

2.5 \$3,250,000 the second year is to the
 2.6 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
 2.7 land in fee for wildlife management purposes
 2.8 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 2.9 subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee
 2.10 for scientific and natural area purposes
 2.11 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 2.12 subdivision 5. Subject to evaluation criteria
 2.13 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
 2.14 must be given to acquisition of lands that
 2.15 are eligible for the native prairie bank under
 2.16 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
 2.17 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of
 2.18 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
 2.19 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

2.20 **(b) Accelerating Wildlife Management Area**
 2.21 **Acquisition - Phase VIII**

2.22 \$5,229,000 the second year is to the
 2.23 commissioner of natural resources for
 2.24 an agreement with Pheasants Forever to
 2.25 acquire in fee and restore lands for wildlife
 2.26 management area purposes under Minnesota
 2.27 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8.
 2.28 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota
 2.29 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be
 2.30 given to acquisition of lands that are eligible
 2.31 for the native prairie bank under Minnesota
 2.32 Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to
 2.33 protected native prairie. A list of proposed
 2.34 land acquisitions must be provided as part of
 2.35 the required accomplishment plan.

3.1 **(c) Martin County/Fox Lake Wildlife**
 3.2 **Management Area Acquisition**

2.9 \$3,250,000 the second year is to the
 2.10 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
 2.11 land in fee for wildlife management purposes
 2.12 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 2.13 subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee
 2.14 for scientific and natural area purposes
 2.15 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 2.16 subdivision 5. Subject to evaluation criteria
 2.17 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
 2.18 must be given to acquisition of lands that
 2.19 are eligible for the native prairie bank under
 2.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
 2.21 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of
 2.22 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
 2.23 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

2.24 **(b) Accelerating Wildlife Management Area**
 2.25 **Acquisition - Phase VIII**

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 2.27 commissioner of natural resources for
 2.28 an agreement with Pheasants Forever to
 2.29 acquire in fee and restore lands for wildlife
 2.30 management area purposes under Minnesota
 2.31 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8.
 2.32 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota
 2.33 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be
 2.34 given to acquisition of lands that are eligible
 2.35 for the native prairie bank under Minnesota
 2.36 Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to
 3.1 protected native prairie. A list of proposed
 3.2 land acquisitions must be provided as part of
 3.3 the required accomplishment plan.

3.4 **(c) Martin County/Fox Lake Wildlife**
 3.5 **Management Area Acquisition**

3.3 \$1,000,000 the second year is to the
 3.4 commissioner of natural resources for an
 3.5 agreement with Fox Lake Conservation
 3.6 League, Inc. to acquire land in fee and restore
 3.7 strategic prairie grassland, wetland, and other
 3.8 wildlife habitat for wildlife management area
 3.9 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
 3.10 86A.05, subdivision 8. A list of proposed
 3.11 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
 3.12 required accomplishment plan.

3.13 **(d) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National**
 3.14 **Wildlife Refuge Land Acquisition - Phase VII**

3.15 \$2,754,000 the second year is to the
 3.16 commissioner of natural resources for an
 3.17 agreement with The Nature Conservancy
 3.18 in cooperation with the United States Fish
 3.19 and Wildlife Service to acquire land in fee
 3.20 or permanent conservation easements and
 3.21 restore lands within the Northern Tallgrass
 3.22 Prairie Habitat Preservation Area in western
 3.23 Minnesota for addition to the Northern
 3.24 Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge.
 3.25 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota
 3.26 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be
 3.27 given to acquisition of lands that are eligible
 3.28 for the native prairie bank under Minnesota
 3.29 Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to
 3.30 protected native prairie. A list of proposed
 3.31 land acquisitions must be provided as part
 3.32 of the required accomplishment plan and
 3.33 must be consistent with the priorities in the
 3.34 Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

3.35 **(e) Cannon River Headwaters Habitat**
 3.36 **Complex - Phase VI**

3.6 \$1,000,000 the second year is to the
 3.7 commissioner of natural resources for an
 3.8 agreement with Fox Lake Conservation
 3.9 League, Inc. to acquire land in fee and restore
 3.10 strategic prairie grassland, wetland, and other
 3.11 wildlife habitat for wildlife management area
 3.12 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
 3.13 86A.05, subdivision 8. A list of proposed
 3.14 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
 3.15 required accomplishment plan.

3.16 **(d) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National**
 3.17 **Wildlife Refuge Land Acquisition - Phase VII**

3.18 \$2,754,000 the second year is to the
 3.19 commissioner of natural resources for an
 3.20 agreement with The Nature Conservancy
 3.21 in cooperation with the United States Fish
 3.22 and Wildlife Service to acquire land in fee
 3.23 or permanent conservation easements and
 3.24 restore lands within the Northern Tallgrass
 3.25 Prairie Habitat Preservation Area in western
 3.26 Minnesota for addition to the Northern
 3.27 Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge.
 3.28 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota
 3.29 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be
 3.30 given to acquisition of lands that are eligible
 3.31 for the native prairie bank under Minnesota
 3.32 Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to
 3.33 protected native prairie. A list of proposed
 3.34 land acquisitions must be provided as part
 3.35 of the required accomplishment plan and
 4.1 must be consistent with the priorities in the
 4.2 Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

4.3 **(e) Cannon River Headwaters Habitat**
 4.4 **Complex - Phase VI**

4.1 \$583,000 the second year is to the
 4.2 commissioner of natural resources for an
 4.3 agreement with The Trust for Public Land
 4.4 to acquire land in fee and restore lands in
 4.5 the Cannon River watershed for wildlife
 4.6 management purposes under Minnesota
 4.7 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8.
 4.8 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota
 4.9 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be
 4.10 given to acquisition of lands that are eligible
 4.11 for the native prairie bank under Minnesota
 4.12 Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to
 4.13 protected native prairie. A list of proposed
 4.14 land acquisitions must be provided as part of
 4.15 the required accomplishment plan.

4.16 **(f) Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection**
 4.17 **- Phase V**

4.18 \$2,541,000 the second year is to the
 4.19 commissioner of natural resources
 4.20 to implement the Minnesota Prairie
 4.21 Conservation Plan through the acquisition of
 4.22 permanent conservation easements to protect
 4.23 and restore native prairie. Of this amount, up
 4.24 to \$120,000 is for establishing monitoring
 4.25 and enforcement funds as approved in
 4.26 the accomplishment plan and subject to
 4.27 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
 4.28 subdivision 17. Subject to evaluation criteria
 4.29 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
 4.30 must be given to acquisition of lands that
 4.31 are eligible for the native prairie bank under
 4.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
 4.33 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of
 4.34 permanent conservation easements must be
 4.35 provided as part of the final report.

5.1 **(g) Reinvest In Minnesota (RIM) Buffers for**
 5.2 **Wildlife and Water - Phase VI**

4.5 \$583,000 the second year is to the
 4.6 commissioner of natural resources for an
 4.7 agreement with The Trust for Public Land
 4.8 to acquire land in fee and restore lands in
 4.9 the Cannon River watershed for wildlife
 4.10 management purposes under Minnesota
 4.11 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8.
 4.12 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota
 4.13 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be
 4.14 given to acquisition of lands that are eligible
 4.15 for the native prairie bank under Minnesota
 4.16 Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to
 4.17 protected native prairie. A list of proposed
 4.18 land acquisitions must be provided as part of
 4.19 the required accomplishment plan.

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 4.25 Conservation Plan through the acquisition of
 4.26 permanent conservation easements to protect
 4.27 and restore native prairie. Of this amount, up
 4.28 to \$120,000 is for establishing monitoring
 4.29 and enforcement funds as approved in
 4.30 the accomplishment plan and subject to
 4.31 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
 4.32 subdivision 17. Subject to evaluation criteria
 4.33 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
 4.34 must be given to acquisition of lands that
 4.35 are eligible for the native prairie bank under
 4.36 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
 5.1 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of
 5.2 permanent conservation easements must be
 5.3 provided as part of the final report.

5.4 **(g) Reinvest In Minnesota (RIM) Buffers for**
 5.5 **Wildlife and Water - Phase VI**

5.3 \$6,708,000 the second year is to the Board
 5.4 of Water and Soil Resources to acquire
 5.5 permanent conservation easements and
 5.6 restore habitat under Minnesota Statutes,
 5.7 section 103F.515, to protect, restore, and
 5.8 enhance habitat by expanding the clean
 5.9 water fund riparian buffer program for at
 5.10 least equal wildlife benefits from buffers on
 5.11 private land. Of this amount, up to \$130,000
 5.12 is to establish a monitoring and enforcement
 5.13 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
 5.14 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 5.15 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
 5.16 conservation easements must be provided as
 5.17 part of the final report.

5.18 **(h) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the**
 5.19 **Southern Red River Valley - Phase II**

5.20 \$2,269,000 the second year is to the
 5.21 commissioner of natural resources for
 5.22 an agreement with Pheasants Forever, in
 5.23 cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie
 5.24 Chicken Society, to acquire land in fee and
 5.25 restore and enhance lands in the southern
 5.26 Red River Valley for wildlife management
 5.27 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
 5.28 86A.05, subdivision 8, or for designation
 5.29 and management as waterfowl production
 5.30 areas in Minnesota, in cooperation with the
 5.31 United States Fish and Wildlife Service.
 5.32 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota
 5.33 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be
 5.34 given to acquisition of lands that are eligible
 5.35 for the native prairie bank under Minnesota
 5.36 Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to
 6.1 protected native prairie. A list of proposed
 6.2 land acquisitions must be provided as part of
 6.3 the required accomplishment plan.

6.4 **(i) Grassland Conservation Partnership -**
 6.5 **Phase II**

5.6 \$6,708,000 the second year is to the Board
 5.7 of Water and Soil Resources to acquire
 5.8 permanent conservation easements and
 5.9 restore habitat under Minnesota Statutes,
 5.10 section 103F.515, to protect, restore, and
 5.11 enhance habitat by expanding the clean
 5.12 water fund riparian buffer program for at
 5.13 least equal wildlife benefits from buffers on
 5.14 private land. Of this amount, up to \$130,000
 5.15 is to establish a monitoring and enforcement
 5.16 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
 5.17 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 5.18 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
 5.19 conservation easements must be provided as
 5.20 part of the final report.

5.21 **(h) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the**
 5.22 **Southern Red River Valley - Phase II**

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 5.24 commissioner of natural resources for
 5.25 an agreement with Pheasants Forever, in
 5.26 cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie
 5.27 Chicken Society, to acquire land in fee and
 5.28 restore and enhance lands in the southern
 5.29 Red River Valley for wildlife management
 5.30 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
 5.31 86A.05, subdivision 8, or for designation
 5.32 and management as waterfowl production
 5.33 areas in Minnesota, in cooperation with the
 5.34 United States Fish and Wildlife Service.
 5.35 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota
 5.36 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be
 6.1 given to acquisition of lands that are eligible
 6.2 for the native prairie bank under Minnesota
 6.3 Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to
 6.4 protected native prairie. A list of proposed
 6.5 land acquisitions must be provided as part of
 6.6 the required accomplishment plan.

6.7 **(i) Grassland Conservation Partnership -**
 6.8 **Phase II**

6.6 \$1,475,000 the second year is to the
 6.7 commissioner of natural resources for an
 6.8 agreement with The Conservation Fund, in
 6.9 cooperation with Minnesota Land Trust, to
 6.10 acquire permanent conservation easements
 6.11 and restore high priority grassland, prairie,
 6.12 and wetland habitats as follows: \$64,000
 6.13 to The Conservation Fund; and \$1,411,000
 6.14 to Minnesota Land Trust, of which up to
 6.15 \$100,000 is for establishing a monitoring
 6.16 and enforcement fund, as approved in
 6.17 the accomplishment plan and subject to
 6.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
 6.19 subdivision 17. Subject to evaluation criteria
 6.20 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
 6.21 must be given to acquisition of lands that
 6.22 are eligible for the native prairie bank under
 6.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
 6.24 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of
 6.25 proposed acquisitions must be provided as
 6.26 part of the required accomplishment plan and
 6.27 must be consistent with the priorities in the
 6.28 Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

6.29 **(j) Accelerated Prairie Restoration and**
 6.30 **Enhancement on DNR Lands - Phase VIII**

6.31 \$3,983,000 the second year is to the
 6.32 commissioner of natural resources to
 6.33 accelerate restoration and enhancement
 6.34 of prairies, grasslands, and savannas on
 6.35 wildlife management areas, scientific and
 6.36 natural areas, native prairie bank land,
 7.1 and bluff prairies on state forest land in
 7.2 southeastern Minnesota. A list of proposed
 7.3 land restorations and enhancements
 7.4 must be provided as part of the required
 7.5 accomplishment plan.

7.6 **(k) Anoka Sandplain Habitat Restoration and**
 7.7 **Enhancement - Phase IV**

6.9 \$1,475,000 the second year is to the
 6.10 commissioner of natural resources for an
 6.11 agreement with The Conservation Fund, in
 6.12 cooperation with Minnesota Land Trust, to
 6.13 acquire permanent conservation easements
 6.14 and restore high priority grassland, prairie,
 6.15 and wetland habitats as follows: \$64,000
 6.16 to The Conservation Fund; and \$1,411,000
 6.17 to Minnesota Land Trust, of which up to
 6.18 \$100,000 is for establishing a monitoring
 6.19 and enforcement fund, as approved in
 6.20 the accomplishment plan and subject to
 6.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
 6.22 subdivision 17. Subject to evaluation criteria
 6.23 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
 6.24 must be given to acquisition of lands that
 6.25 are eligible for the native prairie bank under
 6.26 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
 6.27 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of
 6.28 proposed acquisitions must be provided as
 6.29 part of the required accomplishment plan and
 6.30 must be consistent with the priorities in the
 6.31 Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

6.32 **(j) Accelerated Prairie Restoration and**
 6.33 **Enhancement on DNR Lands - Phase VIII**

6.34 \$3,983,000 the second year is to the
 6.35 commissioner of natural resources to
 6.36 accelerate restoration and enhancement
 7.1 of prairies, grasslands, and savannas on
 7.2 wildlife management areas, scientific and
 7.3 natural areas, native prairie bank land,
 7.4 and bluff prairies on state forest land in
 7.5 southeastern Minnesota. A list of proposed
 7.6 land restorations and enhancements
 7.7 must be provided as part of the required
 7.8 accomplishment plan.

