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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETIETH SESSION

H. F. No. 1265

- 02/15/2017 Authored by Heintzeman and Lueck
- The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Finance
- 03/20/2017 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
- 05/04/2017 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register as Amended
- Read for the Second Time
- 05/12/2017 Referred to the Chief Clerk for Comparison with S. F. No. 550
- 05/15/2017 Postponed Indefinitely

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to natural resources; appropriating money from environment and natural

1.3 resources trust fund; providing for no net gain of state lands in certain counties;

1.4 modifying requirements for receipt of fund money; amending Minnesota Statutes

1.5 2016, sections 116P.05, subdivision 2; 116P.17, subdivision 1; proposing coding

1.6 for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 15.

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

1.8 Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

1.9 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies

1.10 and for the purposes specified in this act. The appropriations are from the environment and

1.11 natural resources trust fund, or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years

1.12 indicated for each purpose. The figures "2017," "2018," and "2019" used in this act mean

1.13 that the appropriations listed under them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30,

1.14 2017, June 30, 2018, or June 30, 2019, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2018.

1.15 "The second year" is fiscal year 2019. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2018 and 2019.

1.16 Appropriations for fiscal year 2017 are available the day following final enactment.

1.17 APPROPRIATIONS

1.18 Available for the Year

1.19 Ending June 30

1.20	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
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1.21 Sec. 2. MINNESOTA RESOURCES

2.1 Subdivision 1. **Total**  
 2.2 **Appropriation** \$ **8,428,000** \$ **50,828,000** \$ **-0-**

2.3 The amounts that may be spent for each  
 2.4 purpose are specified in the following  
 2.5 subdivisions. Appropriations for fiscal years  
 2.6 2018 and 2019 are available for two years  
 2.7 beginning July 1, 2017, for fiscal year 2018  
 2.8 appropriations and beginning July 1, 2018, for  
 2.9 fiscal year 2019 appropriations, unless  
 2.10 otherwise stated in the appropriation. Any  
 2.11 unencumbered balance remaining in the first  
 2.12 year does not cancel and is available for the  
 2.13 second year or until the end of the  
 2.14 appropriation. Appropriations for fiscal year  
 2.15 2017 are available until June 30, 2018, unless  
 2.16 otherwise stated in the appropriation.

2.17 Subd. 2. **Definition**  
 2.18 "Trust fund" means the Minnesota  
 2.19 environment and natural resources trust fund  
 2.20 established under the Minnesota Constitution,  
 2.21 article XI, section 14.

2.22 Subd. 3. **Foundational**  
 2.23 **Natural Resource Data and**  
 2.24 **Information** 3,700,000 6,869,000 -0-

2.25 (a) **County Geologic Atlases - Continuation**  
 2.26 \$3,700,000 in fiscal year 2017 is from the trust  
 2.27 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
 2.28 of Minnesota, Minnesota Geological Survey,  
 2.29 to continue acceleration of the production of  
 2.30 county geologic atlases for the purpose of  
 2.31 sustainable management of surface water and  
 2.32 groundwater resources. This appropriation is  
 2.33 to complete Part A of county geologic atlases,  
 2.34 which focuses on the properties and  
 2.35 distribution of earth materials in order to  
 2.36 define aquifer boundaries and the connection

3.1 of aquifers to the land surface and surface  
3.2 water resources. This appropriation is  
3.3 available until June 30, 2020, by which time  
3.4 the project must be completed and final  
3.5 products delivered.

3.6 **(b) Assessment of Public Benefits of Protecting**  
3.7 **Source Water**

3.8 \$320,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
3.9 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
3.10 Minnesota to map and quantify source water  
3.11 risks, determine ecosystem service valuation  
3.12 of clean water, and provide analyses of equity  
3.13 and community capacity to improve decisions  
3.14 about the protection and management of  
3.15 groundwater and surface water. This  
3.16 appropriation is available until June 30, 2020,  
3.17 by which time the project must be completed  
3.18 and final products delivered.

3.19 **(c) Preserving Minnesota Prairie Plant Diversity**  
3.20 **- Phase II**

3.21 \$900,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
3.22 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
3.23 Minnesota to continue collecting and  
3.24 preserving germplasm of plants throughout  
3.25 Minnesota's prairie region, study the microbial  
3.26 effects that promote plant health, analyze local  
3.27 adaptation, and evaluate the adaptive capacity  
3.28 of prairie plant populations. This appropriation  
3.29 is available until June 30, 2020, by which time  
3.30 the project must be completed and final  
3.31 products delivered.

3.32 **(d) Minnesota Biological Survey - Continuation**

3.33 \$2,900,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
3.34 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
3.35 continuation of the Minnesota biological  
3.36 survey to provide a foundation for conserving

4.1 biological diversity by systematically  
4.2 collecting, interpreting, monitoring, and  
4.3 delivering data on plant and animal  
4.4 distribution and ecology, native plant  
4.5 communities, and functional landscapes. This  
4.6 appropriation is available until June 30, 2020,  
4.7 by which time the project must be completed  
4.8 and final products delivered.

4.9 **(e) Minnesota Wildflowers Online Botanical**  
4.10 **Reference - Phase II**

4.11 \$270,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
4.12 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
4.13 an agreement with Minnesota Wildflowers  
4.14 Information to continue surveying and imaging  
4.15 plant species and publishing species profiles  
4.16 for a plant identification reference Web site  
4.17 available to the public and land managers.  
4.18 Images acquired and information compiled  
4.19 using these funds are for purposes of public  
4.20 information available on a Web site. If the  
4.21 organization is no longer able to maintain the  
4.22 Web site, the organization must work with the  
4.23 state and the University of Minnesota, Bell  
4.24 Museum of Natural History, to ensure the  
4.25 materials remain publicly available on the  
4.26 Web. This appropriation is available until June  
4.27 30, 2020, by which time the project must be  
4.28 completed and final products delivered.

4.29 **(f) Drainage Records Modernization Cost Share**  
4.30 **- Phase II**

4.31 \$540,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
4.32 to the Board of Water and Soil Resources to  
4.33 facilitate statewide modernization of public  
4.34 drainage records under Minnesota Statutes,  
4.35 chapter 103E, and integrate new specifications  
4.36 into existing drainage records modernization

5.1 guidelines through matching cost-share grants  
5.2 to drainage authorities. This appropriation is  
5.3 available until June 30, 2020, by which time  
5.4 the project must be completed and final  
5.5 products delivered.

