.13 **Phase X**

4.14 \$2,623,000 the first year is to the  
4.15 commissioner of natural resources for an  
4.16 agreement with The Trust for Public Land, in  
4.17 cooperation with Great River Greening and  
4.18 the Cannon River Watershed Partnership, to  
4.19 acquire land in fee in the Cannon River  
4.20 watershed for wildlife management under  
4.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
4.22 subdivision 8; to acquire land in fee for aquatic  
4.23 management purposes under Minnesota  
4.24 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 14; to  
4.25 acquire land in fee for scientific and natural  
4.26 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section  
4.27 86A.05, subdivision 5; to acquire land in fee  
4.28 for state forests under Minnesota Statutes,  
4.29 section 86A.05, subdivision 7, and county  
4.30 forests; and to restore and enhance lands in  
4.31 the Cannon River watershed. Of this amount,  
4.32 \$1,784,000 is to The Trust for Public Land;  
4.33 \$687,000 is to Great River Greening; and  
4.34 \$152,000 is to the Cannon River Watershed  
4.35 Partnership. Subject to evaluation criteria in  
4.36 Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority

5.1 must be given to acquiring lands that are  
 5.2 eligible for the native prairie bank under  
 5.3 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
 5.4 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of  
 5.5 proposed land acquisitions and restorations  
 5.6 must be provided as part of the required  
 5.7 accomplishment plan.

5.8 **(f) Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection,**  
 5.9 **Phase VIII**

5.10 \$884,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
 5.11 of natural resources to acquire permanent  
 5.12 conservation easements to protect and restore  
 5.13 native prairie according to the Minnesota  
 5.14 Prairie Conservation Plan. Of this amount, up  
 5.15 to \$120,000 is for establishing monitoring and  
 5.16 enforcement funds as approved in the  
 5.17 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
 5.18 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.  
 5.19 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota  
 5.20 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given  
 5.21 to acquiring lands that are eligible for the  
 5.22 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,  
 5.23 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected  
 5.24 native prairie. A list of permanent conservation  
 5.25 easements must be provided as part of the final  
 5.26 report.

5.27 **(g) RIM Buffers for Wildlife and Water, Phase**  
 5.28 **IX**

5.29 \$4,170,000 the first year is to the Board of  
 5.30 Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
 5.31 permanent conservation easements and restore  
 5.32 habitat under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 5.33 103F.515, to protect, restore, and enhance  
 5.34 habitat, including by expanding the riparian  
 5.35 buffer and floodplain program under the clean  
 5.36 water fund for wildlife benefits from buffers

6.1 on private land. Of this amount, up to  
6.2 \$195,000 is for establishing a monitoring and  
6.3 enforcement fund as approved in the  
6.4 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
6.5 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A  
6.6 list of permanent conservation easements must  
6.7 be provided as part of the final report.

6.8 **(h) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of**  
6.9 **Southern Red River Valley, Phase VII**

6.10 \$2,264,000 the first year is to the  
6.11 commissioner of natural resources for an  
6.12 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in  
6.13 cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie  
6.14 Chicken Society, to acquire land in fee and to  
6.15 restore and enhance lands in the southern Red  
6.16 River Valley for wildlife management under  
6.17 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
6.18 subdivision 8, or to be designated and  
6.19 managed as waterfowl production areas in  
6.20 Minnesota in cooperation with the United  
6.21 States Fish and Wildlife Service. Subject to  
6.22 evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part  
6.23 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring  
6.24 lands that are eligible for the native prairie  
6.25 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96,  
6.26 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie.  
6.27 A list of proposed land acquisitions must be  
6.28 provided as part of the required  
6.29 accomplishment plan.

6.30 **(i) Accelerating USFWS Habitat Conservation**  
6.31 **Easement Program, Phase III**

6.32 \$4,752,000 the first year is to the  
6.33 commissioner of natural resources for an  
6.34 agreement with Ducks Unlimited, in  
6.35 cooperation with Pheasants Forever and the  
6.36 United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to

7.1 acquire permanent conservation working lands  
7.2 easements and to restore wetlands and prairie  
7.3 grasslands. Of this amount, \$3,153,000 is to  
7.4 Ducks Unlimited and \$1,599,000 is to  
7.5 Pheasants Forever. A list of proposed  
7.6 acquisitions and restorations must be provided  
7.7 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

7.8 **(j) Martin County DNR WMA Acquisition,**  
7.9 **Phase V**

7.10 \$2,864,000 the first year is to the  
7.11 commissioner of natural resources for  
7.12 agreements to acquire land in fee and restore  
7.13 and enhance strategic prairie grassland,  
7.14 wetland, and other wildlife habitat in Martin  
7.15 and Watonwan counties for wildlife  
7.16 management under Minnesota Statutes, section  
7.17 86A.05, subdivision 8, as follows: \$2,181,000  
7.18 to Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc;  
7.19 \$592,000 to Ducks Unlimited; and \$91,000 to  
7.20 the Conservation Fund. A list of proposed  
7.21 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
7.22 required accomplishment plan.