7.9 **(k) Anoka Sandplain Habitat Restoration and**
 7.10 **Enhancement - Phase IV**

7.8 \$1,208,000 the second year is to the
 7.9 commissioner of natural resources for
 7.10 agreements to restore and enhance wildlife
 7.11 habitat on public lands in Anoka, Isanti,
 7.12 Morrison, Sherburne, and Todd Counties as
 7.13 follows: \$93,000 to Anoka Conservation
 7.14 District; \$25,000 to Isanti County Parks
 7.15 and Recreation Department; \$813,000 to
 7.16 Great River Greening; and \$277,000 to the
 7.17 National Wild Turkey Federation. A list of
 7.18 proposed land restorations and enhancements
 7.19 must be provided as part of the required
 7.20 accomplishment plan.

7.21 Subd. 3. **Forests** -0- 20,341,000

7.22 **(a) Young Forest Conservation - Phase II**

7.23 \$1,369,000 the second year is to the
 7.24 commissioner of natural resources for
 7.25 an agreement with the American Bird
 7.26 Conservancy to restore publicly owned,
 7.27 permanently protected forest lands for
 7.28 wildlife management purposes. A list
 7.29 of proposed forest land restorations
 7.30 must be provided as part of the required
 7.31 accomplishment plan.

7.32 **(b) Jack Pine Forest/Crow Wing River**
 7.33 **Watershed Habitat Acquisition**

7.11 \$1,208,000 the second year is to the
 7.12 commissioner of natural resources for
 7.13 agreements to restore and enhance wildlife
 7.14 habitat on public lands, excluding state
 7.15 forests, in Anoka, Isanti, Morrison,
 7.16 Sherburne, and Todd Counties as follows:
 7.17 \$93,000 to Anoka Conservation District;
 7.18 \$25,000 to Isanti County Parks and
 7.19 Recreation Department; \$813,000 to Great
 7.20 River Greening; and \$277,000 to the
 7.21 National Wild Turkey Federation. A list of
 7.22 proposed land restorations and enhancements
 7.23 must be provided as part of the required
 7.24 accomplishment plan.

7.25 Subd. 3. **Forests** -0- 16,309,000

7.26 **(a) Young Forest Conservation - Phase II**

7.27 \$1,369,000 the second year is to the
 7.28 commissioner of natural resources for
 7.29 an agreement with the American Bird
 7.30 Conservancy to restore publicly owned,
 7.31 permanently protected forest lands for
 7.32 wildlife management purposes. A list
 7.33 of proposed forest land restorations
 7.34 must be provided as part of the required
 7.35 accomplishment plan.

8.1 **(b) Jack Pine Forest/Crow Wing River**
 8.2 **Watershed Habitat Acquisition**

7.34 \$5,532,000 the second year is to the
 7.35 commissioner of natural resources for an
 8.1 agreement with the Minnesota Deer Hunters
 8.2 Association to acquire in fee and restore
 8.3 and enhance forest habitat lands in Cass,
 8.4 Hubbard, and Wadena Counties. Annual
 8.5 income statements and balance sheets for
 8.6 income and expenses from land acquired in
 8.7 fee with this appropriation and not transferred
 8.8 to state or local government ownership must
 8.9 be submitted to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
 8.10 Heritage Council no later than 180 days
 8.11 following the close of the Minnesota Deer
 8.12 Hunters Association's fiscal year. A list of
 8.13 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
 8.14 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

8.15 **(c) Camp Ripley Partnership - Phase VI**

8.16 \$1,500,000 the second year is to the Board
 8.17 of Water and Soil Resources, in cooperation
 8.18 with the Morrison County Soil and Water
 8.19 Conservation District, to acquire permanent
 8.20 conservation easements and restore forest
 8.21 wildlife habitat within the boundaries
 8.22 of the Minnesota National Guard Camp
 8.23 Ripley Compatible Use Buffer. Of this
 8.24 amount, up to \$72,000 is to establish
 8.25 a monitoring and enforcement fund, as
 8.26 approved in the accomplishment plan and
 8.27 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 8.28 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
 8.29 conservation easements must be provided as
 8.30 part of the final report.

8.31 **(d) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**
 8.32 **Restoration - Phase IV**

8.3 \$1,500,000 the second year is to the
 8.4 commissioner of natural resources for an
 8.5 agreement with the Minnesota Deer Hunters
 8.6 Association to acquire in fee and restore
 8.7 and enhance forest habitat lands in Cass
 8.8 and Hubbard Counties for county forest
 8.9 purposes. A list of proposed land acquisitions
 8.10 must be provided as part of the required
 8.11 accomplishment plan.

8.12 **(c) Camp Ripley Partnership - Phase VI**

8.13 \$1,500,000 the second year is to the Board
 8.14 of Water and Soil Resources, in cooperation
 8.15 with the Morrison County Soil and Water
 8.16 Conservation District, to acquire permanent
 8.17 conservation easements and restore forest
 8.18 wildlife habitat within the boundaries
 8.19 of the Minnesota National Guard Camp
 8.20 Ripley Compatible Use Buffer. Of this
 8.21 amount, up to \$72,000 is to establish
 8.22 a monitoring and enforcement fund, as
 8.23 approved in the accomplishment plan and
 8.24 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 8.25 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
 8.26 conservation easements must be provided as
 8.27 part of the final report.

8.28 **(d) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**
 8.29 **Restoration - Phase IV**

8.33 \$5,000,000 the second year is to the
 8.34 commissioner of natural resources for an
 8.35 agreement with The Nature Conservancy, in
 9.1 cooperation with The Trust for Public Land
 9.2 and Minnesota Land Trust, to acquire land
 9.3 in fee for wildlife management purposes
 9.4 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 9.5 subdivision 8, to acquire land in fee for
 9.6 scientific and natural areas under Minnesota
 9.7 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision
 9.8 5, to acquire land in fee for state forest
 9.9 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
 9.10 86A.05, subdivision 7, to acquire permanent
 9.11 conservation easements, and to restore
 9.12 and enhance prairie, grasslands, forest,
 9.13 and savanna as follows: \$1,506,000 to
 9.14 The Nature Conservancy; \$2,930,000 to
 9.15 The Trust for Public Land; and \$564,000
 9.16 to Minnesota Land Trust, of which up to
 9.17 \$80,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to
 9.18 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund,
 9.19 as approved in the accomplishment plan
 9.20 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 9.21 97A.056, subdivision 17. Annual income
 9.22 statements and balance sheets for income
 9.23 and expenses from land acquired in fee with
 9.24 this appropriation and not transferred to
 9.25 state or local government ownership must
 9.26 be submitted to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
 9.27 Heritage Council. A list of proposed land
 9.28 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
 9.29 required accomplishment plan.

9.30 **(e) Minnesota Forests for the Future - Phase IV**

8.30 \$5,000,000 the second year is to the
 8.31 commissioner of natural resources for an
 8.32 agreement with The Nature Conservancy, in
 8.33 cooperation with The Trust for Public Land
 8.34 and Minnesota Land Trust, to acquire land
 8.35 in fee for wildlife management purposes
 9.1 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 9.2 subdivision 8, to acquire land in fee for
 9.3 scientific and natural areas under Minnesota
 9.4 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision
 9.5 5, to acquire land in fee for state forest
 9.6 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
 9.7 86A.05, subdivision 7, to acquire permanent
 9.8 conservation easements, and to restore
 9.9 and enhance prairie, grasslands, forest,
 9.10 and savanna as follows: \$1,506,000 to
 9.11 The Nature Conservancy; \$2,930,000 to
 9.12 The Trust for Public Land; and \$564,000
 9.13 to Minnesota Land Trust, of which up to
 9.14 \$80,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to
 9.15 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund,
 9.16 as approved in the accomplishment plan
 9.17 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 9.18 97A.056, subdivision 17. Annual income
 9.19 statements and balance sheets for income
 9.20 and expenses from land acquired in fee with
 9.21 this appropriation and not transferred to
 9.22 state or local government ownership must
 9.23 be submitted to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
 9.24 Heritage Council. A list of proposed land
 9.25 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
 9.26 required accomplishment plan.

9.27 **(e) Minnesota Forests for the Future - Phase IV**

9.31 \$1,840,000 the second year is to the
 9.32 commissioner of natural resources to
 9.33 acquire forest, wetland, and shoreline
 9.34 habitat through working forest permanent
 9.35 conservation easements under the Minnesota
 9.36 forests for the future program pursuant
 10.1 to Minnesota Statutes, section 84.66.
 10.2 A conservation easement acquired with
 10.3 money appropriated under this paragraph
 10.4 must comply with Minnesota Statutes,
 10.5 section 97A.056, subdivision 13. The
 10.6 accomplishment plan must include an
 10.7 easement monitoring and enforcement
 10.8 plan. Of this amount, up to \$25,000 is to
 10.9 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
 10.10 as approved in the accomplishment plan
 10.11 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 10.12 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
 10.13 conservation easements must be provided as
 10.14 part of the final report.

10.15 **(f) Protect Key Forest Lands in Cass County -**
 10.16 **Phase VII**

10.17 \$500,000 the second year is to the
 10.18 commissioner of natural resources for an
 10.19 agreement with Cass County to acquire land
 10.20 in fee in Cass County for forest wildlife
 10.21 habitat or to prevent forest fragmentation.
 10.22 A list of proposed land acquisitions
 10.23 must be provided as part of the required
 10.24 accomplishment plan.

10.25 **(g) State Forest Acquisitions - Phase III**

10.26 \$1,000,000 the second year is to the
 10.27 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
 10.28 lands in fee for wildlife habitat purposes
 10.29 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 10.30 subdivision 7. A list of proposed land
 10.31 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
 10.32 required accomplishment plan.

9.28 \$1,840,000 the second year is to the
 9.29 commissioner of natural resources to
 9.30 acquire forest, wetland, and shoreline
 9.31 habitat through working forest permanent
 9.32 conservation easements under the Minnesota
 9.33 forests for the future program pursuant
 9.34 to Minnesota Statutes, section 84.66.
 9.35 A conservation easement acquired with
 9.36 money appropriated under this paragraph
 10.1 must comply with Minnesota Statutes,
 10.2 section 97A.056, subdivision 13. The
 10.3 accomplishment plan must include an
 10.4 easement monitoring and enforcement
 10.5 plan. Of this amount, up to \$25,000 is to
 10.6 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
 10.7 as approved in the accomplishment plan
 10.8 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 10.9 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
 10.10 conservation easements must be provided as
 10.11 part of the final report.

10.12 **(f) Protect Key Forest Lands in Cass County -**
 10.13 **Phase VII**

10.14 \$500,000 the second year is to the
 10.15 commissioner of natural resources for an
 10.16 agreement with Cass County to acquire land
 10.17 in fee in Cass County for forest wildlife
 10.18 habitat or to prevent forest fragmentation.
 10.19 A list of proposed land acquisitions
 10.20 must be provided as part of the required
 10.21 accomplishment plan.

10.22 **(g) State Forest Acquisitions - Phase III**

10.23 \$1,000,000 the second year is to the
 10.24 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
 10.25 lands in fee for wildlife habitat purposes
 10.26 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 10.27 subdivision 7. A list of proposed land
 10.28 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
 10.29 required accomplishment plan.

10.33 **(h) Forest Habitat Protection Revolving**
10.34 **Account**

11.1 \$1,000,000 the second year is to the
11.2 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
11.3 lands in fee and permanent conservation
11.4 easements for wildlife habitat purposes,
11.5 for forest consolidation and connective
11.6 corridor purposes, or to prevent forest
11.7 fragmentation under Minnesota Statutes,
11.8 section 86A.05, subdivision 7. Proceeds
11.9 from any subsequent sale of lands acquired
11.10 with this appropriation must be used for the
11.11 purposes of this appropriation. Any sale
11.12 proceeds remaining unused upon close of the
11.13 appropriation availability must be returned to
11.14 the outdoor heritage fund. A list of proposed
11.15 land acquisitions must be provided as part of
11.16 the required accomplishment plan. Unless
11.17 otherwise provided, this appropriation is
11.18 available until June 30, 2022. For acquisition
11.19 of real property, this appropriation is
11.20 available until June 30, 2023, if a binding
11.21 agreement with a landowner or purchase
11.22 agreement is entered into by June 30,
11.23 2022, and closed no later than June 30,
11.24 2023. Of this amount, up to \$50,000 is to
11.25 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
11.26 as approved in the accomplishment plan
11.27 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
11.28 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
11.29 conservation easements must be provided as
11.30 part of the final report.