5.6 **(g) Groundwater Contamination Mapping**

5.7 \$400,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
5.8 to the commissioner of the Pollution Control  
5.9 Agency to develop a Web-based interactive  
5.10 map of groundwater contamination to improve  
5.11 protection of groundwater resources for  
5.12 drinking water. This appropriation is available  
5.13 until June 30, 2020, by which time the project  
5.14 must be completed and final products  
5.15 delivered.

5.16 **(h) Landslide Susceptibility, Mapping, and**  
5.17 **Management Tools**

5.18 \$500,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
5.19 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
5.20 Minnesota to create landslide susceptibility  
5.21 maps using a landslide inventory and  
5.22 quantitative analysis of LiDAR to provide  
5.23 tools and data for mitigation and restoration  
5.24 to reduce impacts on water resources. This  
5.25 appropriation is available until June 30, 2020,  
5.26 by which time the project must be completed  
5.27 and final products delivered.

5.28 **(i) Moose Calf Surveys and Monitoring**

5.29 \$348,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
5.30 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
5.31 Minnesota to assess the use of unmanned  
5.32 aerial vehicles in natural resource monitoring  
5.33 of moose populations and changes in  
5.34 ecosystems.

5.35 **(j) Cedar Creek Natural Area Wolf**  
5.36 **Recolonization Assessment**

6.1 \$398,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 6.2 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
 6.3 Minnesota, Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science  
 6.4 Reserve, to assess wolf recolonization impacts  
 6.5 on wildlife, biodiversity, and natural resources  
 6.6 and provide educational opportunities at Cedar  
 6.7 Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve. This  
 6.8 appropriation is available until June 30, 2020,  
 6.9 by which time the project must be completed  
 6.10 and final products delivered.

6.11 **(k) Effects of Wolf Predation on Beaver, Moose,**  
 6.12 **and Deer**

6.13 \$293,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 6.14 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
 6.15 an agreement with Voyageurs National Park  
 6.16 to assess the effects of wolf predation on  
 6.17 beaver, moose, and deer in the Border Lakes  
 6.18 region. This appropriation is available until  
 6.19 June 30, 2020, by which time the project must  
 6.20 be completed and final products delivered.

6.21 <b><u>Subd. 4. Water Resources</u></b>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>2,584,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
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6.22 **(a) Assessment of Household Chemicals and**  
 6.23 **Herbicides in Rivers and Lakes**

6.24 \$236,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 6.25 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
 6.26 Minnesota to quantify environmental levels  
 6.27 of household chemical and herbicide  
 6.28 ingredients in rivers and lakes and assess their  
 6.29 potential to form toxic by-products.

6.30 **(b) Wastewater Nitrogen Removal Technology**  
 6.31 **to Protect Water Quality**

6.32 \$450,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 6.33 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
 6.34 Minnesota to develop a technology for  
 6.35 inexpensive low-energy nitrogen removal in  
 6.36 wastewater. This appropriation is subject to

7.1 Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10. This  
7.2 appropriation is available until June 30, 2020,  
7.3 by which time the project must be completed  
7.4 and final products delivered.

7.5 **(c) Water Quality Monitoring in Southeastern**  
7.6 **Minnesota Trout Streams**

7.7 \$500,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
7.8 to the Board of Trustees of Minnesota State  
7.9 Colleges and Universities, Winona State  
7.10 University, to develop a system of biological  
7.11 monitoring for water quality protection of trout  
7.12 streams in southeastern Minnesota. This  
7.13 appropriation is available until June 30, 2020,  
7.14 by which time the project must be completed  
7.15 and final products delivered.

7.16 **(d) Reassessing Toxicity of Petrochemical Spills**  
7.17 **on Groundwater and Surface Waters**

7.18 \$300,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
7.19 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
7.20 an agreement with the University of St.  
7.21 Thomas to reassess long-term effects of oil  
7.22 spills through the analysis of chemical  
7.23 parameters related to oil degradation and  
7.24 evaluate the impacts on aquatic species,  
7.25 groundwater, and surface waters. This  
7.26 appropriation is available until June 30, 2021,  
7.27 by which time the project must be completed  
7.28 and final products delivered.

7.29 **(e) Assessment of Water Quality for Reuse**

7.30 \$148,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
7.31 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
7.32 Minnesota to collect and analyze pathogen  
7.33 data for evaluation of water reuse in order to  
7.34 maximize water reuse and protect groundwater  
7.35 and surface water quality.

8.1 **(f) Identification of Chemicals of Emerging**  
8.2 **Concern in Minnesota Fish**

8.3 \$400,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
8.4 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
8.5 an agreement with the Grand Portage Band of  
8.6 Lake Superior Chippewa to identify chemicals  
8.7 of emerging concern and metals in fish, water,  
8.8 and sediments from approximately 30 water  
8.9 bodies in northeastern Minnesota used for  
8.10 subsistence harvest and recreation. This  
8.11 appropriation is available until June 30, 2020,  
8.12 by which time the project must be completed  
8.13 and final products delivered.

8.14 **(g) Techniques for Water Storage Estimates in**  
8.15 **Central Minnesota**

8.16 \$250,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
8.17 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
8.18 Minnesota to improve water storage estimates  
8.19 in groundwater, soil moisture, streams, lakes,  
8.20 and wetlands through integration of satellite  
8.21 monitoring and ground-based measurements  
8.22 in central Minnesota. This appropriation is  
8.23 available until June 30, 2020, by which time  
8.24 the project must be completed and final  
8.25 products delivered.

8.26 **(h) Assessing Release of Mercury and Sulfur on**  
8.27 **Aquatic Communities**

8.28 \$300,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
8.29 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
8.30 Minnesota to determine the effects of  
8.31 increased temperatures on the release of  
8.32 mercury and sulfur from Minnesota peatlands  
8.33 to predict impacts on aquatic communities and  
8.34 fish health. This appropriation is available  
8.35 until June 30, 2020, by which time the project



9.1 must be completed and final products  
 9.2 delivered.

