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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to legacy; appropriating money from outdoor heritage fund; modifying

1.3 requirements for reporting revenue generated by recipients of fund appropriations;

1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 97A.056, subdivision 22.

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

1.6 Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

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

1.8 and for the purposes specified in this act. The appropriations are from the outdoor heritage

1.9 fund for the fiscal year indicated for each purpose. The "first year" is fiscal year 2024. The

1.10 "second year" is fiscal year 2025. The "biennium" is fiscal years 2024 and 2025. The

1.11 appropriations in this act are onetime appropriations.

	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
	<u>Available for the Year</u>	
	<u>Ending June 30</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>

1.16 Sec. 2. **OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND**

1.17 <u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>167,071,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>655,000</u>
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1.18 This appropriation is from the outdoor heritage

1.19 fund. The amounts that may be spent for each

1.20 purpose are specified in the following

1.21 subdivisions.

1.22 <u>Subd. 2. Prairies</u>		<u>31,058,000</u>		<u>-0-</u>
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1.23 **(a) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Program, Phase**

1.24 **XIII**

2.1 \$3,752,000 the first year is to the
2.2 commissioner of natural resources for an
2.3 agreement with The Nature Conservancy to
2.4 acquire land in fee and restore and enhance
2.5 native prairie, grasslands, wetlands, and
2.6 savanna. Subject to the evaluation criteria in
2.7 Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
2.8 must be given to acquiring lands that are
2.9 eligible for the native prairie bank under
2.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
2.11 adjacent to protected native prairie. Annual
2.12 income statements and balance sheets for
2.13 income and expenses from land acquired with
2.14 this appropriation must be submitted to the
2.15 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council no
2.16 later than 180 days after the close of The
2.17 Nature Conservancy's fiscal year. A list of
2.18 proposed land acquisitions, restorations, and
2.19 enhancements must be provided as part of the
2.20 required accomplishment plan and must be
2.21 consistent with the priorities identified in the
2.22 *Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.*

2.23 **(b) Martin County DNR WMA Acquisition,**
2.24 **Phase VII**

2.25 \$2,080,000 the first year is to the
2.26 commissioner of natural resources for
2.27 agreements to acquire land in fee and restore
2.28 and enhance strategic prairie grassland,
2.29 wetland, and other wildlife habitat in Martin
2.30 and Watonwan Counties for wildlife
2.31 management area purposes under Minnesota
2.32 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8, as
2.33 follows: \$1,613,000 to Fox Lake Conservation
2.34 League Inc.; \$421,000 to Ducks Unlimited;
2.35 and \$46,000 to The Conservation Fund. A list

3.1 of proposed acquisitions must be provided as
3.2 part of the required accomplishment plan.

3.3 **(c) RIM Grasslands Reserve, Phase V**

3.4 \$2,673,000 the first year is to the Board of
3.5 Water and Soil Resources to acquire
3.6 permanent conservation easements and to
3.7 restore and enhance grassland habitat under
3.8 Minnesota Statutes, sections 103F.501 to
3.9 103F.531. Of this amount, up to \$46,000 is
3.10 for establishing a monitoring and enforcement
3.11 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
3.12 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
3.13 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
3.14 conservation easements must be provided as
3.15 part of the final report.

3.16 **(d) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the**
3.17 **Southern Red River Valley, Phase IX**

3.18 \$4,282,000 the first year is to the
3.19 commissioner of natural resources for an
3.20 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in
3.21 cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie
3.22 Chicken Society, to acquire land in fee and
3.23 restore and enhance lands in the southern Red
3.24 River Valley for wildlife management
3.25 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
3.26 86A.05, subdivision 8, or to be designated and
3.27 managed as waterfowl production areas in
3.28 Minnesota, in cooperation with the United
3.29 States Fish and Wildlife Service. Subject to
3.30 the evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules,
3.31 part 6136.0900, priority must be given to
3.32 acquiring lands that are eligible for the native
3.33 prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section
3.34 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native
3.35 prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions

4.1 must be provided as part of the required
4.2 accomplishment plan.

4.3 **(e) Working Lands for Habitat**

4.4 \$2,636,000 the first year is to the Board of
4.5 Water and Soil Resources to acquire
4.6 permanent conservation easements that allow
4.7 long-term grazing while also protecting
4.8 wildlife habitat and water quality under
4.9 Minnesota Statutes, sections 103F.501 to
4.10 103F.531. Grazing plans must be developed
4.11 before grazing is allowed. Of this amount, up
4.12 to \$46,000 is for establishing a monitoring and
4.13 enforcement fund as approved in the
4.14 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
4.15 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A
4.16 list of permanent conservation easements must
4.17 be provided as part of the final report.