11.31 **(i) Mississippi River Floodplain Forest**
11.32 **Enhancement - Phase II**

10.30 **(h) Forest Habitat Protection Revolving**
10.31 **Account**

10.32 \$1,000,000 the second year is to the
10.33 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
10.34 lands in fee and permanent conservation
10.35 easements for wildlife habitat purposes,
11.1 for forest consolidation and connective
11.2 corridor purposes, or to prevent forest
11.3 fragmentation under Minnesota Statutes,
11.4 section 86A.05, subdivision 7. Proceeds
11.5 from any subsequent sale of lands acquired
11.6 with this appropriation must be used for the
11.7 purposes of this appropriation. Any sale
11.8 proceeds remaining unused upon close of the
11.9 appropriation availability must be returned to
11.10 the outdoor heritage fund. A list of proposed
11.11 land acquisitions must be provided as part of
11.12 the required accomplishment plan. Unless
11.13 otherwise provided, this appropriation is
11.14 available until June 30, 2022. For acquisition
11.15 of real property, this appropriation is
11.16 available until June 30, 2023, if a binding
11.17 agreement with a landowner or purchase
11.18 agreement is entered into by June 30,
11.19 2022, and closed no later than June 30,
11.20 2023. Of this amount, up to \$50,000 is to
11.21 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
11.22 as approved in the accomplishment plan
11.23 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
11.24 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
11.25 conservation easements must be provided as
11.26 part of the final report.

11.27 **(i) Mississippi River Floodplain Forest**
11.28 **Enhancement - Phase II**

12.25 \$5,650,000 the second year is to the
 12.26 commissioner of natural resources for an
 12.27 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire
 12.28 in fee and restore and enhance wetlands and
 12.29 grasslands to be designated and managed as
 12.30 waterfowl production areas in Minnesota,
 12.31 in cooperation with the United States Fish
 12.32 and Wildlife Service. A list of proposed land
 12.33 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
 12.34 required accomplishment plan.

12.35 **(b) Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection**
 12.36 **Program - Phase V**

13.1 \$5,801,000 the second year is to the
 13.2 commissioner of natural resources for an
 13.3 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire
 13.4 in fee and restore prairie lands, wetlands,
 13.5 and land buffering shallow lakes for wildlife
 13.6 management purposes under Minnesota
 13.7 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8. A list
 13.8 of proposed acquisitions must be provided as
 13.9 part of the required accomplishment plan.

13.10 **(c) RIM Wetlands Partnership - Phase VII**

13.11 \$13,808,000 the second year is to the Board
 13.12 of Water and Soil Resources to acquire lands
 13.13 in permanent conservation easements and
 13.14 to restore wetlands and native grassland
 13.15 habitat under Minnesota Statutes, section
 13.16 103F.515. Of this amount, up to \$195,000 is
 13.17 to establish a monitoring and enforcement
 13.18 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
 13.19 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 13.20 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
 13.21 conservation easements must be provided as
 13.22 part of the final report.

13.23 **(d) Wetland Habitat Protection Program -**
 13.24 **Phase II**

12.16 \$5,650,000 the second year is to the
 12.17 commissioner of natural resources for an
 12.18 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire
 12.19 in fee and restore and enhance wetlands and
 12.20 grasslands to be designated and managed as
 12.21 waterfowl production areas in Minnesota,
 12.22 in cooperation with the United States Fish
 12.23 and Wildlife Service. A list of proposed land
 12.24 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
 12.25 required accomplishment plan.

12.26 **(b) Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection**
 12.27 **Program - Phase V**

12.28 \$5,801,000 the second year is to the
 12.29 commissioner of natural resources for an
 12.30 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire
 12.31 in fee and restore prairie lands, wetlands,
 12.32 and land buffering shallow lakes for wildlife
 12.33 management purposes under Minnesota
 12.34 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8. A list
 13.1 of proposed acquisitions must be provided as
 13.2 part of the required accomplishment plan.

13.3 **(c) RIM Wetlands Partnership - Phase VII**

13.4 \$13,808,000 the second year is to the Board
 13.5 of Water and Soil Resources to acquire lands
 13.6 in permanent conservation easements and
 13.7 to restore wetlands and native grassland
 13.8 habitat under Minnesota Statutes, section
 13.9 103F.515. Of this amount, up to \$195,000 is
 13.10 to establish a monitoring and enforcement
 13.11 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
 13.12 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 13.13 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
 13.14 conservation easements must be provided as
 13.15 part of the final report.

13.16 **(d) Wetland Habitat Protection Program -**
 13.17 **Phase II**

13.25 \$1,629,000 the second year is to the
 13.26 commissioner of natural resources for an
 13.27 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
 13.28 acquire permanent conservation easements
 13.29 in high-priority wetland habitat complexes
 13.30 in the prairie and forest/prairie transition
 13.31 regions. Of this amount, up to \$180,000 is to
 13.32 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund,
 13.33 as approved in the accomplishment plan
 13.34 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 13.35 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
 14.1 easement acquisitions must be provided as
 14.2 part of the final report.

14.3 **(e) Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetlands**
 14.4 **Enhancement - Phase VIII**

14.5 \$2,167,000 the second year is to the
 14.6 commissioner of natural resources to enhance
 14.7 and restore shallow lakes and wetland habitat
 14.8 statewide. A list of proposed land restorations
 14.9 and enhancements must be provided as part
 14.10 of the required accomplishment plan.

14.11 **(f) Marsh Lake - Phase II**

14.12 \$2,000,000 the second year is to the
 14.13 commissioner of natural resources to modify
 14.14 the dam at Marsh Lake for improved habitat
 14.15 management and to return the historic outlet
 14.16 of the Pomme de Terre River to Lac Qui Parle.

14.17 Subd. 5. **Habitats** -0- 29,138,000

14.18 **(a) DNR Aquatic Habitat Protection - Phase**
 14.19 **VIII**

13.18 \$1,629,000 the second year is to the
 13.19 commissioner of natural resources for an
 13.20 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
 13.21 acquire permanent conservation easements
 13.22 in high-priority wetland habitat complexes
 13.23 in the prairie and forest/prairie transition
 13.24 regions. Of this amount, up to \$180,000 is to
 13.25 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund,
 13.26 as approved in the accomplishment plan
 13.27 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 13.28 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
 13.29 easement acquisitions must be provided as
 13.30 part of the final report.

13.31 **(e) Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetlands**
 13.32 **Enhancement - Phase VIII**

13.33 \$2,167,000 the second year is to the
 13.34 commissioner of natural resources to enhance
 13.35 and restore shallow lakes and wetland habitat
 14.1 statewide. A list of proposed land restorations
 14.2 and enhancements must be provided as part
 14.3 of the required accomplishment plan.

14.4 **(f) Marsh Lake - Phase II**

14.5 \$2,000,000 the second year is to the
 14.6 commissioner of natural resources to modify
 14.7 the dam at Marsh Lake for improved habitat
 14.8 management and to return the historic outlet
 14.9 of the Pomme de Terre River to Lac Qui Parle.

14.10 Subd. 5. **Habitats** -0- 29,138,000

14.11 **(a) DNR Aquatic Habitat Protection - Phase**
 14.12 **VIII**

14.20 \$1,578,000 the second year is to the
 14.21 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
 14.22 land in fee and permanent conservation
 14.23 easements for aquatic management purposes
 14.24 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05,
 14.25 subdivision 14, and 97C.02, to acquire
 14.26 permanent conservation easements under
 14.27 the Minnesota forests for the future
 14.28 program pursuant to Minnesota Statutes,
 14.29 section 84.66, and to restore and enhance
 14.30 aquatic and adjacent upland habitat.
 14.31 Of this amount, up to \$153,000 is to
 14.32 establish a monitoring and enforcement
 14.33 fund as approved in the accomplishment
 14.34 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
 14.35 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of
 15.1 proposed land acquisitions, conservation
 15.2 easements, restorations, and enhancements
 15.3 must be provided as part of the required
 15.4 accomplishment plan.

15.5 **(b) Metro Big Rivers Habitat - Phase VII**

15.6 \$4,000,000 the second year is to the
 15.7 commissioner of natural resources for
 15.8 agreements to acquire land in fee and
 15.9 permanent conservation easements and
 15.10 to restore and enhance natural systems
 15.11 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,
 15.12 and St. Croix Rivers within the metropolitan
 15.13 area as follows: \$500,000 to Minnesota
 15.14 Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust,
 15.15 Inc.; \$430,000 to Friends of the Mississippi
 15.16 River; \$1,170,000 to Great River Greening;
 15.17 \$800,000 to The Trust for Public Land; and
 15.18 \$1,100,000 to Minnesota Land Trust, of
 15.19 which up to \$60,000 to Minnesota Land Trust
 15.20 is to establish a monitoring and enforcement
 15.21 fund as approved in the accomplishment
 15.22 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
 15.23 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of
 15.24 proposed land acquisitions and permanent
 15.25 conservation easements must be provided as

14.13 \$1,578,000 the second year is to the
 14.14 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
 14.15 land in fee and permanent conservation
 14.16 easements for aquatic management purposes
 14.17 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05,
 14.18 subdivision 14, and 97C.02, to acquire
 14.19 permanent conservation easements under
 14.20 the Minnesota forests for the future
 14.21 program pursuant to Minnesota Statutes,
 14.22 section 84.66, and to restore and enhance
 14.23 aquatic and adjacent upland habitat.
 14.24 Of this amount, up to \$153,000 is to
 14.25 establish a monitoring and enforcement
 14.26 fund as approved in the accomplishment
 14.27 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
 14.28 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of
 14.29 proposed land acquisitions, conservation
 14.30 easements, restorations, and enhancements
 14.31 must be provided as part of the required
 14.32 accomplishment plan.

14.33 **(b) Metro Big Rivers Habitat - Phase VII**

14.34 \$4,000,000 the second year is to the
 14.35 commissioner of natural resources for
 15.1 agreements to acquire land in fee and
 15.2 permanent conservation easements and
 15.3 to restore and enhance natural systems
 15.4 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,
 15.5 and St. Croix Rivers within the metropolitan
 15.6 area as follows: \$500,000 to Minnesota
 15.7 Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust,
 15.8 Inc.; \$430,000 to Friends of the Mississippi
 15.9 River; \$1,170,000 to Great River Greening;
 15.10 \$800,000 to The Trust for Public Land; and
 15.11 \$1,100,000 to Minnesota Land Trust, of
 15.12 which up to \$60,000 to Minnesota Land Trust
 15.13 is to establish a monitoring and enforcement
 15.14 fund as approved in the accomplishment
 15.15 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
 15.16 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of
 15.17 proposed land acquisitions and permanent
 15.18 conservation easements must be provided as

15.26 part of the required accomplishment plan.

15.27 **(c) Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor**
 15.28 **Partnership - Phase II**

15.29 \$2,105,000 the second year is to the
 15.30 commissioner of natural resources for
 15.31 agreements to acquire lands in fee in the
 15.32 Mississippi Headwaters and for agreements
 15.33 as follows: \$76,000 to the Mississippi
 15.34 Headwaters Board; and \$2,029,000 to
 15.35 The Trust for Public Land. \$1,045,000
 16.1 the second year is to the Board of Water
 16.2 and Soil Resources to acquire permanent
 16.3 conservation easements and to restore
 16.4 wildlife habitat, of which up to \$78,000 is
 16.5 to establish a monitoring and enforcement
 16.6 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
 16.7 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 16.8 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
 16.9 acquisitions must be included as part of the
 16.10 required accomplishment plan.

16.11 **(d) Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic**
 16.12 **North Central Minnesota Lakes - Phase II**

16.13 \$1,425,000 the second year is to the
 16.14 commissioner of natural resources for
 16.15 agreements with the Leech Lake Area
 16.16 Watershed Foundation and Minnesota Land
 16.17 Trust to acquire land in fee and permanent
 16.18 conservation easements to sustain healthy
 16.19 fish habitat on cold water lakes in Aitkin,
 16.20 Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard Counties
 16.21 as follows: \$480,000 to Leech Lake Area
 16.22 Watershed Foundation; and \$945,000 to
 16.23 Minnesota Land Trust, of which up to
 16.24 \$180,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to
 16.25 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
 16.26 as approved in the accomplishment plan
 16.27 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 16.28 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
 16.29 land acquisitions must be provided as part of

15.19 part of the required accomplishment plan.

15.20 **(c) Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor**
 15.21 **Partnership - Phase II**

15.22 \$2,105,000 the second year is to the
 15.23 commissioner of natural resources for
 15.24 agreements to acquire lands in fee in the
 15.25 Mississippi Headwaters and for agreements
 15.26 as follows: \$76,000 to the Mississippi
 15.27 Headwaters Board; and \$2,029,000 to
 15.28 The Trust for Public Land. \$1,045,000
 15.29 the second year is to the Board of Water
 15.30 and Soil Resources to acquire permanent
 15.31 conservation easements and to restore
 15.32 wildlife habitat, of which up to \$78,000 is
 15.33 to establish a monitoring and enforcement
 15.34 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
 15.35 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 15.36 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
 16.1 acquisitions must be included as part of the
 16.2 required accomplishment plan.

16.3 **(d) Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic**
 16.4 **North Central Minnesota Lakes - Phase II**

16.5 \$1,425,000 the second year is to the
 16.6 commissioner of natural resources for
 16.7 agreements with the Leech Lake Area
 16.8 Watershed Foundation and Minnesota Land
 16.9 Trust to acquire land in fee and permanent
 16.10 conservation easements to sustain healthy
 16.11 fish habitat on cold water lakes in Aitkin,
 16.12 Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard Counties
 16.13 as follows: \$480,000 to Leech Lake Area
 16.14 Watershed Foundation; and \$945,000 to
 16.15 Minnesota Land Trust, of which up to
 16.16 \$180,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to
 16.17 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
 16.18 as approved in the accomplishment plan
 16.19 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 16.20 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
 16.21 land acquisitions must be provided as part of

16.30 the required accomplishment plan.

16.31 **(e) Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish**
 16.32 **Habitat Enhancement and Restoration - Phase**
 16.33 **VIII**

16.34 \$1,975,000 the second year is to the
 16.35 commissioner of natural resources for an
 16.36 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited
 17.1 to restore or enhance habitat for trout and
 17.2 other species in and along cold water rivers,
 17.3 lakes, and streams in Minnesota. A list of
 17.4 proposed restorations and enhancements
 17.5 must be provided as part of the required
 17.6 accomplishment plan.

