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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Finance
03/09/2017 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Legacy Funding Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to legacy funding; appropriating money from clean water fund and parks
1.3 and trails fund.

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

1.5 ARTICLE 1

1.6 CLEAN WATER FUND

1.7 Section 1. CLEAN WATER FUND APPROPRIATIONS.

1.8 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies
1.9 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the clean water
1.10 fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for allowable activities under the
1.11 Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 15. The figures "2018" and "2019" used in this
1.12 article mean that the appropriations listed under them are available for the fiscal year ending
1.13 June 30, 2018, or June 30, 2019, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2018. "The
1.14 second year" is fiscal year 2019. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2018 and 2019. The
1.15 appropriations in this article are onetime.

Table with 2 columns: 2018, 2019. Header: APPROPRIATIONS Available for the Year Ending June 30

1.20 Sec. 2. CLEAN WATER

1.21 Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation \$ 107,083,000 \$ 113,431,000

2.1 The amounts that may be spent for each
2.2 purpose are specified in the following sections.

2.3 **Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation**

2.4 Money appropriated in this article may not be
2.5 spent on activities unless they are directly
2.6 related to and necessary for a specific
2.7 appropriation. Money appropriated in this
2.8 article must be spent in accordance with
2.9 Minnesota Management and Budget's
2.10 Guidance to Agencies on Legacy Fund
2.11 Expenditure. Notwithstanding Minnesota
2.12 Statutes, section 16A.28, and unless otherwise
2.13 specified in this article, fiscal year 2018
2.14 appropriations are available until June 30,
2.15 2019, and fiscal year 2019 appropriations are
2.16 available until June 30, 2020. If a project
2.17 receives federal funds, the period of the
2.18 appropriation is extended to equal the
2.19 availability of federal funding.

2.20 **Subd. 3. Disability Access**

2.21 Where appropriate, grant recipients of clean
2.22 water funds, in consultation with the Council
2.23 on Disability and other appropriate
2.24 governor-appointed disability councils, boards,
2.25 committees, and commissions, should make
2.26 progress toward providing greater access to
2.27 programs, print publications, and digital media
2.28 for people with disabilities related to the
2.29 programs the recipient funds using
2.30 appropriations made in this article.

2.31 **Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE** **\$** **9,208,000** **\$** **9,208,000**

2.32 (a) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the
2.33 second year are to increase monitoring for
2.34 pesticides and pesticide degradates in surface

- 3.1 water and groundwater and to use data
3.2 collected to assess pesticide use practices.
- 3.3 (b) \$2,085,000 the first year and \$2,086,000
3.4 the second year are for monitoring and
3.5 evaluating trends in the concentration of
3.6 nitrate in groundwater in areas vulnerable to
3.7 groundwater degradation; promoting,
3.8 developing, and evaluating regional and
3.9 crop-specific nutrient best management
3.10 practices; assessing best management practice
3.11 adoption; education and technical support from
3.12 University of Minnesota Extension; grants to
3.13 support agricultural demonstration and
3.14 implementation activities; and other actions
3.15 to protect groundwater from degradation from
3.16 nitrate. This appropriation is available until
3.17 June 30, 2022.
- 3.18 (c) \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the
3.19 second year are for administering clean water
3.20 funds managed through the agriculture best
3.21 management practices loan program. Any
3.22 unencumbered balance at the end of the second
3.23 year shall be added to the corpus of the loan
3.24 fund.
- 3.25 (d) \$1,125,000 the first year and \$1,125,000
3.26 the second year are for technical assistance,
3.27 research, and demonstration projects on proper
3.28 implementation of best management practices
3.29 and more precise information on nonpoint
3.30 contributions to impaired waters and for grants
3.31 to support on-farm demonstration of
3.32 agricultural practices. This appropriation is
3.33 available until June 30, 2022.
- 3.34 (e) \$788,000 the first year and \$787,000 the
3.35 second year are for research to quantify and

4.1 reduce agricultural contributions to impaired
4.2 waters and for development and evaluation of
4.3 best management practices to protect and
4.4 restore water resources. This appropriation is
4.5 available until June 30, 2022.