7.23 **(k) RIM Grasslands Reserve, Phase III**

7.24 \$4,354,000 the first year is to the Board of  
7.25 Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
7.26 permanent conservation easements and to  
7.27 restore and enhance grassland habitat under  
7.28 Minnesota Statutes, sections 103F.501 to  
7.29 103F.531. Of this amount, up to \$91,000 is  
7.30 for establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
7.31 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
7.32 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
7.33 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
7.34 conservation easements must be provided as  
7.35 part of the final report.

8.1 **(l) DNR Grassland Enhancement, Phase XIII**

8.2 \$3,534,000 the first year is to the  
8.3 commissioner of natural resources to  
8.4 accelerate the restoration and enhancement of  
8.5 prairies, grasslands, and savannas in wildlife  
8.6 management areas, in scientific and natural  
8.7 areas, in aquatic management areas, on lands  
8.8 in the native prairie bank, in bluff prairies on  
8.9 state forest land in southeastern Minnesota,  
8.10 and in waterfowl production areas and refuge  
8.11 lands of the United States Fish and Wildlife  
8.12 Service. A list of proposed land restorations  
8.13 and enhancements must be provided as part  
8.14 of the required accomplishment plan.

8.15 **(m) Enhanced Public Land - Grasslands, Phase**  
8.16 **V**

8.17 \$1,951,000 the first year is to the  
8.18 commissioner of natural resources for an  
8.19 agreement with Pheasants Forever to enhance  
8.20 and restore grassland and wetland habitat on  
8.21 public lands. A list of proposed land  
8.22 restorations and enhancements must be  
8.23 provided as part of the required  
8.24 accomplishment plan.

8.25 **(n) Anoka Sand Plain Habitat Conservation,**  
8.26 **Phase VII**

8.27 \$2,651,000 the first year is to the  
8.28 commissioner of natural resources for  
8.29 agreements to acquire permanent conservation  
8.30 easements and to restore and enhance wildlife  
8.31 habitat on public lands and easements in the  
8.32 Anoka Sand Plain ecoregion and intersecting  
8.33 minor watersheds as follows: \$418,000 is to  
8.34 the Anoka Conservation District; \$700,000 is  
8.35 to Great River Greening; \$233,000 is to The



9.1 Nature Conservancy; and \$1,300,000 is to  
 9.2 Minnesota Land Trust, of which up to  
 9.3 \$168,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is for  
 9.4 establishing monitoring and enforcement funds  
 9.5 as approved in the accomplishment plan and  
 9.6 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
 9.7 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
 9.8 permanent conservation easements,  
 9.9 restorations, and enhancements must be  
 9.10 provided as part of the required  
 9.11 accomplishment plan.

9.12 **Subd. 3. Forests** 12,476,000 -0-

9.13 **(a) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**  
 9.14 **Restoration, Phase IX**

9.15 \$4,068,000 the first year is to the  
 9.16 commissioner of natural resources for  
 9.17 agreements as follows: (1) \$1,294,000 to The  
 9.18 Nature Conservancy to acquire lands in fee  
 9.19 for wildlife management under Minnesota  
 9.20 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8; for  
 9.21 scientific and natural areas under Minnesota  
 9.22 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 5; for  
 9.23 state forests under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 9.24 86A.05, subdivision 7; for aquatic  
 9.25 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,  
 9.26 section 86A.05, subdivision 14; and to restore  
 9.27 and enhance wildlife habitat; (2) \$1,393,000  
 9.28 to The Trust for Public Land to acquire lands  
 9.29 in fee for wildlife management under  
 9.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
 9.31 subdivision 8; for scientific and natural areas  
 9.32 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
 9.33 subdivision 5; for state forests under  
 9.34 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
 9.35 subdivision 7; and for aquatic management

10.1 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section  
10.2 86A.05, subdivision 14; and (3) \$1,381,000  
10.3 to Minnesota Land Trust to acquire permanent  
10.4 conservation easements and to restore and  
10.5 enhance wildlife habitat, of which up to  
10.6 \$168,000 is to establish a monitoring and  
10.7 enforcement fund as approved in the  
10.8 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
10.9 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A  
10.10 list of proposed land acquisitions must be  
10.11 provided as part of the required  
10.12 accomplishment plan.