17.7 **(f) DNR Stream Habitat**

17.8 \$2,074,000 the second year is to the
 17.9 commissioner of natural resources to restore
 17.10 and enhance habitat to facilitate fish passage,
 17.11 degraded streams, and critical aquatic species
 17.12 habitat. A list of proposed land restorations
 17.13 and enhancements must be provided as part
 17.14 of the required accomplishment plan.

17.15 **(g) St. Louis River Restoration Initiative -**
 17.16 **Phase III**

17.17 \$2,707,000 the second year is to the
 17.18 commissioner of natural resources to restore
 17.19 aquatic habitats in the St. Louis River
 17.20 estuary. A list of proposed restorations
 17.21 must be provided as part of the required
 17.22 accomplishment plan.

17.23 **(h) Sand Hill River Fish Passage - Phase II**

16.22 the required accomplishment plan.

16.23 **(e) Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish**
 16.24 **Habitat Enhancement and Restoration - Phase**
 16.25 **VIII**

16.26 \$1,975,000 the second year is to the
 16.27 commissioner of natural resources for an
 16.28 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited
 16.29 to restore or enhance habitat for trout and
 16.30 other species in and along cold water rivers,
 16.31 lakes, and streams in Minnesota. A list of
 16.32 proposed restorations and enhancements
 16.33 must be provided as part of the required
 16.34 accomplishment plan.

16.35 **(f) DNR Stream Habitat**

17.1 \$2,074,000 the second year is to the
 17.2 commissioner of natural resources to restore
 17.3 and enhance habitat to facilitate fish passage,
 17.4 degraded streams, and critical aquatic species
 17.5 habitat. A list of proposed land restorations
 17.6 and enhancements must be provided as part
 17.7 of the required accomplishment plan.

17.8 **(g) St. Louis River Restoration Initiative -**
 17.9 **Phase III**

17.10 \$2,707,000 the second year is to the
 17.11 commissioner of natural resources to restore
 17.12 aquatic habitats in the St. Louis River
 17.13 estuary. A list of proposed restorations
 17.14 must be provided as part of the required
 17.15 accomplishment plan.

17.16 **(h) Sand Hill River Fish Passage - Phase II**

17.24 \$828,000 the second year is to the
 17.25 commissioner of natural resources for
 17.26 an agreement with the Sand Hill River
 17.27 Watershed District, in cooperation with
 17.28 the Department of Natural Resources and
 17.29 Army Corps of Engineers, to restore and
 17.30 enhance fish passage and habitat in the Sand
 17.31 Hill River watershed. A list of proposed
 17.32 restorations must be provided as part of the
 17.33 required accomplishment plan.

17.34 **(i) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**
 17.35 **Restoration Program - Phase V**

18.1 \$1,200,000 the second year is to the
 18.2 commissioner of natural resources for
 18.3 an agreement with the Shell Rock River
 18.4 Watershed District to acquire in fee, restore,
 18.5 and enhance aquatic habitat in the Shell
 18.6 Rock River watershed. A list of proposed
 18.7 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements
 18.8 must be provided as part of the required
 18.9 accomplishment plan.

18.10 **(j) Roseau Lake Rehabilitation**

18.11 \$2,763,000 the second year is to the
 18.12 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
 18.13 land in fee and permanent conservation
 18.14 easements for wildlife management purposes
 18.15 in Roseau County under Minnesota Statutes,
 18.16 section 86A.05, subdivision 8, to restore
 18.17 and enhance wildlife habitat. A list of
 18.18 proposed land acquisitions and restorations
 18.19 and enhancements must be provided as part
 18.20 of the required accomplishment plan.

18.21 **(k) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**
 18.22 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat -**
 18.23 **Phase VIII**

17.17 \$828,000 the second year is to the
 17.18 commissioner of natural resources for
 17.19 an agreement with the Sand Hill River
 17.20 Watershed District, in cooperation with
 17.21 the Department of Natural Resources and
 17.22 Army Corps of Engineers, to restore and
 17.23 enhance fish passage and habitat in the Sand
 17.24 Hill River watershed. A list of proposed
 17.25 restorations must be provided as part of the
 17.26 required accomplishment plan.

17.27 **(i) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**
 17.28 **Restoration Program - Phase V**

17.29 \$1,200,000 the second year is to the
 17.30 commissioner of natural resources for
 17.31 an agreement with the Shell Rock River
 17.32 Watershed District to acquire in fee, restore,
 17.33 and enhance aquatic habitat in the Shell
 17.34 Rock River watershed. A list of proposed
 17.35 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements
 18.1 must be provided as part of the required
 18.2 accomplishment plan.

18.3 **(j) Roseau Lake Rehabilitation**

18.4 \$2,763,000 the second year is to the
 18.5 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
 18.6 land in fee and permanent conservation
 18.7 easements for wildlife management purposes
 18.8 in Roseau County under Minnesota Statutes,
 18.9 section 86A.05, subdivision 8, to restore
 18.10 and enhance wildlife habitat. A list of
 18.11 proposed land acquisitions and restorations
 18.12 and enhancements must be provided as part
 18.13 of the required accomplishment plan.

18.14 **(k) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**
 18.15 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat -**
 18.16 **Phase VIII**

18.24 \$7,438,000 the second year is to the
 18.25 commissioner of natural resources for a
 18.26 program to provide competitive, matching
 18.27 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,
 18.28 state, and national organizations for
 18.29 enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests,
 18.30 wetlands, prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or
 18.31 wildlife in Minnesota. Of this amount, up to
 18.32 \$2,500,000 is for grants in the seven-county
 18.33 metropolitan area and cities with a population
 18.34 of 50,000 or greater. Grants shall not be made
 18.35 for activities required to fulfill the duties
 18.36 of owners of lands subject to conservation
 19.1 easements. Grants shall not be made from the
 19.2 appropriation in this paragraph for projects
 19.3 that have a total project cost exceeding
 19.4 \$575,000. Of the total appropriation,
 19.5 \$588,000 may be spent for personnel costs
 19.6 and other direct and necessary administrative
 19.7 costs. Grantees may acquire land or interests
 19.8 in land. Easements must be permanent.
 19.9 Grants may not be used to establish easement
 19.10 stewardship accounts. Land acquired in fee
 19.11 must be open to hunting and fishing during
 19.12 the open season unless otherwise provided
 19.13 by law. The program must require a match
 19.14 of at least ten percent from nonstate sources
 19.15 for all grants. The match may be cash or
 19.16 in-kind resources. For grant applications
 19.17 of \$25,000 or less, the commissioner shall
 19.18 provide a separate, simplified application
 19.19 process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the
 19.20 commissioner of natural resources shall,
 19.21 when evaluating projects of equal value,
 19.22 give priority to organizations that have a
 19.23 history of receiving or a charter to receive
 19.24 private contributions for local conservation
 19.25 or habitat projects. If acquiring land in fee
 19.26 or a conservation easement, priority must be
 19.27 given to projects associated with or within
 19.28 one mile of existing wildlife management
 19.29 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section
 19.30 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific and natural

18.17 \$7,438,000 the second year is to the
 18.18 commissioner of natural resources for a
 18.19 program to provide competitive, matching
 18.20 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,
 18.21 state, and national organizations for
 18.22 enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests,
 18.23 wetlands, prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or
 18.24 wildlife in Minnesota. Of this amount, up to
 18.25 \$2,500,000 is for grants in the seven-county
 18.26 metropolitan area and cities with a population
 18.27 of 50,000 or greater. Grants shall not be made
 18.28 for activities required to fulfill the duties
 18.29 of owners of lands subject to conservation
 18.30 easements. Grants shall not be made from the
 18.31 appropriation in this paragraph for projects
 18.32 that have a total project cost exceeding
 18.33 \$575,000. Of the total appropriation,
 18.34 \$588,000 may be spent for personnel costs
 18.35 and other direct and necessary administrative
 18.36 costs. Grantees may acquire land or interests
 19.1 in land. Easements must be permanent.
 19.2 Grants may not be used to establish easement
 19.3 stewardship accounts. Land acquired in fee
 19.4 must be open to hunting and fishing during
 19.5 the open season unless otherwise provided
 19.6 by law. The program must require a match
 19.7 of at least ten percent from nonstate sources
 19.8 for all grants. The match may be cash or
 19.9 in-kind resources. For grant applications
 19.10 of \$25,000 or less, the commissioner shall
 19.11 provide a separate, simplified application
 19.12 process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the
 19.13 commissioner of natural resources shall,
 19.14 when evaluating projects of equal value,
 19.15 give priority to organizations that have a
 19.16 history of receiving or a charter to receive
 19.17 private contributions for local conservation
 19.18 or habitat projects. If acquiring land in fee
 19.19 or a conservation easement, priority must be
 19.20 given to projects associated with or within
 19.21 one mile of existing wildlife management
 19.22 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section
 19.23 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific and natural

19.31 areas under Minnesota Statutes, sections
 19.32 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; or aquatic
 19.33 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,
 19.34 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02.
 19.35 All restoration or enhancement projects
 19.36 must be on land permanently protected by
 20.1 a permanent covenant ensuring perpetual
 20.2 maintenance and protection of restored
 20.3 and enhanced habitat, by a conservation
 20.4 easement, by public ownership, or in public
 20.5 waters as defined in Minnesota Statutes,
 20.6 section 103G.005, subdivision 15. Priority
 20.7 must be given to restoration and enhancement
 20.8 projects on public lands. Minnesota Statutes,
 20.9 section 97A.056, subdivision 13, applies
 20.10 to grants awarded under this paragraph.
 20.11 This appropriation is available until June
 20.12 30, 2020. No less than five percent of the
 20.13 amount of each grant must be held back from
 20.14 reimbursement until the grant recipient has
 20.15 completed a grant accomplishment report by
 20.16 the deadline and in the form prescribed by
 20.17 and satisfactory to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
 20.18 Heritage Council. The commissioner shall
 20.19 provide notice of the grant program in
 20.20 the game and fish law summary prepared
 20.21 under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.051,
 20.22 subdivision 2.

20.23 Subd. 6. **Administration** -0- 275,000

20.24 **(a) Contract Management**

19.24 areas under Minnesota Statutes, sections
 19.25 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; or aquatic
 19.26 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,
 19.27 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02.
 19.28 All restoration or enhancement projects
 19.29 must be on land permanently protected by
 19.30 a permanent covenant ensuring perpetual
 19.31 maintenance and protection of restored
 19.32 and enhanced habitat, by a conservation
 19.33 easement, by public ownership, or in public
 19.34 waters as defined in Minnesota Statutes,
 19.35 section 103G.005, subdivision 15. Priority
 19.36 must be given to restoration and enhancement
 20.1 projects on public lands. Minnesota Statutes,
 20.2 section 97A.056, subdivision 13, applies
 20.3 to grants awarded under this paragraph.
 20.4 This appropriation is available until June
 20.5 30, 2020. No less than five percent of the
 20.6 amount of each grant must be held back from
 20.7 reimbursement until the grant recipient has
 20.8 completed a grant accomplishment report by
 20.9 the deadline and in the form prescribed by
 20.10 and satisfactory to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
 20.11 Heritage Council. The commissioner shall
 20.12 provide notice of the grant program in
 20.13 the game and fish law summary prepared
 20.14 under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.051,
 20.15 subdivision 2.

20.16 Subd. 6. **Administration** -0- 275,000

20.17 **(a) Contract Management**

20.25 \$150,000 the second year is to the
 20.26 commissioner of natural resources for
 20.27 contract management duties assigned in this
 20.28 section. The commissioner shall provide an
 20.29 accomplishment plan in the form specified by
 20.30 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
 20.31 on the expenditure of this appropriation.
 20.32 The accomplishment plan must include
 20.33 a copy of the grant contract template
 20.34 and reimbursement manual. No money
 20.35 may be expended prior to Lessard-Sams
 21.1 Outdoor Heritage Council approval of the
 21.2 accomplishment plan.

21.3 **(b) Technical Evaluation Panel**

21.4 \$125,000 the second year is to the
 21.5 commissioner of natural resources for a
 21.6 technical evaluation panel to conduct up to
 21.7 15 restoration and enhancement evaluations
 21.8 under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
 21.9 subdivision 10.

21.10 **Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation**

21.11 Money appropriated in this section may
 21.12 not be spent on activities unless they are
 21.13 directly related to and necessary for a
 21.14 specific appropriation and are specified in
 21.15 the accomplishment plan approved by the
 21.16 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
 21.17 Money appropriated in this section must not
 21.18 be spent on indirect costs or other institutional
 21.19 overhead charges that are not directly related
 21.20 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.
 21.21 Unless otherwise provided, the amounts
 21.22 in this section are available until June 30,
 21.23 2019. For acquisition of real property, the
 21.24 amounts in this section are available until
 21.25 June 30, 2020, if a binding agreement with a
 21.26 landowner or purchase agreement is entered
 21.27 into by June 30, 2019, and closed no later
 21.28 than June 30, 2020. Funds for restoration

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21.29 or enhancement are available until June
 21.30 30, 2021, or five years after acquisition,
 21.31 whichever is later, in order to complete initial
 21.32 restoration or enhancement work. If a project
 21.33 receives at least 15 percent of its funding
 21.34 from federal funds, the time period of the
 21.35 appropriation may be extended to equal the
 22.1 availability of federal funding to a maximum
 22.2 of six years, provided the federal funding
 22.3 was confirmed and included in the first draft
 22.4 accomplishment plan. Money appropriated
 22.5 for fee title acquisition of land may be used to
 22.6 restore, enhance, and provide for public use
 22.7 of the land acquired with the appropriation.
 22.8 Public use facilities must have a minimal
 22.9 impact on habitat in acquired lands.