9.3 **Subd. 5. Environmental**  
 9.4 **Education**

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2,817,000

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9.5 **(a) Connecting Youth to Minnesota Waterways**  
 9.6 **through Outdoor Classrooms**

9.7 \$1,200,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 9.8 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
 9.9 an agreement with Wilderness Inquiry to  
 9.10 provide place-based environmental education  
 9.11 science water experiences to approximately  
 9.12 20,000 middle- and high-school students. This  
 9.13 appropriation is available until June 30, 2020,  
 9.14 by which time the project must be completed  
 9.15 and final products delivered.

9.16 **(b) Increasing Diversity in Environmental**  
 9.17 **Careers**

9.18 \$1,487,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 9.19 to the commissioner of natural resources in  
 9.20 cooperation with Conservation Corps  
 9.21 Minnesota and Iowa to encourage a diversity  
 9.22 of students to pursue careers in environment  
 9.23 and natural resources through internships and  
 9.24 mentorships with the Department of Natural  
 9.25 Resources, the Board of Water and Soil  
 9.26 Resources, and the Pollution Control Agency.  
 9.27 This appropriation is available until June 30,  
 9.28 2022, by which time the project must be  
 9.29 completed and final products delivered.

9.30 **(c) Increasing Residential Environmental**  
 9.31 **Learning Center Opportunities**

9.32 \$130,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 9.33 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
 9.34 an agreement with the Audubon Center of the  
 9.35 North Woods to provide scholarship  
 9.36 opportunities for a minimum of 1,000 students  
 9.37 that are not currently served through other

10.1 residential environmental education learning  
 10.2 centers. This appropriation is available until  
 10.3 June 30, 2020, by which time the project must  
 10.4 be completed and final products delivered.

10.5	<b><u>Subd. 6. Aquatic and</u></b>			
10.6	<b><u>Terrestrial Invasive Species</u></b>	<u>2,700,000</u>	<u>2,021,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>

10.7 **(a) Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center -**  
 10.8 **Phase II**

10.9 \$2,700,000 in fiscal year 2017 is from the trust  
 10.10 fund to the Board of Regents of the University  
 10.11 of Minnesota to support the Minnesota  
 10.12 Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center in  
 10.13 finding solutions to Minnesota's aquatic  
 10.14 invasive species problems through research,  
 10.15 control, prevention, and early detection of  
 10.16 existing and emerging aquatic invasive species  
 10.17 threats. This appropriation is available until  
 10.18 June 30, 2021, by which time the project must  
 10.19 be completed and final products delivered.

10.20 **(b) Emerald Ash Borer Biocontrol - Phase III**

10.21 \$729,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 10.22 to the commissioner of agriculture in  
 10.23 cooperation with the Board of Regents of the  
 10.24 University of Minnesota to implement  
 10.25 biocontrol of emerald ash borer using a newly  
 10.26 approved parasitic wasp, assess the impact of  
 10.27 the statewide program, and engage citizen  
 10.28 volunteers. This appropriation is available  
 10.29 until June 30, 2020, by which time the project  
 10.30 must be completed and final products  
 10.31 delivered.

10.32 **(c) Invasive Bighead and Silver Carp and Native**  
 10.33 **Fish Evaluation - Phase II**

10.34 \$500,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 10.35 to the commissioner of natural resources to  
 10.36 continue invasive bighead and silver carp

11.1 monitoring in the Mississippi River and  
11.2 tributaries through advanced acoustic  
11.3 telemetry and assess food chains to determine  
11.4 how native species might prevent invasive  
11.5 bighead and silver carp establishment. This  
11.6 appropriation is available until June 30, 2020,  
11.7 by which time the project must be completed  
11.8 and final products delivered.

11.9 **(d) Adapting Stream Barriers to Remove**  
11.10 **Common Carp**

11.11 \$301,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
11.12 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
11.13 Minnesota to conduct field tests at existing  
11.14 barrier sites and laboratory experiments to  
11.15 adapt a technology to remove common carp  
11.16 from streams during carp spawning migrations  
11.17 in Minnesota.

11.18 **(e) Tactical Invasive Plant Management Plan**  
11.19 **Development**

11.20 \$296,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
11.21 to the commissioner of agriculture in  
11.22 cooperation with the Board of Regents of the  
11.23 University of Minnesota to develop regional  
11.24 priorities and an interagency action plan for  
11.25 invasive plant management to protect and  
11.26 promote habitat and native species. This  
11.27 appropriation is available until June 30, 2020,  
11.28 by which time the project must be completed  
11.29 and final products delivered.

11.30 **(f) Maximize Value of Water Impoundments to**  
11.31 **Wildlife**

11.32 \$195,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
11.33 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
11.34 an agreement with the National Audubon  
11.35 Society, Minnesota office, to control invasive  
11.36 hybrid cattails in water impoundments to

12.1 improve habitat quality for migrating and  
 12.2 breeding birds. This appropriation is available  
 12.3 until June 30, 2020, by which time the project  
 12.4 must be completed and final products  
 12.5 delivered.

12.6 **Subd. 7. Air Quality, Climate**  
 12.7 **Change, and Renewable**  
 12.8 **Energy**

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12.9 **(a) Assessment of Urban Air Quality**

12.10 \$700,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 12.11 to the commissioner of the Pollution Control  
 12.12 Agency to set up and operate a network of 250  
 12.13 air pollution sensors at 50 sites to monitor fine  
 12.14 particles, ozone, nitrogen oxides, sulfur  
 12.15 dioxide, and carbon monoxide in each zip code  
 12.16 for the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul to  
 12.17 assess variability of urban air pollution. This  
 12.18 appropriation is available until June 30, 2020,  
 12.19 by which time the project must be completed  
 12.20 and final products delivered.

12.21 **(b) District Heating with Renewable Biomass at**  
 12.22 **Camp Ripley Training Center**

12.23 \$1,000,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 12.24 to the commissioner of military affairs to  
 12.25 install a 5,000,000-BTU centralized biomass  
 12.26 boiler system utilizing the forestry  
 12.27 management at Camp Ripley. This  
 12.28 appropriation must be matched by at least  
 12.29 \$900,000 of nonstate money and must be  
 12.30 committed by December 31, 2017. This  
 12.31 appropriation is available until June 30, 2020,  
 12.32 by which time the project must be completed  
 12.33 and final products delivered.

