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03/20/2024	12449	Introduction and first reading
		Referred to Environment, Climate, and Legacy
04/02/2024		Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Finance

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A bill for an act

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relating to legacy; appropriating money from outdoor heritage fund.

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

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Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

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

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

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fund for the fiscal year indicated for each purpose. The figures "2024" and "2025" used in

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this act mean that the appropriations listed under them are available for the fiscal year ending

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June 30, 2024, or June 30, 2025, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2024. "The

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

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appropriations in this act are onetime appropriations.

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Sec. 2.OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND

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Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation

\$0\$180,711,000

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This appropriation is from the outdoor heritage

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fund. The amounts that may be spent for each

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purpose are specified in the following

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subdivisions.

2.1	<u>Subd. 2. Prairies</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>19,439,000</u>
2.2	<u>(a) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife</u>		
2.3	<u>Refuge, Phase 14</u>		
2.4	<u>\$4,412,000 the second year is to the</u>		
2.5	<u>commissioner of natural resources for an</u>		
2.6	<u>agreement with The Nature Conservancy, in</u>		
2.7	<u>cooperation with the United States Fish and</u>		
2.8	<u>Wildlife Service, to acquire land in fee or</u>		
2.9	<u>permanent conservation easements and restore</u>		
2.10	<u>and enhance lands within the Northern</u>		
2.11	<u>Tallgrass Prairie Habitat Preservation Area in</u>		
2.12	<u>western Minnesota for addition to the Northern</u>		
2.13	<u>Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge.</u>		
2.14	<u>Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota</u>		
2.15	<u>Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given</u>		
2.16	<u>to acquiring lands that are eligible for the</u>		
2.17	<u>native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,</u>		
2.18	<u>section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected</u>		
2.19	<u>native prairie.</u>		
2.20	<u>(b) Accelerating Wildlife Management Area</u>		
2.21	<u>Program, Phase 16</u>		
2.22	<u>\$5,315,000 the second year is to the</u>		
2.23	<u>commissioner of natural resources for an</u>		
2.24	<u>agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire</u>		
2.25	<u>in fee and restore and enhance lands for</u>		
2.26	<u>wildlife management area purposes under</u>		
2.27	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,</u>		
2.28	<u>subdivision 8. Subject to evaluation criteria</u>		
2.29	<u>in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority</u>		
2.30	<u>must be given to acquiring lands that are</u>		
2.31	<u>eligible for the native prairie bank under</u>		
2.32	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands</u>		
2.33	<u>adjacent to protected native prairie.</u>		
2.34	<u>(c) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of</u>		
2.35	<u>Southern Red River Valley, Phase 10</u>		

3.1 \$3,794,000 the second year is to the
3.2 commissioner of natural resources for an
3.3 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in
3.4 cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie
3.5 Chicken Society, to acquire land in fee and
3.6 restore and enhance lands within the southern
3.7 Red River Valley for wildlife management
3.8 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
3.9 86A.05, subdivision 8, or to be designated and
3.10 managed as waterfowl production areas in
3.11 Minnesota, in cooperation with the United
3.12 States Fish and Wildlife Service. Subject to
3.13 evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part
3.14 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring
3.15 lands that are eligible for the native prairie
3.16 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96,
3.17 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie.

3.18 **(d) Martin County DNR WMA Acquisition,**
3.19 **Phase 8**

3.20 \$2,589,000 the second year is to the
3.21 commissioner of natural resources for
3.22 agreements to acquire land in fee and to
3.23 restore and enhance strategic prairie grassland,
3.24 wetland, and other wildlife habitat within
3.25 Martin County for wildlife management area
3.26 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
3.27 86A.05, subdivision 8, as follows: \$1,921,000
3.28 to Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc.;
3.29 \$613,000 to Ducks Unlimited; and \$55,000 to
3.30 the Conservation Fund.

3.31 **(e) DNR Grassland Enhancement, Phase 16**

3.32 \$1,427,000 the second year is to the
3.33 commissioner of natural resources to
3.34 accelerate restoration and enhancement of
3.35 prairies, grasslands, and savannas in wildlife

4.1 management areas, in scientific and natural
 4.2 areas, in aquatic management areas, on lands
 4.3 in the native prairie bank, in bluff prairies on
 4.4 state forest land in southeastern Minnesota,
 4.5 and in waterfowl production areas and refuge
 4.6 lands of the United States Fish and Wildlife
 4.7 Service.