22.10 **Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital**
 22.11 **Equipment Expenditures**

22.12 All agreements referred to in this section must
 22.13 be administered on a reimbursement basis
 22.14 unless otherwise provided in this section.
 22.15 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
 22.16 16A.41, expenditures directly related
 22.17 to each appropriation's purpose made
 22.18 on or after July 1, 2016, or the date of
 22.19 accomplishment plan approval, whichever is
 22.20 later, are eligible for reimbursement unless
 22.21 otherwise provided in this section. For the
 22.22 purposes of administering appropriations
 22.23 and legislatively authorized agreements paid
 22.24 out of the outdoor heritage fund, an expense
 22.25 must be considered reimbursable by the
 22.26 administering agency when the recipient
 22.27 presents the agency with an invoice, or
 22.28 binding agreement with the landowner, and
 22.29 the recipient attests that the goods have
 22.30 been received or the landowner agreement
 22.31 is binding. Periodic reimbursement must
 22.32 be made upon receiving documentation that
 22.33 the items articulated in the accomplishment
 22.34 plan approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor

21.22 or enhancement are available until June
 21.23 30, 2021, or five years after acquisition,
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 21.25 restoration or enhancement work. If a project
 21.26 receives at least 15 percent of its funding
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22.35 Heritage Council have been achieved,
 22.36 including partial achievements as evidenced
 23.1 by progress reports approved by the
 23.2 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
 23.3 Reasonable amounts may be advanced to
 23.4 projects to accommodate cash flow needs,
 23.5 support future management of acquired
 23.6 lands, or match a federal share. The
 23.7 advances must be approved as part of the
 23.8 accomplishment plan. Capital equipment
 23.9 expenditures for specific items in excess of
 23.10 \$10,000 must be itemized in and approved as
 23.11 part of the accomplishment plan.

23.12 Subd. 9. **Mapping**

23.13 Each direct recipient of money appropriated
 23.14 in this section, as well as each recipient of
 23.15 a grant awarded pursuant to this section,
 23.16 must provide geographic information to the
 23.17 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
 23.18 for mapping of any lands acquired in fee
 23.19 with funds appropriated in this section and
 23.20 open to public taking of fish and game. The
 23.21 commissioner of natural resources shall
 23.22 include the lands acquired in fee with money
 23.23 appropriated in this section on maps showing
 23.24 public recreation opportunities. Maps must
 23.25 include information on and acknowledgment
 23.26 of the outdoor heritage fund, including a
 23.27 notation of any restrictions.

23.28 Subd. 10. **RIM Buffers for Wildlife and Water**
 23.29 **Restorations**

23.30 The following appropriations to the Board
 23.31 of Water and Soil Resources for the RIM
 23.32 buffers for wildlife and water program
 23.33 may be used for restoration of lands
 23.34 acquired by conservation easement with the
 23.35 appropriations:

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24.1 (1) Laws 2015, First Special Session
 24.2 chapter 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2,
 24.3 paragraph (f);

24.4 (2) Laws 2014, chapter 256, article 1, section
 24.5 2, subdivision 2, paragraph (f);

24.6 (3) Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 1, section
 24.7 2, subdivision 2, paragraph (e);

24.8 (4) Laws 2012, chapter 264, article 1, section
 24.9 2, subdivision 2, paragraph (a); and

24.10 (5) Laws 2011, First Special Session
 24.11 chapter 6, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2,
 24.12 paragraph (c).

23.29 (1) Laws 2015, First Special Session
 23.30 chapter 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2,
 23.31 paragraph (f);

23.32 (2) Laws 2014, chapter 256, article 1, section
 23.33 2, subdivision 2, paragraph (f);

23.34 (3) Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 1, section
 23.35 2, subdivision 2, paragraph (e);

24.1 (4) Laws 2012, chapter 264, article 1, section
 24.2 2, subdivision 2, paragraph (a); and

24.3 (5) Laws 2011, First Special Session
 24.4 chapter 6, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2,
 24.5 paragraph (c).

24.6 **Subd. 11. Appropriations Contingent Upon**
 24.7 **Audit**

24.8 The appropriations in this section are not
 24.9 available until the Office of the Legislative
 24.10 Auditor completes its next financial audit
 24.11 of the outdoor heritage fund, anticipated to
 24.12 be completed in 2016, and the legislative
 24.13 auditor has submitted the report required
 24.14 under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
 24.15 subdivision 11, paragraph (c), listing
 24.16 noncompliant recipients. A recipient
 24.17 listed in the report may not receive money
 24.18 appropriated in this section until the
 24.19 legislative auditor has removed the recipient
 24.20 from the list as provided under Minnesota
 24.21 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 11,
 24.22 paragraph (c).

24.23 **Subd. 12. Notice and Hearing Before Acquiring**
 24.24 **Land**

24.25 (a) Before the commissioner of natural
24.26 resources signs a purchase agreement to
24.27 purchase land in fee with money appropriated
24.28 in this section, the commissioner must
24.29 provide public notice that the commissioner
24.30 intends to purchase the land. The notice must
24.31 be made at least 30 days, but not more than 60
24.32 days, before the hearing required in paragraph
24.33 (b). The notice must be published in a
24.34 newspaper of general circulation in the area
24.35 and on the department's Web site. In addition,
24.36 the commissioner must electronically notify
25.1 any person who has requested notice of land
25.2 acquisition by the commissioner, and mail
25.3 notice to the governing bodies of the towns,
25.4 home rule charter and statutory cities, and
25.5 county in which the land to be purchased
25.6 is located, and all owners and residents of
25.7 land adjacent to the land the commissioner
25.8 intends to purchase.

25.9 (b) The commissioner must hold a public
25.10 hearing at a convenient location in the county
25.11 in which the land to be purchased is located
25.12 or, if none is available, in an adjacent county.
25.13 Any interested person must be allowed
25.14 reasonable time to present relevant testimony
25.15 or ask questions at the public hearing. The
25.16 proceedings of the hearing must be recorded
25.17 and available to the public for review on the
25.18 department's Web site. The commissioner
25.19 must accept written comments and questions
25.20 from the time the notice under paragraph (a)
25.21 is given until ten days after the public hearing.
25.22 Within 30 days after the public hearing, the
25.23 commissioner must post written responses
25.24 to the comments made and questions raised
25.25 at the public hearing and those submitted in
25.26 writing on the department's Web site.

25.27 (c) The commissioner must use existing
25.28 resources to satisfy the requirements of this
25.29 subdivision.

25.30 Subd. 13. **Reallocation of Appropriation**

25.31 (a) The unspent balance of the appropriation
25.32 in Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 1, section
25.33 2, subdivision 5, paragraph (b), for Habitat
25.34 Protection in Dakota County - Phase IV is
25.35 canceled June 30, 2016.

26.1 (b) An amount equal to the unspent balance
26.2 from the appropriation canceled under
26.3 paragraph (a) is appropriated in fiscal year
26.4 2017 from the outdoor heritage fund to the
26.5 Board of Water and Soil Resources for the
26.6 purposes of the RIM Wetland Partnership
26.7 under subdivision 4, paragraph (c).

26.8 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97A.056, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

26.9 Subd. 2. **Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.** (a) The Lessard-Sams
26.10 Outdoor Heritage Council of 12 members is created in the legislative branch, consisting of:

26.11 (1) two public members appointed by the senate Subcommittee on Committees of
26.12 the Committee on Rules and Administration;

26.13 (2) two public members appointed by the speaker of the house;

26.14 (3) four public members appointed by the governor;

26.15 (4) two members of the senate appointed by the senate Subcommittee on Committees
26.16 of the Committee on Rules and Administration; and

26.17 (5) two members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the
26.18 house.

26.19 (b) Members appointed under paragraph (a) must not be registered lobbyists. In
26.20 making appointments, the governor, senate Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee
26.21 on Rules and Administration, and the speaker of the house shall consider geographic
26.22 balance, gender, age, ethnicity, and varying interests including hunting and fishing. The
26.23 governor's appointments to the council are subject to the advice and consent of the senate.

26.24 (c) Public members appointed under paragraph (a) shall have practical experience
26.25 or expertise or demonstrated knowledge in the science, policy, or practice of restoring,
26.26 protecting, and enhancing wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and
26.27 wildlife.

26.28 (d) Legislative members appointed under paragraph (a) shall include the chairs
 26.29 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources
 26.30 finance or their designee, one member from the minority party of the senate, and one
 26.31 member from the minority party of the house of representatives.

26.32 (e) Public members serve four-year terms. Appointed legislative members serve
 26.33 at the pleasure of the appointing authority. Public and legislative members continue to
 26.34 serve until their successors are appointed. Public members shall be initially appointed
 26.35 according to the following schedule of terms:

27.1 (1) two public members appointed by the governor for a term ending the first
 27.2 Monday in January 2011;

27.3 (2) one public member appointed by the senate Subcommittee on Committees of the
 27.4 Committee on Rules and Administration for a term ending the first Monday in January 2011;

27.5 (3) one public member appointed by the speaker of the house for a term ending
 27.6 the first Monday in January 2011;

27.7 (4) two public members appointed by the governor for a term ending the first
 27.8 Monday in January 2013;

27.9 (5) one public member appointed by the senate Subcommittee on Committees of the
 27.10 Committee on Rules and Administration for a term ending the first Monday in January
 27.11 2013; and

27.12 (6) one public member appointed by the speaker of the house for a term ending
 27.13 the first Monday in January 2013.

27.14 (f) Terms, compensation, and removal of public members are as provided in section
 27.15 15.0575. A vacancy on the council may be filled by the appointing authority for the
 27.16 remainder of the unexpired term.

27.17 (g) ~~The first meeting of the council shall be convened by the chair of the Legislative~~
 27.18 ~~Coordinating Commission no later than December 1, 2008.~~ Members shall elect a chair,
 27.19 vice-chair, secretary, and other officers as determined by the council. The chair may
 27.20 convene meetings as necessary to conduct the duties prescribed by this section.

27.21 (h) ~~Upon coordination with The Legislative Coordinating Commission, the council~~
 27.22 ~~may appoint nonpartisan staff and contract with consultants as necessary to carry out~~
 27.23 ~~support~~ the functions of the council. Up to one percent of the money appropriated from the
 27.24 fund may be used to pay for administrative expenses of the council and for compensation
 27.25 and expense reimbursement of council members.

27.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

24.13 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97A.056, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

27.27 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97A.056, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

24.14 Subd. 10. **Restoration and enhancements evaluations.** The commissioner of
 24.15 natural resources and the Board of Water and Soil Resources ~~may~~ must convene a technical
 24.16 evaluation panel comprised of five members, including one technical representative from
 24.17 the Board of Water and Soil Resources, one technical representative from the Department of
 24.18 Natural Resources, one technical expert from the University of Minnesota or the Minnesota
 24.19 State Colleges and Universities, and two representatives with expertise in the project
 24.20 being evaluated. The board and the commissioner may add a technical representative from
 24.21 a unit of federal or local government. The members of the technical evaluation panel
 24.22 may not be associated with the restoration or enhancement, may vary depending upon
 24.23 the projects being reviewed, and shall avoid any potential conflicts of interest. Each year,
 24.24 the board and the commissioner may assign a coordinator to identify ~~a sample of up to~~
 24.25 ~~ten~~ habitat restoration or enhancement projects completed with outdoor heritage funding.
 24.26 The coordinator shall secure the ~~restoration~~ plans for the projects specified and direct
 24.27 the technical evaluation panel to evaluate the restorations and enhancements relative to
 24.28 the law, current science, and the stated goals and standards in the restoration project
 24.29 plan and, when applicable, to the Board of Water and Soil Resources' native vegetation
 24.30 establishment and enhancement guidelines. The coordinator shall summarize the findings
 24.31 of the panel and provide a report to the chair of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage
 24.32 Council and the chairs of the respective house of representatives and senate policy and
 24.33 finance committees with jurisdiction over natural resources and spending from the outdoor
 24.34 heritage fund. The report shall determine if the restorations and enhancements are meeting
 25.1 planned goals, any problems with the implementation of restorations and enhancements,
 25.2 and, if necessary, recommendations on improving restorations and enhancements. The
 25.3 report shall be focused on improving future restorations and enhancements. At least
 25.4 one-tenth of one percent of forecasted receipts from the outdoor heritage fund must be
 25.5 used for restoration and enhancements evaluations under this section.

25.6 Sec. 4. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2,
 25.7 is amended to read:

25.8 Subd. 2. **Prairies** 40,948,000 -0-

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 28.16 report shall be focused on improving future restorations and enhancements. At least
 28.17 one-tenth of one percent of forecasted receipts from the outdoor heritage fund must be
 28.18 used for restoration and enhancements evaluations under this section.

28.19 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97A.056, is amended by adding a subdivision
 28.20 to read:

28.21 Subd. 22. **Local approval of land acquisitions.** A recipient of money appropriated
 28.22 from the outdoor heritage fund that acquires land in fee title with the appropriation must
 28.23 receive county approval prior to acquiring the land. The recipient must follow the process
 28.24 for obtaining county approval under section 97A.145, subdivision 2, paragraph (b).

28.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2016, and applies to land
 28.26 acquired with money appropriated on or after that date.

28.27 Sec. 6. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2,
 28.28 is amended to read:

28.29 Subd. 2. **Prairies** 40,948,000 -0-

25.9 **(a) DNR Wildlife Management Area and**
 25.10 **Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition - Phase**
 25.11 **VII**

25.12 \$4,570,000 in the first year is to the
 25.13 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
 25.14 land in fee for wildlife management purposes
 25.15 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 25.16 subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee
 25.17 for scientific and natural area purposes
 25.18 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 25.19 subdivision 5. Subject to evaluation criteria
 25.20 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
 25.21 must be given to acquisition of lands that
 25.22 are eligible for the native prairie bank under
 25.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
 25.24 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of
 25.25 proposed land and permanent conservation
 25.26 easement acquisitions must be provided as
 25.27 part of the required accomplishment plan.