12.34 **Subd. 8. Methods to Protect**  
 12.35 **or Restore Land, Water, and**  
 12.36 **Habitat**

1,029,000	<u>27,639,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
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12.37 **(a) Optimizing the Nutrition of Roadside Plants**  
 12.38 **for Pollinators**

13.1 \$815,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
13.2 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
13.3 Minnesota in cooperation with the  
13.4 Departments of Agriculture, Natural  
13.5 Resources, and Transportation and the Board  
13.6 of Water and Soil Resources to produce  
13.7 site-specific recommendations for roadside  
13.8 plantings in Minnesota to maximize the  
13.9 nutritional health of native bees and monarch  
13.10 butterflies that rely on roadside habitat  
13.11 corridors. This appropriation is available until  
13.12 June 30, 2020, by which time the project must  
13.13 be completed and final products delivered.

13.14 **(b) Promoting Conservation Biocontrol of**  
13.15 **Beneficial Insects**

13.16 \$400,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
13.17 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
13.18 Minnesota to research integrated pest  
13.19 management strategies, including insecticide  
13.20 alternatives, and overwintering habitat sites  
13.21 to conserve beneficial insects, including bees,  
13.22 butterflies, and predator insects. The integrated  
13.23 pest management strategies will be used to  
13.24 develop best management practices to increase  
13.25 pollinator and beneficial insect diversity and  
13.26 abundance in various restored habitats. This  
13.27 appropriation is available until June 30, 2020,  
13.28 by which time the project must be completed  
13.29 and final products delivered.

13.30 **(c) Evaluating the Use of Bison to Restore and**  
13.31 **Preserve Savanna Habitat**

13.32 \$388,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
13.33 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
13.34 Minnesota, Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science  
13.35 Reserve, to research combined bison grazing  
13.36 and fire management strategies to restore

14.1 Minnesota's oak savanna ecosystems. This  
14.2 appropriation is available until June 30, 2020,  
14.3 by which time the project must be completed  
14.4 and final products delivered.

14.5 **(d) State Park Pollinator Habitat Restoration**

14.6 \$672,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
14.7 to the commissioner of natural resources to  
14.8 restore at least 520 acres of monarch butterfly  
14.9 and other native pollinator habitats in at least  
14.10 seven state parks in the Minnesota Prairie  
14.11 Conservation Plan core areas and establish  
14.12 pollinator plantings and interpretive exhibits  
14.13 in at least ten state parks. This appropriation  
14.14 is available until June 30, 2021, by which time  
14.15 the project must be completed and final  
14.16 products delivered.

14.17 **(e) Enhancing Spawning Habitat Restoration in**  
14.18 **Minnesota Lakes**

14.19 \$294,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
14.20 to the Board of Regents of the University of  
14.21 Minnesota, St. Anthony Falls Laboratory, in  
14.22 cooperation with the Department of Natural  
14.23 Resources to enhance efforts to increase  
14.24 natural reproduction of fish in Minnesota lakes  
14.25 by assessing wave energy impacts on  
14.26 near-shore spawning habitat. This  
14.27 appropriation is available until June 30, 2020,  
14.28 by which time the project must be completed  
14.29 and final products delivered.

14.30 **(f) Prescribed-Fire Management for Roadside**  
14.31 **Prairies**

14.32 \$345,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
14.33 to the commissioner of transportation to  
14.34 enhance the prescribed-fire program to manage  
14.35 roadsides to protect and increase biodiversity  
14.36 and pollinator habitat. This appropriation is

15.1 available until June 30, 2020, by which time  
15.2 the project must be completed and final  
15.3 products delivered.

15.4 **(g) Minnesota Bee and Beneficial Species Habitat**  
15.5 **Restoration**

15.6 \$732,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
15.7 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
15.8 an agreement with Pheasants Forever in  
15.9 cooperation with the University of Minnesota  
15.10 and the Minnesota Honey Producers  
15.11 Association to restore approximately 800 acres  
15.12 of permanently protected land to enhance bee,  
15.13 butterfly, beneficial insect, and grassland bird  
15.14 habitats. This appropriation is available until  
15.15 June 30, 2021, by which time the project must  
15.16 be completed and final products delivered.

15.17 **(h) Mississippi and Vermillion Rivers**  
15.18 **Restoration of Prairie, Savanna, and Forest**  
15.19 **Habitat - Phase X**

15.20 \$213,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
15.21 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
15.22 an agreement with Friends of the Mississippi  
15.23 River for continued implementation of the  
15.24 Metro Conservation Corridors partnership by  
15.25 improving at least 80 acres of habitat at  
15.26 approximately seven sites along the  
15.27 Mississippi River and Vermillion River  
15.28 corridors. Expenditures are limited to the  
15.29 identified project corridor areas as defined in  
15.30 the work plan. A list of proposed restoration  
15.31 sites must be provided as part of the required  
15.32 work plan. Plant and seed materials must  
15.33 follow the Board of Water and Soil Resources'  
15.34 native vegetation establishment and  
15.35 enhancement guidelines. This appropriation  
15.36 is available until June 30, 2020, by which time

16.1 the project must be completed and final  
16.2 products delivered.

16.3 **(i) Economic Assessment of Precision**  
16.4 **Conservation and Agriculture**

16.5 \$400,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
16.6 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
16.7 an agreement with Pheasants Forever to  
16.8 demonstrate a new approach to promote  
16.9 conservation practices utilizing  
16.10 return-on-investment analysis and identifying  
16.11 revenue-negative acres on agricultural land to  
16.12 assist farmers in implementing conservation  
16.13 practices that will provide environmental and  
16.14 economic benefits. This appropriation is  
16.15 available until June 30, 2020, by which time  
16.16 the project must be completed and final  
16.17 products delivered.

16.18 **(j) Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program**  
16.19 **(CREP) Outreach and Implementation**

16.20 \$6,000,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
16.21 to the Board of Water and Soil Resources to  
16.22 fund staff at soil and water conservation  
16.23 districts to assist landowners participating in  
16.24 the federal Conservation Reserve  
16.25 Enhancement Program. This appropriation is  
16.26 contingent upon receipt of federal funds for  
16.27 implementation. This appropriation is  
16.28 available until June 30, 2020, by which time  
16.29 the project must be completed and final  
16.30 products delivered.