4.18 **(f) Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area**
4.19 **Program, Phase XV**

4.20 \$5,075,000 the first year is to the
4.21 commissioner of natural resources for an
4.22 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire
4.23 in fee and restore and enhance lands for
4.24 wildlife management area purposes under
4.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
4.26 subdivision 8. Subject to the evaluation criteria
4.27 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
4.28 must be given to acquiring lands that are
4.29 eligible for the native prairie bank under
4.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
4.31 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of
4.32 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
4.33 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

4.34 **(g) Accelerating the USFWS Habitat**
4.35 **Conservation Easement Program, Phase IV**

5.1 \$4,940,000 the first year is to the
5.2 commissioner of natural resources for
5.3 agreements to restore and enhance wetland
5.4 and prairie habitat on habitat easements of the
5.5 United States Fish and Wildlife Service as
5.6 follows: \$3,300,000 to Ducks Unlimited and
5.7 \$1,640,000 to Pheasants Forever. A list of
5.8 proposed land restorations and enhancements
5.9 must be provided as part of the required
5.10 accomplishment plan.

5.11 **(h) DNR Grassland Enhancement, Phase XV**

5.12 \$2,922,000 the first year is to the
5.13 commissioner of natural resources to
5.14 accelerate the restoration and enhancement of
5.15 prairies, grasslands, and savannas in wildlife
5.16 management areas, in scientific and natural
5.17 areas, in aquatic management areas, on lands
5.18 in the native prairie bank, in bluff prairies on
5.19 state forest land in southeastern Minnesota,
5.20 and in waterfowl production areas and refuge
5.21 lands of the United States Fish and Wildlife
5.22 Service. A list of proposed land restorations
5.23 and enhancements must be provided as part
5.24 of the required accomplishment plan.

5.25 **(i) Enhanced Public Land - Grasslands, Phase**
5.26 **VI**

5.27 \$2,698,000 the first year is to the
5.28 commissioner of natural resources for an
5.29 agreement with Pheasants Forever to enhance
5.30 and restore grassland and wetland habitat on
5.31 public lands. A list of proposed land
5.32 restorations and enhancements must be
5.33 provided as part of the required
5.34 accomplishment plan.

6.1 Subd. 3. Forests 6,393,000 -0-

6.2 (a) Hardwood Hills Habitat Conservation
6.3 Program

6.4 \$1,843,000 the first year is to the
6.5 commissioner of natural resources for
6.6 agreements to acquire permanent conservation
6.7 easements and restore and enhance forest
6.8 habitats in the hardwood hills ecological
6.9 section of west-central Minnesota as follows:
6.10 \$175,000 to St. John's University and
6.11 \$1,668,000 to Minnesota Land Trust.
6.12 \$168,000 of the amount to Minnesota Land
6.13 Trust is to establish a monitoring and
6.14 enforcement fund as approved in the
6.15 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
6.16 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A
6.17 list of proposed permanent conservation
6.18 easements, restorations, and enhancements
6.19 must be provided as part of the required
6.20 accomplishment plan.

6.21 (b) Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape Protection
6.22 Program ACUB, Phase XI

6.23 \$2,076,000 the first year is to the Board of
6.24 Water and Soil Resources, in cooperation with
6.25 the Morrison County Soil and Water
6.26 Conservation District, to acquire permanent
6.27 conservation easements and restore and
6.28 enhance forest wildlife habitat within the
6.29 boundaries of the Minnesota National Guard
6.30 Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape and Army
6.31 Compatible Use Buffer. Up to \$111,000 to the
6.32 Board of Water and Soil Resources is to
6.33 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
6.34 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
6.35 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
6.36 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent

7.1 conservation easements must be provided as
7.2 part of the final report.

7.3 **(c) Protecting and Enhancing Public Land**
7.4 **Forest Habitats by Strategically Acquiring**
7.5 **Private Land Inholdings**

7.6 \$1,018,000 the first year is to the
7.7 commissioner of natural resources for an
7.8 agreement with the Ruffed Grouse Society to
7.9 protect and enhance forest habitats by
7.10 strategically acquiring private forest land
7.11 inholdings to provide better public forest
7.12 management, reduce fragmentation, and
7.13 provide public access. A list of proposed
7.14 acquisitions and enhancements must be
7.15 provided as part of the required
7.16 accomplishment plan.

7.17 **(d) DNR Forest Habitat Enhancement, Phase**
7.18 **III**

7.19 \$1,456,000 the first year is to the
7.20 commissioner of natural resources to restore
7.21 and enhance forest wildlife habitats on public
7.22 lands throughout Minnesota. A list of
7.23 proposed land restorations and enhancements
7.24 must be provided as part of the required
7.25 accomplishment plan.

7.26 **Subd. 4. Wetlands**

32,569,000

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7.27 **(a) RIM Wetlands - Restoring the Most**
7.28 **Productive Habitat in Minnesota, Phase XII**

7.29 \$4,011,000 the first year is to the Board of
7.30 Water and Soil Resources to acquire
7.31 permanent conservation easements and to
7.32 restore wetlands and native grassland habitat
7.33 under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515.
7.34 Of this amount, up to \$72,000 is for
7.35 establishing a monitoring and enforcement

8.1 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
8.2 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
8.3 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
8.4 conservation easements must be provided as
8.5 part of the final report.