25.28 **(b) Accelerating Wildlife Management Area**
 25.29 **Acquisition - Phase VII**

25.30 \$7,452,000 in the first year is to the
 25.31 commissioner of natural resources for an
 25.32 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire
 25.33 land in fee for wildlife management area
 25.34 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
 25.35 86A.05, subdivision 8. Subject to evaluation
 26.1 criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,
 26.2 priority must be given to acquisition of
 26.3 lands that are eligible for the native prairie
 26.4 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section
 26.5 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native
 26.6 prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions
 26.7 must be provided as part of the required
 26.8 accomplishment plan.

26.9 **(c) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project - Phase**
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 29.29 must be provided as part of the required
 29.30 accomplishment plan.

29.31 **(c) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project - Phase**
 29.32 **VI**

26.11 \$4,032,000 in the first year is to the
 26.12 commissioner of natural resources for an
 26.13 agreement with The Nature Conservancy
 26.14 to acquire native prairie, wetlands, and
 26.15 savanna and restore and enhance grasslands,
 26.16 wetlands, and savanna. Subject to evaluation
 26.17 criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,
 26.18 priority must be given to acquisition of lands
 26.19 that are eligible for the native prairie bank
 26.20 under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or
 26.21 lands adjacent to protected native prairie.
 26.22 Annual income statements and balance sheets
 26.23 for income and expenses from land acquired
 26.24 with this appropriation must be submitted
 26.25 to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage
 26.26 Council no later than 180 days following
 26.27 the close of The Nature Conservancy's fiscal
 26.28 year. A list of proposed land acquisitions
 26.29 must be provided as part of the required
 26.30 accomplishment plan and must be consistent
 26.31 with the priorities identified in the Minnesota
 26.32 Prairie Conservation Plan.

26.33 **(d) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National**
 26.34 **Wildlife Refuge Land Acquisition - Phase V VI**

26.35 \$3,430,000 in the first year is to the
 26.36 commissioner of natural resources for an
 27.1 agreement with The Nature Conservancy
 27.2 in cooperation with the United States Fish
 27.3 and Wildlife Service to acquire land in
 27.4 fee or permanent conservation easements
 27.5 within the Northern Tallgrass Prairie Habitat
 27.6 Preservation Area in western Minnesota
 27.7 for addition to the Northern Tallgrass
 27.8 Prairie National Wildlife Refuge. Subject
 27.9 to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules,
 27.10 part 6136.0900, priority must be given to
 27.11 acquisition of lands that are eligible for
 27.12 the native prairie bank under Minnesota
 27.13 Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to
 27.14 protected native prairie. A list of proposed
 27.15 land acquisitions must be provided as part

29.33 \$4,032,000 in the first year is to the
 29.34 commissioner of natural resources for an
 29.35 agreement with The Nature Conservancy
 29.36 to acquire native prairie, wetlands, and
 30.1 savanna and restore and enhance grasslands,
 30.2 wetlands, and savanna. Subject to evaluation
 30.3 criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,
 30.4 priority must be given to acquisition of lands
 30.5 that are eligible for the native prairie bank
 30.6 under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or
 30.7 lands adjacent to protected native prairie.
 30.8 Annual income statements and balance sheets
 30.9 for income and expenses from land acquired
 30.10 with this appropriation must be submitted
 30.11 to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage
 30.12 Council no later than 180 days following
 30.13 the close of The Nature Conservancy's fiscal
 30.14 year. A list of proposed land acquisitions
 30.15 must be provided as part of the required
 30.16 accomplishment plan and must be consistent
 30.17 with the priorities identified in the Minnesota
 30.18 Prairie Conservation Plan.

30.19 **(d) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National**
 30.20 **Wildlife Refuge Land Acquisition - Phase V VI**

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 30.22 commissioner of natural resources for an
 30.23 agreement with The Nature Conservancy
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 30.25 and Wildlife Service to acquire land in
 30.26 fee or permanent conservation easements
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 30.28 Preservation Area in western Minnesota
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 30.31 to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules,
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 30.34 the native prairie bank under Minnesota
 30.35 Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to
 30.36 protected native prairie. A list of proposed
 31.1 land acquisitions must be provided as part

27.16 of the required accomplishment plan and
27.17 must be consistent with the priorities in the
27.18 Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

27.19 (e) Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection
27.20 - Phase IV

27.21 \$3,740,000 in the first year is to the
27.22 commissioner of natural resources
27.23 to implement the Minnesota Prairie
27.24 Conservation Plan through the acquisition
27.25 of permanent conservation easements to
27.26 protect native prairie and grasslands. Up
27.27 to \$165,000 is for establishing monitoring
27.28 and enforcement funds as approved in
27.29 the accomplishment plan and subject to
27.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
27.31 subdivision 17. Subject to evaluation criteria
27.32 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
27.33 must be given to acquisition of lands that
27.34 are eligible for the native prairie bank under
27.35 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
27.36 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of
28.1 permanent conservation easements must be
28.2 provided as part of the final report.

28.3 (f) Minnesota Buffers for Wildlife and Water
28.4 - Phase V

28.5 \$4,544,000 in the first year is to the Board
28.6 of Water and Soil Resources to acquire
28.7 permanent conservation easements to protect
28.8 and enhance habitat by expanding the clean
28.9 water fund riparian buffer program for at
28.10 least equal wildlife benefits from buffers
28.11 on private land. Up to \$72,500 is for
28.12 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
28.13 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
28.14 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
28.15 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
28.16 conservation easements must be provided as
28.17 part of the final report.

31.2 of the required accomplishment plan and
31.3 must be consistent with the priorities in the
31.4 Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

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31.36 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
32.1 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
32.2 conservation easements must be provided as
32.3 part of the final report.

28.18 **(g) Cannon River Headwaters Habitat**
28.19 **Complex - Phase V**

28.20 \$1,380,000 in the first year is to the
28.21 commissioner of natural resources for an
28.22 agreement with The Trust for Public Land to
28.23 acquire and restore lands in the Cannon River
28.24 watershed for wildlife management purposes
28.25 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
28.26 subdivision 8. Subject to evaluation criteria
28.27 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
28.28 must be given to acquisition of lands that
28.29 are eligible for the native prairie bank under
28.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
28.31 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of
28.32 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
28.33 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

28.34 **(h) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the**
28.35 **Southern Red River Valley**

29.1 \$1,800,000 in the first year is to the
29.2 commissioner of natural resources for
29.3 an agreement with Pheasants Forever in
29.4 cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie
29.5 Chicken Society to acquire and restore lands
29.6 in the southern Red River Valley for wildlife
29.7 management purposes under Minnesota
29.8 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8,
29.9 or for designation and management as
29.10 waterfowl production areas in Minnesota,
29.11 in cooperation with the United States Fish
29.12 and Wildlife Service. A list of proposed land
29.13 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
29.14 required accomplishment plan.

29.15 **(i) Protecting and Restoring Minnesota's**
29.16 **Important Bird Areas**

32.4 **(g) Cannon River Headwaters Habitat**
32.5 **Complex - Phase V**

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32.28 management purposes under Minnesota
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32.31 waterfowl production areas in Minnesota,
32.32 in cooperation with the United States Fish
32.33 and Wildlife Service. A list of proposed land
32.34 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
32.35 required accomplishment plan.

33.1 **(i) Protecting and Restoring Minnesota's**
33.2 **Important Bird Areas**

29.17 \$1,730,000 in the first year is to the
 29.18 commissioner of natural resources for
 29.19 agreements to acquire conservation
 29.20 easements within important bird areas
 29.21 identified in the Minnesota Prairie
 29.22 Conservation Plan, to be used as follows:
 29.23 \$408,000 is to Audubon Minnesota and
 29.24 \$1,322,000 is to Minnesota Land Trust, of
 29.25 which up to \$100,000 is for establishing
 29.26 monitoring and enforcement funds as
 29.27 approved in the accomplishment plan and
 29.28 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 29.29 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
 29.30 conservation easements must be provided as
 29.31 part of the final report.

29.32 **(j) Wild Rice River Corridor Habitat**
 29.33 **Restoration**

29.34 \$2,270,000 in the first year is to the
 29.35 commissioner of natural resources for an
 29.36 agreement with the Wild Rice Watershed
 30.1 District to acquire land in fee and permanent
 30.2 conservation easement and to `restore river
 30.3 and related habitat in the Wild Rice River
 30.4 corridor. A list of proposed acquisitions and
 30.5 restorations must be provided as part of the
 30.6 required accomplishment plan.

30.7 **(k) Accelerated Prairie Restoration and**
 30.8 **Enhancement on DNR Lands - Phase VII**

30.9 \$4,880,000 in the first year is to the
 30.10 commissioner of natural resources to
 30.11 accelerate the restoration and enhancement
 30.12 of prairie communities on wildlife
 30.13 management areas, scientific and natural
 30.14 areas, state forest land, and land under
 30.15 native prairie bank easements. A list of
 30.16 proposed land restorations and enhancements
 30.17 must be provided as part of the required
 30.18 accomplishment plan.

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 33.19 **Restoration**

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 33.25 and related habitat in the Wild Rice River
 33.26 corridor. A list of proposed acquisitions and
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 33.28 required accomplishment plan.

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 33.36 areas, state forest land, and land under
 34.1 native prairie bank easements. A list of
 34.2 proposed land restorations and enhancements
 34.3 must be provided as part of the required
 34.4 accomplishment plan.

30.19 **(l) Enhanced Public Land Grasslands - Phase II**

30.20 \$1,120,000 in the first year is to the
30.21 commissioner of natural resources for an
30.22 agreement with Pheasants Forever to enhance
30.23 and restore habitat on public lands. A list of
30.24 proposed land restorations and enhancements
30.25 must be provided as part of the final report.

30.26 Sec. 5. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 3,
30.27 is amended to read:

30.28 Subd. 3. **Forests** 12,634,000 -0-

30.29 **(a) Camp Ripley Partnership - Phase V**

30.30 \$1,500,000 in the first year is to the
30.31 Board of Water and Soil Resources in
30.32 cooperation with the Morrison County Soil
30.33 and Water Conservation District to acquire
30.34 permanent conservation easements within
31.1 the boundaries of the Minnesota National
31.2 Guard Compatible Use Buffer to protect
31.3 forest wildlife habitat. Up to \$55,000 is for
31.4 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
31.5 fund, as approved in the accomplishment
31.6 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
31.7 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of
31.8 permanent conservation easements must be
31.9 provided as part of the final report.

31.10 **(b) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**
31.11 **Restoration - Phase III**

34.5 **(l) Enhanced Public Land Grasslands - Phase II**

34.6 \$1,120,000 in the first year is to the
34.7 commissioner of natural resources for an
34.8 agreement with Pheasants Forever to enhance
34.9 and restore habitat on public lands. A list of
34.10 proposed land restorations and enhancements
34.11 must be provided as part of the final report.

34.12 Sec. 7. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 3,
34.13 is amended to read:

34.14 Subd. 3. **Forests** 12,634,000 -0-

34.15 **(a) Camp Ripley Partnership - Phase V**

34.16 \$1,500,000 in the first year is to the
34.17 Board of Water and Soil Resources in
34.18 cooperation with the Morrison County Soil
34.19 and Water Conservation District to acquire
34.20 permanent conservation easements within
34.21 the boundaries of the Minnesota National
34.22 Guard Compatible Use Buffer to protect
34.23 forest wildlife habitat. Up to \$55,000 is for
34.24 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
34.25 fund, as approved in the accomplishment
34.26 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
34.27 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of
34.28 permanent conservation easements must be
34.29 provided as part of the final report.

34.30 **(b) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**
34.31 **Restoration - Phase III**

31.12 \$2,910,000 in the first year is to the
 31.13 commissioner of natural resources for an
 31.14 agreement with The Nature Conservancy to
 31.15 acquire land in fee for wildlife management
 31.16 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
 31.17 86A.05, subdivision 8; to acquire land
 31.18 in fee for scientific and natural areas
 31.19 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 31.20 subdivision 5; for state forest purposes
 31.21 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 31.22 subdivision 7; and to enhance grasslands,
 31.23 forest, and savanna. A list of proposed
 31.24 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
 31.25 required accomplishment plan.

31.26 (c) Protecting Pinelands Sands Aquifer
31.27 Forestlands - Phase II

31.28 \$2,180,000 in the first year is to the
 31.29 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
 31.30 forest lands in Cass, Hubbard, and Wadena
 31.31 Counties for wildlife management purposes
 31.32 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 31.33 subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee
 31.34 for state forests under Minnesota Statutes,
 31.35 section 86A.05, subdivision 7. A list of
 32.1 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
 32.2 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

32.3 (d) Protect Key Forest Lands in Cass County
32.4 - Phase VI

32.5 \$442,000 in the first year is to the
 32.6 commissioner of natural resources for an
 32.7 agreement with Cass County to acquire land
 32.8 in fee in Cass County for forest wildlife
 32.9 habitat or to prevent forest fragmentation.
 32.10 A list of proposed land acquisitions
 32.11 must be provided as part of the required
 32.12 accomplishment plan.

34.32 \$2,910,000 in the first year is to the
 34.33 commissioner of natural resources for an
 34.34 agreement with The Nature Conservancy to
 35.1 acquire land in fee for wildlife management
 35.2 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
 35.3 86A.05, subdivision 8; to acquire land
 35.4 in fee for scientific and natural areas
 35.5 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 35.6 subdivision 5; for state forest purposes
 35.7 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 35.8 subdivision 7; and to enhance grasslands,
 35.9 forest, and savanna. A list of proposed
 35.10 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
 35.11 required accomplishment plan.