10.13 **(b) Minnesota Forests for the Future, Phase VIII**

10.14 \$2,971,000 the first year is to the  
10.15 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
10.16 lands in conservation easements and to restore  
10.17 and enhance forests, wetlands, and shoreline  
10.18 habitat through working forest permanent  
10.19 conservation easements under the Minnesota  
10.20 forests for the future program according to  
10.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.66. A  
10.22 conservation easement acquired with money  
10.23 appropriated under this paragraph must  
10.24 comply with Minnesota Statutes, section  
10.25 97A.056, subdivision 13. The accomplishment  
10.26 plan must include an easement monitoring and  
10.27 enforcement plan. Of this amount, up to  
10.28 \$160,000 is for establishing a monitoring and  
10.29 enforcement fund as approved in the  
10.30 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
10.31 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A  
10.32 list of proposed land acquisitions must be  
10.33 provided as part of the required  
10.34 accomplishment plan. A list of permanent

11.1 conservation easements must be provided as  
11.2 part of the final report.

11.3 **(c) Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape ACUB**  
11.4 **Protection Program, Phase IX**

11.5 \$1,043,000 the first year is to the Board of  
11.6 Water and Soil Resources, in cooperation with  
11.7 the Morrison County Soil and Water  
11.8 Conservation District, to acquire permanent  
11.9 conservation easements and restore and  
11.10 enhance forest wildlife habitat within the  
11.11 boundaries of the Minnesota National Guard  
11.12 Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape and Army  
11.13 Compatible Use Buffer. Up to \$59,000 to the  
11.14 Board of Water and Soil Resources is to  
11.15 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund  
11.16 as approved in the accomplishment plan and  
11.17 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
11.18 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
11.19 conservation easements must be provided as  
11.20 part of the final report.

11.21 **(d) DNR Forest Habitat Enhancement, Phase II**

11.22 \$1,338,000 the first year is to the  
11.23 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
11.24 and enhance wildlife habitat in the northern  
11.25 forest region on wildlife management areas,  
11.26 scientific and natural areas, aquatic  
11.27 management areas, and state forests. A list of  
11.28 proposed land restorations and enhancements  
11.29 must be provided as part of the required  
11.30 accomplishment plan.

11.31 **(e) Floodplain Forest Enhancement, Phase IV**

11.32 \$1,247,000 the first year is to the  
11.33 commissioner of natural resources for an  
11.34 agreement with the National Audubon Society  
11.35 to restore and enhance floodplain forest habitat

12.1 for wildlife on public lands along the  
 12.2 Mississippi River and Mississippi River  
 12.3 tributaries. A list of restorations and  
 12.4 enhancements must be provided as part of the  
 12.5 required accomplishment plan.

12.6 **(f) Moose Habitat Collaborative - NE MN Forest**  
 12.7 **Habitat Enhancement, Phase IV**

12.8 \$1,809,000 the first year is to the  
 12.9 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 12.10 agreement with the Ruffed Grouse Society to  
 12.11 restore and enhance public forest lands in the  
 12.12 northern forest region for moose habitat  
 12.13 purposes. A list of proposed land restoration  
 12.14 and enhancements must be provided as part  
 12.15 of the required accomplishment plan.

12.16 **Subd. 4. Wetlands**

22,389,000

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12.17 **(a) Accelerating Waterfowl Production Area**  
 12.18 **Acquisition Program, Phase XIII**

12.19 \$3,869,000 the first year is to the  
 12.20 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 12.21 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in  
 12.22 cooperation with the United States Fish and  
 12.23 Wildlife Service, to acquire land in fee and  
 12.24 restore and enhance wetlands and grasslands  
 12.25 to be designated and managed as waterfowl  
 12.26 production areas in Minnesota. A list of  
 12.27 proposed land acquisitions must be provided  
 12.28 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

12.29 **(b) Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection and**  
 12.30 **Restoration Program, Phase X**

12.31 \$4,581,000 the first year is to the  
 12.32 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 12.33 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire  
 12.34 land in fee for wildlife management under  
 12.35 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,

13.1 subdivision 8, and to restore and enhance  
13.2 prairie lands, wetlands, and land buffering  
13.3 shallow lakes. A list of proposed acquisitions  
13.4 must be provided as part of the required  
13.5 accomplishment plan.

13.6 **(c) RIM Wetlands, Phase X**

13.7 \$3,051,000 the first year is to the Board of  
13.8 Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
13.9 permanent conservation easements and to  
13.10 restore wetlands and native grassland habitat  
13.11 under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515.  
13.12 Of this amount, up to \$59,000 is for  
13.13 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
13.14 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
13.15 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
13.16 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
13.17 conservation easements must be provided as  
13.18 part of the final report.