8.6 **(b) Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection and**
8.7 **Restoration Program, Phase XII**

8.8 \$6,871,000 the first year is to the
8.9 commissioner of natural resources for an
8.10 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire
8.11 land in fee for wildlife management purposes
8.12 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
8.13 subdivision 8, and to restore and enhance
8.14 prairie lands, wetlands, and land that buffers
8.15 shallow lakes. A list of proposed acquisitions
8.16 must be provided as part of the required
8.17 accomplishment plan.

8.18 **(c) Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration**
8.19 **Program, Phase VIII**

8.20 \$2,931,000 the first year is to the
8.21 commissioner of natural resources for an
8.22 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
8.23 acquire permanent conservation easements
8.24 and restore and enhance prairie, wetland, and
8.25 other habitat on permanently protected
8.26 conservation easements in high-priority
8.27 wetland habitat complexes in the prairie,
8.28 forest/prairie transition, and forest regions. Of
8.29 this amount, up to \$168,000 is to establish a
8.30 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
8.31 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
8.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
8.33 subdivision 17. A list of proposed
8.34 conservation easement acquisitions and
8.35 restorations and enhancements must be

9.1 provided as part of the required
9.2 accomplishment plan.

9.3 **(d) Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area**
9.4 **Acquisition Program, Phase XIV**

9.5 \$5,090,000 the first year is to the
9.6 commissioner of natural resources for an
9.7 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in
9.8 cooperation with the United States Fish and
9.9 Wildlife Service, to acquire land in fee and
9.10 restore and enhance wetlands and grasslands
9.11 to be designated and managed as waterfowl
9.12 production areas in Minnesota. A list of
9.13 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
9.14 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

9.15 **(e) Wetland Enhancement in the Big Woods**

9.16 \$603,000 the first year is to the commissioner
9.17 of natural resources for an agreement with
9.18 Scott-Le Sueur Waterfowlers to restore and
9.19 enhance wetlands in Scott and Rice Counties.
9.20 A list of proposed restorations and
9.21 enhancements must be provided as part of the
9.22 required accomplishment plan.

9.23 **(f) Living Shallow Lakes and Wetlands**
9.24 **Enhancement and Restoration Initiative, Phase**
9.25 **IX**

9.26 \$6,455,000 the first year is to the
9.27 commissioner of natural resources for an
9.28 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to restore
9.29 and enhance shallow lakes, wetlands, and
9.30 grasslands on public lands and wetlands and
9.31 grasslands under permanent conservation
9.32 easement for wildlife management. A list of
9.33 proposed shallow-lake enhancements and
9.34 wetland restorations must be provided as part
9.35 of the required accomplishment plan.

10.1 **(g) Voyageurs National Park Wetland**
 10.2 **Restoration Project, Phase III**

10.3 \$1,122,000 the first year is to the
 10.4 commissioner of natural resources for an
 10.5 agreement with the National Park Service to
 10.6 restore and enhance wetland and lacustrine
 10.7 habitat in Voyageurs National Park. A list of
 10.8 proposed restorations and enhancements must
 10.9 be provided as part of the required
 10.10 accomplishment plan.

10.11 **(h) Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetland**
 10.12 **Enhancement, Phase XV**

10.13 \$3,596,000 the first year is to the
 10.14 commissioner of natural resources to enhance
 10.15 and restore shallow lakes and wetland habitat
 10.16 statewide. A list of proposed shallow lake and
 10.17 wetland restorations and enhancements must
 10.18 be provided as part of the required
 10.19 accomplishment plan.

10.20 **(i) Bone Lake South Wetland Acquisition**

10.21 \$1,890,000 the first year is to the
 10.22 commissioner of natural resources for an
 10.23 agreement with the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake
 10.24 Watershed District to acquire in fee and restore
 10.25 and enhance lands for wildlife and water
 10.26 quality purposes in the Bone Lake watershed.
 10.27 A list of proposed acquisitions must be
 10.28 provided as part of the required
 10.29 accomplishment plan.