35.12 (c) Protecting Pinelands Sands Aquifer
35.13 Forestlands - Phase II

35.14 \$2,180,000 in the first year is to the
 35.15 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
 35.16 forest lands in Cass, Hubbard, and Wadena
 35.17 Counties for wildlife management purposes
 35.18 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 35.19 subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee
 35.20 for state forests under Minnesota Statutes,
 35.21 section 86A.05, subdivision 7. A list of
 35.22 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
 35.23 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

35.24 (d) Protect Key Forest Lands in Cass County
35.25 - Phase VI

35.26 \$442,000 in the first year is to the
 35.27 commissioner of natural resources for an
 35.28 agreement with Cass County to acquire land
 35.29 in fee in Cass County for forest wildlife
 35.30 habitat or to prevent forest fragmentation.
 35.31 A list of proposed land acquisitions
 35.32 must be provided as part of the required
 35.33 accomplishment plan.

32.13 **(e) Critical Shoreland Protection Program -**
32.14 **Phase III**

32.15 \$1,690,000 in the first year is to the
32.16 commissioner of natural resources for an
32.17 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
32.18 acquire permanent conservation easements
32.19 along rivers and lakes in the northern
32.20 forest region. Up to \$220,000 is for
32.21 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
32.22 fund, as approved in the accomplishment
32.23 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
32.24 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of
32.25 proposed permanent conservation easements
32.26 must be provided as part of the required
32.27 accomplishment plan.

32.28 **(f) Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Partnership**

32.29 \$3,002,000 in the first year is to the
32.30 commissioner of natural resources to
32.31 acquire lands in fee and for permanent
32.32 conservation easements in the Mississippi
32.33 Headwaters and for agreements as follows:
32.34 \$1,217,000 to The Trust for Public Land;
32.35 and \$824,000 to Minnesota Land Trust,
33.1 of which up to \$80,000 is for establishing
33.2 a monitoring and enforcement fund as
33.3 approved in the accomplishment plan and
33.4 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
33.5 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
33.6 acquisitions must be included as part of the
33.7 required accomplishment plan.

33.8 **(g) Southeast Forest Habitat Enhancement**

35.34 **(e) Critical Shoreland Protection Program -**
35.35 **Phase III**

36.1 \$1,690,000 in the first year is to the
36.2 commissioner of natural resources for an
36.3 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
36.4 acquire permanent conservation easements
36.5 along rivers and lakes in the northern
36.6 forest region. Up to \$220,000 is for
36.7 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
36.8 fund, as approved in the accomplishment
36.9 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
36.10 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of
36.11 proposed permanent conservation easements
36.12 must be provided as part of the required
36.13 accomplishment plan.

36.14 **(f) Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Partnership**

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36.16 commissioner of natural resources to
36.17 acquire lands in fee and for permanent
36.18 conservation easements in the Mississippi
36.19 Headwaters and for agreements as follows:
36.20 \$1,217,000 to The Trust for Public Land;
36.21 and \$824,000 to Minnesota Land Trust,
36.22 of which up to \$80,000 is for establishing
36.23 a monitoring and enforcement fund as
36.24 approved in the accomplishment plan and
36.25 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
36.26 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
36.27 acquisitions must be included as part of the
36.28 required accomplishment plan.

36.29 **(g) Southeast Forest Habitat Enhancement**

33.9 \$910,000 in the first year is to the
 33.10 commissioner of natural resources to
 33.11 enhance forests in southeastern Minnesota.
 33.12 A list of proposed land enhancements
 33.13 must be provided as part of the required
 33.14 accomplishment plan.

33.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2015.

33.16 Sec. 6. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5,
 33.17 is amended to read:

33.18 Subd. 5. **Habitats** 22,368,000 -0-

33.19 (a) DNR Aquatic Habitat - Phase VII

33.20 \$4,540,000 in the first year is to the
 33.21 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
 33.22 interests in land in fee and permanent
 33.23 conservation easements for aquatic
 33.24 management purposes under Minnesota
 33.25 Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 14,
 33.26 and 97C.02, to acquire interests in land in
 33.27 permanent conservation easements for fish
 33.28 and wildlife habitat under Minnesota Statutes,
 33.29 section 84.66, and to restore and enhance
 33.30 aquatic habitat. Up to \$130,000 is for
 33.31 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
 33.32 fund as approved in the accomplishment
 33.33 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
 34.1 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of
 34.2 proposed land acquisitions and restorations
 34.3 and enhancements must be provided as part
 34.4 of the required accomplishment plan.

34.5 (b) Metro Big Rivers - Phase VI

36.30 \$910,000 in the first year is to the
 36.31 commissioner of natural resources to
 36.32 enhance forests in southeastern Minnesota.
 36.33 A list of proposed land enhancements
 36.34 must be provided as part of the required
 36.35 accomplishment plan.

37.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2015.

37.2 Sec. 8. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5,
 37.3 is amended to read:

37.4 Subd. 5. **Habitats** 22,368,000 -0-

37.5 (a) DNR Aquatic Habitat - Phase VII

37.6 \$4,540,000 in the first year is to the
 37.7 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
 37.8 interests in land in fee and permanent
 37.9 conservation easements for aquatic
 37.10 management purposes under Minnesota
 37.11 Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 14,
 37.12 and 97C.02, to acquire interests in land in
 37.13 permanent conservation easements for fish
 37.14 and wildlife habitat under Minnesota Statutes,
 37.15 section 84.66, and to restore and enhance
 37.16 aquatic habitat. Up to \$130,000 is for
 37.17 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
 37.18 fund as approved in the accomplishment
 37.19 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
 37.20 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of
 37.21 proposed land acquisitions and restorations
 37.22 and enhancements must be provided as part
 37.23 of the required accomplishment plan.

37.24 (b) Metro Big Rivers - Phase VI

34.6 \$2,000,000 in the first year is to the
 34.7 commissioner of natural resources for
 34.8 agreements to acquire land in fee and in
 34.9 permanent conservation easements and
 34.10 to restore and enhance natural systems
 34.11 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,
 34.12 and St. Croix Rivers as follows: \$475,000 to
 34.13 Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge
 34.14 Trust, Inc.; \$275,000 to Friends of the
 34.15 Mississippi River; \$400,000 to Great River
 34.16 Greening; \$375,000 to Minnesota Land Trust;
 34.17 and \$475,000 to The Trust for Public Land.
 34.18 Up to \$60,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is for
 34.19 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
 34.20 fund as approved in the accomplishment
 34.21 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
 34.22 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of
 34.23 proposed land acquisitions and permanent
 34.24 conservation easements must be provided as
 34.25 part of the required accomplishment plan.

34.26 **(c) Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish**
 34.27 **Habitat Enhancement and Restoration - Phase**
 34.28 **VII**

34.29 \$1,890,000 in the first year is to the
 34.30 commissioner of natural resources for an
 34.31 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited
 34.32 to restore and enhance habitat for trout
 34.33 and other species in and along coldwater
 34.34 rivers and streams in Minnesota. A list of
 34.35 proposed restorations and enhancements
 35.1 must be provided as part of the required
 35.2 accomplishment plan.

35.3 **(d) Lake Bemidji South Shore Restoration and**
 35.4 **Enhancement**

37.25 \$2,000,000 in the first year is to the
 37.26 commissioner of natural resources for
 37.27 agreements to acquire land in fee and in
 37.28 permanent conservation easements and
 37.29 to restore and enhance natural systems
 37.30 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,
 37.31 and St. Croix Rivers as follows: \$475,000 to
 37.32 Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge
 37.33 Trust, Inc.; \$275,000 to Friends of the
 37.34 Mississippi River; \$400,000 to Great River
 38.1 Greening; \$375,000 to Minnesota Land Trust;
 38.2 and \$475,000 to The Trust for Public Land.
 38.3 Up to \$60,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is for
 38.4 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
 38.5 fund as approved in the accomplishment
 38.6 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
 38.7 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of
 38.8 proposed land acquisitions and permanent
 38.9 conservation easements must be provided as
 38.10 part of the required accomplishment plan.

38.11 **(c) Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish**
 38.12 **Habitat Enhancement and Restoration - Phase**
 38.13 **VII**

38.14 \$1,890,000 in the first year is to the
 38.15 commissioner of natural resources for an
 38.16 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited
 38.17 to restore and enhance habitat for trout
 38.18 and other species in and along coldwater
 38.19 rivers and streams in Minnesota. A list of
 38.20 proposed restorations and enhancements
 38.21 must be provided as part of the required
 38.22 accomplishment plan.

38.23 **(d) Lake Bemidji South Shore Restoration and**
 38.24 **Enhancement**

35.5 \$1,650,000 in the first year is to the
 35.6 commissioner of natural resources for
 35.7 an agreement with the city of Bemidji to
 35.8 restore and enhance fish habitat on Lake
 35.9 Bemidji. A list of proposed restorations and
 35.10 enhancements must be provided as part of
 35.11 the required accomplishment plan.

35.12 (e) Sand Hill River Fish Passage

35.13 \$990,000 in the first year is to the
 35.14 commissioner of natural resources for
 35.15 an agreement with the Sand Hill River
 35.16 Watershed District to restore fish habitat
 35.17 in the Sand Hill River watershed. A list of
 35.18 proposed restorations must be provided as
 35.19 part of the required accomplishment plan.

**35.20 (f) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat
 35.21 Restoration Program - Phase IV**

35.22 \$2,414,000 in the first year is to the
 35.23 commissioner of natural resources for
 35.24 an agreement with the Shell Rock River
 35.25 Watershed District to protect, restore,
 35.26 and enhance aquatic habitat in the Shell
 35.27 Rock River watershed. A list of proposed
 35.28 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements
 35.29 must be provided as part of the required
 35.30 accomplishment plan.

**35.31 (g) Lake Nokomis Integrated Habitat
 35.32 Enhancement**

35.33 \$444,000 in the first year is to the
 35.34 commissioner of natural resources for an
 35.35 agreement with the Minneapolis Park and
 36.1 Recreation Board to enhance aquatic habitat
 36.2 on Lake Nokomis. A list of proposed
 36.3 enhancements must be provided as part of
 36.4 the required accomplishment plan.

38.25 \$1,650,000 in the first year is to the
 38.26 commissioner of natural resources for
 38.27 an agreement with the city of Bemidji to
 38.28 restore and enhance fish habitat on Lake
 38.29 Bemidji. A list of proposed restorations and
 38.30 enhancements must be provided as part of
 38.31 the required accomplishment plan.

38.32 (e) Sand Hill River Fish Passage

38.33 \$990,000 in the first year is to the
 38.34 commissioner of natural resources for
 38.35 an agreement with the Sand Hill River
 38.36 Watershed District to restore fish habitat
 39.1 in the Sand Hill River watershed. A list of
 39.2 proposed restorations must be provided as
 39.3 part of the required accomplishment plan.

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 39.5 Restoration Program - Phase IV**

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 39.7 commissioner of natural resources for
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 39.23 the required accomplishment plan.

36.5 **(h) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**
 36.6 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat -**
 36.7 **Phase VII**

36.8 \$8,440,000 in the first year is to the
 36.9 commissioner of natural resources for a
 36.10 program to provide competitive, matching
 36.11 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,
 36.12 state, and national organizations for
 36.13 enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests,
 36.14 wetlands, prairies, or habitat for fish, game,
 36.15 or wildlife in Minnesota. Of this amount,
 36.16 \$3,692,000 is for grants in the seven-county
 36.17 metropolitan area and cities with a population
 36.18 of 50,000 or greater. Grants shall not be made
 36.19 for activities required to fulfill the duties
 36.20 of owners of lands subject to conservation
 36.21 easements. Grants shall not be made from the
 36.22 appropriation in this paragraph for projects
 36.23 that have a total project cost exceeding
 36.24 \$575,000. Of this appropriation, \$596,000
 36.25 may be spent for personnel costs and other
 36.26 direct and necessary administrative costs.
 36.27 Grantees may acquire land or interests in
 36.28 land. Easements must be permanent. Grants
 36.29 may not be used to establish easement
 36.30 stewardship accounts. Land acquired in fee
 36.31 must be open to hunting and fishing during
 36.32 the open season unless otherwise provided
 36.33 by law. The program must require a match
 36.34 of at least ten percent from nonstate sources
 36.35 for all grants. The match may be cash or
 36.36 in-kind resources. For grant applications
 37.1 of \$25,000 or less, the commissioner shall
 37.2 provide a separate, simplified application
 37.3 process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the
 37.4 commissioner of natural resources shall,
 37.5 when evaluating projects of equal value,
 37.6 give priority to organizations that have a
 37.7 history of receiving or a charter to receive
 37.8 private contributions for local conservation
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37.10 conservation easement, priority must be
 37.11 given to projects associated with or within
 37.12 one mile of existing wildlife management
 37.13 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section
 37.14 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific and natural
 37.15 areas under Minnesota Statutes, sections
 37.16 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; or aquatic
 37.17 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,
 37.18 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02.
 37.19 All restoration or enhancement projects
 37.20 must be on land permanently protected by
 37.21 a permanent covenant ensuring perpetual
 37.22 maintenance and protection of restored
 37.23 and enhanced habitat, by a conservation
 37.24 easement, or by public ownership or in
 37.25 public waters as defined in Minnesota
 37.26 Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision
 37.27 15. Priority must be given to restoration
 37.28 and enhancement projects on public lands.
 37.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
 37.30 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded
 37.31 under this paragraph. This appropriation is
 37.32 available until June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019. No less
 37.33 than five percent of the amount of each grant
 37.34 must be held back from reimbursement until
 37.35 the grant recipient has completed a grant
 37.36 accomplishment report by the deadline and
 38.1 in the form prescribed by and satisfactory to
 38.2 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
 38.3 The commissioner shall provide notice of
 38.4 the grant program in the game and fish law
 38.5 summary prepared under Minnesota Statutes,
 38.6 section 97A.051, subdivision 2.