13.19 **(d) Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration**  
13.20 **Program, Phase VI**

13.21 \$3,088,000 the first year is to the  
13.22 commissioner of natural resources for an  
13.23 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to  
13.24 acquire permanent conservation easements  
13.25 and restore and enhance prairie, wetland, and  
13.26 other habitat on permanently protected  
13.27 conservation easements in high-priority  
13.28 wetland habitat complexes in the prairie and  
13.29 forest/prairie transition regions. Of this  
13.30 amount, up to \$288,000 is to establish a  
13.31 monitoring and enforcement fund, as approved  
13.32 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
13.33 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
13.34 subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
13.35 conservation easement acquisitions and

14.1 restorations and enhancements must be  
14.2 provided as part of the required  
14.3 accomplishment plan.

14.4 **(e) Wild Rice Shoreland Protection, Phase VI**

14.5 \$1,251,000 the first year is to the Board of  
14.6 Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
14.7 permanent conservation easements on  
14.8 shoreland habitat of wild-rice lakes for  
14.9 protecting native wild rice beds. Of this  
14.10 amount, up to \$78,000 is for establishing a  
14.11 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
14.12 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
14.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
14.14 subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
14.15 conservation easements must be provided as  
14.16 part of the final report.

14.17 **(f) Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetland**  
14.18 **Enhancement, Phase XII**

14.19 \$2,589,000 the first year is to the  
14.20 commissioner of natural resources to enhance  
14.21 and restore shallow lakes and wetland habitat  
14.22 statewide. A list of proposed land restorations  
14.23 and enhancements must be provided as part  
14.24 of the required accomplishment plan.

14.25 **(g) Living Shallow Lake Enhancement and**  
14.26 **Wetland Restoration Initiative, Phase VII**

14.27 \$3,960,000 the first year is to the  
14.28 commissioner of natural resources for an  
14.29 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to restore  
14.30 and enhance shallow lakes and wetlands on  
14.31 public lands and wetlands under permanent  
14.32 conservation easements for wildlife  
14.33 management. A list of proposed shallow lake  
14.34 enhancements and wetland restorations must

15.1 be provided as part of the required  
15.2 accomplishment plan.

15.3 **Subd. 5. Habitats** 48,664,000 -0-

15.4 **(a) St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and**  
15.5 **Restoration, Phase II**

15.6 \$3,112,000 the first year is to the  
15.7 commissioner of natural resources for  
15.8 agreements as follows: (1) \$1,494,000 to The  
15.9 Trust for Public Land to acquire land in fee;  
15.10 (2) \$1,493,000 to Minnesota Land Trust to  
15.11 acquire permanent conservation easements  
15.12 and to restore and enhance natural habitat  
15.13 systems in the St. Croix River watershed. Of  
15.14 this amount, up to \$144,000 to Minnesota  
15.15 Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and  
15.16 enforcement fund as approved in the  
15.17 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
15.18 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17; and  
15.19 (3) \$125,000 to the St. Croix River  
15.20 Association to coordinate and administer the  
15.21 program under this paragraph. A list of  
15.22 proposed land acquisitions and permanent  
15.23 conservation easements must be provided as  
15.24 part of the required accomplishment plan.

15.25 **(b) Metro Big Rivers, Phase XI**

15.26 \$4,229,000 the first year is to the  
15.27 commissioner of natural resources for  
15.28 agreements to acquire land in fee and  
15.29 permanent conservation easements and to  
15.30 restore and enhance natural habitat systems  
15.31 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,  
15.32 and St. Croix Rivers and their tributaries in  
15.33 the metropolitan area as follows: \$675,000 to  
15.34 Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge  
15.35 Trust, Inc.; \$220,000 to Friends of the

16.1 Mississippi River; \$684,000 to Great River  
16.2 Greening; \$800,000 to The Trust for Public  
16.3 Land; and \$1,850,000 to Minnesota Land  
16.4 Trust, of which up to \$192,000 to Minnesota  
16.5 Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and  
16.6 enforcement fund as approved in the  
16.7 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
16.8 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A  
16.9 list of proposed land acquisitions and  
16.10 permanent conservation easements must be  
16.11 provided as part of the required  
16.12 accomplishment plan.

16.13 **(c) Lower Otter Tail River Corridor Habitat**  
16.14 **Restoration, Phase I**

16.15 \$2,335,000 the first year is to the Board of  
16.16 Water and Soil Resources to acquire and  
16.17 restore land in permanent conservation  
16.18 easements along the lower Otter Tail River.  
16.19 Of this amount, \$275,000 is for an agreement  
16.20 with the Buffalo Red River Watershed District.  
16.21 Up to \$111,000 of the total amount is for  
16.22 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
16.23 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
16.24 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
16.25 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
16.26 conservation easements must be provided as  
16.27 part of the final report.

