

1.1 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON H. F. No. 1926

1.2 A bill for an act
1.3 relating to natural resources; appropriating money from outdoor heritage fund;
1.4 modifying restoration evaluation requirements; modifying requirements for
1.5 acquisition of real property with money from legacy funds; modifying previous
1.6 parks and trails fund appropriation; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections
1.7 84.0272, subdivisions 1, 3; 97A.056, subdivision 10, by adding subdivisions.

1.8 May 1, 2014

1.9 The Honorable Paul Thissen
1.10 Speaker of the House of Representatives

1.11 The Honorable Sandra L. Pappas
1.12 President of the Senate

1.13 We, the undersigned conferees for H. F. No. 1926 report that we have agreed upon
1.14 the items in dispute and recommend as follows:

1.15 That the Senate recede from its amendments and that H. F. No. 1926 be further
1.16 amended as follows:

1.17 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.18 "ARTICLE 1

1.19 **OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND**

1.20 Section 1. **OUTDOOR HERITAGE APPROPRIATION.**

1.21 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the
1.22 agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the
1.23 outdoor heritage fund for the fiscal year indicated for each purpose. The figures "2014"
1.24 and "2015" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under them are available
1.25 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, or June 30, 2015, respectively. "The first year" is
1.26 fiscal year 2014. "The second year" is fiscal year 2015. "The biennium" is fiscal years
1.27 2014 and 2015. The appropriations in this act are onetime.

1.28 **APPROPRIATIONS**
1.29 **Available for the Year**

	<u>Ending June 30</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
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2.3	Sec. 2. <u>OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND</u>		
2.4	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	\$	-0-
			\$ <u>109,320,000</u>
2.5	<u>This appropriation is from the outdoor</u>		
2.6	<u>heritage fund. The amounts that may be</u>		
2.7	<u>spent for each purpose are specified in the</u>		
2.8	<u>following subdivisions.</u>		
2.9	<u>Subd. 2. Prairies</u>		-0-
			<u>37,435,000</u>
2.10	<u>(a) DNR Wildlife Management Area and</u>		
2.11	<u>Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition -</u>		
2.12	<u>Phase VI</u>		
2.13	<u>\$8,145,000 in the second year is to the</u>		
2.14	<u>commissioner of natural resources to acquire</u>		
2.15	<u>land in fee for wildlife management area</u>		
2.16	<u>purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
2.17	<u>86A.05, subdivision 8, and to acquire</u>		
2.18	<u>land in fee for scientific and natural area</u>		
2.19	<u>purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
2.20	<u>86A.05, subdivision 5. Of this amount,</u>		
2.21	<u>\$4,250,000 is for the Vermillion River</u>		
2.22	<u>Wildlife Management Area addition in</u>		
2.23	<u>Dakota County. Money appropriated in this</u>		
2.24	<u>paragraph may not be used to acquire any</u>		
2.25	<u>portion of the Vermillion River Wildlife</u>		
2.26	<u>Management Area Addition that is or will</u>		
2.27	<u>be subject to the removal of gravel or other</u>		
2.28	<u>mining activities. Any funds not spent on</u>		
2.29	<u>the Vermillion River Wildlife Management</u>		
2.30	<u>Area addition must be used for acquisition</u>		
2.31	<u>of land in the seven-county metropolitan</u>		
2.32	<u>area. Lands acquired with this appropriation</u>		
2.33	<u>may not be used for emergency haying</u>		
2.34	<u>and grazing in response to federal or state</u>		

3.1 disaster declarations. Conservation grazing
3.2 under a management plan that is already
3.3 being implemented may continue. Subject
3.4 to the evaluation criteria under Minnesota
3.5 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be
3.6 given to acquisition of lands that are eligible
3.7 for the native prairie bank under Minnesota
3.8 Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to
3.9 protected native prairie. A list of proposed
3.10 land and permanent conservation easement
3.11 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
3.12 required accomplishment plan.

3.13 **(b) Accelerating Wildlife Management**

3.14 **Area Acquisition - Phase VI**

3.15 \$10,350,000 in the second year is to the
3.16 commissioner of natural resources for an
3.17 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire
3.18 land in fee for wildlife management area
3.19 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
3.20 86A.05, subdivision 8. Lands acquired
3.21 with this appropriation may not be used for
3.22 emergency haying and grazing in response
3.23 to federal or state disaster declarations.

3.24 Conservation grazing under a management
3.25 plan that is already being implemented may
3.26 continue. Subject to the evaluation criteria
3.27 under Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,
3.28 priority must be given to acquisition of
3.29 lands that are eligible for the native prairie
3.30 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section
3.31 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native
3.32 prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions
3.33 must be provided as part of the required
3.34 accomplishment plan.

4.1 **(c) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project -**
4.2 **Phase V**

4.3 \$3,940,000 in the second year is to the
4.4 commissioner of natural resources for a
4.5 contract with The Nature Conservancy
4.6 to acquire native prairie, wetlands, and
4.7 savanna and restore and enhance grasslands,
4.8 wetlands, and savanna. A list of proposed
4.9 land acquisitions must be provided as part of
4.10 the required accomplishment plan and must
4.11 be consistent with the priorities identified
4.12 in the Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.
4.13 Lands acquired with this appropriation
4.14 may not be used for emergency haying and
4.15 grazing in response to federal or state disaster
4.16 declarations. Conservation grazing under
4.17 a management plan that is already being
4.18 implemented may continue. Subject to the
4.19 evaluation criteria under Minnesota Rules,
4.20 part 6136.0900, priority must be given to
4.21 acquisition of lands that are eligible for the
4.22 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,
4.23 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected
4.24 native prairie. Annual income statements
4.25 and balance sheets for income and expenses
4.26 from land acquired with this appropriation
4.27 must be submitted to the Lessard-Sams
4.28 Outdoor Heritage Council no later than 180
4.29 days following the close of The Nature
4.30 Conservancy's fiscal year.