10.30 **Subd. 5. Habitats**

95,220,000

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10.31 **(a) Hennepin County Habitat Conservation**
 10.32 **Program, Phase III**

10.33 \$4,524,000 the first year is to the
 10.34 commissioner of natural resources for
 10.35 agreements to acquire permanent conservation

- 11.1 easements and to restore and enhance wildlife
- 11.2 habitat in Hennepin County as follows:
- 11.3 \$1,687,000 to Hennepin County and
- 11.4 \$2,837,000 to Minnesota Land Trust.
- 11.5 \$192,000 of the amount to Minnesota Land
- 11.6 Trust is to establish a monitoring and
- 11.7 enforcement fund as approved in the
- 11.8 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
- 11.9 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A
- 11.10 list of proposed permanent conservation
- 11.11 easements, restorations, and enhancements
- 11.12 must be provided as part of the required
- 11.13 accomplishment plan.
- 11.14 **(b) Anoka Sand Plain Habitat Conservation,**
- 11.15 **Phase VIII**
- 11.16 \$3,181,000 the first year is to the
- 11.17 commissioner of natural resources for
- 11.18 agreements to acquire permanent conservation
- 11.19 easements and to restore and enhance wildlife
- 11.20 habitat on public lands and easements in the
- 11.21 Anoka Sand Plain ecoregion and intersecting
- 11.22 minor watersheds as follows: \$768,000 to the
- 11.23 Anoka Conservation District; \$804,000 to
- 11.24 Great River Greening; \$168,000 to the
- 11.25 National Wild Turkey Federation; \$268,000
- 11.26 to Sherburne County; and \$1,173,000 to
- 11.27 Minnesota Land Trust. \$144,000 of the
- 11.28 amount to Minnesota Land Trust is to establish
- 11.29 a monitoring and enforcement fund as
- 11.30 approved in the accomplishment plan and
- 11.31 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
- 11.32 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
- 11.33 permanent conservation easements,
- 11.34 restorations, and enhancements must be
- 11.35 provided as part of the required
- 11.36 accomplishment plan.

12.1 **(c) Accelerating Habitat Conservation in**
12.2 **Southwest Minnesota, Phase II**

12.3 \$2,988,000 the first year is to the
12.4 commissioner of natural resources for an
12.5 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
12.6 acquire permanent conservation easements
12.7 and to restore and enhance high-quality
12.8 wildlife habitat in southwest Minnesota. Of
12.9 this amount, up to \$168,000 is to establish a
12.10 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
12.11 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
12.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
12.13 subdivision 17. A list of proposed
12.14 conservation easement acquisitions,
12.15 restorations, and enhancements must be
12.16 provided as part of the required
12.17 accomplishment plan.

12.18 **(d) Buffalo-Red River Watershed District**
12.19 **Stream Habitat Program, Phase III**

12.20 \$3,647,000 the first year is to acquire
12.21 permanent conservation easements and restore
12.22 and enhance aquatic and upland habitat
12.23 associated with the Red River and Buffalo
12.24 River watersheds. Of this amount, \$2,149,000
12.25 is to the commissioner of natural resources for
12.26 an agreement with the Buffalo-Red River
12.27 Watershed District and \$1,498,000 is to the
12.28 Board of Water and Soil Resources. \$102,000
12.29 of the amount to the Board of Water and Soil
12.30 Resources is for establishing a monitoring and
12.31 enforcement fund as approved in the
12.32 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
12.33 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A
12.34 list of proposed acquisitions and restorations
12.35 must be included as part of the required
12.36 accomplishment plan.

13.1 **(e) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**
13.2 **Restoration, Phase XI**

13.3 \$3,576,000 the first year is to the
13.4 commissioner of natural resources for
13.5 agreements to acquire lands in fee and
13.6 permanent conservation easements and to
13.7 restore and enhance wildlife habitat on public
13.8 lands and permanent conservation easements
13.9 in southeast Minnesota as follows: \$1,278,000
13.10 to The Nature Conservancy; \$909,000 to Trust
13.11 for Public Land; and \$1,389,000 to Minnesota
13.12 Land Trust. \$168,000 of the amount to
13.13 Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a
13.14 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
13.15 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
13.16 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
13.17 subdivision 17. A list of proposed land
13.18 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements
13.19 must be provided as part of the required
13.20 accomplishment plan.

13.21 **(f) Protecting Minnesota's Lakes of Outstanding**
13.22 **Biological Significance, Phase II**

13.23 \$3,550,000 the first year is to the
13.24 commissioner of natural resources for
13.25 agreements to acquire land in fee and
13.26 permanent conservation easements and to
13.27 restore and enhance lakes of outstanding
13.28 biological significance in northeast and
13.29 north-central Minnesota. Of this amount,
13.30 \$1,409,000 is to Northern Waters Land Trust
13.31 and \$2,141,000 is to Minnesota Land Trust.
13.32 \$192,000 of the amount to Minnesota Land
13.33 Trust is for establishing a monitoring and
13.34 enforcement fund as approved in the
13.35 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
13.36 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A

14.1 list of proposed acquisitions must be included
14.2 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

14.3 **(g) Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic**
14.4 **North-Central Minnesota Lakes, Phase IX**

14.5 \$3,619,000 the first year is to the
14.6 commissioner of natural resources for
14.7 agreements to acquire land in fee and in
14.8 permanent conservation easements and to
14.9 restore and enhance wildlife habitat to sustain
14.10 healthy fish habitat on coldwater lakes in
14.11 Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard
14.12 Counties as follows: \$1,777,000 to Northern
14.13 Waters Land Trust and \$1,842,000 to
14.14 Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$168,000 to
14.15 Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a
14.16 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
14.17 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
14.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
14.19 subdivision 17. A list of acquisitions must be
14.20 provided as part of the required
14.21 accomplishment plan.