16.28 **(d) Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic**  
16.29 **North Central Minnesota Lakes, Phase VII**

16.30 \$2,838,000 the first year is to the  
16.31 commissioner of natural resources for  
16.32 agreements to acquire land in fee and in  
16.33 permanent conservation easements and to  
16.34 restore and enhance wildlife habitat to sustain  
16.35 healthy fish habitat on coldwater lakes in  
16.36 Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard



17.1 counties as follows: \$975,000 to Northern  
 17.2 Waters Land Trust; and \$1,863,000 to  
 17.3 Minnesota Land Trust, of which up to  
 17.4 \$168,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to  
 17.5 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund  
 17.6 as approved in the accomplishment plan and  
 17.7 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
 17.8 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of acquisitions  
 17.9 must be provided as part of the required  
 17.10 accomplishment plan.

17.11 **(e) Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor**  
 17.12 **Project, Phase V**

17.13 \$2,901,000 the first year is to acquire land in  
 17.14 fee and permanent conservation easements  
 17.15 and restore wildlife habitat in the Mississippi  
 17.16 River headwaters. Of this amount, \$1,421,000  
 17.17 is to the Board of Water and Soil Resources,  
 17.18 of which up to \$150,000 is for establishing a  
 17.19 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
 17.20 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
 17.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
 17.22 subdivision 17, and \$1,480,000 is to the  
 17.23 commissioner of natural resources for  
 17.24 agreements as follows: \$60,000 to the  
 17.25 Mississippi Headwaters Board and \$1,420,000  
 17.26 to The Trust for Public Land. A list of  
 17.27 proposed fee-title acquisitions must be  
 17.28 included as part of the required  
 17.29 accomplishment plan. A list of permanent  
 17.30 conservation easements must be provided as  
 17.31 part of the final report.

17.32 **(f) Protecting Minnesota's Lakes of Outstanding**  
 17.33 **Biological Significance**

17.34 \$1,477,000 the first year is to the  
 17.35 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 17.36 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to

18.1 acquire land in permanent conservation  
 18.2 easements and to restore and enhance lakes of  
 18.3 outstanding biological significance in  
 18.4 northeast and north-central Minnesota. Of this  
 18.5 amount, up to \$168,000 is for establishing a  
 18.6 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
 18.7 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
 18.8 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
 18.9 subdivision 17. A list of proposed acquisitions  
 18.10 must be included as part of the required  
 18.11 accomplishment plan.

18.12 **(g) Riparian Habitat Protection in Kettle and**  
 18.13 **Snake River Watersheds**

18.14 \$1,435,000 the first year is to the Board of  
 18.15 Water and Soil Resources to acquire and  
 18.16 restore land in permanent conservation  
 18.17 easements of high-quality forest, wetland, and  
 18.18 shoreline habitat in the Kettle and Snake River  
 18.19 watersheds. Of this amount, \$31,000 is for an  
 18.20 agreement with the Pine County Soil and  
 18.21 Water Conservation District. Up to \$72,000  
 18.22 of the total amount is for establishing a  
 18.23 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
 18.24 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
 18.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
 18.26 subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
 18.27 conservation easements must be provided as  
 18.28 part of the final report.

18.29 **(h) DNR Trout Stream Conservation Easements**

18.30 \$500,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
 18.31 of natural resources to acquire land in  
 18.32 permanent conservation easements to protect  
 18.33 trout stream aquatic habitat. Of this amount,  
 18.34 up to \$65,000 is for establishing a monitoring  
 18.35 and enforcement fund as approved in the

19.1 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
19.2 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A  
19.3 list of permanent conservation easements must  
19.4 be provided as part of the required  
19.5 accomplishment plan.

19.6 **(i) Targeted RIM Easement Program to**  
19.7 **Individual Parcel: Pine and Leech Watersheds,**  
19.8 **Phase II**

19.9 \$1,609,000 the first year is to acquire and  
19.10 restore land in fee and permanent conservation  
19.11 easements of high-quality forest, wetland, and  
19.12 shoreline habitat. Of this amount, \$1,065,000  
19.13 is to the commissioner of natural resources for  
19.14 an agreement with the Crow Wing County  
19.15 Soil and Water Conservation District and  
19.16 \$544,000 is to the Board of Water and Soil  
19.17 Resources. Up to \$26,000 of the total amount  
19.18 is for establishing a monitoring and  
19.19 enforcement fund as approved in the  
19.20 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
19.21 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A  
19.22 list of permanent conservation easements must  
19.23 be included as part of the final report.

19.24 **(j) Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish**  
19.25 **Habitat Enhancement and Restoration, Phase**  
19.26 **XIII**

19.27 \$1,033,000 the first year is to the  
19.28 commissioner of natural resources for an  
19.29 agreement with Trout Unlimited to restore and  
19.30 enhance habitat for trout and other species in  
19.31 and along coldwater rivers, lakes, and streams  
19.32 in Minnesota. A list of proposed land  
19.33 restorations and enhancements must be  
19.34 provided as part of the required  
19.35 accomplishment plan.