16.31 **(k) Conservation Reserve Enhancement**  
16.32 **Program (CREP)**

16.33 \$1,029,000 in fiscal year 2017 and  
16.34 \$17,380,000 the first year are from the trust  
16.35 fund to the Board of Water and Soil Resources  
16.36 to acquire permanent conservation easements



17.1 and restore land under Minnesota Statutes,  
 17.2 section 103F.515. This work may be done in  
 17.3 cooperation with the federal Conservation  
 17.4 Reserve Enhancement Program. This  
 17.5 appropriation is available until June 30, 2021,  
 17.6 by which time the project must be completed  
 17.7 and final products delivered.

17.8	<b><u>Subd. 9. Land Acquisition,</u></b>			
17.9	<b><u>Habitat, and Recreation</u></b>	<u>999,000</u>	<u>5,858,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>

17.10 **(a) Minneopa State Park Land Acquisition**

17.11 \$500,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 17.12 to the commissioner of natural resources to  
 17.13 acquire 135 acres of land located within the  
 17.14 statutory boundary of Minneopa State Park.  
 17.15 A list of proposed acquisitions must be  
 17.16 provided as part of the required work plan.  
 17.17 This appropriation is available until June 30,  
 17.18 2020, by which time the project must be  
 17.19 completed and final products delivered.

17.20 **(b) Minnesota State Trails Acquisition,**  
 17.21 **Development, and Enhancement**

17.22 \$999,000 in fiscal year 2017 and \$39,000 the  
 17.23 first year are from the trust fund to the  
 17.24 commissioner of natural resources for state  
 17.25 trail acquisition, development, and  
 17.26 enhancement in southern Minnesota. A  
 17.27 proposed list of trail projects on authorized  
 17.28 state trails must be provided as part of the  
 17.29 required work plan. This appropriation is  
 17.30 available until June 30, 2020, by which time  
 17.31 the project must be completed and final  
 17.32 products delivered.

17.33 **(c) Leech Lake Acquisition**

17.34 \$1,500,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 17.35 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
 17.36 an agreement with the Leech Lake Band of

18.1 Ojibwe to acquire approximately 45 acres,  
18.2 including 0.67 miles of shoreline of  
18.3 high-quality aquatic and wildlife habitat at the  
18.4 historic meeting place between Henry  
18.5 Schoolcraft and the Anishinabe people. The  
18.6 land must be open to public use including  
18.7 hunting and fishing. The band must provide a  
18.8 commitment that land will not be put in a  
18.9 federal trust through the Bureau of Indian  
18.10 Affairs.

18.11 **(d) Mesabi Trail Development**

18.12 \$2,269,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
18.13 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
18.14 an agreement with the St. Louis and Lake  
18.15 Counties Regional Railroad Authority for  
18.16 engineering and constructing segments of the  
18.17 Mesabi Trail. This appropriation is available  
18.18 until June 30, 2020, by which time the project  
18.19 must be completed and final products  
18.20 delivered.

18.21 **(e) Tower Trailhead Boat Landing and Habitat**  
18.22 **Improvement - Phase II**

18.23 \$600,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
18.24 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
18.25 an agreement with the city of Tower to  
18.26 construct a trailhead and boat landing and  
18.27 restore vegetative habitat on city-owned  
18.28 property. Plant and seed materials must follow  
18.29 the Board of Water and Soil Resources' native  
18.30 vegetation establishment and enhancement  
18.31 guidelines. This appropriation is available until  
18.32 June 30, 2020, by which time the project must  
18.33 be completed and final products delivered.

18.34 **(f) Land Acquisition for Voyageurs National**  
18.35 **Park Crane Lake Visitors Center**

19.1 \$950,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 19.2 to the commissioner of natural resources for  
 19.3 an agreement with the town of Crane Lake, in  
 19.4 partnership with Voyageurs National Park and  
 19.5 the Department of Natural Resources, to  
 19.6 acquire approximately 30 acres to be used for  
 19.7 a visitor center and campground. Income  
 19.8 generated by the campground may be used to  
 19.9 support the facility.

19.10 **Subd. 10. Administration and**  
 19.11 **Contract Agreement**  
 19.12 **Reimbursement**

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19.13 **(a) Contract Agreement Reimbursement**

19.14 \$135,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 19.15 to the commissioner of natural resources, at  
 19.16 the direction of the Legislative-Citizen  
 19.17 Commission on Minnesota Resources, for  
 19.18 expenses incurred for contract agreement  
 19.19 reimbursement for the agreements specified  
 19.20 in this section. The commissioner shall provide  
 19.21 documentation to the Legislative-Citizen  
 19.22 Commission on Minnesota Resources on the  
 19.23 expenditure of these funds.

19.24 **(b) Legislative-Citizen Commission on**  
 19.25 **Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) Administration**

19.26 \$1,200,000 the first year is from the trust fund  
 19.27 to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on  
 19.28 Minnesota Resources for administration in  
 19.29 fiscal years 2018 and 2019 as provided in  
 19.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.09,  
 19.31 subdivision 5.

19.32 **(c) Legislative Coordinating Commission Legacy**  
 19.33 **Web site**

19.34 \$5,000 the first year is from the trust fund to  
 19.35 the Legislative Coordinating Commission for  
 19.36 the Web site required in Minnesota Statutes,  
 19.37 section 3.303, subdivision 10.

20.1 **Subd. 11. Availability of Appropriations**

20.2 Money appropriated in this section may not

20.3 be spent on activities unless they are directly

20.4 related to and necessary for a specific

20.5 appropriation and are specified in the work

20.6 plan approved by the Legislative-Citizen

20.7 Commission on Minnesota Resources. Money

20.8 appropriated in this section must not be spent

20.9 on indirect costs or other institutional overhead

20.10 charges that are not directly related to and

20.11 necessary for a specific appropriation. Costs

20.12 that are directly related to and necessary for

20.13 an appropriation, including financial services,

20.14 human resources, information services, rent,

20.15 and utilities, are eligible only if the costs can

20.16 be clearly justified and individually

20.17 documented specific to the appropriation's

20.18 purpose and would not be generated by the

20.19 recipient but for receipt of the appropriation.