4.31 **(d) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National**
4.32 **Wildlife Refuge Land Acquisition - Phase**
4.33 **V**

4.34 \$2,450,000 in the second year is to the
4.35 commissioner of natural resources for a

5.1 contract with The Nature Conservancy in
5.2 cooperation with the United States Fish
5.3 and Wildlife Service to acquire land in
5.4 fee or permanent conservation easements
5.5 within the Northern Tallgrass Prairie Habitat
5.6 Preservation Area in western Minnesota for
5.7 addition to the Northern Tallgrass Prairie
5.8 National Wildlife Refuge. Lands acquired
5.9 with this appropriation may not be used for
5.10 emergency haying and grazing in response
5.11 to federal or state disaster declarations.
5.12 Conservation grazing under a management
5.13 plan that is already being implemented may
5.14 continue. Subject to the evaluation criteria
5.15 under Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,
5.16 priority must be given to acquisition of
5.17 lands that are eligible for the native prairie
5.18 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section
5.19 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native
5.20 prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions
5.21 must be provided as part of the required
5.22 accomplishment plan and must be consistent
5.23 with the priorities in the Minnesota Prairie
5.24 Conservation Plan.

5.25 **(e) Accelerated Protection of Grassland**
5.26 **and Prairie Habitat with Reinvest in**
5.27 **Minnesota and Native Prairie Bank**
5.28 **Easements**

5.29 \$3,000,000 in the second year is to the
5.30 commissioner of natural resources and
5.31 \$2,450,000 in the second year is to the Board
5.32 of Water and Soil Resources to implement
5.33 the Minnesota Prairie Conservation
5.34 Plan through acquisition of permanent
5.35 conservation easements to protect native
5.36 prairie and grasslands. Of these amounts,

6.1 up to \$112,000 to the Department of
6.2 Natural Resources and up to \$65,000 to the
6.3 Board of Water and Soil Resources are for
6.4 establishing monitoring and enforcement
6.5 funds as approved in the accomplishment
6.6 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
6.7 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. Lands with
6.8 easements acquired with this appropriation
6.9 may not be used for emergency haying
6.10 and grazing in response to federal or state
6.11 disaster declarations. Conservation grazing
6.12 under a management plan that is already
6.13 being implemented may continue. Subject
6.14 to the evaluation criteria under Minnesota
6.15 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be
6.16 given to acquisition of lands that are eligible
6.17 for the native prairie bank under Minnesota
6.18 Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to
6.19 protected native prairie. A list of permanent
6.20 conservation easements must be provided as
6.21 part of the final report.

6.22 **(f) Minnesota Buffers for Wildlife and**
6.23 **Water - Phase IV**

6.24 \$2,200,000 in the second year is to the Board
6.25 of Water and Soil Resources to acquire
6.26 permanent conservation easements to protect
6.27 and enhance habitat by expanding the clean
6.28 water fund riparian buffer program for at
6.29 least equal wildlife benefits from buffers
6.30 on private land. Up to \$112,500 is for
6.31 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
6.32 fund as approved in the accomplishment
6.33 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
6.34 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. Lands with
6.35 easements acquired with this appropriation
6.36 may not be used for emergency haying

7.1 and grazing in response to federal or state
7.2 disaster declarations. Conservation grazing
7.3 under a management plan that is already
7.4 being implemented may continue. A list of
7.5 permanent conservation easements must be
7.6 provided as part of the final report.

7.7 **(g) Cannon River Headwaters Habitat**
7.8 **Complex - Phase IV**

7.9 \$1,430,000 in the second year is to the
7.10 commissioner of natural resources for an
7.11 agreement with The Trust for Public Land to
7.12 acquire and restore lands in the Cannon River
7.13 watershed for wildlife management area
7.14 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
7.15 86A.05, subdivision 8. Lands acquired
7.16 with this appropriation may not be used for
7.17 emergency haying and grazing in response
7.18 to federal or state disaster declarations.

7.19 Conservation grazing under a management
7.20 plan that is already being implemented may
7.21 continue. Subject to the evaluation criteria
7.22 under Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,
7.23 priority must be given to acquisition of
7.24 lands that are eligible for the native prairie
7.25 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section
7.26 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native
7.27 prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions
7.28 must be provided as part of the required
7.29 accomplishment plan.

7.30 **(h) Accelerated Prairie Restoration and**
7.31 **Enhancement on DNR Lands - Phase VI**

7.32 \$1,530,000 in the second year is to
7.33 the commissioner of natural resources to
7.34 accelerate the restoration and enhancement of
7.35 prairie communities in wildlife management

8.1 areas, scientific and natural areas, aquatic
8.2 management areas, state forest land, and land
8.3 under native prairie bank easements. A list of
8.4 proposed land restorations and enhancements
8.5 must be provided as part of the required
8.6 accomplishment plan.

8.7 **(i) Anoka Sandplain Habitat Restoration**
8.8 **and Enhancement - Phase III**

8.9 \$1,190,000 in the second year is to the
8.10 commissioner of natural resources for
8.11 agreements to restore and enhance wildlife
8.12 habitat on public lands in Anoka, Benton,
8.13 Isanti, Morrison, Sherburne, and Stearns
8.14 Counties as follows: \$155,000 is to Anoka
8.15 Conservation District; \$79,000 is to Isanti
8.16 County Parks Department; \$901,000 is to
8.17 Great River Greening; and \$55,000 is to
8.18 Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation
8.19 District. A list of proposed land restorations
8.20 and enhancements must be provided as part
8.21 of the required accomplishment plan.

8.22 **(j) Crow-Hassen Prairie Complex**
8.23 **Restoration and Enhancement**

8.24 \$370,000 in the second year is to the
8.25 commissioner of natural resources for an
8.26 agreement with Three Rivers Park District
8.27 to restore and enhance prairie habitat
8.28 within the Crow-Hassen Park Reserve.
8.29 A restoration and enhancement plan and
8.30 a list of proposed land restorations and
8.31 enhancements must be provided as part of
8.32 the required accomplishment plan.