4.8 **(f) Enhanced Public Land - Grasslands, Phase**
 4.9 **7**

4.10 \$1,902,000 the second year is to the
 4.11 commissioner of natural resources for an
 4.12 agreement with Pheasants Forever to enhance
 4.13 and restore grassland and wetland habitat on
 4.14 public lands within the forest prairie transition,
 4.15 metro urban, and prairie ecoregions of
 4.16 Minnesota.

4.17 **Subd. 3. Forests** -0- 32,164,000

4.18 **(a) Minnesota Heritage Forest - Transition to**
 4.19 **Public Ownership Program**

4.20 \$22,647,000 the second year is to the
 4.21 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
 4.22 priority forest habitat lands in fee as wildlife
 4.23 management areas, scientific and natural areas,
 4.24 state forests, and county forests. Of this
 4.25 amount, \$11,737,000 is for an agreement with
 4.26 Northern Waters Land Trust.

4.27 **(b) Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape Protection**
 4.28 **Program ACUB, Phase 12**

4.29 \$2,068,000 the second year is to the Board of
 4.30 Water and Soil Resources, in cooperation with
 4.31 the Morrison County Soil and Water
 4.32 Conservation District, to acquire permanent
 4.33 conservation easements and restore and
 4.34 enhance forest wildlife habitat within the
 4.35 boundaries of the Minnesota National Guard

5.1 Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape and Army
5.2 Compatible Use Buffer. Up to \$110,000 to the
5.3 Board of Water and Soil Resources is to
5.4 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
5.5 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
5.6 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
5.7 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8,
5.8 paragraph (b), does not apply to this project.

5.9 A list of permanent conservation easements
5.10 must be provided as part of the final report.

5.11 **(c) Riparian Habitat Protection in Kettle and**
5.12 **Snake River Watersheds, Phase 2**

5.13 \$1,569,000 the second year is to the Board of
5.14 Water and Soil Resources, in cooperation with
5.15 the Pine County Soil and Water Conservation
5.16 District, to acquire permanent conservation
5.17 easements to protect high-quality forests,
5.18 wetlands, and shoreline within the Kettle and
5.19 Snake River watersheds. Up to \$150,000 to
5.20 the Board of Water and Soil Resources is to
5.21 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
5.22 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
5.23 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
5.24 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8,
5.25 paragraph (b), does not apply to this project.

5.26 A list of permanent conservation easements
5.27 must be provided as part of the final report.

5.28 **(d) DNR Forest Habitat Enhancement, Phase 4**

5.29 \$1,727,000 the second year is to the
5.30 commissioner of natural resources to restore
5.31 and enhance forest wildlife habitats on public
5.32 lands throughout Minnesota.

5.33 **(e) Young Forest Conservation, Phase 4**

5.34 \$2,229,000 the second year is to the
5.35 commissioner of natural resources for an

6.1 agreement with the American Bird
 6.2 Conservancy to enhance publicly owned,
 6.3 permanently protected forest lands for wildlife
 6.4 management.

6.5 **(f) Floodplain and Upland Forest Enhancement**
 6.6 **- Mississippi River, Phase 5**

6.7 \$1,924,000 the second year is to the
 6.8 commissioner of natural resources for an
 6.9 agreement with the National Audubon Society
 6.10 to restore and enhance floodplain and upland
 6.11 forest habitat for wildlife on public lands along
 6.12 the Mississippi River and Mississippi River
 6.13 tributaries.

6.14 **Subd. 4. Wetlands** -0- 38,412,000

6.15 **(a) Wild-Rice Shoreland Protection, Phase 9**

6.16 \$2,042,000 the second year is to the Board of
 6.17 Water and Soil Resources to acquire
 6.18 permanent conservation easements on
 6.19 wild-rice lake shoreland habitat for native
 6.20 wild-rice bed protection. Of this amount, up
 6.21 to \$110,000 is for establishing a monitoring
 6.22 and enforcement fund as approved in the
 6.23 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
 6.24 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.
 6.25 Subdivision 8, paragraph (b), does not apply
 6.26 to this project. A list of permanent
 6.27 conservation easements must be provided as
 6.28 part of the final report.

