

2.1 system (SSTS) projects and stream bank,
2.2 stream channel, and shoreline restoration
2.3 projects. The projects must be of long-lasting
2.4 public benefit, include a match, and be
2.5 consistent with TMDL implementation plans
2.6 or local water management plans.

2.7 (b) \$3,000,000 the first year and ~~\$3,000,000~~
2.8 \$3,600,000 the second year are for targeted
2.9 local resource protection and enhancement
2.10 grants. The board shall give priority
2.11 consideration to projects and practices
2.12 that complement, supplement, or exceed
2.13 current state standards for protection,
2.14 enhancement, and restoration of water
2.15 quality in lakes, rivers, and streams or that
2.16 protect groundwater from degradation. Of
2.17 this amount, at least \$1,500,000 each year is
2.18 for county SSTS implementation.

2.19 (c) \$900,000 the first year and ~~\$900,000~~
2.20 \$1,200,000 the second year are to
2.21 provide state oversight and accountability,
2.22 evaluate results, and develop an electronic
2.23 system to measure and track the value of
2.24 conservation program implementation by
2.25 local governments, including submission
2.26 to the legislature by March 1 each year
2.27 an annual report prepared by the board,
2.28 in consultation with the commissioners of
2.29 natural resources, health, agriculture, and
2.30 the Pollution Control Agency, detailing the
2.31 recipients and projects funded under this
2.32 section. The board shall require grantees to
2.33 specify the outcomes that will be achieved
2.34 by the grants prior to any grant awards.

3.1 (d) \$1,000,000 the first year and ~~\$1,000,000~~
3.2 \$1,700,000 the second year are for technical
3.3 assistance and grants for the conservation
3.4 drainage program in consultation with
3.5 the Drainage Work Group, created under
3.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.101,
3.7 subdivision 13, that consists of projects to
3.8 retrofit or supplement ~~existing~~ drainage
3.9 systems with water quality improvement
3.10 practices, evaluate outcomes, and provide
3.11 outreach to landowners, public drainage
3.12 authorities, drainage engineers and
3.13 contractors, and others. The board shall
3.14 coordinate practice standards with the
3.15 USDA-Natural Resources Conservation
3.16 Service and seek to leverage federal funds
3.17 as part of conservation drainage program
3.18 implementation.

3.19 (e) \$6,000,000 the first year and \$6,000,000
3.20 the second year are to purchase and restore
3.21 permanent conservation easements on
3.22 riparian buffers adjacent to public waters,
3.23 excluding wetlands, to keep water on the
3.24 land in order to decrease sediment, pollutant,
3.25 and nutrient transport; reduce hydrologic
3.26 impacts to surface waters; and increase
3.27 infiltration for groundwater recharge. The
3.28 riparian buffers must be at least 50 feet
3.29 unless there is a natural impediment, a road,
3.30 or other impediment beyond the control
3.31 of the landowner. This appropriation may
3.32 be used for restoration of riparian buffers
3.33 protected by easements purchased with
3.34 this appropriation and for stream bank
3.35 restorations when the riparian buffers have
3.36 been restored.

4.1 (f) \$1,300,000 the first year and ~~\$1,300,000~~
4.2 \$2,300,000 the second year are for
4.3 permanent conservation easements on
4.4 wellhead protection areas under Minnesota
4.5 Statutes, section 103F.515, subdivision 2,
4.6 paragraph (d). Priority must be placed on
4.7 land that is located where the vulnerability
4.8 of the drinking water supply is designated
4.9 as high or very high by the commissioner of
4.10 health. The board shall coordinate with the
4.11 U.S. Geological Survey, the commissioners
4.12 of health and natural resources, and local
4.13 communities contained in the Decorah
4.14 and St. Lawrence Edge areas of Winona,
4.15 Goodhue, Olmsted, and Wabasha counties,
4.16 to obtain easements in identified areas as
4.17 having the most vulnerability to groundwater
4.18 contamination.

4.19 (g) \$1,500,000 the first year and \$1,500,000
4.20 the second year are for community partners
4.21 grants to local units of government for:
4.22 (1) structural or vegetative management
4.23 practices that reduce storm water runoff
4.24 from developed or disturbed lands to reduce
4.25 the movement of sediment, nutrients, and
4.26 pollutants for restoration, protection, or
4.27 enhancement of water quality in lakes, rivers,
4.28 and streams and to protect groundwater
4.29 and drinking water; and (2) installation
4.30 of proven and effective water retention
4.31 practices including, but not limited to, rain
4.32 gardens and other vegetated infiltration
4.33 basins and sediment control basins in order
4.34 to keep water on the land. The projects
4.35 must be of long-lasting public benefit,
4.36 include a local match, and be consistent with

5.1 TMDL implementation plans or local water
5.2 management plans. Local government unit
5.3 staff and administration costs may be used
5.4 as a match.