20.1 **(k) DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and**  
20.2 **Enhancement, Phase IV**

20.3 \$2,790,000 the first year is to the  
20.4 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
20.5 and enhance aquatic habitat in degraded  
20.6 streams and aquatic management areas and to  
20.7 facilitate fish passage. A list of proposed land  
20.8 restorations and enhancements must be  
20.9 provided as part of the required  
20.10 accomplishment plan.

20.11 **(l) St. Louis River Restoration Initiative, Phase**  
20.12 **VIII**

20.13 \$2,024,000 the first year is to the  
20.14 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
20.15 and enhance priority aquatic, riparian, and  
20.16 forest habitats in the St. Louis River estuary.  
20.17 Of this amount, up to \$500,000 is for an  
20.18 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust. A list  
20.19 of proposed restorations must be provided as  
20.20 part of the required accomplishment plan.

20.21 **(m) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**  
20.22 **Restoration Program, Phase X**

20.23 \$1,547,000 the first year is to the  
20.24 commissioner of natural resources for an  
20.25 agreement with the Shell Rock River  
20.26 Watershed District to acquire land in fee and  
20.27 to restore and enhance wildlife habitat in the  
20.28 Shell Rock River watershed. A list of proposed  
20.29 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements  
20.30 must be provided as part of the required  
20.31 accomplishment plan.

20.32 **(n) Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation, Phase**  
20.33 **VI**

20.34 \$467,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
20.35 of natural resources for an agreement with

21.1 Zeitgeist, a nonprofit corporation, in  
21.2 cooperation with the Lake Superior Steelhead  
21.3 Association, to restore and enhance trout  
21.4 habitat in the Knife River watershed. A list of  
21.5 proposed enhancements must be provided as  
21.6 part of the required accomplishment plan.

21.7 **(o) Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection**  
21.8 **and Restoration, Phase III**

21.9 \$4,034,000 the first year is to the  
21.10 commissioner of natural resources for  
21.11 agreements to acquire land in fee and  
21.12 permanent conservation easements and to  
21.13 restore and enhance wildlife habitat in the  
21.14 Sauk River watershed as follows: \$1,034,000  
21.15 to Sauk River Watershed District; \$1,618,000  
21.16 to Pheasants Forever; and \$1,382,000 to  
21.17 Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$168,000 to  
21.18 Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a  
21.19 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
21.20 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
21.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
21.22 subdivision 17. A list of acquisitions must be  
21.23 provided as part of the required  
21.24 accomplishment plan.

21.25 **(p) Klondike Clean Water Retention Project,**  
21.26 **Phase I**

21.27 \$1,973,000 the first year is to the  
21.28 commissioner of natural resources for an  
21.29 agreement with the Two Rivers Watershed  
21.30 District to construct a multipurpose water  
21.31 impoundment project in Kittson and Roseau  
21.32 Counties to provide fish and wildlife habitat.  
21.33 A list of restoration and enhancement projects  
21.34 must be provided as part of the required  
21.35 accomplishment plan.

22.1 **(q) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**  
22.2 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat, Phase**  
22.3 **XIII**

22.4 \$9,860,000 the first year is to the  
22.5 commissioner of natural resources for a  
22.6 program to provide competitive matching  
22.7 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,  
22.8 state, and national organizations for enhancing,  
22.9 restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands,  
22.10 prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife  
22.11 in Minnesota. Of this amount, at least  
22.12 \$2,400,000 is for grants in the seven-county  
22.13 metropolitan area and cities with a population  
22.14 of 50,000 or greater. Grants must not be made  
22.15 for activities required to fulfill the duties of  
22.16 owners of lands subject to conservation  
22.17 easements. Grants must not be made from the  
22.18 appropriation in this paragraph for projects  
22.19 that have a total project cost exceeding  
22.20 \$575,000. Of the total appropriation, \$475,000  
22.21 may be spent for personnel costs and other  
22.22 direct and necessary administrative costs.  
22.23 Grantees may acquire land or interests in land.  
22.24 Easements must be permanent. Grants may  
22.25 not be used to establish easement stewardship  
22.26 accounts. Land acquired in fee must be open  
22.27 to hunting and fishing during the open season  
22.28 unless otherwise provided by law. The  
22.29 program must require a match of at least ten  
22.30 percent from nonstate sources for all grants.  
22.31 The match may be cash or in-kind resources.  
22.32 For grant applications of \$25,000 or less, the  
22.33 commissioner must provide a separate,  
22.34 simplified application process. Subject to  
22.35 Minnesota Statutes, the commissioner must,  
22.36 when evaluating projects of equal value, give