6.29 **(b) Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection and**
 6.30 **Restoration Program, Phase 13**

6.31 \$7,670,000 the second year is to the
 6.32 commissioner of natural resources for an
 6.33 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire
 6.34 land in fee for wildlife management purposes
 6.35 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,

7.1 subdivision 8, or to be designated and
7.2 managed as waterfowl production areas or
7.3 national wildlife refuges in Minnesota, in
7.4 cooperation with the United States Fish and
7.5 Wildlife Service, and to restore and enhance
7.6 prairie lands, wetlands, and land buffering
7.7 shallow lakes.

7.8 **(c) RIM Wetlands - Restoring Most Productive**
7.9 **Habitat in Minnesota, Phase 13**

7.10 \$3,202,000 the second year is to the Board of
7.11 Water and Soil Resources to acquire
7.12 permanent conservation easements and to
7.13 restore wetlands and native grassland habitat
7.14 under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515.
7.15 Of this amount, up to \$50,000 is for
7.16 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
7.17 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
7.18 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
7.19 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8,
7.20 paragraph (b), does not apply to this project.
7.21 A list of permanent conservation easements
7.22 must be provided as part of the final report.

7.23 **(d) Accelerating Waterfowl Production Area**
7.24 **Acquisition Program, Phase 16**

7.25 \$7,020,000 the second year is to the
7.26 commissioner of natural resources for an
7.27 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in
7.28 cooperation with the United States Fish and
7.29 Wildlife Service, to acquire land in fee and
7.30 restore and enhance wetlands and grasslands
7.31 to be designated and managed as waterfowl
7.32 production areas in Minnesota.

7.33 **(e) DNR Accelerated Shallow Lakes and**
7.34 **Wetland Enhancement, Phase 16**

8.1 \$3,809,000 the second year is to the
8.2 commissioner of natural resources to enhance
8.3 and restore shallow lakes and wetland habitat
8.4 statewide.

8.5 **(f) Nelson Slough - East Park Wildlife**
8.6 **Management Area**

8.7 \$4,174,000 the second year is to the
8.8 commissioner of natural resources for an
8.9 agreement with the Middle-Snake-Tamarac
8.10 Rivers Watershed District to restore and
8.11 enhance wetland and upland wildlife habitat
8.12 on Nelson Slough and East Park Wildlife
8.13 Management Area in Marshall County,
8.14 Minnesota.

8.15 **(g) Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration**
8.16 **Program, Phase 9**

8.17 \$2,128,000 the second year is to the
8.18 commissioner of natural resources for an
8.19 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
8.20 restore and enhance prairie, wetland, and other
8.21 habitat on permanently protected conservation
8.22 easements in high-priority wetland habitat
8.23 complexes within the prairie, forest/prairie
8.24 transition, and forest ecoregions.

8.25 **(h) Living Shallow Lakes and Wetlands**
8.26 **Enhancement and Restoration Initiative, Phase**
8.27 **10**

8.28 \$7,867,000 the second year is to the
8.29 commissioner of natural resources for an
8.30 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to restore
8.31 and enhance shallow lakes and wetlands on
8.32 public lands and wetlands under permanent
8.33 conservation easement for wildlife
8.34 management.

8.35 **(i) Lake Alice Enhancement, Fergus Falls**

9.1 \$500,000 the second year is to the
 9.2 commissioner of natural resources for an
 9.3 agreement with the city of Fergus Falls to
 9.4 enhance Lake Alice in Fergus Falls.

9.5 Subd. 5. **Habitats** -0- 89,294,000

9.6 **(a) St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and**
 9.7 **Restoration, Phase 5**

9.8 \$4,711,000 the second year is to the
 9.9 commissioner of natural resources for
 9.10 agreements to acquire land in fee and acquire
 9.11 permanent conservation easements and to
 9.12 restore and enhance natural habitat systems in
 9.13 the St. Croix River watershed as follows:
 9.14 \$1,905,000 to Trust for Public Land; \$110,000
 9.15 to Wild Rivers Conservancy; and \$2,696,000
 9.16 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$224,000 to
 9.17 Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a
 9.18 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
 9.19 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
 9.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
 9.21 subdivision 17.