4.6 (f) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the
4.7 second year are for a research inventory
4.8 database containing water-related research
4.9 activities. Costs for information technology
4.10 development or support for this research
4.11 inventory database may be paid to the Office
4.12 of MN.IT Services. This appropriation is
4.13 available until June 30, 2022.

4.14 (g) \$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,500,000
4.15 the second year are to implement the
4.16 Minnesota agricultural water quality
4.17 certification program statewide. Funds
4.18 appropriated in this paragraph are available
4.19 until June 30, 2021.

4.20 (h) \$110,000 the first year and \$110,000 the
4.21 second year are to provide funding for a
4.22 regional irrigation water quality specialist
4.23 through University of Minnesota Extension.

4.24 (i) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
4.25 the second year are for grants to the Board of
4.26 Regents of the University of Minnesota to
4.27 fund the Forever Green Agriculture Initiative
4.28 and to protect the state's natural resources
4.29 while increasing the efficiency, profitability,
4.30 and productivity of Minnesota farmers by
4.31 incorporating perennial and winter-annual
4.32 crops into existing agricultural practices. This
4.33 appropriation is available until June 30, 2022.

5.1 (j) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
 5.2 the second year are for pesticide testing of
 5.3 private wells where nitrate is detected, as part
 5.4 of the Township Testing Program. This
 5.5 appropriation is available until June 30, 2022.

5.6 (k) \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the
 5.7 second year are to evaluate market
 5.8 opportunities and develop markets for crops
 5.9 that can be profitable for farmers and
 5.10 beneficial for water quality and soil health.

5.11 (l) A portion of the funds in this section may
 5.12 be used for programs to train state and local
 5.13 outreach staff in the intersection between
 5.14 agricultural economics and agricultural
 5.15 conservation.

5.16 **Sec. 4. PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY \$ 8,125,000 \$ 10,125,000**

5.17 (a) \$8,000,000 the first year and \$10,000,000
 5.18 the second year are for the point source
 5.19 implementation grants program under
 5.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.073. This
 5.21 appropriation is available until June 30, 2022.

5.22 (b) \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the
 5.23 second year are for small community
 5.24 wastewater treatment grants and loans under
 5.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.075. This
 5.26 appropriation is available until June 30, 2022.

5.27 (c) If there are any uncommitted funds at the
 5.28 end of each fiscal year under paragraph (a) or
 5.29 (b), the Public Facilities Authority may
 5.30 transfer the remaining funds to eligible
 5.31 projects under any of the programs listed in
 5.32 this section based on their priority rank on the
 5.33 Pollution Control Agency's project priority
 5.34 list.

6.1 **Sec. 5. POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY** **\$ 27,358,000 \$ 27,357,000**

6.2 (a) \$8,275,000 the first year and \$8,275,000

6.3 the second year are for completion of needed

6.4 statewide assessments of surface water quality

6.5 and trends according to Minnesota Statutes,

6.6 chapter 114D.

6.7 (b) \$10,145,000 the first year and \$10,145,000

6.8 the second year are to develop watershed

6.9 restoration and protection strategies (WRAPS),

6.10 which include total maximum daily load

6.11 (TMDL) studies and TMDL implementation

6.12 plans for waters listed on the United States

6.13 Environmental Protection Agency approved

6.14 impaired waters list in accordance with

6.15 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 114D. The agency

6.16 shall complete an average of ten percent of

6.17 the TMDLs each year over the biennium.

6.18 (c) \$1,181,000 the first year and \$1,182,000

6.19 the second year are for groundwater

6.20 assessment, including enhancing the ambient

6.21 monitoring network, modeling, and evaluating

6.22 trends, including the reassessment of

6.23 groundwater that was assessed ten to 15 years

6.24 ago and found to be contaminated.

6.25 (d) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the

6.26 second year are for implementation of the St.