23.1 priority to organizations that have a history of  
23.2 receiving, or a charter to receive, private  
23.3 contributions for local conservation or habitat  
23.4 projects. For grant requests to acquire land in  
23.5 fee or a conservation easement, the  
23.6 commissioner must give priority to projects  
23.7 associated with or within one mile of existing  
23.8 wildlife management areas under Minnesota  
23.9 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8;  
23.10 scientific and natural areas under Minnesota  
23.11 Statutes, sections 84.033 and 86A.05,  
23.12 subdivision 5; or aquatic management areas  
23.13 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05,  
23.14 subdivision 14, and 97C.02. All restoration or  
23.15 enhancement projects must be on land  
23.16 permanently protected by a permanent  
23.17 covenant ensuring perpetual maintenance and  
23.18 protection of restored and enhanced habitat,  
23.19 by a conservation easement or public  
23.20 ownership, or in public waters as defined in  
23.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.005,  
23.22 subdivision 15. Priority must be given to  
23.23 restoration and enhancement projects on public  
23.24 lands. Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
23.25 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded  
23.26 under this paragraph. This appropriation is  
23.27 available until June 30, 2025. No less than five  
23.28 percent of the amount of each grant must be  
23.29 held back from reimbursement until the grant  
23.30 recipient has completed a grant  
23.31 accomplishment report by the deadline and in  
23.32 the form prescribed by and satisfactory to the  
23.33 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The  
23.34 commissioner must provide notice of the grant  
23.35 program in the summary of game and fish law

24.1 prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 24.2 97A.051, subdivision 2.

24.3 **(r) DNR Roving Crews**

24.4 \$4,500,000 the first year is to the  
 24.5 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
 24.6 and enhance fish and wildlife habitat on  
 24.7 permanently protected lands statewide using  
 24.8 the roving crew program of the Department  
 24.9 of Natural Resources. A list of restoration and  
 24.10 enhancement projects must be provided as part  
 24.11 of the required accomplishment plan.

24.12 **Subd. 6. Administration**

934,000

557,000

24.13 **(a) Contract Management**

24.14 \$210,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
 24.15 of natural resources for contract management  
 24.16 duties assigned in this section. The  
 24.17 commissioner must provide an  
 24.18 accomplishment plan in the form specified by  
 24.19 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
 24.20 on expending this appropriation. The  
 24.21 accomplishment plan must include a copy of  
 24.22 the grant contract template and reimbursement  
 24.23 manual. No money may be expended before  
 24.24 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
 24.25 approves the accomplishment plan.

24.26 **(b) Legislative Coordinating Commission**

24.27 \$546,000 the first year and \$553,000 the  
 24.28 second year are to the Legislative  
 24.29 Coordinating Commission for administrative  
 24.30 expenses of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor  
 24.31 Heritage Council and for compensating and  
 24.32 reimbursing expenses of council members.  
 24.33 This appropriation is available until June 30,



25.1 2023. Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.281,  
25.2 applies to this appropriation.

25.3 **(c) Technical Evaluation Panel**

25.4 \$150,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
25.5 of natural resources for a technical evaluation  
25.6 panel to conduct up to 25 restoration and  
25.7 enhancement evaluations under Minnesota  
25.8 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 10.

25.9 **(d) Legacy Website**

25.10 \$3,000 the first year and \$4,000 the second  
25.11 year are to the Legislative Coordinating  
25.12 Commission for the website required under  
25.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision  
25.14 10.

25.15 **(e) High-Priority Pre-Transaction Service**  
25.16 **Acceleration for Lessard-Sams Outdoor**  
25.17 **Heritage Council**

25.18 \$25,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
25.19 of natural resources to provide land acquisition  
25.20 pre-transaction services including but not  
25.21 limited to appraisals, surveys, or title research  
25.22 for acquisition proposals under consideration  
25.23 by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage  
25.24 Council. A list of activities must be included  
25.25 in the final accomplishment plan.

25.26 **Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation**

25.27 Money appropriated in this section may not  
25.28 be spent on activities unless they are directly  
25.29 related to and necessary for a specific  
25.30 appropriation and are specified in the  
25.31 accomplishment plan approved by the  
25.32 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.  
25.33 Money appropriated in this section must not  
25.34 be spent on indirect costs or other institutional