5.5 (h) \$84,000 the first year and \$84,000 the
5.6 second year are for a technical evaluation
5.7 panel to conduct up to ten restoration
5.8 evaluations under Minnesota Statutes,
5.9 section 114D.50, subdivision 6.

5.10 (i) The board shall contract for services
5.11 with Conservation Corps Minnesota for
5.12 restoration, maintenance, and other activities
5.13 under this section for \$500,000 the first year
5.14 and \$500,000 the second year.

5.15 (j) The board may shift grant or cost-share
5.16 funds in this section and may adjust the
5.17 technical and administrative assistance
5.18 portion of the funds to leverage federal or
5.19 other nonstate funds or to address oversight
5.20 responsibilities or high-priority needs
5.21 identified in local water management plans.

5.22 (k) The appropriations in this section are
5.23 available until June 30, 2016.

5.24 **Sec. 2. AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES COOPERATIVE RESEARCH**
5.25 **CENTER; APPROPRIATION.**

5.26 \$1,800,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2013 from the clean water fund to the Board
5.27 of Regents of the University of Minnesota to develop and implement an Aquatic Invasive
5.28 Species Cooperative Research Center. As a condition of receiving this appropriation, the
5.29 University of Minnesota is requested to collaborate with the commissioner of natural
5.30 resources in developing solutions to control aquatic invasive species. A portion of this
5.31 appropriation may be used for educating and engaging citizens on preventing the spread of
5.32 aquatic invasive species. Money appropriated in this section may not be spent on activities
5.33 unless they are directly related to and necessary for the purposes of this section. Money
5.34 appropriated in this section must not be spent on indirect costs or other institutional

6.1 overhead charges that are not directly related to and necessary for the purposes of this
6.2 section. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2014.

6.3 **ARTICLE 2**

6.4 **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCE TRUST FUND**

6.5 Section 1. Laws 2011, First Special Session chapter 2, article 3, section 2, subdivision
6.6 9, is amended to read:

6.7			4,213,000
6.8	Subd. 9. Emerging Issues	4,522,000	<u>3,213,000</u>

6.9 **(a) Minnesota Conservation Apprentice**
6.10 **Academy**

6.11 \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
6.12 second year are from the trust fund to
6.13 the Board of Water and Soil Resources
6.14 in cooperation with Conservation Corps
6.15 Minnesota to train and mentor future
6.16 conservation professionals by providing
6.17 apprenticeship service opportunities to
6.18 soil and water conservation districts. This
6.19 appropriation is available until June 30,
6.20 2014, by which time the project must be
6.21 completed and the final products delivered.

6.22 **(b) Chronic Wasting Disease and Animal**
6.23 **Health**

6.24 \$600,000 the first year and \$600,000 the
6.25 second year are from the trust fund to the
6.26 commissioner of natural resources to address
6.27 chronic wasting disease and accelerate
6.28 wildlife health programs, including activities
6.29 directly related to and necessary for this
6.30 appropriation.

6.31 **(c) Aquatic Invasive Species**

6.32 \$2,177,000 the first year and ~~\$3,513,000~~
6.33 \$2,513,000 the second year are from the

7.1 trust fund to the commissioner of natural
7.2 resources to accelerate aquatic invasive
7.3 species programs, including the development
7.4 and implementation of best management
7.5 practices for public water access facilities
7.6 to implement aquatic invasive species
7.7 prevention strategies, including activities
7.8 directly related to and necessary for this
7.9 appropriation. \$50,000 is for a grant
7.10 to develop and produce a documentary
7.11 identifying the challenges presented by
7.12 aquatic invasive species. The documentary
7.13 shall be available to the Department of
7.14 Natural Resources to distribute to watercraft
7.15 license purchasers and the general public
7.16 through online and other media.

7.17 **(d) Reinvest in Minnesota Wetlands**
7.18 **Reserve Acquisition and Restoration**
7.19 **Program Partnership**

7.20 \$1,645,000 the first year is to the Board
7.21 of Water and Soil Resources to acquire
7.22 permanent conservation easements and
7.23 restore wetlands and associated upland
7.24 habitat in cooperation with the United States
7.25 Department of Agriculture Wetlands Reserve
7.26 Program. A list of proposed land acquisitions
7.27 must be provided as part of the required work
7.28 program.

7.29 **(e) Limitation**

7.30 Appropriations in paragraphs (b) and (c) are
7.31 not subject to Minnesota Statutes, sections
7.32 116P.05, subdivision 2, paragraph (b), and
7.33 116P.09, subdivision 4.

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8.8 species. Money appropriated in this section may not be spent on activities unless they are
8.9 directly related to and necessary for the purposes of this section. Money appropriated in
8.10 this section must not be spent on indirect costs or other institutional overhead charges that
8.11 are not directly related to and necessary for the purposes of this section. This is a onetime
8.12 appropriation and is available until June 30, 2014.

APPENDIX
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ARTICLE 2 ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCE TRUST FUND Page.Ln 6.3