6.27 Louis River System Area of Concern

6.28 Remedial Action Plan. This appropriation

6.29 must be matched at a rate of 65 percent

6.30 nonstate money to 35 percent state money.

6.31 (e) \$1,155,000 the first year and \$1,155,000

6.32 the second year are for TMDL research and

6.33 database development.

7.1 (f) \$900,000 the first year and \$900,000 the
7.2 second year are for national pollutant
7.3 discharge elimination system wastewater and
7.4 storm water TMDL implementation efforts.

7.5 (g) \$3,623,000 the first year and \$3,622,000
7.6 the second year are for enhancing the
7.7 county-level delivery systems for subsurface
7.8 sewage treatment system (SSTS) activities
7.9 necessary to implement Minnesota Statutes,
7.10 sections 115.55 and 115.56, for protection of
7.11 groundwater, including base grants for all
7.12 counties with SSTS programs and competitive
7.13 grants to counties with specific plans to
7.14 significantly reduce water pollution by
7.15 reducing the number of systems that are an
7.16 imminent threat to public health or safety or
7.17 are otherwise failing. Counties that receive
7.18 base grants must report the number of sewage
7.19 noncompliant properties upgraded through
7.20 SSTS replacement, connection to a centralized
7.21 sewer system, or other means, including
7.22 property abandonment or buy-out. Counties
7.23 also must report the number of existing SSTS
7.24 compliance inspections conducted in areas
7.25 under county jurisdiction. These required
7.26 reports are to be part of established annual
7.27 reporting for SSTS programs. Counties that
7.28 conduct SSTS inventories or those with an
7.29 ordinance in place that requires an SSTS to
7.30 be inspected as a condition of transferring
7.31 property or as a condition of obtaining a local
7.32 permit must be given priority for competitive
7.33 grants under this paragraph. Of this amount,
7.34 \$1,000,000 each year is available to counties
7.35 for grants to low-income landowners to
7.36 address systems that pose an imminent threat

8.1 to public health or safety or fail to protect
8.2 groundwater. A grant awarded under this
8.3 paragraph may not exceed \$40,000 for the
8.4 biennium. A county receiving a grant under
8.5 this paragraph must submit a report to the
8.6 agency listing the projects funded, including
8.7 an account of the expenditures.

8.8 (h) \$279,000 the first year and \$278,000 the
8.9 second year are for accelerated implementation
8.10 of MS4 permit requirements including
8.11 additional technical assistance to
8.12 municipalities experiencing difficulties
8.13 understanding and implementing the basic
8.14 requirements of the municipal storm water
8.15 program.

8.16 (i) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
8.17 the second year are for a grant program for
8.18 sanitary sewer projects that are included in the
8.19 draft or any updated Voyageurs National Park
8.20 Clean Water Project Comprehensive Plan to
8.21 restore the water quality of waters in
8.22 Voyageurs National Park. Grants must be
8.23 awarded to local government units for projects
8.24 approved by the Voyageurs National Park
8.25 Clean Water Joint Powers Board and must be
8.26 matched by at least 25 percent from sources
8.27 other than the clean water fund.

8.28 (j) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the
8.29 second year are to support activities of the
8.30 Clean Water Council according to Minnesota
8.31 Statutes, section 114D.30, subdivision 1.

8.32 (k) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
8.33 section 16A.28, the appropriations in this
8.34 section are available until June 30, 2022.

9.1 **Sec. 6. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**
 9.2 **RESOURCES** **\$ 11,345,000 \$ 11,345,000**

9.3 (a) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000
 9.4 the second year are for stream flow
 9.5 monitoring.

9.6 (b) \$1,300,000 the first year and \$1,300,000
 9.7 the second year are for lake Index of
 9.8 Biological Integrity (IBI) assessments.

9.9 (c) \$135,000 the first year and \$135,000 the
 9.10 second year are for assessing mercury and
 9.11 other contaminants of fish, including
 9.12 monitoring to track the status of impaired
 9.13 waters over time.