9.22 **(b) Pine and Leech Watershed Targeted RIM**
 9.23 **Easement Permanent Land Protection, Phase 3**

9.24 \$2,242,000 the second year is to the Board of
 9.25 Water and Soil Resources, in cooperation with
 9.26 the Crow Wing County Soil and Water
 9.27 Conservation District, to acquire permanent
 9.28 conservation easements of high-quality forest,
 9.29 wetland, and shoreline habitat. Up to \$120,000
 9.30 of the total amount is for establishing a
 9.31 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
 9.32 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
 9.33 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
 9.34 subdivision 17. Subdivision 8, paragraph (b),
 9.35 does not apply to this project. A list of

10.1 permanent conservation easements must be
10.2 provided as part of the final report.

10.3 **(c) Protecting Minnesota's Lakes of Outstanding**
10.4 **Biological Significance, Phase 3**

10.5 \$3,321,000 the second year is to the
10.6 commissioner of natural resources for
10.7 agreements to acquire land in fee and
10.8 permanent conservation easements and to
10.9 restore and enhance lakes of outstanding
10.10 biological significance in northeast and
10.11 north-central Minnesota. Of this amount,
10.12 \$1,083,000 is to the Northern Waters Land
10.13 Trust and \$2,238,000 is to Minnesota Land
10.14 Trust. Up to \$224,000 to Minnesota Land
10.15 Trust is for establishing a monitoring and
10.16 enforcement fund as approved in the
10.17 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
10.18 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

10.19 **(d) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**
10.20 **Restoration Program, Phase 13**

10.21 \$2,060,000 the second year is to the
10.22 commissioner of natural resources for an
10.23 agreement with the Shell Rock River
10.24 Watershed District to acquire land in fee and
10.25 restore and enhance habitat in the Shell Rock
10.26 River watershed.

10.27 **(e) Cannon River Watershed Habitat**
10.28 **Restoration and Protection Program, Phase 13**

10.29 \$2,555,000 the second year is to the
10.30 commissioner of natural resources for
10.31 agreements to acquire lands in fee and restore
10.32 and enhance wildlife habitat in the Cannon
10.33 River watershed as follows: \$54,000 to Clean
10.34 River Partners; \$888,000 to Great River

11.1 Greening; and \$1,613,000 to Trust for Public
11.2 Land.

11.3 **(f) Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor**
11.4 **Project, Phase 8**

11.5 \$2,706,000 the second year is to acquire lands
11.6 in fee and permanent conservation easements
11.7 and to restore wildlife habitat in the
11.8 Mississippi headwaters. Of this amount:

11.9 (1) \$1,706,000 is to the commissioner of
11.10 natural resources for agreements as follows:
11.11 \$57,000 to the Mississippi Headwaters Board
11.12 and \$1,649,000 to Trust for Public Land; and
11.13 (2) \$1,000,000 is to the Board of Water and
11.14 Soil Resources, of which up to \$100,000 is to
11.15 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
11.16 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
11.17 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
11.18 97A.056, subdivision 17.

11.19 **(g) Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic**
11.20 **North Central Minnesota Lakes, Phase 10**

11.21 \$2,687,000 the second year is to the
11.22 commissioner of natural resources for
11.23 agreements to acquire land in fee and in
11.24 permanent conservation easements and to
11.25 restore and enhance wildlife habitat to sustain
11.26 healthy fish habitat on coldwater lakes in
11.27 Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard
11.28 Counties as follows: \$2,252,000 to Northern
11.29 Waters Land Trust and \$435,000 to Minnesota
11.30 Land Trust. Up to \$56,000 to Minnesota Land
11.31 Trust is to establish a monitoring and
11.32 enforcement fund as approved in the
11.33 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
11.34 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

11.35 **(h) Red River Basin Riparian Habitat Program**

12.1 \$5,119,000 the second year is to acquire
12.2 permanent conservation easements to protect,
12.3 restore, and enhance stream and riparian
12.4 habitat throughout the Red River watershed.
12.5 Of this amount, \$169,000 is to the
12.6 commissioner of natural resources for an
12.7 agreement with the Red River Watershed
12.8 Management Board and \$4,950,000 is to the
12.9 Board of Water and Soil Resources. Up to
12.10 \$380,000 of the total amount is for
12.11 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
12.12 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
12.13 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
12.14 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8,
12.15 paragraph (b), does not apply to this project.
12.16 A list of permanent conservation easements
12.17 must be provided as part of the final report.