14.22 **(h) DNR Wildlife Management Area and**
14.23 **Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition, Phase**
14.24 **XV**

14.25 \$2,277,000 the first year is to the
14.26 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
14.27 in fee and restore and enhance lands for
14.28 wildlife management purposes under
14.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
14.30 subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee for
14.31 scientific and natural area purposes under
14.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
14.33 subdivision 5. Subject to the evaluation criteria
14.34 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
14.35 must be given to acquiring lands that are
14.36 eligible for the native prairie bank under

15.1 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
15.2 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of
15.3 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
15.4 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

15.5 **(i) DNR Trout Stream Conservation Easements,**
15.6 **Phase III**

15.7 \$1,015,000 the first year is to the
15.8 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
15.9 land in permanent conservation easements to
15.10 protect trout-stream aquatic habitat. Of this
15.11 amount, up to \$108,000 is for establishing a
15.12 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
15.13 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
15.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
15.15 subdivision 17. A list of permanent
15.16 conservation easements must be provided as
15.17 part of the required accomplishment plan.

15.18 **(j) Metro Big Rivers, Phase XIII**

15.19 \$14,925,000 the first year is to the
15.20 commissioner of natural resources for
15.21 agreements to acquire land in fee and
15.22 permanent conservation easements and to
15.23 restore and enhance natural habitat systems
15.24 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,
15.25 and St. Croix Rivers and their tributaries in
15.26 the metropolitan area as follows: \$600,000 to
15.27 Minnesota Valley Trust; \$435,000 to Friends
15.28 of the Mississippi River; \$825,000 to Great
15.29 River Greening; \$11,172,000 to Trust for
15.30 Public Land; and \$1,893,000 to Minnesota
15.31 Land Trust. Up to \$168,000 to Minnesota
15.32 Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and
15.33 enforcement fund as approved in the
15.34 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
15.35 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A

16.1 list of proposed land acquisitions and
 16.2 permanent conservation easements must be
 16.3 provided as part of the required
 16.4 accomplishment plan.

16.5 **(k) St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and**
 16.6 **Restoration, Phase IV**

16.7 \$12,947,000 the first year is to the
 16.8 commissioner of natural resources for
 16.9 agreements to acquire land in fee and
 16.10 permanent conservation easements and to
 16.11 restore and enhance natural habitat systems in
 16.12 the St. Croix River watershed as follows:
 16.13 \$11,171,000 to Trust for Public Land;
 16.14 \$105,000 to Wild Rivers Conservancy; and
 16.15 \$1,671,000 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to
 16.16 \$144,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to
 16.17 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
 16.18 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
 16.19 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 16.20 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
 16.21 land acquisitions and permanent conservation
 16.22 easements must be provided as part of the
 16.23 required accomplishment plan.

16.24 **(l) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**
 16.25 **Restoration Program, Phase XII**

16.26 \$2,139,000 the first year is to the
 16.27 commissioner of natural resources for an
 16.28 agreement with the Shell Rock River
 16.29 Watershed District to acquire land in fee and
 16.30 to restore and enhance habitat in the Shell
 16.31 Rock River watershed. A list of proposed
 16.32 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements
 16.33 must be provided as part of the required
 16.34 accomplishment plan.

16.35 **(m) Integrating Habitat and Clean Water, Phase**
 16.36 **II**

17.1 \$3,181,000 the first year is to the Board of
17.2 Water and Soil Resources to acquire
17.3 permanent conservation easements and restore
17.4 and enhance wildlife habitat identified in One
17.5 Watershed, One Plan for stacked benefit to
17.6 wildlife and clean water. Up to \$85,000 of the
17.7 amount is for establishing a monitoring and
17.8 enforcement fund as approved in the
17.9 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
17.10 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A
17.11 list of permanent conservation easements must
17.12 be provided as part of the final report.

17.13 **(n) Cannon River Watershed Habitat**
17.14 **Restoration and Protection Program, Phase XII**

17.15 \$2,901,000 the first year is to the
17.16 commissioner of natural resources for
17.17 agreements to acquire lands in fee and restore
17.18 and enhance wildlife habitat in the Cannon
17.19 River watershed as follows: \$119,000 to Clean
17.20 River Partners; \$914,000 to Great River
17.21 Greening; and \$1,868,000 to Trust for Public
17.22 Land. A list of proposed land acquisitions,
17.23 restorations, and enhancements must be
17.24 provided as part of the required
17.25 accomplishment plan.

17.26 **(o) Enhance Metro and North Shore Trout**
17.27 **Stream Habitats, Phase II**

17.28 \$1,645,000 the first year is to the
17.29 commissioner of natural resources for an
17.30 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited
17.31 to restore and enhance habitat for trout and
17.32 other species in and along coldwater rivers,
17.33 lakes, and streams in the metro and southeast
17.34 regions of Minnesota. A list of proposed
17.35 restorations and enhancements must be

18.1 provided as part of the required
18.2 accomplishment plan.