20.20 No broad allocations for costs in either dollars

20.21 or percentages are allowed. Unless otherwise

20.22 provided, the amounts in this section are

20.23 available until June 30, 2019, when projects

20.24 must be completed and final products

20.25 delivered. For acquisition of real property, the

20.26 appropriations in this section are available for

20.27 an additional fiscal year if a binding contract

20.28 for acquisition of the real property is entered

20.29 into before the expiration date of the

20.30 appropriation. If a project receives a federal

20.31 grant, the time period of the appropriation is

20.32 extended to equal the federal grant period.

20.33 **Subd. 12. Data Availability Requirements**

20.34 Data collected by the projects funded under

20.35 this section must conform to guidelines and

20.36 standards adopted by MN.IT Services. Spatial

21.1 data must also conform to additional  
21.2 guidelines and standards designed to support  
21.3 data coordination and distribution that have  
21.4 been published by the Minnesota Geospatial  
21.5 Information Office. Descriptions of spatial  
21.6 data must be prepared as specified in the state's  
21.7 geographic metadata guideline and must be  
21.8 submitted to the Minnesota Geospatial  
21.9 Information Office. All data must be  
21.10 accessible and free to the public unless made  
21.11 private under the Data Practices Act,  
21.12 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13. To the extent  
21.13 practicable, summary data and results of  
21.14 projects funded under this section should be  
21.15 readily accessible on the Internet and  
21.16 identified as having received funding from the  
21.17 environment and natural resources trust fund.  
21.18 **Subd. 13. Project Requirements**  
21.19 (a) As a condition of accepting an  
21.20 appropriation under this section, an agency or  
21.21 entity receiving an appropriation or a party to  
21.22 an agreement from an appropriation must  
21.23 comply with paragraphs (b) to (l) and  
21.24 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116P, and must  
21.25 submit a work plan and annual or semiannual  
21.26 progress reports in the form determined by the  
21.27 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota  
21.28 Resources for any project funded in whole or  
21.29 in part with funds from the appropriation.  
21.30 Modifications to the approved work plan and  
21.31 budget expenditures must be made through  
21.32 the amendment process established by the  
21.33 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota  
21.34 Resources.

22.1 (b) A recipient of money appropriated in this  
22.2 section that conducts a restoration using funds  
22.3 appropriated in this section must use native  
22.4 plant species according to the Board of Water  
22.5 and Soil Resources' native vegetation  
22.6 establishment and enhancement guidelines  
22.7 and include an appropriate diversity of native  
22.8 species selected to provide habitat for  
22.9 pollinators throughout the growing season as  
22.10 required under Minnesota Statutes, section  
22.11 84.973.

22.12 (c) For all restorations conducted with money  
22.13 appropriated under this section, a recipient  
22.14 must prepare an ecological restoration and  
22.15 management plan that, to the degree  
22.16 practicable, is consistent with the highest  
22.17 quality conservation and ecological goals for  
22.18 the restoration site. Consideration should be  
22.19 given to soil, geology, topography, and other  
22.20 relevant factors that would provide the best  
22.21 chance for long-term success and durability  
22.22 of the restoration project. The plan must  
22.23 include the proposed timetable for  
22.24 implementing the restoration, including site  
22.25 preparation, establishment of diverse plant  
22.26 species, maintenance, and additional  
22.27 enhancement to establish the restoration;  
22.28 identify long-term maintenance and  
22.29 management needs of the restoration and how  
22.30 the maintenance, management, and  
22.31 enhancement will be financed; and take  
22.32 advantage of the best available science and  
22.33 include innovative techniques to achieve the  
22.34 best restoration.

- 23.1 (d) An entity receiving an appropriation in this  
23.2 section for restoration activities must provide  
23.3 an initial restoration evaluation at the  
23.4 completion of the appropriation and an  
23.5 evaluation three years beyond the completion  
23.6 of the expenditure. Restorations must be  
23.7 evaluated relative to the stated goals and  
23.8 standards in the restoration plan, current  
23.9 science, and, when applicable, the Board of  
23.10 Water and Soil Resources' native vegetation  
23.11 establishment and enhancement guidelines.  
23.12 The evaluation must determine whether the  
23.13 restorations are meeting planned goals,  
23.14 identify any problems with the implementation  
23.15 of the restorations, and, if necessary, give  
23.16 recommendations on improving restorations.  
23.17 The evaluation must be focused on improving  
23.18 future restorations.
- 23.19 (e) All restoration and enhancement projects  
23.20 funded with money appropriated in this section  
23.21 must be on land permanently protected by a  
23.22 conservation easement or public ownership.
- 23.23 (f) A recipient of money from an appropriation  
23.24 under this section must give consideration to  
23.25 contracting with Conservation Corps  
23.26 Minnesota for contract restoration and  
23.27 enhancement services.
- 23.28 (g) All conservation easements acquired with  
23.29 money appropriated under this section must:
- 23.30 (1) be permanent;  
23.31 (2) specify the parties to an easement in the  
23.32 easement;  
23.33 (3) specify all of the provisions of an  
23.34 agreement that are permanent;

- 24.1 (4) be sent to the Legislative-Citizen  
24.2 Commission on Minnesota Resources in an  
24.3 electronic format at least ten business days  
24.4 before closing;
- 24.5 (5) include a long-term monitoring and  
24.6 enforcement plan and funding for monitoring  
24.7 and enforcing the easement agreement; and
- 24.8 (6) include requirements in the easement  
24.9 document to address specific groundwater and  
24.10 surface water quality protection activities such  
24.11 as keeping water on the landscape, reducing  
24.12 nutrient and contaminant loading, protecting  
24.13 groundwater, and not permitting artificial  
24.14 hydrological modifications.
- 24.15 (h) For any acquisition of lands or interest in  
24.16 lands, a recipient of money appropriated under  
24.17 this section must not agree to pay more than  
24.18 100 percent of the appraised value for a parcel  
24.19 of land using this money to complete the  
24.20 purchase, in part or in whole, except that up  
24.21 to ten percent above the appraised value may  
24.22 be allowed to complete the purchase, in part  
24.23 or in whole, using this money if permission is  
24.24 received in advance of the purchase from the  
24.25 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota  
24.26 Resources.
- 24.27 (i) For any acquisition of land or interest in  
24.28 land, a recipient of money appropriated under  
24.29 this section must give priority to high-quality  
24.30 natural resources or conservation lands that  
24.31 provide natural buffers to water resources.
- 24.32 (j) For new lands acquired with money  
24.33 appropriated under this section, a recipient  
24.34 must prepare an ecological restoration and



25.1 management plan in compliance with  
25.2 paragraph (c), including sufficient funding for  
25.3 implementation unless the work plan addresses  
25.4 why a portion of the money is not necessary  
25.5 to achieve a high-quality restoration.