12.18 **(i) Resilient Habitat for Heritage Brook Trout,**
12.19 **Phase 2**

12.20 \$2,486,000 the second year is to the
12.21 commissioner of natural resources for
12.22 agreements to acquire permanent conservation
12.23 easements and to restore and enhance habitat
12.24 in targeted watersheds of southeast Minnesota
12.25 to improve heritage brook trout and coldwater
12.26 aquatic communities. Of this amount,
12.27 \$400,000 is to The Nature Conservancy,
12.28 \$612,000 is to Trout Unlimited, and
12.29 \$1,474,000 is to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to
12.30 \$168,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to
12.31 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
12.32 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
12.33 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
12.34 97A.056, subdivision 17.

12.35 **(j) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**
12.36 **Restoration, Phase 12**

13.1 \$3,052,000 the second year is to the
13.2 commissioner of natural resources for
13.3 agreements to acquire lands in fee and
13.4 permanent conservation easements and to
13.5 restore and enhance wildlife habitat on public
13.6 lands and permanent conservation easements
13.7 in southeast Minnesota as follows: \$970,000
13.8 to The Nature Conservancy, \$964,000 to Trust
13.9 for Public Land, and \$1,118,000 to Minnesota
13.10 Land Trust. Up to \$112,000 to Minnesota
13.11 Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and
13.12 enforcement fund as approved in the
13.13 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
13.14 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

13.15 **(k) Lower Wild Rice River Corridor Habitat**
13.16 **Restoration, Phase 4**

13.17 \$2,345,000 the second year is to acquire land
13.18 in permanent conservation easement and to
13.19 restore river and related habitat in the Wild
13.20 Rice River corridor. Of this amount, \$30,000
13.21 is to the commissioner of natural resources for
13.22 an agreement with the Wild Rice Watershed
13.23 District and \$2,315,000 is to the Board of
13.24 Water and Soil Resources. The Board of Water
13.25 and Soil Resources may use up to \$60,000 for
13.26 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
13.27 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
13.28 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
13.29 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8,
13.30 paragraph (b), does not apply to this project.
13.31 A list of permanent conservation easements
13.32 must be provided as part of the final report.

13.33 **(l) DNR Wildlife Management Area and**
13.34 **Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition, Phase**
13.35 **16**

14.1 \$1,359,000 the second year is to the
14.2 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
14.3 in fee and restore and enhance lands for
14.4 wildlife management purposes under
14.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
14.6 subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee for
14.7 scientific and natural area purposes under
14.8 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
14.9 subdivision 5. Subject to evaluation criteria
14.10 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
14.11 must be given to acquiring lands that are
14.12 eligible for the native prairie bank under
14.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
14.14 adjacent to protected native prairie.

14.15 **(m) Accelerating Habitat Conservation in**
14.16 **Southwest Minnesota, Phase 3**

14.17 \$2,872,000 the second year is to the
14.18 commissioner of natural resources for an
14.19 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
14.20 acquire permanent conservation easements
14.21 and to restore and enhance high-quality
14.22 wildlife habitat in southwest Minnesota. Of
14.23 this amount, up to \$168,000 is to establish a
14.24 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
14.25 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
14.26 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
14.27 subdivision 17.

14.28 **(n) Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection**
14.29 **and Restoration, Phase 5**

14.30 \$3,965,000 the second year is to the
14.31 commissioner of natural resources for
14.32 agreements to acquire lands in fee and
14.33 permanent conservation easements and restore
14.34 and enhance wildlife habitat in the Sauk River
14.35 watershed as follows: \$375,000 to Great River
14.36 Greening; \$1,199,000 to Sauk River

15.1 Watershed District; \$1,192,000 to Pheasants
15.2 Forever; and \$1,199,000 to Minnesota Land
15.3 Trust. Up to \$168,000 to Minnesota Land
15.4 Trust is to establish a monitoring and
15.5 enforcement fund as approved in the
15.6 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
15.7 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

15.8 **(o) Metro Big Rivers, Phase 14**

15.9 \$8,123,000 the second year is to the
15.10 commissioner of natural resources for
15.11 agreements to acquire land in fee and
15.12 permanent conservation easements and to
15.13 restore and enhance natural habitat systems
15.14 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,
15.15 and St. Croix Rivers and their tributaries
15.16 within the metropolitan area as follows:
15.17 \$1,250,000 to Minnesota Valley National
15.18 Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc.; \$420,000 to
15.19 Friends of the Mississippi River; \$803,000 to
15.20 Great River Greening; \$2,750,000 to Trust for
15.21 Public Land; and \$2,900,000 to Minnesota
15.22 Land Trust. Up to \$224,000 to Minnesota
15.23 Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and
15.24 enforcement fund as approved in the
15.25 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
15.26 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