18.3 **(p) Lake Nokomis Shoreline Enhancements for**
18.4 **Turtles and Pollinators, Phase II**

18.5 \$735,000 the first year is to the commissioner
18.6 of natural resources for an agreement with the
18.7 Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to
18.8 enhance shoreline and upland habitat on Lake
18.9 Nokomis. A list of proposed enhancements
18.10 must be provided as part of the required
18.11 accomplishment plan.

18.12 **(q) Upper Sioux Community Habitat**
18.13 **Restoration**

18.14 \$940,000 the first year is to the commissioner
18.15 of natural resources for an agreement with the
18.16 Upper Sioux Community to restore and
18.17 enhance oak savanna, forest, prairie, and other
18.18 wildlife habitats on Tribal lands. A list of
18.19 proposed restorations and enhancements must
18.20 be provided as part of the required
18.21 accomplishment plan.

18.22 **(r) Rum River Corridor Fish and Wildlife**
18.23 **Habitat Enhancement, Phase II**

18.24 \$1,654,000 the first year is to the
18.25 commissioner of natural resources for an
18.26 agreement with the Anoka County Soil and
18.27 Water Conservation District to restore and
18.28 enhance upland and riverine habitat in the
18.29 Rum River corridor. A list of proposed
18.30 enhancements and restorations must be
18.31 provided as part of the required
18.32 accomplishment plan.

18.33 **(s) Restoring and Enhancing Minnesota's**
18.34 **Important Bird Areas in the St. Croix River**
18.35 **Valley**

19.1 \$1,007,000 the first year is to the
19.2 commissioner of natural resources for an
19.3 agreement with Audubon Minnesota to restore
19.4 and enhance wildlife habitat in important bird
19.5 areas and other priority wildlife areas in the
19.6 St. Croix River Valley. A list of proposed
19.7 restorations and enhancements must be
19.8 provided as part of the required
19.9 accomplishment plan.

19.10 **(t) DNR St. Louis River Restoration Initiative,**
19.11 **Phase X**

19.12 \$2,526,000 the first year is to the
19.13 commissioner of natural resources to restore
19.14 and enhance priority aquatic, riparian, and
19.15 forest habitats in the St. Louis River estuary.
19.16 Of this amount, up to \$136,000 is for an
19.17 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust. A list
19.18 of proposed restorations and enhancements
19.19 must be provided as part of the required
19.20 accomplishment plan.

19.21 **(u) DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and**
19.22 **Enhancement, Phase XI**

19.23 \$4,011,000 the first year is to the
19.24 commissioner of natural resources to restore
19.25 and enhance aquatic habitat in degraded
19.26 streams and aquatic management areas and to
19.27 facilitate fish passage. A list of proposed land
19.28 restorations and enhancements must be
19.29 provided as part of the required
19.30 accomplishment plan.

19.31 **(v) DNR Roving Crew, Phase II**

19.32 \$8,732,000 the first year is to the
19.33 commissioner of natural resources to restore
19.34 and enhance fish and wildlife habitat on
19.35 permanently protected lands throughout

20.1 Minnesota using the roving crew program of
20.2 the Department of Natural Resources. A list
20.3 of restoration and enhancement projects must
20.4 be provided as part of the required
20.5 accomplishment plan.

20.6 **(w) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**
20.7 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat, Phase**
20.8 **XV**

20.9 \$9,500,000 the first year is to the
20.10 commissioner of natural resources for a
20.11 program to provide competitive matching
20.12 grants of up to \$500,000 to local, regional,
20.13 state, and national organizations for enhancing,
20.14 restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands,
20.15 prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife
20.16 in Minnesota. Of this amount, at least
20.17 \$2,500,000 is for grants in the seven-county
20.18 metropolitan area and cities with a population
20.19 of 50,000 or greater. Grants must not be made
20.20 for activities required to fulfill the duties of
20.21 owners of lands subject to conservation
20.22 easements. Grants must not be made from the
20.23 appropriation in this paragraph for projects
20.24 that have a total project cost exceeding
20.25 \$1,000,000. Of the total appropriation,
20.26 \$450,000 may be spent for personnel costs
20.27 and other direct and necessary administrative
20.28 costs. Grantees may acquire land or interests
20.29 in land. Easements must be permanent. Grants
20.30 may not be used to establish easement
20.31 stewardship accounts. Land acquired in fee
20.32 must be open to hunting and fishing during
20.33 the open season unless otherwise provided by
20.34 law. The program must require a match of at
20.35 least ten percent from nonstate sources for all
20.36 grants. The match may be cash or in-kind