25.6 (k) To ensure public accountability for the use  
25.7 of public funds, within 60 days of the  
25.8 transaction, a recipient of money appropriated  
25.9 under this section must provide to the  
25.10 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota  
25.11 Resources documentation of the selection  
25.12 process used to identify parcels acquired and  
25.13 provide documentation of all related  
25.14 transaction costs, including but not limited to  
25.15 appraisals, legal fees, recording fees,  
25.16 commissions, other similar costs, and  
25.17 donations. This information must be provided  
25.18 for all parties involved in the transaction. The  
25.19 recipient must also report to the  
25.20 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota  
25.21 Resources any difference between the  
25.22 acquisition amount paid to the seller and the  
25.23 state-certified or state-reviewed appraisal, if  
25.24 a state-certified or state-reviewed appraisal  
25.25 was conducted.

25.26 (l) A recipient of an appropriation from the  
25.27 trust fund under this section must acknowledge  
25.28 financial support from the environment and  
25.29 natural resources trust fund in project  
25.30 publications, signage, and other public  
25.31 communications and outreach related to work  
25.32 completed using the appropriation.  
25.33 Acknowledgment may occur, as appropriate,  
25.34 through use of the trust fund logo or inclusion  
25.35 of language attributing support from the trust

26.1 fund. Each direct recipient of money  
26.2 appropriated in this section, as well as each  
26.3 recipient of a grant awarded pursuant to this  
26.4 section, must satisfy all reporting and other  
26.5 requirements incumbent upon constitutionally  
26.6 dedicated funding recipients as provided in  
26.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision  
26.8 10, and chapter 116P.

26.9 **Subd. 14. Payment Conditions and Capital**  
26.10 **Equipment Expenditures**

26.11 (a) All agreements, grants, or contracts  
26.12 referred to in this section must be administered  
26.13 on a reimbursement basis unless otherwise  
26.14 provided in this section. Notwithstanding  
26.15 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.41,  
26.16 expenditures made on or after July 1, 2017,  
26.17 or the date the work plan is approved,  
26.18 whichever is later, are eligible for  
26.19 reimbursement unless otherwise provided in  
26.20 this section. Periodic payments must be made  
26.21 upon receiving documentation that the  
26.22 deliverable items articulated in the approved  
26.23 work plan have been achieved, including  
26.24 partial achievements as evidenced by approved  
26.25 progress reports. Reasonable amounts may be  
26.26 advanced to projects to accommodate cash  
26.27 flow needs or match federal money. The  
26.28 advances must be approved as part of the work  
26.29 plan. No expenditures for capital equipment  
26.30 are allowed unless expressly authorized in the  
26.31 project work plan.

26.32 (b) Single-source contracts as specified in the  
26.33 approved work plan are allowed.

26.34 **Subd. 15. Purchase of Recycled and Recyclable**  
26.35 **Materials**

27.1 A political subdivision, public or private  
27.2 corporation, or other entity that receives an  
27.3 appropriation under this section must use the  
27.4 appropriation in compliance with Minnesota  
27.5 Statutes, section 16C.0725, regarding purchase  
27.6 of recycled, repairable, and durable materials  
27.7 and Minnesota Statutes, section 16C.073,  
27.8 regarding purchase and use of paper stock and  
27.9 printing.

27.10 **Subd. 16. Energy Conservation and Sustainable**  
27.11 **Building Guidelines**

27.12 A recipient to whom an appropriation is made  
27.13 under this section for a capital improvement  
27.14 project must ensure that the project complies  
27.15 with the applicable energy conservation and  
27.16 sustainable building guidelines and standards  
27.17 contained in law, including Minnesota  
27.18 Statutes, sections 16B.325, 216C.19, and  
27.19 216C.20, and rules adopted under those  
27.20 sections. The recipient may use the energy  
27.21 planning, advocacy, and State Energy Office  
27.22 units of the Department of Commerce to  
27.23 obtain information and technical assistance  
27.24 on energy conservation and alternative energy  
27.25 development relating to planning and  
27.26 constructing the capital improvement project.

27.27 **Subd. 17. Accessibility**

27.28 Structural and nonstructural facilities must  
27.29 meet the design standards in the Americans  
27.30 with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility  
27.31 guidelines.

27.32 **Subd. 18. Carryforward; Extension**

27.33 (a) The availability of the appropriations for  
27.34 the following projects are extended to June  
27.35 30, 2018:

- 28.1 (1) Laws 2014, chapter 226, section 2,  
28.2 subdivision 3, paragraph (d), Evaluation of  
28.3 Wastewater Nitrogen and Estrogen Treatment  
28.4 Options;
- 28.5 (2) Laws 2014, chapter 226, section 2,  
28.6 subdivision 4, paragraph (b), Bioacoustics to  
28.7 Detect, Deter, and Eliminate Silver Carp;
- 28.8 (3) Laws 2014, chapter 226, section 2,  
28.9 subdivision 4, paragraph (f), Brown  
28.10 Marmorated Stink Bug Monitoring and  
28.11 Biocontrol Evaluation;
- 28.12 (4) Laws 2014, chapter 226, section 2,  
28.13 subdivision 6, paragraph (h), Nutrient Capture  
28.14 through Water Management and Biomass  
28.15 Harvesting;
- 28.16 (5) Laws 2014, chapter 226, section 2,  
28.17 subdivision 7, paragraph (b), Metropolitan  
28.18 Regional Park System Acquisition;
- 28.19 (6) Laws 2015, chapter 76, section 2,  
28.20 subdivision 3, paragraph (l), Genetic and  
28.21 Camera Techniques to Estimate Carnivore  
28.22 Populations;
- 28.23 (7) Laws 2015, chapter 76, section 2,  
28.24 subdivision 7, paragraph (c), Building  
28.25 Deconstruction to Reduce Greenhouse Gas  
28.26 Emissions and Solid Waste; and
- 28.27 (8) Laws 2015, chapter 76, section 2,  
28.28 subdivision 10, Emerging Issues Account.
- 28.29 (b) The availability of the appropriations for  
28.30 the following projects are extended to June  
28.31 30, 2019:
- 28.32 (1) Laws 2014, chapter 226, section 2,  
28.33 subdivision 10, paragraph (c),