9.14 (d) \$1,985,000 the first year and \$1,985,000
 9.15 the second year are for developing targeted,
 9.16 science-based watershed restoration and
 9.17 protection strategies.

9.18 (e) \$1,700,000 the first year and \$1,700,000
 9.19 the second year are for water supply planning,
 9.20 aquifer protection, and monitoring activities.

9.21 (f) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
 9.22 the second year are for technical assistance to
 9.23 support local implementation of nonpoint
 9.24 source restoration and protection activities.

9.25 (g) \$675,000 the first year and \$675,000 the
 9.26 second year are for applied research and tools,
 9.27 including watershed hydrologic modeling;
 9.28 maintaining and updating spatial data for
 9.29 watershed boundaries, streams, and water
 9.30 bodies and integrating high-resolution digital
 9.31 elevation data; and assessing effectiveness of
 9.32 forestry best management practices for water
 9.33 quality.

10.1 (h) \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the
 10.2 second year are for developing county
 10.3 geologic atlases.

10.4 (i) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
 10.5 second year are for maintenance and updates
 10.6 to buffer maps and for technical guidance on
 10.7 buffer map interpretation to local units of
 10.8 government for implementation of buffer
 10.9 requirements. Maps must be provided to local
 10.10 units of government and made available to
 10.11 landowners on the Department of Natural
 10.12 Resources' Web site.

10.13 (j) \$325,000 the first year and \$325,000 the
 10.14 second year are to collect color infrared
 10.15 imagery for determining perennial cover
 10.16 statewide.

10.17 (k) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
 10.18 the second year are to acquire in fee and
 10.19 permanent conservation easements on lands
 10.20 adjacent to public waters for aquatic
 10.21 management area purposes under Minnesota
 10.22 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 14, to
 10.23 maintain water quality and fish habitat.

10.24 (l) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
 10.25 the second year are to acquire permanent
 10.26 conservation easements in targeted areas to
 10.27 protect the forests and shorelands that supply
 10.28 clean water to lakes, rivers, and streams under
 10.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.66.

10.30 **Sec. 7. BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL**
 10.31 **RESOURCES**

\$ 43,776,000 \$ 48,142,000

10.32 (a) \$3,817,000 the first year and \$8,183,000
 10.33 the second year are for a pilot program to
 10.34 provide performance-based grants to local

11.1 government units. The grants may be used to
11.2 implement projects that protect, enhance, and
11.3 restore surface water quality in lakes, rivers,
11.4 and streams; protect groundwater from
11.5 degradation; and protect drinking water
11.6 sources. Projects must be identified in a
11.7 comprehensive watershed plan developed
11.8 under the One Watershed, One Plan or
11.9 metropolitan surface water management
11.10 frameworks or groundwater plans. Grant
11.11 recipients must identify a nonstate match and
11.12 may use other legacy funds to supplement
11.13 projects funded under this paragraph.

11.14 (b) \$14,750,000 the first year and \$14,750,000
11.15 the second year are for grants to protect and
11.16 restore surface water and drinking water; to
11.17 keep water on the land; to protect, enhance,
11.18 and restore water quality in lakes, rivers, and
11.19 streams; and to protect groundwater and
11.20 drinking water, including feedlot water quality
11.21 and subsurface sewage treatment system
11.22 projects and stream bank, stream channel,
11.23 shoreline restoration, and ravine stabilization
11.24 projects. The projects must use practices
11.25 demonstrated to be effective, be of long-lasting
11.26 public benefit, include a match, and be
11.27 consistent with total maximum daily load
11.28 (TMDL) implementation plans, watershed
11.29 restoration and protection strategies (WRAPS),
11.30 or local water management plans or their
11.31 equivalents. A portion of these funds may be
11.32 used to seek administrative efficiencies
11.33 through shared resources by multiple local
11.34 governmental units.