21.1 resources. For grant applications of \$25,000
21.2 or less, the commissioner must provide a
21.3 separate, simplified application process.
21.4 Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the
21.5 commissioner of natural resources must, when
21.6 evaluating projects of equal value, give
21.7 priority to organizations that have a history of
21.8 receiving, or a charter to receive, private
21.9 contributions for local conservation or habitat
21.10 projects. For grant requests to acquire land in
21.11 fee or a conservation easement, the
21.12 commissioner must give priority to projects
21.13 associated with or within one mile of existing
21.14 wildlife management areas under Minnesota
21.15 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8;
21.16 scientific and natural areas under Minnesota
21.17 Statutes, sections 84.033 and 86A.05,
21.18 subdivision 5; or aquatic management areas
21.19 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05,
21.20 subdivision 14, and 97C.02. All restoration or
21.21 enhancement projects must be on land
21.22 permanently protected by a permanent
21.23 covenant ensuring perpetual maintenance and
21.24 protection of restored and enhanced habitat,
21.25 by a conservation easement, or by public
21.26 ownership or in public waters as defined in
21.27 Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.005,
21.28 subdivision 15. Priority must be given to
21.29 restoration and enhancement projects on public
21.30 lands. Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
21.31 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded
21.32 under this paragraph. This appropriation is
21.33 available until June 30, 2026. No less than five
21.34 percent of the amount of each grant must be
21.35 held back from reimbursement until the grant
21.36 recipient has completed a grant

22.1 accomplishment report by the deadline and in
 22.2 the form prescribed by and satisfactory to the
 22.3 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The
 22.4 commissioner must provide notice of the grant
 22.5 program in the summary of game and fish law
 22.6 prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section
 22.7 97A.051, subdivision 2.

22.8 **Subd. 6. Administration** 1,831,000 655,000

22.9 **(a) Contract Management**

22.10 \$336,000 the first year is to the commissioner
 22.11 of natural resources for contract management
 22.12 duties assigned in this section. The
 22.13 commissioner must provide an
 22.14 accomplishment plan in the form specified by
 22.15 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
 22.16 on expending this appropriation. The
 22.17 accomplishment plan must include a copy of
 22.18 the grant contract template and reimbursement
 22.19 manual. No money may be expended before
 22.20 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
 22.21 approves the accomplishment plan. Money
 22.22 appropriated in this paragraph is available until
 22.23 June 30, 2025.

22.24 **(b) Legislative Coordinating Commission**

22.25 \$634,000 the first year and \$651,000 the
 22.26 second year are to the Legislative
 22.27 Coordinating Commission for administrative
 22.28 expenses of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
 22.29 Heritage Council and for compensating and
 22.30 reimbursing expenses of council members.
 22.31 This appropriation is available until June 30,
 22.32 2025. Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.281,
 22.33 applies to this appropriation.

22.34 **(c) Technical Evaluation Panel**

23.1 \$190,000 the first year is to the commissioner
23.2 of natural resources for a technical evaluation
23.3 panel to conduct up to 25 restoration and
23.4 enhancement evaluations under Minnesota
23.5 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 10.

23.6 **(d) Core Functions in Partner-Led OHF Land**
23.7 **Acquisitions**

23.8 \$668,000 the first year is to the commissioner
23.9 of natural resources to administer the initial
23.10 development, restoration, and enhancement
23.11 of fee title acquisitions funded through the
23.12 outdoor heritage fund. Money may be used
23.13 for land acquisition costs incurred by the
23.14 department as part of conveying parcels to the
23.15 Department of Natural Resources and for
23.16 initial development activities on fee title
23.17 acquisitions. This appropriation is available
23.18 until June 30, 2026.

23.19 **(e) Legacy Website**

23.20 \$3,000 the first year and \$4,000 the second
23.21 year are to the Legislative Coordinating
23.22 Commission for the website required under
23.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision
23.24 10.

23.25 **Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation**

23.26 (a) Money appropriated in this section may
23.27 not be spent on activities unless they are
23.28 directly related to and necessary for a specific
23.29 appropriation and are specified in the
23.30 accomplishment plan approved by the
23.31 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
23.32 Money appropriated in this section must not
23.33 be spent on indirect costs or other institutional
23.34 overhead charges that are not directly related
23.35 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.

24.1 Money appropriated to acquire land in fee title
24.2 may be used to restore, enhance, and provide
24.3 for public use of the land acquired with the
24.4 appropriation. Public-use facilities must have
24.5 a minimal impact on habitat in acquired lands.

24.6 (b) Money appropriated in this section is
24.7 available as follows:

24.8 (1) money appropriated to acquire real
24.9 property is available until June 30, 2027;

24.10 (2) money appropriated to restore and enhance
24.11 land acquired with an appropriation in this act
24.12 is available for four years after the acquisition
24.13 date with a maximum end date of June 30,
24.14 2031;

24.15 (3) money appropriated to restore and enhance
24.16 other land is available until June 30, 2028;

24.17 (4) notwithstanding clauses (1) to (3), money
24.18 appropriated for a project that receives at least
24.19 15 percent of its funding from federal funds
24.20 is available until a date sufficient to match the
24.21 availability of federal funding to a maximum
24.22 of six years if the federal funding was
24.23 confirmed and included in the original
24.24 approved draft accomplishment plan; and

24.25 (5) money appropriated for other projects is
24.26 available until the end of the fiscal year in
24.27 which it is appropriated.