15.27 **(p) Anoka Sand Plain Habitat Conservation,**
15.28 **Phase 9**

15.29 \$1,802,000 the second year is to the
15.30 commissioner of natural resources for
15.31 agreements to restore and enhance wildlife
15.32 habitat on public lands and easements in the
15.33 Anoka Sand Plain ecoregion and intersecting
15.34 minor watersheds as follows: \$1,508,000 to

16.1 Great River Greening and \$294,000 to

16.2 Sherburne County.

16.3 **(q) DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and**
16.4 **Enhancement, Phase 7**

16.5 \$4,206,000 the second year is to the

16.6 commissioner of natural resources to restore

16.7 and enhance aquatic habitat in degraded

16.8 streams and aquatic management areas and to

16.9 facilitate fish passage.

16.10 **(r) Minnesota Statewide Trout Habitat**
16.11 **Enhancement**

16.12 \$2,308,000 the second year is to the

16.13 commissioner of natural resources for an

16.14 agreement with Trout Unlimited to restore and

16.15 enhance habitat for trout and other species in

16.16 and along coldwater rivers, lakes, and streams

16.17 throughout Minnesota.

16.18 **(s) Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation, Phase 7**

16.19 \$1,572,000 the second year is to the

16.20 commissioner of natural resources for an

16.21 agreement with the Arrowhead Regional

16.22 Development Commission, in cooperation

16.23 with the Lake Superior Steelhead Association,

16.24 to restore and enhance trout habitat in the

16.25 Knife River watershed.

16.26 **(t) DNR St. Louis River Restoration Initiative,**
16.27 **Phase 11**

16.28 \$2,163,000 the second year is to the

16.29 commissioner of natural resources to restore

16.30 and enhance priority aquatic, riparian, and

16.31 forest habitats in the St. Louis River estuary.

16.32 Of this amount, \$716,000 is for an agreement

16.33 with Minnesota Land Trust.

16.34 **(u) Roseau Lake Rehabilitation, Phase 2**

- 17.1 \$3,054,000 the second year is to the
17.2 commissioner of natural resources for an
17.3 agreement with the Roseau River Watershed
17.4 District to restore and enhance the Roseau
17.5 Lake and Roseau River habitat complex in
17.6 Roseau County, Minnesota.
- 17.7 **(v) Highbanks Ravine Bat Hibernaculum**
- 17.8 \$2,300,000 the second year is to the
17.9 commissioner of natural resources for an
17.10 agreement with the city of St. Cloud to
17.11 enhance the Highbanks Ravine Bat
17.12 Hibernaculum in St. Cloud.
- 17.13 **(w) Owámniyomni Native Landscape and River**
17.14 **Restoration, St. Anthony Falls**
- 17.15 \$1,918,000 the second year is to the
17.16 commissioner of natural resources for an
17.17 agreement with Friends of the Falls to restore
17.18 and enhance wildlife habitat at Upper St.
17.19 Anthony Falls. This appropriation may only
17.20 be spent for site grading, oak savanna, and
17.21 aquatic habitat portions of the project.
- 17.22 **(x) Silver Lake Dam Fish Passage Modification**
- 17.23 \$2,368,000 the second year is to the
17.24 commissioner of natural resources for an
17.25 agreement with the city of Rochester to restore
17.26 and enhance aquatic habitat in Silver Lake and
17.27 the south fork of the Zumbro River by
17.28 modifying the existing low-head dam in
17.29 Rochester.
- 17.30 **(y) Little Devil Track River Restoration**
- 17.31 \$3,000,000 the second year is to the
17.32 commissioner of natural resources for an
17.33 agreement with Cook County to restore and

18.1 enhance stream habitat in the Little Devil
18.2 Track River.