- 12.1 (c) \$6,000,000 the first year and \$6,000,000
12.2 the second year are for accelerated
12.3 implementation, including local resource
12.4 protection and enhancement grants and
12.5 statewide program enhancements of
12.6 supplements for technical assistance, citizen
12.7 and community outreach, compliance, and
12.8 training and certification.
- 12.9 (d) \$950,000 the first year and \$950,000 the
12.10 second year are to provide state oversight and
12.11 accountability, evaluate results, provide
12.12 implementation tools, and measure the value
12.13 of conservation program implementation by
12.14 local governments, including submission to
12.15 the legislature by March 1 each
12.16 even-numbered year a biennial report prepared
12.17 by the board, in consultation with the
12.18 commissioners of natural resources, health,
12.19 agriculture, and the Pollution Control Agency,
12.20 detailing the recipients, the projects funded
12.21 under this section, and the amount of pollution
12.22 reduced.
- 12.23 (e) \$3,400,000 the first year and \$3,400,000
12.24 the second year are to provide assistance,
12.25 oversight, and grants for supporting local
12.26 governments in implementing and complying
12.27 with riparian protection and excessive soil loss
12.28 requirements.
- 12.29 (f) \$6,000,000 the first year and \$6,000,000
12.30 the second year are to restore or preserve
12.31 permanent conservation on riparian buffers
12.32 adjacent to lakes, rivers, streams, and
12.33 tributaries, to keep water on the land in order
12.34 to decrease sediment, pollutant, and nutrient
12.35 transport; reduce hydrologic impacts to surface

13.1 waters; and increase infiltration for
13.2 groundwater recharge. This appropriation may
13.3 be used for restoration of riparian buffers
13.4 permanently protected by easements purchased
13.5 with this appropriation or contracts to achieve
13.6 permanent protection for riparian buffers or
13.7 stream bank restorations when the riparian
13.8 buffers have been restored. Up to \$1,920,000
13.9 is for deposit in a monitoring and enforcement
13.10 account.

13.11 (g) \$1,750,000 the first year and \$1,750,000
13.12 the second year are for permanent
13.13 conservation easements on wellhead protection
13.14 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section
13.15 103F.515, subdivision 2, paragraph (d), or for
13.16 grants to local units of government for fee title
13.17 acquisition to permanently protect
13.18 groundwater supply sources on wellhead
13.19 protection areas or for otherwise assuring
13.20 long-term protection of groundwater supply
13.21 sources as described under alternative
13.22 management tools in the Department of
13.23 Agriculture's Nitrogen Fertilizer Management
13.24 Plan, including low nitrogen cropping systems
13.25 or implementing nitrogen fertilizer best
13.26 management practices. Priority must be placed
13.27 on land that is located where the vulnerability
13.28 of the drinking water supply is designated as
13.29 high or very high by the commissioner of
13.30 health, where drinking water protection plans
13.31 have identified specific activities that will
13.32 achieve long-term protection, and on lands
13.33 with expiring Conservation Reserve Program
13.34 contracts. Up to \$105,000 is for deposit in a
13.35 monitoring and enforcement account.

- 14.1 (h) \$84,000 the first year and \$84,000 the
14.2 second year are for a technical evaluation
14.3 panel to conduct ten restoration evaluations
14.4 under Minnesota Statutes, section 114D.50,
14.5 subdivision 6.
- 14.6 (i) \$2,100,000 the first year and \$2,100,000
14.7 the second year are for assistance, oversight,
14.8 and grants to local governments to transition
14.9 local water management plans to a watershed
14.10 approach as provided for in Minnesota
14.11 Statutes, chapters 103B, 103C, 103D, and
14.12 114D.
- 14.13 (j) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
14.14 second year are for technical assistance and
14.15 grants for the conservation drainage program
14.16 in consultation with the Drainage Work Group,
14.17 coordinated under Minnesota Statutes, section
14.18 103B.101, subdivision 13, that includes
14.19 projects to improve multipurpose water
14.20 management under Minnesota Statutes, section
14.21 103E.015.
- 14.22 (k) \$1,500,000 the first year and \$1,500,000
14.23 the second year are to purchase and restore
14.24 permanent conservation sites via easements
14.25 or contracts to treat and store water on the land
14.26 for water quality improvement purposes and
14.27 related technical assistance. This work may
14.28 be done in cooperation with the United States
14.29 Department of Agriculture with a first priority
14.30 use to accomplish a conservation reserve
14.31 enhancement program, or equivalent, in the
14.32 state. Up to \$2,880,000 is for deposit in a
14.33 monitoring and enforcement account.
- 14.34 (l) \$1,250,000 the first year and \$1,250,000
14.35 the second year are to purchase permanent