24.28 **Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital**
24.29 **Equipment Expenditures**

24.30 All agreements referred to in this section must
24.31 be administered on a reimbursement basis
24.32 unless otherwise provided in this section.

24.33 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
24.34 16A.41, expenditures directly related to each

25.1 appropriation's purpose made on or after July
25.2 1, 2023, or the date of accomplishment plan
25.3 approval, whichever is later, are eligible for
25.4 reimbursement unless otherwise provided in
25.5 this section. For purposes of administering
25.6 appropriations and legislatively authorized
25.7 agreements paid out of the outdoor heritage
25.8 fund, an expense must be considered
25.9 reimbursable by the administering agency
25.10 when the recipient presents the agency with
25.11 an invoice or binding agreement with the
25.12 landowner and the recipient attests that the
25.13 goods have been received or the landowner
25.14 agreement is binding. Periodic reimbursement
25.15 must be made upon receiving documentation
25.16 that the items articulated in the
25.17 accomplishment plan approved by the
25.18 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council have
25.19 been achieved, including partial achievements
25.20 as evidenced by progress reports approved by
25.21 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
25.22 Reasonable amounts may be advanced to
25.23 projects to accommodate cash-flow needs,
25.24 support future management of acquired lands,
25.25 or match a federal share. The advances must
25.26 be approved as part of the accomplishment
25.27 plan. Capital equipment expenditures for
25.28 specific items over \$10,000 must be itemized
25.29 in and approved as part of the accomplishment
25.30 plan.

25.31 **Subd. 9. Mapping**

25.32 Each direct recipient of money appropriated
25.33 in this section, as well as each recipient of a
25.34 grant awarded under this section, must provide
25.35 geographic information to the Lessard-Sams

- 26.1 Outdoor Heritage Council to map any lands
26.2 that are acquired in fee with money
26.3 appropriated in this section and open to public
26.4 taking of fish and game. The commissioner
26.5 of natural resources must include the lands
26.6 acquired in fee with money appropriated in
26.7 this section on maps showing public recreation
26.8 opportunities. Maps must include information
26.9 on and acknowledgment of the outdoor
26.10 heritage fund, including a notation of any
26.11 restrictions.
- 26.12 **Subd. 10. Carryforward**
- 26.13 (a) The availability of the appropriation under
26.14 Laws 2016, chapter 172, article 1, section 2,
26.15 subdivision 5, paragraph (j), Roseau Lake
26.16 Rehabilitation, is extended to June 30, 2024.
- 26.17 (b) The availability of the appropriation under
26.18 Laws 2017, chapter 91, article 1, section 2,
26.19 subdivision 2, paragraph (g), Reinvest in
26.20 Minnesota (RIM) Buffers for Wildlife and
26.21 Water - Phase VII, is extended to June 30,
26.22 2025.
- 26.23 (c) The availability of the appropriation under
26.24 Laws 2018, chapter 208, article 1, section 2,
26.25 subdivision 5, paragraph (i), Lower
26.26 Mississippi River Habitat Partnership - Phase
26.27 IV, is extended to June 30, 2027.
- 26.28 (d) The availability of the appropriation under
26.29 Laws 2018, chapter 208, section 2, subdivision
26.30 5, paragraph (n), Buffalo River Watershed
26.31 Stream Habitat Program, is extended to June
26.32 30, 2025.

27.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 97A.056, subdivision 22, is amended to read:

27.2 Subd. 22. **Revenues.** (a) A recipient must disclose to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage
27.3 Council and the commissioner all revenues that are received by the recipient before the
27.4 availability of the appropriation ends and that are generated from activities on land acquired
27.5 in fee title or easement, restored, or enhanced with money from the outdoor heritage fund.
27.6 The revenues must be disclosed to the council and commissioner no later than ~~60~~ 90 days
27.7 after the availability of the appropriation ends.

27.8 (b) For all revenues disclosed under paragraph (a), a recipient must:

27.9 (1) use the revenues to protect, restore, or enhance wetlands, prairies, forests, or habitat
27.10 for fish, game, or wildlife according to the appropriation purposes and the approved
27.11 accomplishment plan;

27.12 (2) use the revenues for other purposes as approved in the accomplishment plan by the
27.13 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council; or

27.14 (3) transfer the revenues to the outdoor heritage fund no later than ~~60~~ 90 days after the
27.15 availability of the appropriation ends, unless otherwise approved by the council.

27.16 (c) Paragraph (b), clause (3), does not apply to the state and its departments and agencies.