8.33 **(k) Prairie and Oak Savanna Restoration**
8.34 **along Mississippi and Rum Rivers**

9.1 \$380,000 in the second year is to the
9.2 commissioner of natural resources for an
9.3 agreement with Anoka County to restore
9.4 and enhance riparian and upland habitat in
9.5 the Rum River Central Regional Park/Cedar
9.6 Creek Conservation Area complex and
9.7 in the Mississippi West Regional Park.
9.8 A restoration and enhancement plan and
9.9 a list of proposed land restorations and
9.10 enhancements must be provided as part of
9.11 the required accomplishment plan.

9.12 Subd. 3. Forests -0- 16,100,000

9.13 **(a) Preventing Forest Fragmentation**
9.14 **and Protecting and Restoring Lake and**
9.15 **Stream Habitat in St. Louis River**

9.16 \$2,800,000 in the second year is to the
9.17 commissioner of natural resources for a
9.18 contract with the Fond du Lac Band of Lake
9.19 Superior Chippewa to acquire lands in fee in
9.20 the St. Louis River watershed to be managed
9.21 for fish and wildlife purposes. A list of
9.22 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
9.23 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

9.24 **(b) Northeastern Minnesota Sharp-Tailed**
9.25 **Grouse Habitat Program - Phase V**

9.26 \$3,150,000 in the second year is to the
9.27 commissioner of natural resources for
9.28 an agreement with Pheasants Forever in
9.29 cooperation with the Minnesota Sharp-Tailed
9.30 Grouse Society to acquire and enhance lands
9.31 in Aitkin, Carlton, Kanabec, Pine, and St.
9.32 Louis Counties for wildlife management area
9.33 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
9.34 86A.05, subdivision 8. Lands acquired
9.35 with this appropriation may not be used for

10.1 emergency haying and grazing in response
10.2 to federal or state disaster declarations.
10.3 Conservation grazing under a management
10.4 plan that is already being implemented may
10.5 continue. A list of proposed land acquisitions
10.6 must be provided as part of the required
10.7 accomplishment plan.

10.8 **(c) Protecting Pineland Sands Aquifer**

10.9 **Forest Lands**

10.10 \$1,050,000 in the second year is to the
10.11 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
10.12 forest lands in Cass, Hubbard, and Wadena
10.13 Counties for wildlife management area
10.14 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
10.15 86A.05, subdivision 8; to acquire land in
10.16 fee for scientific and natural area purposes
10.17 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
10.18 subdivision 5; or to acquire land in fee
10.19 for state forests under Minnesota Statutes,
10.20 section 86A.05, subdivision 7. A list of
10.21 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
10.22 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

10.23 **(d) Protecting Key Forest Lands in Cass**

10.24 **County - Phase V**

10.25 \$880,000 in the second year is to the
10.26 commissioner of natural resources for a
10.27 contract with Cass County to acquire land in
10.28 fee in Cass County for forest wildlife habitat
10.29 or to prevent forest fragmentation. A list of
10.30 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
10.31 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

10.32 **(e) State Forest Acquisitions - Phase II**

10.33 \$950,000 in the second year is to the
10.34 commissioner of natural resources to acquire

11.1 lands in fee and permanent management
11.2 easements, including for habitat purposes,
11.3 in the Richard J. Dorer State Forest under
11.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
11.5 subdivision 7. A list of proposed land
11.6 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
11.7 required accomplishment plan.

11.8 **(f) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**
11.9 **Restoration - Phase II**

11.10 \$5,770,000 in the second year is to the
11.11 commissioner of natural resources for
11.12 agreements to acquire land in fee for wildlife
11.13 management area purposes under Minnesota
11.14 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8; to
11.15 acquire land in fee for scientific and natural
11.16 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section
11.17 86A.05, subdivision 5; to acquire land in fee
11.18 for state forest purposes under Minnesota
11.19 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 7; for
11.20 permanent conservation easements; and
11.21 to restore and enhance habitat on publicly
11.22 protected lands as follows: \$4,800,000 to
11.23 The Nature Conservancy; and \$970,000
11.24 to Minnesota Land Trust, of which up to
11.25 \$160,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is for
11.26 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
11.27 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
11.28 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
11.29 97A.056, subdivision 17. Lands acquired
11.30 or lands with easements acquired with this
11.31 appropriation may not be used for emergency
11.32 hay and grazing in response to federal
11.33 or state disaster declarations. Conservation
11.34 grazing under a management plan that is
11.35 already being implemented may continue.
11.36 A list of proposed acquisitions, permanent

12.1 conservation easements, and restorations and
12.2 enhancements must be provided as part of
12.3 the required accomplishment plan.

12.4 **(g) Camp Ripley Partnership - Phase IV**

12.5 \$1,200,000 in the second year is to the
12.6 Board of Water and Soil Resources in
12.7 cooperation with the Morrison County Soil
12.8 and Water Conservation District to acquire
12.9 permanent conservation easements within
12.10 the boundaries of the Minnesota National
12.11 Guard Compatible Use Buffer to protect
12.12 forest wildlife habitat. Up to \$45,000 is for
12.13 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
12.14 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
12.15 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
12.16 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
12.17 conservation easements must be provided as
12.18 part of the final report.

12.19 **(h) Floodplain Forest Enhancement on**
12.20 **Mississippi River**

12.21 \$300,000 is to the commissioner of natural
12.22 resources for an agreement with National
12.23 Audubon Society to enhance floodplain forest
12.24 habitat for wildlife on public lands along the
12.25 Mississippi River. A list of restorations and
12.26 enhancements must be provided as part of
12.27 the required accomplishment plan.

12.28 Subd. 4. **Wetlands** -0- 24,010,000

12.29 **(a) Reinvest in Minnesota Wetlands**
12.30 **Partnership - Phase VI**

12.31 \$9,710,000 in the second year is to the
12.32 Board of Soil and Water Resources to
12.33 acquire permanent conservation easements
12.34 and restore wetlands and associated upland

13.1 habitat in cooperation with the United
13.2 States Department of Agriculture and
13.3 Ducks Unlimited, including \$645,000
13.4 for an agreement with Ducks Unlimited
13.5 to provide technical and bioengineering
13.6 assistance. Up to \$190,000 to the Board of
13.7 Water and Soil Resources is for establishing
13.8 a monitoring and enforcement fund as
13.9 approved in the accomplishment plan and
13.10 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
13.11 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
13.12 conservation easements must be provided as
13.13 part of the final report. The appropriations
13.14 in Laws 2012, chapter 264, article 1, section
13.15 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (a), and Laws
13.16 2013, chapter 137, article 1, section 2,
13.17 subdivision 4, paragraph (a), may be used for
13.18 the purposes of this appropriation.