26.1 overhead charges that are not directly related  
 26.2 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.  
 26.3 For acquiring real property, the amounts in  
 26.4 this section are available until June 30, 2025.  
 26.5 Money for restoration or enhancement is  
 26.6 available until June 30, 2026. Money for  
 26.7 restoration and enhancement of land acquired  
 26.8 with an appropriation in this act is available  
 26.9 for four years after the acquisition date with  
 26.10 a maximum end date of June 30, 2029. If a  
 26.11 project receives at least 15 percent of its  
 26.12 funding from federal funds, the time of the  
 26.13 appropriation may be extended to equal the  
 26.14 availability of federal funding to a maximum  
 26.15 of six years if the federal funding was  
 26.16 confirmed and included in the original  
 26.17 approved draft accomplishment plan. Money  
 26.18 appropriated for acquiring land in fee title may  
 26.19 be used to restore, enhance, and provide for  
 26.20 public use of the land acquired with the  
 26.21 appropriation. Public-use facilities must have  
 26.22 a minimal impact on habitat in acquired lands.  
 26.23 **Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital**  
 26.24 **Equipment Expenditures**  
 26.25 All agreements referred to in this section must  
 26.26 be administered on a reimbursement basis  
 26.27 unless otherwise provided in this section.  
 26.28 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
 26.29 16A.41, expenditures directly related to each  
 26.30 appropriation's purpose made on or after July  
 26.31 1, 2021, or the date of accomplishment plan  
 26.32 approval, whichever is later, are eligible for  
 26.33 reimbursement unless otherwise provided in  
 26.34 this section. For purposes of administering  
 26.35 appropriations and legislatively authorized  
 26.36 agreements paid out of the outdoor heritage

27.1 fund, an expense must be considered  
27.2 reimbursable by the administering agency  
27.3 when the recipient presents the agency with  
27.4 an invoice or binding agreement with the  
27.5 landowner and the recipient attests that the  
27.6 goods have been received or the landowner  
27.7 agreement is binding. Periodic reimbursement  
27.8 must be made upon receiving documentation  
27.9 that the items articulated in the  
27.10 accomplishment plan approved by the  
27.11 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council have  
27.12 been achieved, including partial achievements  
27.13 as evidenced by progress reports approved by  
27.14 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.  
27.15 Reasonable amounts may be advanced to  
27.16 projects to accommodate cash-flow needs,  
27.17 support future management of acquired lands,  
27.18 or match a federal share. The advances must  
27.19 be approved as part of the accomplishment  
27.20 plan. Capital equipment expenditures for  
27.21 specific items in excess of \$10,000 must be  
27.22 itemized in and approved as part of the  
27.23 accomplishment plan.  
27.24 **Subd. 9. Mapping**  
27.25 Each direct recipient of money appropriated  
27.26 in this section and each recipient of a grant  
27.27 awarded pursuant to this section must provide  
27.28 geographic information to the Lessard-Sams  
27.29 Outdoor Heritage Council for mapping of any  
27.30 lands acquired in fee with funds appropriated  
27.31 in this section and open to public taking of  
27.32 fish and game. The commissioner of natural  
27.33 resources must include the lands acquired in  
27.34 fee with money appropriated in this section  
27.35 on maps showing public recreation

28.1 opportunities. Maps must include information  
28.2 on and acknowledgment of the outdoor  
28.3 heritage fund, including a notation of any  
28.4 restrictions.

28.5 **Subd. 10. Carryforwards**

28.6 (a) The availability of the appropriations for  
28.7 the following projects is extended to June 30,  
28.8 2022:

28.9 (1) Laws 2016, chapter 172, article 1, section  
28.10 2, subdivision 2, paragraph (j), for Accelerated  
28.11 Prairie Restoration and Enhancement on DNR  
28.12 Lands - Phase VIII;

28.13 (2) Laws 2016, chapter 172, article 1, section  
28.14 2, subdivision 2, paragraph (k), for Anoka  
28.15 Sandplain Habitat Restoration and  
28.16 Enhancement - Phase IV;

28.17 (3) Laws 2016, chapter 172, article 1, section  
28.18 2, subdivision 5, paragraph (h), for Sand Hill  
28.19 River Fish Passage - Phase II;

28.20 (4) Laws 2018, chapter 208, article 1, section  
28.21 2, subdivision 2, paragraph (j), for Protect and  
28.22 Restore Minnesota's Important Bird Areas -  
28.23 Phase II, within the Tallgrass Aspen  
28.24 Parklands;

28.25 (5) Laws 2018, chapter 208, article 1, section  
28.26 2, subdivision 3, paragraph (c), for Minnesota  
28.27 Forests for the Future - Phase VI; and

28.28 (6) Laws 2018, chapter 208, article 1, section  
28.29 2, subdivision 5, paragraph (a), for Metro Big  
28.30 Rivers - Phase VIII.

28.31 (b) The availability of the appropriations for  
28.32 the following projects is extended to June 30,  
28.33 2023:

29.1 (1) Laws 2016, chapter 172, article 1, section  
29.2 2, subdivision 5, paragraph (j), for Roseau  
29.3 Lake Rehabilitation; and

29.4 (2) Laws 2018, chapter 208, article 1, section  
29.5 2, subdivision 2, paragraph (f), for Accelerated  
29.6 Native Prairie Bank Protection - Phase VII.

29.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Subdivision 10 is effective retroactively from July 1, 2019, for  
29.8 projects funded under Laws 2016, chapter 172.