18.3 **(z) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**
18.4 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat, Phase**
18.5 **16**

18.6 \$15,000,000 the first year is to the
18.7 commissioner of natural resources for a
18.8 program to provide competitive matching
18.9 grants of up to \$500,000 to local, regional,
18.10 state, and national organizations for enhancing,
18.11 restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands,
18.12 prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife
18.13 in Minnesota. Unless there are not enough
18.14 eligible grant applications received, of this
18.15 amount, at least \$4,000,000 is for grants in the
18.16 seven-county metropolitan area and cities with
18.17 a population of 50,000 or more and at least
18.18 \$4,000,000 is for grants to applicants that have
18.19 not previously applied for money from the
18.20 outdoor heritage fund. Grants must not be
18.21 made for activities required to fulfill the duties
18.22 of owners of lands subject to conservation
18.23 easements. Grants must not be made from the
18.24 appropriation in this paragraph for projects
18.25 that have a total project cost exceeding
18.26 \$1,000,000. Of the total appropriation,
18.27 \$600,000 may be spent for personnel costs,
18.28 outreach, and support to first-time applicants
18.29 and other direct and necessary administrative
18.30 costs. Grantees may acquire land or interests
18.31 in land. Easements must be permanent. Grants
18.32 may not be used to establish easement
18.33 stewardship accounts. The program must
18.34 require a match of at least ten percent from
18.35 nonstate sources for all grants. The match may
18.36 be cash or in-kind. For grant applications of

19.1 \$25,000 or less, the commissioner must
19.2 provide a separate, simplified application
19.3 process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the
19.4 commissioner of natural resources must, when
19.5 evaluating projects of equal value, give
19.6 priority to organizations that have a history of
19.7 receiving, or a charter to receive, private
19.8 contributions for local conservation or habitat
19.9 projects. All restoration or enhancement
19.10 projects must be on land permanently
19.11 protected by a permanent covenant ensuring
19.12 perpetual maintenance and protection of
19.13 restored and enhanced habitat, by a
19.14 conservation easement, or by public ownership
19.15 or in public waters as defined in Minnesota
19.16 Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision 15.
19.17 Priority must be given to restoration and
19.18 enhancement projects on public lands.
19.19 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
19.20 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded
19.21 under this paragraph. This appropriation is
19.22 available until June 30, 2027. No less than five
19.23 percent of the amount of each grant must be
19.24 held back from reimbursement until the grant
19.25 recipient completes a grant accomplishment
19.26 report by the deadline and in the form
19.27 prescribed by and satisfactory to the
19.28 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The
19.29 commissioner must provide notice of the grant
19.30 program in the summary of game and fish law
19.31 prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section
19.32 97A.051, subdivision 2.

19.33 Subd. 6. **Administration**

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19.34 **(a) Contract Management**

20.1 \$350,000 the second year is to the
20.2 commissioner of natural resources for contract
20.3 management duties assigned in this section.
20.4 The commissioner must provide an
20.5 accomplishment plan in the form specified by
20.6 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
20.7 on expending this appropriation. The
20.8 accomplishment plan must include a copy of
20.9 the grant contract template and reimbursement
20.10 manual. No money may be expended before
20.11 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
20.12 approves the accomplishment plan. Money
20.13 appropriated in this paragraph is available until
20.14 June 30, 2026.

20.15 **(b) Technical Evaluation Panel**

20.16 \$160,000 the second year is to the
20.17 commissioner of natural resources for a
20.18 technical evaluation panel to conduct up to 25
20.19 restoration and enhancement evaluations under
20.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
20.21 subdivision 10. Money appropriated in this
20.22 paragraph is available until June 30, 2026.

20.23 **(c) Core Functions in Partner-led OHF Land**
20.24 **Acquisitions**

20.25 \$892,000 the second year is to the
20.26 commissioner of natural resources for
20.27 administering the initial development,
20.28 restoration, and enhancement of land acquired
20.29 in fee with money appropriated from the
20.30 outdoor heritage fund. This appropriation may
20.31 be used for land acquisition costs incurred by
20.32 the department in conveying parcels to the
20.33 department and for initial development
20.34 activities on fee title acquisitions. Money

21.1 appropriated in this paragraph is available until
21.2 June 30, 2032.

21.3 **Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation**

21.4 (a) Money appropriated in this section may
21.5 not be spent on activities unless they are
21.6 directly related to and necessary for a specific
21.7 appropriation and are specified in the
21.8 accomplishment plan approved by the
21.9 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

21.10 Money appropriated in this section must not
21.11 be spent on indirect costs or other institutional
21.12 overhead charges that are not directly related
21.13 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.