13.19 **(b) Accelerating Waterfowl Production**

13.20 **Area Acquisition - Phase VI**

13.21 \$7,280,000 in the second year is to the
13.22 commissioner of natural resources for a
13.23 contract with Pheasants Forever to acquire
13.24 land in fee to be designated and managed as
13.25 waterfowl production areas in Minnesota,
13.26 in cooperation with the United States Fish
13.27 and Wildlife Service. A list of proposed land
13.28 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
13.29 required accomplishment plan.

13.30 **(c) Living Shallow Lakes and Wetland**

13.31 **Initiative - Phase IV**

13.32 \$4,910,000 in the second year is to the
13.33 commissioner of natural resources for
13.34 an agreement with Ducks Unlimited to
13.35 assess, enhance, and restore shallow lakes

14.1 and wetlands, including bioengineering,
14.2 technical assistance, feasibility investigation,
14.3 survey, and design to develop new
14.4 enhancement and restoration projects for
14.5 future implementation. A list of proposed
14.6 enhancements and restorations to be
14.7 constructed through this appropriation
14.8 must be provided as part of the required
14.9 accomplishment plan.

14.10 **(d) Wild Rice Shoreland Protection**

14.11 **Program - Phase III**

14.12 \$198,000 in the second year is to the
14.13 commissioner of natural resources for
14.14 acquisition of land in fee and \$862,000 is to
14.15 the Board of Water and Soil Resources to
14.16 acquire permanent conservation easements
14.17 on wild rice lake shoreland habitat for native
14.18 wild rice bed protection. Of this amount, up
14.19 to \$70,000 to the Board of Water and Soil
14.20 Resources is for establishing a monitoring
14.21 and enforcement fund as approved in
14.22 the accomplishment plan and subject to
14.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
14.24 subdivision 17. A list of proposed fee land
14.25 acquisitions must be included as part of
14.26 the required accomplishment plan by the
14.27 Department of Natural Resources and a list
14.28 of permanent conservation easements must
14.29 be provided as part of the final report by the
14.30 Board of Water and Soil Resources.

14.31 **(e) Accelerated Shallow Lakes and**

14.32 **Wetlands Enhancement - Phase VI**

14.33 \$1,050,000 in the second year is to the
14.34 commissioner of natural resources to enhance
14.35 and restore shallow lakes statewide. A list of

15.1 proposed land restorations and enhancements
15.2 must be provided as part of the required
15.3 accomplishment plan.

15.4 Subd. 5. Habitats -0- 30,890,000

15.5 **(a) DNR Aquatic Habitat - Phase VI**

15.6 \$2,560,000 in the second year is to the
15.7 commissioner of natural resources to
15.8 acquire interests in land in fee for aquatic
15.9 management purposes under Minnesota
15.10 Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 14,
15.11 and 97C.02, and to restore and enhance
15.12 aquatic habitat. A list of proposed
15.13 land acquisitions and restorations and
15.14 enhancements must be provided as part of
15.15 the required accomplishment plan.

15.16 **(b) Fisheries Habitat Protection on**
15.17 **Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes**

15.18 \$2,130,000 in the second year is to the
15.19 commissioner of natural resources for
15.20 agreements with the Leech Lake Area
15.21 Watershed Foundation and Minnesota Land
15.22 Trust to acquire land in fee and permanent
15.23 conservation easements to sustain healthy
15.24 fish habitat on lakes in Aitkin, Cass, Crow
15.25 Wing, and Hubbard Counties as follows:
15.26 \$1,150,300 to Leech Lake Area Watershed
15.27 Foundation; and \$979,700 to Minnesota
15.28 Land Trust, of which up to \$120,000 to
15.29 Minnesota Land Trust is for establishing
15.30 a monitoring and enforcement fund as
15.31 approved in the accomplishment plan and
15.32 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
15.33 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
15.34 land acquisitions must be provided as part of
15.35 the required accomplishment plan.

16.1 **(c) Habitat Protection in Dakota County**

16.2 **- Phase V**

16.3 \$1,190,000 in the second year is to the
16.4 commissioner of natural resources for a
16.5 contract with Dakota County to acquire
16.6 permanent conservation easements and land
16.7 in fee and to restore and enhance habitats in
16.8 rivers and lake watersheds in Dakota County.
16.9 Up to \$15,000 to Dakota County is for
16.10 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
16.11 fund as approved in the accomplishment
16.12 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
16.13 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. Lands
16.14 acquired or lands with easements acquired
16.15 with this appropriation may not be used for
16.16 emergency haying and grazing in response
16.17 to federal or state disaster declarations.
16.18 Conservation grazing under a management
16.19 plan that is already being implemented may
16.20 continue. A list of proposed land acquisitions
16.21 and restorations and enhancements must
16.22 be provided as part of the required
16.23 accomplishment plan.

16.24 **(d) Metro Big Rivers - Phase V**

16.25 \$2,650,000 in the second year is to the
16.26 commissioner of natural resources for
16.27 agreements to acquire land in fee and
16.28 permanent conservation easements and
16.29 to restore and enhance natural systems
16.30 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,
16.31 and St. Croix Rivers as follows: \$600,000
16.32 to Minnesota Valley National Wildlife
16.33 Refuge Trust, Inc.; \$160,000 to Friends of
16.34 the Mississippi River; \$400,000 to Great
16.35 River Greening; \$590,000 to Minnesota

17.1 Land Trust, of which up to \$77,000 is for
17.2 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
17.3 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
17.4 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
17.5 97A.056, subdivision 17; and \$900,000 to
17.6 The Trust for Public Land. Lands acquired
17.7 or lands with easements acquired with
17.8 this appropriation may not be used for
17.9 emergency haying and grazing in response
17.10 to federal or state disaster declarations.
17.11 Conservation grazing under a management
17.12 plan that is already being implemented may
17.13 continue. A list of proposed land acquisitions
17.14 and permanent conservation easements
17.15 must be provided as part of the required
17.16 accomplishment plan.