- 15.1 conservation easements to protect lands
15.2 adjacent to public waters with good water
15.3 quality but threatened with degradation. Up
15.4 to \$60,000 is for deposit in a monitoring and
15.5 enforcement account.
- 15.6 (m) \$425,000 the first year and \$425,000 the
15.7 second year are for a program to
15.8 systematically collect data and produce
15.9 county, watershed, and statewide estimates of
15.10 soil erosion caused by water and wind along
15.11 with tracking adoption of conservation
15.12 measures, including cover crops, to address
15.13 erosion.
- 15.14 (n) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
15.15 the second year are for clean water legacy
15.16 grants or contracts of up to \$100,000 to
15.17 governmental, nongovernmental, and tribal
15.18 organizations for implementation projects that
15.19 protect, enhance, and restore water quality or
15.20 protect groundwater and drinking water
15.21 sources from degradation.
- 15.22 (o) The board shall contract for delivery of
15.23 services with Conservation Corps Minnesota
15.24 for restoration, maintenance, and other
15.25 activities under this section for up to \$500,000
15.26 the first year and up to \$500,000 the second
15.27 year.
- 15.28 (p) The board may shift grant or cost-share
15.29 funds in this section and may adjust the
15.30 technical and administrative assistance portion
15.31 of the funds to leverage federal or other
15.32 nonstate funds or to address oversight
15.33 responsibilities or high-priority needs
15.34 identified in local water management plans.

- 18.1 (2) an analysis of infrastructure requirements
- 18.2 for different alternatives;
- 18.3 (3) development of planning level cost
- 18.4 estimates, including capital cost and operation
- 18.5 cost;
- 18.6 (4) identification of funding mechanisms and
- 18.7 an equitable cost-sharing structure for
- 18.8 regionally beneficial water supply
- 18.9 development projects; and
- 18.10 (5) development of subregional groundwater
- 18.11 models.
- 18.12 (b) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
- 18.13 second year are for the water demand
- 18.14 reduction grant program to encourage
- 18.15 implementation of water demand reduction
- 18.16 measures by municipalities in the metropolitan
- 18.17 area to ensure the reliability and protection of
- 18.18 drinking water supplies.

18.19 **Sec. 10. UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA \$ 1,008,000 \$ 1,007,000**

- 18.20 (a) \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the
- 18.21 second year are for developing county
- 18.22 geologic atlases. This appropriation is
- 18.23 available until June 30, 2022.
- 18.24 (b) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
- 18.25 second year are for a performance evaluation
- 18.26 and technology transfer program for storm
- 18.27 water best management practices to enhance
- 18.28 data and information management of storm
- 18.29 water best management practices; evaluate
- 18.30 best management performance and
- 18.31 effectiveness to support meeting total
- 18.32 maximum daily loads; develop standards and
- 18.33 incorporate state-of-the-art guidance using

19.1 minimal impact design standards as the model;
 19.2 and implement a knowledge and technology
 19.3 transfer system across local government,
 19.4 industry, and regulatory sectors. This
 19.5 appropriation is available until June 30, 2020.

19.6 (c) \$133,000 the first year and \$132,000 the
 19.7 second year are to provide guidance
 19.8 documents and tools evaluating the clean
 19.9 water fund's return on investment to measure
 19.10 impacts on water quality and human
 19.11 well-being as well as assist in future funding
 19.12 decisions.