21.14 Money appropriated for fee title acquisition
21.15 of land may be used to restore, enhance, and
21.16 provide for public use of the land acquired
21.17 with the appropriation. Public-use facilities
21.18 must have a minimal impact on habitat in
21.19 acquired lands.

21.20 (b) Money appropriated in this section is
21.21 available as follows:

21.22 (1) money appropriated for acquiring real
21.23 property is available until June 30, 2028;

21.24 (2) money appropriated for restoring and
21.25 enhancing land acquired with an appropriation
21.26 in this section is available for four years after
21.27 the acquisition date with a maximum end date
21.28 of June 30, 2032;

21.29 (3) money appropriated for restoring or
21.30 enhancing other land is available until June
21.31 30, 2029;

21.32 (4) notwithstanding clauses (1) to (3), money
21.33 appropriated for a project that receives at least
21.34 15 percent of its funding from federal funds

22.1 is available until a date sufficient to match the
22.2 availability of federal funding to a maximum
22.3 of six years if the federal funding was
22.4 confirmed and included in the original
22.5 approved draft accomplishment plan; and
22.6 (5) money appropriated for other projects is
22.7 available until the end of the fiscal year in
22.8 which it is appropriated.

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

22.11 (a) All agreements referred to in this section
22.12 must be administered on a reimbursement
22.13 basis unless otherwise provided in this section.
22.14 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
22.15 16A.41, expenditures directly related to each
22.16 appropriation's purpose made on or after July
22.17 1, 2024, or the date of accomplishment plan
22.18 approval, whichever is later, are eligible for
22.19 reimbursement unless otherwise provided in
22.20 this section. For the purposes of administering
22.21 appropriations and legislatively authorized
22.22 agreements paid out of the outdoor heritage
22.23 fund, an expense must be considered
22.24 reimbursable by the administering agency
22.25 when the recipient presents the agency with
22.26 an invoice or binding agreement with a
22.27 landowner and the recipient attests that the
22.28 goods have been received or the landowner
22.29 agreement is binding. Periodic reimbursement
22.30 must be made upon receiving documentation
22.31 that the items articulated in the
22.32 accomplishment plan approved by the
22.33 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council have
22.34 been achieved, including partial achievements
22.35 as evidenced by progress reports approved by

- 23.1 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
- 23.2 Reasonable amounts may be advanced to
- 23.3 projects to accommodate cash-flow needs,
- 23.4 support future management of acquired lands,
- 23.5 or match a federal share. The advances must
- 23.6 be approved as part of the accomplishment
- 23.7 plan. Capital equipment expenditures for
- 23.8 specific items in excess of \$10,000 must be
- 23.9 itemized in and approved as part of the
- 23.10 accomplishment plan.
- 23.11 (b) Unless otherwise provided, no money
- 23.12 appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund
- 23.13 in this act may be used to acquire, restore, or
- 23.14 enhance any real property unless the specific
- 23.15 acquisition, restoration, or enhancement is
- 23.16 approved as part of the accomplishment plan
- 23.17 on the parcel list.
- 23.18 **Subd. 9. Mapping**
- 23.19 Each direct recipient of money appropriated
- 23.20 in this section, as well as each recipient of a
- 23.21 grant awarded pursuant to this section, must
- 23.22 provide geographic information to the
- 23.23 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council for
- 23.24 mapping of any lands acquired in fee with
- 23.25 funds appropriated in this section and open to
- 23.26 public taking of fish and game. The
- 23.27 commissioner of natural resources must
- 23.28 include the lands acquired in fee with money
- 23.29 appropriated in this section on maps showing
- 23.30 public recreation opportunities. Maps must
- 23.31 include information on and acknowledgment
- 23.32 of the outdoor heritage fund, including a
- 23.33 notation of any restrictions.

24.1 Subd. 10. Carryforward

24.2 (a) The availability of the following

24.3 appropriations is extended to June 30, 2025:

24.4 (1) Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter

24.5 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, paragraph

24.6 (f), Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat

24.7 Enhancement and Restoration - Phase XI; and

24.8 (2) Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter

24.9 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, paragraph

24.10 (j), Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat

24.11 Restoration Program - Phase VIII.

24.12 (b) The availability of the appropriation in

24.13 Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 2,

24.14 article 1, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph

24.15 (g), Big Rice Lake Wild Rice Enhancement,

24.16 is extended to June 30, 2026.