17.17 **(e) Mustinka River Fish and Wildlife**

17.18 **Habitat Corridor Rehabilitation**

17.19 \$2,440,000 in the second year is to the
17.20 commissioner of natural resources for
17.21 an agreement with the Bois de Sioux
17.22 Watershed District to acquire land in fee
17.23 and to restore natural systems associated
17.24 with the Mustinka River located within the
17.25 Bois de Sioux Watershed. Lands acquired
17.26 with this appropriation may not be used for
17.27 emergency haying and grazing in response
17.28 to federal or state disaster declarations.
17.29 Conservation grazing under a management
17.30 plan that is already being implemented may
17.31 continue. A list of proposed land acquisitions
17.32 must be provided as part of the required
17.33 accomplishment plan.

18.1 **(f) Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater**
18.2 **Fish Habitat Enhancement and**
18.3 **Restoration - Phase VI**
18.4 \$1,900,000 in the second year is to the
18.5 commissioner of natural resources for an
18.6 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited
18.7 to restore and enhance habitat for trout
18.8 and other species in and along coldwater
18.9 rivers and streams in Minnesota. A list of
18.10 proposed land restorations and enhancements
18.11 must be provided as part of the required
18.12 accomplishment plan.

18.13 **(g) St. Louis River Restoration Initiative -**
18.14 **Phase II**
18.15 \$2,290,000 in the second year is to the
18.16 commissioner of natural resources to restore
18.17 habitat in the lower St. Louis River estuary.
18.18 Of this appropriation, up to \$500,000 is for
18.19 an agreement with Minnesota Land Trust. A
18.20 list of proposed restorations must be provided
18.21 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

18.22 **(h) Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation -**
18.23 **Phase II**
18.24 \$1,410,000 in the second year is to the
18.25 commissioner of natural resources for an
18.26 agreement with the Lake Superior Steelhead
18.27 Association to enhance trout habitat in the
18.28 Knife River watershed. A list of proposed
18.29 enhancements must be provided as part of
18.30 the required accomplishment plan.

18.31 **(i) Restoration and Enhancement of**
18.32 **Washington County Public Lands**
18.33 \$430,000 in the second year is to the
18.34 commissioner of natural resources for an

19.1 agreement with Washington County to
19.2 restore and enhance habitat on public lands
19.3 in Washington County. A restoration and
19.4 enhancement plan and a list of proposed
19.5 land restorations and enhancements
19.6 must be provided as part of the required
19.7 accomplishment plan.

19.8 **(j) Wirth Park Enhancements**

19.9 \$600,000 in the second year is to the
19.10 commissioner of natural resources for an
19.11 agreement with the Minneapolis Park Board
19.12 to enhance riparian and upland habitat
19.13 within Wirth Park in Hennepin County.
19.14 A restoration and enhancement plan and
19.15 a list of proposed land restorations and
19.16 enhancements must be provided as part of
19.17 the required accomplishment plan.

19.18 **(k) Evaluate Effectiveness of Aquatic**
19.19 **Invasive Species Prevention Strategies**

19.20 \$4,040,000 in the second year is to the
19.21 commissioner of natural resources for an
19.22 agreement with the Central Minnesota
19.23 Initiative Fund to develop a series of pilot
19.24 projects to enhance aquatic habitat by
19.25 preventing the spread of aquatic invasive
19.26 species, including pilot projects conducting
19.27 education and outreach, inspection and
19.28 decontamination, enforcement, and other
19.29 activities. All pilot projects must be
19.30 conducted on a reimbursement basis and
19.31 require a match of nonoutdoor heritage fund
19.32 dollars. A required evaluation of results
19.33 must be funded with nonoutdoor heritage
19.34 fund dollars. The required evaluation must
19.35 evaluate the efficacy of inspection and

20.1 decontamination activities utilized in any of
20.2 the pilot projects in preventing the spread
20.3 of aquatic invasive species. A list of pilot
20.4 projects must be included in the required final
20.5 report. This appropriation is available until
20.6 June 30, 2019. The accomplishment plan
20.7 must accelerate the start of the pilot project.

20.8 **(l) Albert Lea Lake Management and**
20.9 **Invasive Species Control Structure -**
20.10 **Supplement**

20.11 \$700,000 in the second year is added to
20.12 the appropriation contained in Laws 2013,
20.13 chapter 137, article 1, section 2, subdivision
20.14 5, paragraph (h), to the commissioner of
20.15 natural resources for an agreement with
20.16 the Shell Rock River Watershed District to
20.17 construct structural deterrents and lake level
20.18 controls.

20.19 **(m) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**
20.20 **Program - Phase VI**

20.21 \$4,550,000 in the second year is to the
20.22 commissioner of natural resources for a
20.23 program to provide competitive, matching
20.24 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,
20.25 state, and national organizations for
20.26 enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests,
20.27 wetlands, prairies, or habitat for fish, game,
20.28 or wildlife in Minnesota. Grants shall not
20.29 be made for activities required to fulfill
20.30 the duties of owners of lands subject to
20.31 conservation easements. Grants shall not
20.32 be made from the appropriation in this
20.33 paragraph for projects that have a total
20.34 project cost exceeding \$575,000. Of this
20.35 appropriation, \$460,000 may be spent

21.1 for personnel costs and other direct and
21.2 necessary administrative costs. Grantees may
21.3 acquire land or interests in land. Easements
21.4 must be permanent. Grants may not be used
21.5 to establish easement stewardship accounts.
21.6 Land acquired in fee must be open to hunting
21.7 and fishing during the open season unless
21.8 otherwise provided by law. Lands acquired
21.9 or lands with easements acquired with this
21.10 appropriation may not be used for emergency
21.11 hay and grazing in response to federal
21.12 or state disaster declarations. Conservation
21.13 grazing under a management plan that is
21.14 already being implemented may continue.
21.15 The program shall require a match of at
21.16 least ten percent from nonstate sources
21.17 for all grants. The match may be cash or
21.18 in-kind resources. For grant applications
21.19 of \$25,000 or less, the commissioner shall
21.20 provide a separate, simplified application
21.21 process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the
21.22 commissioner of natural resources shall,
21.23 when evaluating projects of equal value,
21.24 give priority to organizations that have a
21.25 history of receiving or charter to receive
21.26 private contributions for local conservation
21.27 or habitat projects. If acquiring land or a
21.28 conservation easement, priority shall be
21.29 given to projects associated with or within
21.30 one mile of existing wildlife management
21.31 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section
21.32 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific and natural
21.33 areas under Minnesota Statutes, sections
21.34 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; or aquatic
21.35 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,
21.36 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02.