19.13 Sec. 11. LEGISLATURE \$ 15,000

19.14 \$15,000 the first year is for the Legislative
 19.15 Coordinating Commission for the Web site
 19.16 required in Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303,
 19.17 subdivision 10.

19.18 **ARTICLE 2**

19.19 **PARKS AND TRAILS FUND**

19.20 **Section 1. PARKS AND TRAILS FUND APPROPRIATIONS.**

19.21 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies
 19.22 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the parks and
 19.23 trails fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The figures
 19.24 "2018" and "2019" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under them are
 19.25 available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, or June 30, 2019, respectively. "The first
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 19.27 years 2018 and 2019. All appropriations in this article are onetime.

19.28 **APPROPRIATIONS**

19.29 **Available for the Year**

19.30 **Ending June 30**

19.31 **2018**

2019

19.32 **Sec. 2. PARKS AND TRAILS**

20.1	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>42,380,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>45,022,000</u>
20.2	<u>The amounts that may be spent for each</u>				
20.3	<u>purpose are specified in the following sections.</u>				
20.4	<u>Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation</u>				
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20.7	<u>related to and necessary for a specific</u>				
20.8	<u>appropriation. Money appropriated in this</u>				
20.9	<u>article must be spent in accordance with</u>				
20.10	<u>Minnesota Management and Budget's</u>				
20.11	<u>Guidance to Agencies on Legacy Fund</u>				
20.12	<u>Expenditure. Notwithstanding Minnesota</u>				
20.13	<u>Statutes, section 16A.28, and unless otherwise</u>				
20.14	<u>specified in this article, fiscal year 2018</u>				
20.15	<u>appropriations are available until June 30,</u>				
20.16	<u>2020, and fiscal year 2019 appropriations are</u>				
20.17	<u>available until June 30, 2021. If a project</u>				
20.18	<u>receives federal funds, the time period of the</u>				
20.19	<u>appropriation is extended to equal the</u>				
20.20	<u>availability of federal funding.</u>				
20.21	<u>Subd. 3. Disability Access</u>				
20.22	<u>Where appropriate, grant recipients of parks</u>				
20.23	<u>and trails funds, in consultation with the</u>				
20.24	<u>Council on Disability and other appropriate</u>				
20.25	<u>governor-appointed disability councils, boards,</u>				
20.26	<u>committees, and commissions, should make</u>				
20.27	<u>progress toward providing greater access to</u>				
20.28	<u>programs, print publications, and digital media</u>				
20.29	<u>for people with disabilities related to the</u>				
20.30	<u>programs the recipient funds using</u>				
20.31	<u>appropriations made in this article.</u>				
20.32	<u>Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL</u>				
20.33	<u>RESOURCES</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>25,632,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>27,232,000</u>

21.1 (a) \$16,741,000 the first year and \$17,790,000
21.2 the second year are for state parks, recreation
21.3 areas, and trails to:
21.4 (1) connect people to the outdoors;
21.5 (2) acquire land and create opportunities;
21.6 (3) maintain existing holdings; and
21.7 (4) improve cooperation by coordinating with
21.8 partners to implement the 25-year long-range
21.9 parks and trails legacy plan.
21.10 (b) \$8,370,000 the first year and \$8,894,000
21.11 the second year are for grants for parks and
21.12 trails of regional significance outside the
21.13 seven-county metropolitan area under
21.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.535. The grants
21.15 must be based on the recommendations to the
21.16 commissioner from the Greater Minnesota
21.17 Regional Parks and Trails Commission
21.18 established under Minnesota Statutes, section
21.19 85.536. Grants funded under this paragraph
21.20 must support parks and trails of regional or
21.21 statewide significance that meet the applicable
21.22 definitions and criteria for regional parks and
21.23 trails contained in the Greater Minnesota
21.24 Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan
21.25 adopted by the Greater Minnesota Regional
21.26 Parks and Trails Commission on April 22,
21.27 2015. Grant recipients identified under this
21.28 paragraph must submit a grant application to
21.29 the commissioner of natural resources. Up to
21.30 2.5 percent of the appropriation may be used
21.31 by the commissioner for the actual cost of
21.32 issuing and monitoring the grants for the
21.33 commission. Of the amount appropriated,
21.34 \$424,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$399,000 in