29.1 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota  
29.2 Resources (LCCMR), as extended by Laws  
29.3 2016, chapter 186, section 2, subdivision 18,  
29.4 clause (8);  
29.5 (2) Laws 2015, chapter 76, section 2,  
29.6 subdivision 7, paragraph (a), Renewable and  
29.7 Sustainable Fertilizers Produced Locally;  
29.8 (3) Laws 2015, chapter 76, section 2,  
29.9 subdivision 8, paragraph (h), Improving  
29.10 Community Forests Through Citizen  
29.11 Engagement; and  
29.12 (4) Laws 2016, chapter 186, section 2,  
29.13 subdivision 9, paragraph (b), Minnesota Point  
29.14 Pine Forest Scientific and Natural Area  
29.15 Acquisition.

29.16 **Sec. 3. [15.0541] NO NET GAIN; COUNTIES.**

29.17 (a) A county located in whole or in part north of U.S. Highway 2 may file a no net gain  
29.18 of state lands policy, adopted by the county board, with the commissioner of natural  
29.19 resources. The policy must express the county's policy against the acquisition of additional  
29.20 land by the state within the county.

29.21 (b) When a state agency acquires private land within a county that has filed a no net  
29.22 gain of state lands policy under this section, the commissioner of natural resources, for lands  
29.23 acquired by the commissioner, or the commissioner of administration, for lands acquired  
29.24 by another state agency, must sell to a private individual or entity an equal or greater number  
29.25 of acres of land within the county. The value of the land sold must be of at least substantially  
29.26 equal value of the lands acquired. Notwithstanding section 94.10, subdivision 2, if lands  
29.27 being offered for sale to comply with this section remain unsold after a public sale offering,  
29.28 the lands may be sold for less than the appraised value. Land sold under this paragraph must  
29.29 not be sold for less than 75 percent of the appraised value.

29.30 (c) For the purposes of this section the following terms have the meanings given:

29.31 (1) "agency" has the meaning given under section 16B.01, subdivision 2, excluding the  
29.32 Department of Transportation, and excluding the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.

30.1 (2) "substantially equal value" has the meaning given under section 94.343, subdivision  
30.2 3, paragraph (b).

30.3 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 116P.05, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

30.4 Subd. 2. **Duties.** (a) The commission shall recommend an annual or biennial legislative  
30.5 bill for appropriations from the environment and natural resources trust fund and shall adopt  
30.6 a strategic plan as provided in section 116P.08. Approval of the recommended legislative  
30.7 bill requires an affirmative vote of at least 12 members of the commission.

30.8 (b) It is a condition of acceptance of the appropriations made from the Minnesota  
30.9 environment and natural resources trust fund, and oil overcharge money under section 4.071,  
30.10 subdivision 2, that the agency or entity receiving the appropriation must submit a work plan  
30.11 and annual or semiannual progress reports in the form determined by the Legislative-Citizen  
30.12 Commission on Minnesota Resources, and comply with applicable reporting requirements  
30.13 under section 116P.16. None of the money provided may be spent unless the commission  
30.14 has approved the pertinent work plan. Modifications to the approved work plan and budget  
30.15 expenditures shall be made through the amendment process established by the commission.  
30.16 The commission shall ensure that the expenditures and outcomes described in the work plan  
30.17 for appropriations funded by the environment and natural resources trust fund are met.

30.18 (c) The peer review procedures created under section 116P.08 must also be used to  
30.19 review, comment, and report to the commission on research proposals applying for an  
30.20 appropriation from the oil overcharge money under section 4.071, subdivision 2.

30.21 (d) The commission may adopt operating procedures to fulfill its duties under this chapter.

30.22 (e) As part of the operating procedures, the commission shall:

30.23 (1) ensure that members' expectations are to participate in all meetings related to funding  
30.24 decision recommendations;

30.25 (2) recommend adequate funding for increased citizen outreach and communications  
30.26 for trust fund expenditure planning;

30.27 (3) allow administrative expenses as part of individual project expenditures based on  
30.28 need;

30.29 (4) provide for project outcome evaluation;

30.30 (5) keep the grant application, administration, and review process as simple as possible;  
30.31 and

31.1 (6) define and emphasize the leveraging of additional sources of money that project  
31.2 proposers should consider when making trust fund proposals.

31.3 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 116P.17, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

31.4 Subdivision 1. **Commissioner approval.** (a) A recipient of an appropriation from the  
31.5 trust fund who acquires an interest in real property must receive written approval from the  
31.6 commissioner of natural resources prior to the acquisition, if the interest is acquired in whole  
31.7 or in part with the appropriation. A recipient must request the commissioner's approval at  
31.8 least ten business days before the proposed acquisition. When a recipient requests approval  
31.9 under this subdivision, the recipient must simultaneously submit the same information to  
31.10 the commission. Conservation easements to be held by the Board of Water and Soil  
31.11 Resources, acquisitions of land in the metropolitan regional recreation open space systems  
31.12 as defined under section 473.351, subdivision 1, with appropriations to the Metropolitan  
31.13 Council, and acquisitions specifically identified in appropriation laws are not subject to  
31.14 commissioner approval under this section.

31.15 (b) The commissioner shall approve acquisitions under this section only when the interest  
31.16 in real property:

31.17 (1) is identified as a high priority by the commissioner and meets the objectives and  
31.18 criteria identified in the applicable acquisition plan for the intended management status of  
31.19 the property; or

31.20 (2) is otherwise identified by the commissioner as a priority for state financing.