22.1 All restoration or enhancement projects
22.2 must be on land permanently protected by
22.3 a permanent covenant ensuring perpetual
22.4 maintenance and protection of restored
22.5 and enhanced habitat, by a conservation
22.6 easement, or by public ownership or in public
22.7 waters as defined in Minnesota Statutes,
22.8 section 103G.005, subdivision 15. Priority
22.9 shall be given to restoration and enhancement
22.10 projects on public lands. Minnesota Statutes,
22.11 section 97A.056, subdivision 13, applies
22.12 to grants awarded under this paragraph.
22.13 This appropriation is available until June
22.14 30, 2018. No less than five percent of the
22.15 amount of each grant must be held back from
22.16 reimbursement until the grant recipient has
22.17 completed a grant accomplishment report by
22.18 the deadline and in the form prescribed by
22.19 and satisfactory to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
22.20 Heritage Council. The commissioner shall
22.21 provide notice of the grant program in
22.22 the game and fish law summary prepared
22.23 under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.051,
22.24 subdivision 2.

22.25 **(n) Conservation Partners Legacy Metro**
22.26 **Grant Program**

22.27 \$4,000,000 in the second year is to the
22.28 commissioner of natural resources for a
22.29 program to provide competitive, matching
22.30 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,
22.31 state, and national organizations for
22.32 enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests,
22.33 wetlands, prairies, or habitat for fish, game,
22.34 or wildlife in the seven-county metropolitan
22.35 area and cities with a population of 50,000
22.36 or greater. Grants shall not be made for

23.1 activities required to fulfill the duties of
23.2 owners of lands subject to conservation
23.3 easements. Grants shall not be made from the
23.4 appropriation in this paragraph for projects
23.5 that have a total project cost exceeding
23.6 \$575,000. Of this appropriation, \$70,000
23.7 may be spent for direct and necessary
23.8 administrative costs. Grantees may acquire
23.9 land or interests in land. Easements must
23.10 be permanent. Grants may not be used to
23.11 establish easement stewardship accounts.
23.12 Land acquired in fee must be open to hunting
23.13 and fishing during the open season unless
23.14 otherwise provided by law. Lands acquired
23.15 or lands with easements acquired with this
23.16 appropriation may not be used for emergency
23.17 hay and grazing in response to federal
23.18 or state disaster declarations. Conservation
23.19 grazing under a management plan that is
23.20 already being implemented may continue.
23.21 The program shall require a match of at
23.22 least ten percent from nonstate sources
23.23 for all grants. The match may be cash or
23.24 in-kind resources. For grant applications
23.25 of \$25,000 or less, the commissioner shall
23.26 provide a separate, simplified application
23.27 process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the
23.28 commissioner of natural resources shall,
23.29 when evaluating projects of equal value,
23.30 give priority to organizations that have a
23.31 history of receiving or charter to receive
23.32 private contributions for local conservation
23.33 or habitat projects. If acquiring land or a
23.34 conservation easement, priority shall be
23.35 given to projects associated with or within
23.36 one mile of existing wildlife management

24.1 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section
24.2 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific and natural
24.3 areas under Minnesota Statutes, sections
24.4 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; or aquatic
24.5 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,
24.6 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02.
24.7 All restoration or enhancement projects
24.8 must be on land permanently protected by
24.9 a permanent covenant ensuring perpetual
24.10 maintenance and protection of restored
24.11 and enhanced habitat, by a conservation
24.12 easement, or by public ownership or in public
24.13 waters as defined in Minnesota Statutes,
24.14 section 103G.005, subdivision 15. Priority
24.15 shall be given to restoration and enhancement
24.16 projects on public lands. Minnesota Statutes,
24.17 section 97A.056, subdivision 13, applies
24.18 to grants awarded under this paragraph.
24.19 This appropriation is available until June
24.20 30, 2018. No less than five percent of the
24.21 amount of each grant must be held back from
24.22 reimbursement until the grant recipient has
24.23 completed a grant accomplishment report by
24.24 the deadline and in the form prescribed by
24.25 and satisfactory to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
24.26 Heritage Council. The commissioner shall
24.27 provide notice of the grant program in
24.28 the game and fish law summary prepared
24.29 under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.051,
24.30 subdivision 2.

24.31 Subd. 6. **Administration** -0- 885,000

24.32 **(a) Contract Management**

24.33 \$150,000 in the second year is to the
24.34 commissioner of natural resources for
24.35 contract management duties assigned in this

25.1 section. The commissioner shall provide an
25.2 accomplishment plan in the form specified by
25.3 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
25.4 on the expenditure of this appropriation.
25.5 The accomplishment plan must include
25.6 a copy of the grant contract template
25.7 and reimbursement manual. No money
25.8 may be expended prior to Lessard-Sams
25.9 Outdoor Heritage Council approval of the
25.10 accomplishment plan.

25.11 **(b) Legislative Coordinating Commission**

25.12 \$570,000 in the second year is to the
25.13 Legislative Coordinating Commission for
25.14 administrative expenses of the Lessard-Sams
25.15 Outdoor Heritage Council and for
25.16 compensation and expense reimbursement
25.17 of council members. This appropriation is
25.18 available until June 30, 2015. Minnesota
25.19 Statutes, section 16A.281, applies to this
25.20 appropriation.