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 41.22 The commissioner shall provide notice of
 41.23 the grant program in the game and fish law
 41.24 summary prepared under Minnesota Statutes,
 41.25 section 97A.051, subdivision 2.

41.26 Sec. 9. **EVALUATION RECOMMENDATIONS.**

41.27 By January 15, 2017, the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council must submit
 41.28 recommendations to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of
 41.29 representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over the environment
 41.30 and natural resources and the outdoor heritage fund on methods to evaluate the outcomes
 41.31 and effectiveness of projects funded by the outdoor heritage fund in achieving the purposes
 41.32 under article XI, section 15, of the Minnesota Constitution, including recommendations on
 41.33 the amount of funds that should be spent annually on evaluation.

42.1 **ARTICLE 2**
42.2 **CLEAN WATER FUND**

42.3 Section 1. **EVALUATION RECOMMENDATIONS.**

42.4 By January 15, 2017, the Clean Water Council must submit recommendations to
42.5 the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate
42.6 committees and divisions with jurisdiction over the environment and natural resources and
42.7 the clean water fund on methods to evaluate the outcomes and effectiveness of projects
42.8 funded by the clean water fund in achieving the purposes under article XI, section 15, of
42.9 the Minnesota Constitution, including recommendations on the amount of funds that
42.10 should be spent annually on evaluation.

42.11 Sec. 2. **WHITE BEAR LAKE AUGMENTATION.**

42.12 \$150,000 in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the clean water fund to the
42.13 commissioner of natural resources for development of three design-build proposals. The
42.14 commissioner shall request design-build qualifications and select three qualified entities to
42.15 develop design-build proposals. The proposals must address increasing the water level in
42.16 White Bear Lake by piping water from Vadnais Lake to White Bear Lake. The design work
42.17 must ensure that the water in White Bear Lake and Vadnais Lake will remain at least as
42.18 clean and clear as before the augmentation project is implemented. Among any other issues
42.19 to be addressed, the design work must ensure that the project does not allow the spread of
42.20 any invasive species or increase phosphorus levels. The commissioner must develop the
42.21 design-build request for proposals in consultation with the commissioner of administration
42.22 with regard to procedures, and in consultation with the Metropolitan Council and its water
42.23 supply policy and technical advisory committees and the Minnesota Pollution Control
42.24 Agency with regard to water quality and environmental issues. Any limitations in law on
42.25 the number or value of design-build contracts do not apply to this project.

42.26 **ARTICLE 3**
42.27 **PARKS AND TRAILS FUND**

42.28 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2015 Supplement, section 85.53, subdivision 2, is
42.29 amended to read:

42.30 Subd. 2. **Expenditures; accountability.** (a) A project or program receiving funding
42.31 from the parks and trails fund must meet or exceed the constitutional requirement to
42.32 support parks and trails of regional or statewide significance. A project or program
43.1 receiving funding from the parks and trails fund must include measurable outcomes, as
43.2 defined in section 3.303, subdivision 10, and a plan for measuring and evaluating the
43.3 results. A project or program must be consistent with current science and incorporate
43.4 state-of-the-art technology, except when the project or program is a portrayal or restoration
43.5 of historical significance.

43.6 (b) Money from the parks and trails fund shall be expended to balance the benefits
43.7 across all regions and residents of the state.

43.8 (c) A state agency or other recipient of a direct appropriation from the parks and
43.9 trails fund must compile and submit all information for funded projects or programs,
43.10 including the proposed measurable outcomes and all other items required under section
43.11 3.303, subdivision 10, to the Legislative Coordinating Commission as soon as practicable
43.12 or by January 15 of the applicable fiscal year, whichever comes first. The Legislative
43.13 Coordinating Commission must post submitted information on the Web site required
43.14 under section 3.303, subdivision 10, as soon as it becomes available.

43.15 (d) Grants funded by the parks and trails fund must be implemented according to
43.16 section 16B.98 and must account for all expenditures. Proposals must specify a process
43.17 for any regranting envisioned. Priority for grant proposals must be given to proposals
43.18 involving grants that will be competitively awarded.

43.19 (e) Money from the parks and trails fund may only be spent on projects located
43.20 in Minnesota.

43.21 (f) When practicable, a direct recipient of an appropriation from the parks and
43.22 trails fund shall prominently display on the recipient's Web site home page the legacy
43.23 logo required under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 5, section 10, as amended by Laws
43.24 2010, chapter 361, article 3, section 5, accompanied by the phrase "Click here for more
43.25 information." When a person clicks on the legacy logo image, the Web site must direct
43.26 the person to a Web page that includes both the contact information that a person may
43.27 use to obtain additional information, as well as a link to the Legislative Coordinating
43.28 Commission Web site required under section 3.303, subdivision 10.

43.29 (g) Future eligibility for money from the parks and trails fund is contingent upon a
43.30 state agency or other recipient satisfying all applicable requirements in this section, as
43.31 well as any additional requirements contained in applicable session law. If the Office of
43.32 the Legislative Auditor, in the course of an audit or investigation, publicly reports that a
43.33 recipient of money from the parks and trails fund has not complied with the laws, rules, or
43.34 regulations in this section or other laws applicable to the recipient, the recipient must be
43.35 listed in an annual report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the legacy
43.36 funds. The list must be publicly available. The legislative auditor shall remove a recipient
44.1 from the list upon determination that the recipient is in compliance. A recipient on the
44.2 list is not eligible for future funding from the parks and trails fund until the recipient
44.3 demonstrates compliance to the legislative auditor.

44.4 (h) Any state agency or organization requesting a direct appropriation from the
44.5 parks and trails fund must inform the house and senate committees having jurisdiction
44.6 over the parks and trails fund at the time the request for funding is made, if the same
44.7 project or program has been previously funded by a state appropriation, and how the
44.8 project or program was funded.

44.9 Sec. 2. **EVALUATION RECOMMENDATIONS.**

44.10 By January 15, 2017, the commissioner of natural resources, in cooperation with the
44.11 Metropolitan Council and the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission,
44.12 must submit recommendations to the chairs and ranking minority members of the
44.13 house of representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over the
44.14 environment and natural resources and the parks and trails fund on methods to evaluate
44.15 the outcomes and effectiveness of projects funded by the parks and trails fund in achieving
44.16 the purposes under article XI, section 15, of the Minnesota Constitution, including
44.17 recommendations on the amount of funds that should be spent annually on evaluation.

44.18 **ARTICLE 4**44.19 **ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND**

44.20 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2015 Supplement, section 129D.17, subdivision 2,
44.21 is amended to read:

44.22 Subd. 2. **Expenditures; accountability.** (a) Funding from the arts and cultural
44.23 heritage fund may be spent only for arts, arts education, and arts access, and to preserve
44.24 Minnesota's history and cultural heritage. A project or program receiving funding from
44.25 the arts and cultural heritage fund must include measurable outcomes, and a plan for
44.26 measuring and evaluating the results. A project or program must be consistent with current
44.27 scholarship, or best practices, when appropriate and must incorporate state-of-the-art
44.28 technology when appropriate.

44.29 (b) Funding from the arts and cultural heritage fund may be granted for an entire
44.30 project or for part of a project so long as the recipient provides a description and cost for
44.31 the entire project and can demonstrate that it has adequate resources to ensure that the
44.32 entire project will be completed.

44.33 (c) Money from the arts and cultural heritage fund shall be expended for benefits
44.34 across all regions and residents of the state.

45.1 (d) A state agency or other recipient of a direct appropriation from the arts and
45.2 cultural heritage fund must compile and submit all information for funded projects or
45.3 programs, including the proposed measurable outcomes and all other items required
45.4 under section 3.303, subdivision 10, to the Legislative Coordinating Commission as soon
45.5 as practicable or by January 15 of the applicable fiscal year, whichever comes first. The
45.6 Legislative Coordinating Commission must post submitted information on the Web site
45.7 required under section 3.303, subdivision 10, as soon as it becomes available.

45.8 (e) Grants funded by the arts and cultural heritage fund must be implemented
45.9 according to section 16B.98 and must account for all expenditures of funds. Priority for
45.10 grant proposals must be given to proposals involving grants that will be competitively
45.11 awarded.

45.12 (f) All money from the arts and cultural heritage fund must be for projects located
45.13 in Minnesota.

45.14 (g) When practicable, a direct recipient of an appropriation from the arts and cultural
45.15 heritage fund shall prominently display on the recipient's Web site home page the legacy
45.16 logo required under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 5, section 10, as amended by Laws
45.17 2010, chapter 361, article 3, section 5, accompanied by the phrase "Click here for more
45.18 information." When a person clicks on the legacy logo image, the Web site must direct
45.19 the person to a Web page that includes both the contact information that a person may
45.20 use to obtain additional information, as well as a link to the Legislative Coordinating
45.21 Commission Web site required under section 3.303, subdivision 10.

45.22 (h) Future eligibility for money from the arts and cultural heritage fund is contingent
45.23 upon a state agency or other recipient satisfying all applicable requirements in this section,
45.24 as well as any additional requirements contained in applicable session law. If the Office of
45.25 the Legislative Auditor, in the course of an audit or investigation, publicly reports that a
45.26 recipient of money from the arts and cultural heritage fund has not complied with the laws,
45.27 rules, or regulations in this section or other laws applicable to the recipient, the recipient
45.28 must be listed in an annual report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the
45.29 legacy funds. The list must be publicly available. The legislative auditor shall remove a
45.30 recipient from the list upon determination that the recipient is in compliance. A recipient
45.31 on the list is not eligible for future funding from the arts and cultural heritage fund until
45.32 the recipient demonstrates compliance to the legislative auditor.

45.33 (i) Any state agency or organization requesting a direct appropriation from the
45.34 arts and cultural heritage fund must inform the house and senate committees having
45.35 jurisdiction over the arts and cultural fund at the time the request for funding is made,
46.1 if the same project or program has been previously funded by a state appropriation, and
46.2 how the project or program was funded.

46.3 Sec. 2. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 2, article 4, section 2, subdivision 3,
46.4 is amended to read:

46.5 Subd. 3. **Minnesota State Arts Board** 26,819,000 31,312,000

46.6 (a) These amounts are appropriated to
46.7 the Minnesota State Arts Board for arts,
46.8 arts education, arts preservation, and arts
46.9 access. Grant agreements entered into
46.10 by the Minnesota State Arts Board and
46.11 other recipients of appropriations in this
46.12 subdivision must ensure that these funds are
46.13 used to supplement and not substitute for
46.14 traditional sources of funding. Each grant
46.15 program established within this appropriation
46.16 must be separately administered from other
46.17 state appropriations for program planning
46.18 and outcome measurements, but may take
46.19 into consideration other state resources
46.20 awarded in the selection of applicants and
46.21 grant award size.

46.22 (b) **Arts and Arts Access Initiatives**

46.23 \$21,155,000 the first year and \$25,350,000
46.24 the second year are to support Minnesota
46.25 artists and arts organizations in creating,
46.26 producing, preserving, and presenting
46.27 high-quality arts activities; to overcome
46.28 barriers to accessing high-quality arts
46.29 activities; for the preservation and
46.30 conservation of art and artifacts; and to instill
46.31 the arts into the community and public life
46.32 in this state.

46.33 (c) **Arts Education**

47.1 \$4,248,000 the first year and \$4,472,000
47.2 the second year are for high-quality,
47.3 age-appropriate arts education for
47.4 Minnesotans of all ages to develop
47.5 knowledge, skills, and understanding of the
47.6 arts.

47.7 (d) **Arts and Cultural Heritage**

47.8 \$1,416,000 the first year and \$1,490,000 the
47.9 second year are for events and activities that
47.10 represent the diverse cultural arts traditions,
47.11 including folk and traditional artists and art
47.12 organizations, represented in this state.

47.13 (e) Up to 4.5 percent of the funds appropriated
47.14 in paragraphs (b) to (d) may be used by the
47.15 board for administering grant programs,
47.16 delivering technical services, providing
47.17 fiscal oversight for the statewide system, and
47.18 ensuring accountability.

47.19 (f) Up to thirty percent of the remaining total
47.20 appropriation to each of the categories listed
47.21 in paragraphs (b) to (d) is for grants to the
47.22 regional arts councils. Notwithstanding any
47.23 other provision of law, regional arts council
47.24 grants or other arts council grants for touring
47.25 programs, projects, or exhibits must ensure
47.26 the programs, projects, or exhibits are able to
47.27 tour in their own region as well as all other
47.28 regions of the state.

47.29 (g) Any unencumbered balance remaining
47.30 under this section in the first year does not
47.31 cancel, but is available for the second year
47.32 of the biennium.

47.33 (h) When making grants under this
47.34 appropriation, the Minnesota State Arts
47.35 Board and the regional arts council must
48.1 consider grants to organizations who
48.2 preserve and maintain art and artifacts, or
48.3 who provide support, education, or training
48.4 for the preservation and conservation of art
48.5 and artifacts, including grants to the Midwest
48.6 Art Conservation Center.

48.7 Sec. 3. EVALUATION RECOMMENDATIONS.

48.8 By January 15, 2017, the Minnesota State Arts Board, in cooperation with the
48.9 Minnesota Historical Society, regional arts councils, and other recipients of money from
48.10 the arts and cultural heritage fund, must submit recommendations to the chairs and ranking
48.11 minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees and divisions with
48.12 jurisdiction over the arts and cultural heritage fund on methods to evaluate the outcomes
48.13 and effectiveness of projects funded by the arts and cultural heritage fund in achieving
48.14 the purposes under article XI, section 15, of the Minnesota Constitution, including
48.15 recommendations on the amount of funds that should be spent annually on evaluation.