22.1 fiscal year 2019 are for the Greater Minnesota
22.2 Regional Parks and Trails Commission to
22.3 carry out its duties under Minnesota Statutes,
22.4 section 85.536, including the continued
22.5 development of a statewide system plan for
22.6 regional parks and trails outside the
22.7 seven-county metropolitan area.

22.8 (c) By January 15, 2018, the Greater
22.9 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails
22.10 Commission shall submit a list of projects,
22.11 ranked in priority order, that contains the
22.12 commission's recommendations for funding
22.13 from the parks and trails fund for fiscal year
22.14 2019 to the chairs and ranking minority
22.15 members of the house of representatives and
22.16 senate committees and divisions with
22.17 jurisdiction over the environment and natural
22.18 resources and the parks and trails fund.

22.19 (d) By January 15, 2018, the Greater
22.20 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails
22.21 Commission shall submit a report that contains
22.22 the commission's criteria for funding from the
22.23 parks and trails fund, including the criteria
22.24 used to determine if a park or trail is of
22.25 regional significance, to the chairs and ranking
22.26 minority members of the house of
22.27 representatives and senate committees and
22.28 divisions with jurisdiction over the
22.29 environment and natural resources and the
22.30 parks and trails fund.

22.31 (e) \$521,000 the first year and \$548,000 the
22.32 second year are for coordination and projects
22.33 between the department, the Metropolitan
22.34 Council, and the Greater Minnesota Regional
22.35 Parks and Trails Commission; enhanced

23.1 Web-based information for park and trail
 23.2 users; and support of activities of the Parks
 23.3 and Trails Legacy Advisory Committee.

23.4 (f) The commissioner shall contract for
 23.5 services with Conservation Corps Minnesota
 23.6 for restoration, maintenance, and other
 23.7 activities under this section for at least
 23.8 \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the
 23.9 second year.

23.10 (g) The implementing agencies receiving
 23.11 appropriations under this section shall give
 23.12 consideration to contracting with Conservation
 23.13 Corps Minnesota for restoration, maintenance,
 23.14 and other activities.

23.15 Sec. 4. **METROPOLITAN COUNCIL** **\$** **16,741,000** **\$** **17,790,000**

23.16 (a) \$16,741,000 the first year and \$17,790,000
 23.17 the second year are for distribution according
 23.18 to Minnesota Statutes, section 85.53,
 23.19 subdivision 3.

23.20 (b) Money appropriated under this section and
 23.21 distributed to implementing agencies must be
 23.22 used to fund the list of recommended projects
 23.23 in the report submitted pursuant to Laws 2013,
 23.24 chapter 137, article 3, section 4, paragraph (o).
 23.25 Projects funded by the money appropriated
 23.26 under this section must be substantially
 23.27 consistent with the project descriptions and
 23.28 dollar amounts in the report. Any funds
 23.29 remaining after completion of the listed
 23.30 projects may be spent by the implementing
 23.31 agencies on projects to support parks and
 23.32 trails.

23.33 (c) Grant agreements entered into by the
 23.34 Metropolitan Council and recipients of money

24.1 appropriated under this section must ensure
 24.2 that the funds are used to supplement and not
 24.3 substitute for traditional sources of funding.
 24.4 (d) The implementing agencies receiving
 24.5 appropriations under this section shall give
 24.6 consideration to contracting with Conservation
 24.7 Corps Minnesota for restoration, maintenance,
 24.8 and other activities.

24.9 **Sec. 5. LEGISLATURE** **\$** **7,000**
 24.10 \$7,000 the first year is for the Legislative
 24.11 Coordinating Commission for the Web site
 24.12 required in Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303,
 24.13 subdivision 10.

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