25.21 **(c) Technical Evaluation Panel**

25.22 \$100,000 in the second year is to the
25.23 commissioner of natural resources for a
25.24 technical evaluation panel to conduct up to
25.25 ten restoration evaluations under Minnesota
25.26 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 10.

25.27 **(d) High Priority Pre-Transaction Service**
25.28 **Acceleration for Lessard-Sams Outdoor**
25.29 **Heritage Council**

25.30 \$50,000 in the second year is to the
25.31 commissioner of natural resources to provide
25.32 land acquisition pre-transaction services
25.33 including but not limited to appraisals,
25.34 surveys, or title research for acquisition

26.1 proposals under consideration by the
26.2 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. A
26.3 list of activities must be included in the final
26.4 accomplishment plan.

26.5 **(e) Legacy Web Site**

26.6 \$15,000 in the second year is to the
26.7 Legislative Coordinating Commission for
26.8 the Web site required in Minnesota Statutes,
26.9 section 3.303, subdivision 10.

26.10 **Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation**

26.11 Money appropriated in this section may
26.12 not be spent on activities unless they are
26.13 directly related to and necessary for a
26.14 specific appropriation and are specified in
26.15 the accomplishment plan approved by the
26.16 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
26.17 Money appropriated in this section must
26.18 not be spent on indirect costs or other
26.19 institutional overhead charges that are not
26.20 directly related to and necessary for a specific
26.21 appropriation. Unless otherwise provided,
26.22 the amounts in this section are available
26.23 until June 30, 2017. For acquisition of real
26.24 property, the amounts in this section are
26.25 available until June 30, 2018, if a binding
26.26 agreement with a landowner or purchase
26.27 agreement is entered into by June 30, 2017,
26.28 and closed no later than June 30, 2018. Funds
26.29 for restoration or enhancement are available
26.30 until June 30, 2019, or five years after
26.31 acquisition, whichever is later, in order to
26.32 complete initial restoration or enhancement
26.33 work. If a project receives federal funds, the
26.34 time period of the appropriation is extended
26.35 to equal the availability of federal funding.

27.1 Funds appropriated for fee title acquisition
27.2 of land may be used to restore, enhance, and
27.3 provide for public use of the land acquired
27.4 with the appropriation. Public use facilities
27.5 must have a minimal impact on habitat in
27.6 acquired lands.

27.7 **Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital**
27.8 **Equipment Expenditures**

27.9 All agreements referred to in this section must
27.10 be administered on a reimbursement basis
27.11 unless otherwise provided in this section.
27.12 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
27.13 16A.41, expenditures directly related
27.14 to each appropriation's purpose made
27.15 on or after July 1, 2014, or the date of
27.16 accomplishment plan approval, whichever is
27.17 later, are eligible for reimbursement unless
27.18 otherwise provided in this section. For the
27.19 purposes of administering appropriations
27.20 and legislatively authorized agreements
27.21 paid out of the outdoor heritage fund, an
27.22 expense must be considered reimbursable
27.23 by the administering agency when the
27.24 recipient presents the agency with an invoice
27.25 or binding agreement with the landowner
27.26 and the recipient attests that the goods have
27.27 been received or the landowner agreement
27.28 is binding. Periodic reimbursement must
27.29 be made upon receiving documentation that
27.30 the items articulated in the accomplishment
27.31 plan approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
27.32 Heritage Council have been achieved,
27.33 including partial achievements as evidenced
27.34 by progress reports approved by the
27.35 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
27.36 Reasonable amounts may be advanced to

28.1 projects to accommodate cash flow needs,
28.2 support future management of acquired
28.3 lands, or match a federal share. The
28.4 advances must be approved as part of the
28.5 accomplishment plan. Capital equipment
28.6 expenditures for specific items in excess of
28.7 \$10,000 must be itemized in and approved as
28.8 part of the accomplishment plan.

28.9 Subd. 9. **Mapping**

28.10 Each direct recipient of money appropriated
28.11 in this section, as well as each recipient of
28.12 a grant awarded pursuant to this section,
28.13 must provide geographic information to
28.14 the Department of Natural Resources for
28.15 mapping of any lands acquired in fee with
28.16 funds appropriated in this section and open
28.17 to public taking of fish and game. The
28.18 commissioner of natural resources shall
28.19 include the lands acquired in fee with
28.20 money appropriated in this section on maps
28.21 showing public recreation opportunities.
28.22 Maps shall include information on and
28.23 acknowledgement of the outdoor heritage
28.24 fund, including a notation of any restrictions.

28.25 Subd. 10. **Pollinators**

28.26 Each direct recipient of money appropriated
28.27 in this section, as well as each recipient of a
28.28 grant awarded pursuant to this section that
28.29 conducts a prairie restoration using funds
28.30 appropriated in this section, must include
28.31 an appropriate diversity of native species
28.32 selected to provide habitat for pollinators
28.33 throughout the growing season as required
28.34 under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.973.

29.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97A.056, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

29.2 Subdivision 1. **Outdoor heritage fund.** An outdoor heritage fund, under article
29.3 XI, section 15, of the Minnesota Constitution, is established as an account in the state
29.4 treasury. All money earned by the outdoor heritage fund must be credited to the fund. At
29.5 least 99 percent of the money appropriated from the fund must be expended to restore,
29.6 protect, and enhance wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife.
29.7 Money appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund shall not be spent to acquire property
29.8 by eminent domain unless the owner requests that the owner's property be acquired by
29.9 eminent domain.

29.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2014, and applies to eminent
29.11 domain actions started after that date.

29.12 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97A.056, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

29.13 Subd. 10. **Restoration evaluations.** The commissioner of natural resources and the
29.14 Board of Water and Soil Resources may convene a technical evaluation panel comprised
29.15 of five members, including one technical representative from the Board of Water and Soil
29.16 Resources, one technical representative from the Department of Natural Resources, one
29.17 technical expert from the University of Minnesota or the Minnesota State Colleges and
29.18 Universities, and two representatives with expertise in the project being evaluated. The
29.19 board and the commissioner may add a technical representative from a unit of federal or
29.20 local government. The members of the technical evaluation panel may not be associated
29.21 with the restoration, may vary depending upon the projects being reviewed, and shall
29.22 avoid any potential conflicts of interest. Each year, the board and the commissioner may
29.23 assign a coordinator to identify a sample of up to ten habitat restoration projects completed
29.24 with outdoor heritage funding. The coordinator shall secure the restoration plans for the
29.25 projects specified and direct the technical evaluation panel to evaluate the restorations
29.26 relative to the law, current science, and the stated goals and standards in the restoration
29.27 plan and, when applicable, to the Board of Water and Soil Resources' native vegetation
29.28 establishment and enhancement guidelines. The coordinator shall summarize the findings
29.29 of the panel and provide a report to the chair of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage
29.30 Council and the chairs of the respective house of representatives and senate policy and
29.31 finance committees with jurisdiction over natural resources and spending from the outdoor
29.32 heritage fund. The report shall determine if the restorations are meeting planned goals,
29.33 any problems with the implementation of restorations, and, if necessary, recommendations
29.34 on improving restorations. The report shall be focused on improving future restorations.

30.1 ~~Up to~~ At least one-tenth of one percent of forecasted receipts from the outdoor heritage
30.2 fund ~~may~~ must be used for restoration evaluations under this section.

30.3 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97A.056, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

30.4 Subd. 13. **Project requirements.** (a) As a condition of accepting money
30.5 appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund, an agency or entity receiving money from
30.6 an appropriation must comply with this subdivision for any project funded in whole or
30.7 in part with funds from the appropriation.

30.8 (b) All conservation easements acquired with money appropriated from the outdoor
30.9 heritage fund must:

30.10 (1) be permanent;

30.11 (2) specify the parties to the easement;

30.12 (3) specify all of the provisions of an agreement that are permanent;

30.13 (4) specify the habitat types and location being protected;

30.14 (5) where appropriate for conservation or water protection outcomes, require the
30.15 grantor to employ practices retaining water on the eased land as long as practicable;

30.16 (6) specify the responsibilities of the parties for habitat enhancement and restoration
30.17 and the associated costs of these activities;

30.18 (7) be sent to the office of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council;

30.19 (8) include a long-term stewardship plan and identify the sources and amount of
30.20 funding for monitoring and enforcing the easement agreement; and

30.21 (9) identify the parties responsible for monitoring and enforcing the easement
30.22 agreement.

30.23 (c) For all restorations, a recipient must prepare and retain an ecological restoration
30.24 and management plan that, to the degree practicable, is consistent with current
30.25 conservation science and ecological goals for the restoration site. Consideration should
30.26 be given to soil, geology, topography, and other relevant factors that would provide the
30.27 best chance for long-term success and durability of the restoration. The plan must include
30.28 the proposed timetable for implementing the restoration, including, but not limited to,
30.29 site preparation, establishment of diverse plant species, maintenance, and additional
30.30 enhancement to establish the restoration; identify long-term maintenance and management
30.31 needs of the restoration and how the maintenance, management, and enhancement will be
30.32 financed; and use current conservation science to achieve the best restoration.

30.33 (d) For new lands acquired, a recipient must prepare a restoration and management
30.34 plan in compliance with paragraph (c), including identification of sufficient funding for
30.35 implementation.

31.1 (e) To ensure public accountability for the use of public funds, a recipient must
31.2 provide to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council documentation of the process used
31.3 to select parcels acquired in fee or as permanent conservation easements and must provide
31.4 the council with documentation of all related transaction costs, including, but not limited
31.5 to, appraisals, legal fees, recording fees, commissions, other similar costs, and donations.
31.6 This information must be provided for all parties involved in the transaction. The recipient
31.7 must also report to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council any difference between
31.8 the acquisition amount paid to the seller and the state-certified or state-reviewed appraisal,
31.9 if a state-certified or state-reviewed appraisal was conducted. The commissioner of natural
31.10 resources may conduct or require additional appraisals of parcels to be acquired in fee
31.11 title or as conservation easements. Acquisition data such as appraisals may remain private
31.12 during negotiations but must ultimately be made public according to chapter 13.

31.13 (f) Except as otherwise provided in the appropriation, all restoration and
31.14 enhancement projects funded with money appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund
31.15 must be on land permanently protected by a conservation easement or public ownership or
31.16 in public waters as defined in section 103G.005, subdivision 15.

31.17 (g) To the extent an appropriation is used to acquire an interest in real property,
31.18 a recipient of an appropriation from the outdoor heritage fund must provide to the
31.19 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council and the commissioner of management and
31.20 budget an analysis of increased operation and maintenance costs likely to be incurred by
31.21 public entities as a result of the acquisition and of how the costs are to be paid.

31.22 (h) A recipient of money appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund must give
31.23 consideration to and make timely written contact with Conservation Corps Minnesota for
31.24 possible use of the corps' services to contract for restoration and enhancement services.
31.25 A copy of the written contact must be filed with the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage
31.26 Council within 15 days of execution.

31.27 (i) A recipient of money appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund must erect
31.28 signage according to Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 5, section 10.

31.29 **ARTICLE 2**

31.30 **PARKS AND TRAILS FUND**

31.31 Section 1. **CARVER COUNTY PARKS AND TRAILS GRANT MODIFICATION.**

31.32 The fiscal year 2015 appropriation from the parks and trails fund to the Metropolitan
31.33 Council for grants to Carver County contained in Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 3,
31.34 section 4, paragraph (d), may be used for a park programmer position, roads, parking lots,
31.35 and paving construction at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park."

32.1 Delete the title and insert:

32.2 "A bill for an act
32.3 relating to natural resources; appropriating money from outdoor heritage fund;
32.4 modifying restoration evaluation requirements; modifying provisions for
32.5 acquiring real property with money from outdoor heritage fund; modifying
32.6 previous parks and trails fund appropriation; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012,
32.7 section 97A.056, subdivisions 1, 10, 13."

33.1 We request the adoption of this report and repassage of the bill.

33.2 House Conferees:

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33.4 Rick Hansen Phyllis Kahn

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33.6 Denny McNamara

33.7 Senate Conferees:

33.8
33.9 Tom Saxhaug Bill Ingebrigtsen

33.10
33.11 Dan Sparks